

Maple Spring

Water Cup



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Happy New Year!

2012

*As we celebrate the beginning
of a bright new year,
let us feel God's love
at work in our lives...
let us follow
in the light of His way.*



I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

John 8:12

Our monthly newsletter **Water Cup** distributed gratis to members and friends of the congregation to encourage vital Christian living and to promote participation in the life and work of the Church.

We hope you find this issue of the **Water Cup** informative and helpful. We welcome your contributions and comments.

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Mission Statement

*The living water of Christ wells up within us
And overflows!*

*It is our mission to be obedient to Christ, by living
in unity with one another,
by discipling one another through the Holy Spirit,
and by reaching out to our neighbors.*

PRAYER PARTNERS FOR JANUARY

Deanna Fisher
Sally Kaufman
Elsie Michael
Dolores McClellan
Mary Borosky
Connie Martin



and Arlene Stevens
and Edna Mae Thomas
and Sue Unger
and Marlin Mishler
and Arbutus Blough
and Patty (M) Shaffer

*Pray for another...the effectual fervent prayer of a
righteous man availeth much.*

*Anyone interested in a prayer partner should call
Deanna Fisher at 479-2020 or 629-6770.*

*Reminder...Moxham Church of the Brethren is our
prayer partner church for the year 2012. Let us at
Maple Spring keep them in our prayers.*

Maple Spring is on the web at maplespringcob.org. Please tell all your family and friends who are interested in the activities of the church. The website includes our monthly Water Cup newsletter, calendar of events and you can ask for prayer requests. The prayer requests are forwarded to Sue's e-mail. You can leave messages for Sue via e-mail account through the website.

In the Hospital since the last issue:

Gabi Neuhof
Arlene Stevens
Mary Edna Stevenson

Sandy Watkins
Ron Weible

*May we continue to remember them in our prayers and
praise God for their healing.*

New Address:

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From the Pastor....

THE RELIABILITY OF GOD'S PROMISES"

I recently read the following words on the front of a greeting card I received, *"Some things haven't changed. The promises of God are still true. God is still on the throne, the angels are still watching out for God's children, and the Holy Spirit is still the comforter."*

Has anyone ever broken a promise they made to you? I'm sure we all have experienced that a time or two. Our response to promises made to us usually depends upon two factors;

- 1) Who is making the promise? (Have they proven to be a trustworthy person?)
- 2) Does our mind think it is "do-able?"

As we enter into the year 2012, we need to constantly remember that in the midst of a fast paced and constantly changing world, God's Word and promises remain the same. *"For no matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ. And so through Him the 'Amen' is spoken by us to the glory of God."* (2 Corinthians 1:20 N.I.V.).

Let us enter this New Year with confidence in God and with great expectation as to what He will do in our midst. He wants you to realize and experience all of His promises that are available to you.

Trusting With You,

Pastor Guy

Birthdays and Anniversaries for January

1. **HAPY NEW YEAR!!**
2. Mark Shaffer
3. Clair Rose
4. Braxtyn Blough
Stella Edmiston 79
Duane & Diane Petet
5. Penny Cable
6. Mike Yoder
- 7.
8. Faith Hemminger
9. Connie Adams
- 10.
11. Stephen Patterson '99
Patty (M) Shaffer '54
12. Mearl & Carole Horner
Lauren Lape
David Patterson
13. George Adams III
Ashley Floyd
Scott Hay
Becky Weimer
14. Beverly Blough
Larry Graham
Maggie (Mostoller) Berkey
15. Nic & Tracy (McDonald) LaBreck
Kurt Livingston, Jr.
Penny Hoffman
- 16.
17. Nic & Tracy (McDonald) LaBreck
Kurt Livingston, Jr.
Penny Hoffman '71
18. Doug & Dawn Horner
Walter & Marilyn Ullery
19. Carole Horner
20. Eric Adams
- 21.
22. Lauren Brewer
Jeff Ott
23. Harold Coughenour
Mike Seganos
24. Chet Thomas III
25. Samantha Kane
David Fisher
26. John Blough 79
Shelli Lysic
27. Ronald Punako, Jr.
Gloria Shaffer
Bryan & Cindy Shetler
28. Ray Mishler 76
29. Missy Felton
Jeremy Stultz
David Tresnicky
30. Fern Yarnick
31. Bryan Alwine
Mark Ott

Challenge for January

Have you resolved too.....? This time of year we make resolutions. Did you know that 52% of us make resolutions but only 12% actually achieve their resolutions? A resolution is defined as a commitment by an individual to one or more lasting goals, projects or reform. Year after year we make the same resolutions.

The most popular are:

- #1-Improve Health
- #2-Improve Career
- #3-Improve Finances
- #4-Improve Self
- #5-Volunteer.

For 2012 maybe we should make a new #1 and strive to improve our walk with the Lord and with the help of our church family we can achieve much better results!!

2 Peter 3:18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In the Nursery for January

January 1

Sunday School.....Rachel Weible
Church.....Jeremy & Molly Stultz

January 8

Sunday School.....Helen Hildebrand
Church.....Rachel Weible
.....Hattie Mostoller

January 15

Sunday School.....Rachel Weible
Church.....Rebecca & Logan Lichvar

January 22

Sunday School.....Rachel Weible
Church.....Patty Miller
.....Emma Fisher

January 29

Sunday School.....Rachel Weible
Church.....Tighe & Brenda Williams

Deacon Ministry

....Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

Sue and I heard the Mountain Anthems sing. Afterward Sue said “they really know how to harmonize”. I asked her to explain what that means. Apparently everyone tries to blend their voices to each of the other singers, with no one trying to outshine the other. The resulting sound was beautiful and made us smile. ☺

As I reflect on the harmony, I think when two people encourage and help, (instead of “boss” and “belittle”) each other, then a harmonious relationship is experienced.

I like it when there is harmony in the family and everyone is looking out for and after everyone else, being helpful and considerate to the other. When there is harmony in the family it makes me smile. ☺

The New Living Translation of Psalms 133 says:

- How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony
- For harmony is as precious as the anointing oil that was poured on Aaron’s head, that ran down his beard and onto the border of his robe
- Harmony is as refreshing as the dew from Mount Hermon that falls on the mountains of Zion
- And there the Lord has pronounced His blessing, even life everlasting

Let’s prayerfully commit ourselves, as a church family to live in harmony with one another this coming year, and make God smile. ...Harold Coughenour

Monthly Visiting Deacons

Mearl & Carole Horner

Deacons Visiting Weekly

1-1 to 1-7 Brian Eppley
Arbutus Blough
1-8 to 1-14 Blaine & Carol Leverknight
1-15 to 1-21 Elsie Michael
Nancy Dunmyer
1-22 to 1-28 Mearl & Carole Horner
1-29 to 2-4 Brian Eppley
Arbutus Blough

Visitation List

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| Minnie Barkley | 50 Vanadium Rd Rm 235 Bridgeville, PA 15017 |
| Betty Curo | Brethren Home, Windber |
| Dorothy Eppley | Bethlen Nursing Center 66 Carey School Rd, R 503 Ligonier, PA 15658 |
| Stella Edmiston | Brethren Home, Windber |
| Ruth Keim | Laurel View Village, Davidsville |
| Mary Ellen Mishler | Meadowview, Berlin |
| Bill & Jane Moss | 5382 Somerset Pk, Hollsopple |
| Gale Shipley | Akers Street, Johnstown |
| Anna Ruth Spangler | Arbutus Manor, Rm 103, Jtwn |
| Donald Stutzman | Woodstown Hwy, Hollsopple |
| Aldine Thomas | Meadowview, Berlin |

What's happening at the Emanuel Children's Home?

After spending a week with the children at Hogar Emanuel, a work group from Western Pennsylvania District Church of the Brethren returned home on Thanksgiving Day full of praises to God for the blessings God has bestowed upon Hogar de Ninos Emanuel, a privately-run Christian Children's Home where those who are fortunate enough to live here will be given a clean bed, nutritious meals, an education, and are surrounded by people who love them and will teach them about Jesus. However, it is not that way for the children who have been placed in a government run orphanage run by the *Instituto Hondureño de la Niñez y la Familia* or Honduran Institute of Children and Family (**IHNFA**) that *has* been suffering utter chaos because it is without proper leadership or resources.

On top their existing problems, another terrible thing happened while our group was in Honduras! An electrical fire broke out in the IHNFA-run home in San Pedro Sula making it necessary to evacuate 155 children, ages birth to twelve years old, to another older facility in the city. Thankfully, there were no injuries. Several of us on the work team went with some of our staff to where these displaced children were being held. What we witnessed was simply heart-wrenching! We heard much crying and saw terribly sad and frightened children stuffed inside what looked like a warehouse — for children. I wanted to rescue every single child there, but that was simply out of the question. The good news is that Hogar Emanuel has been ramping up to provide additional shelter space thanks to special grants received for construction. The bad news is - before we can make any significant change in the amount of children we can properly care for, we need additional staff, more funds for school tuition, and more food to feed them. For now we are only able to help a few of these dejected children, but with your help we can do more. I write this newsletter each month to tell you about what is happening at Hogar de Ninos Emanuel, but this month — I'm begging you during this Christmas season to give prayerful thought as to how YOU can help us **help more children**.

Eleana is this month's STAR EMPLOYEE. She has worked with the teen girls for four years and says she enjoys helping them with their homework and has fun teaching the girls to decorate handmade greeting cards. She also shares her love of music and dancing with them and says she especially likes the birthday parties at el hogar. She is twenty-four years old, single, and lives with her parents. She has five sisters and five brothers.

“Real virtue lies not in heroically saving orphans from burning buildings, but in steadfastly working for a world where orphans are not poor and buildings have decent fire codes.”

Randy Cohen, writer of the weekly column
“The Ethicist” for the *New York Times Magazine*

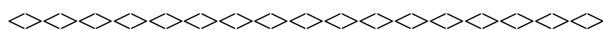
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Dates to remember...

JANUARY



- 1...New Year's Day
at 10:45 am...Morning service
- 2 at 7:00 pm... Youth Advisors Meeting at Krista Shaffer's house
- 4 at 7:00 pm...Church Choir practice
- 8 at 10:45 am... Morning service (receiving new Members)
6:30-8:00...Kidz Klub
....Ground Zero
- 11 at 7:00 pm...Church Choir practice
- 12 at 7:00 pm...**Commissions** will meet
- 14 at 5:30 pm...Friends in Faith class meeting at church
- 15 at 10:45 am...Morning Service
6:30-8:00...Kidz Klub
....Ground Zero
- 18 at 7:00 pm...Church Choir practice
- 19 at 7:00 pm...**Board meeting**
- 21 at 7:30 am...Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 22 at 10:45 am...Morning service
Youth Lunch
6:30-8:00...Kidz Klub
....Ground Zero
- 25 at 7:00 pm...Church Choir practice
- 26 at 7:00 pm...**Quarterly Council**
- 29 at 8:30 am...Church service
at 10:45 am...Morning service
6:30-8:00...Kidz Klub
....Ground Zero



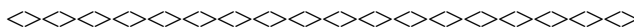
St Francis Sharing & Caring Food Pantry

The food items for January are laundry detergent, flour and canned fruit. There is a box in the annex for the donations. Please **do not** donate **out-dated** items.



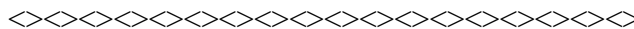
**Please remember in prayer
the following who are actively
serving our country...**

- SFC George Adams Army
- SSGT Brock Hemminger Marines
- Adam Veres Army Specialist (Whitney Weimer)
- Kate Martin Air Force (David Martin)
- Nic LaBreck Air Force (Tracy McDonald)
- Mark Bedrin Army (Katie McDonald)
- Jonathan Zanoni US Coast Guard (Cayla Roberts)
- SPC Elias Tomlinson (Casandra Zanoni)
- Van Lisbon Navy (Adda Marian)
- Eric Walker Lt Commander-Navy (Holly Berkey)
- Tyler Shields Iraq



Game Dinner

The Annual Game Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2012 at 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Tickets will go on sale Jan. 1, 2012. The price for adults is \$10.00, 11 years and under is \$5.00. To purchase tickets, please contact Mike Stevens, Dave Fisher, or Blaine Leverknight. Tickets will also be available at the church office. Limited seating of 200.



Help! Help! Help!

Volunteers are a great asset to children and teachers. Consistent and caring interaction with children enhances their emotional, academic and behavioral success. Working one-on-one or with small groups of children from K thru 5th grade also helps improve reading and math skills.

The **Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Somerset County** is in search of volunteers for the CT Elementary school. Please contact Jeanne Cober(479-7888) if you are interested in helping.

OTHER SPRINGS to MAPLE SPRING

Christian New Year's Resolutions

How can I use the New Year
To better serve my Lord?
I'll read my Bible every day,
And be more in accord.
I'll find new ways to serve others;
I'll love my neighbor, too.
I'll focus on "give" instead of "get"
In everything I do.
I'll forgive the people I'm mad at;
Angry feelings I'll discard;
I'll try to love my enemies,
Even though it's hard.
In the new year, I'll lift people up,
Instead of putting them down.

I'll fill my heart with love and joy,
And never wear a frown.
I'll let go of my worries;
I'll put it all in His hands;
I'll repent and try to sin less,
And obey all His commands.
These new year's resolutions
Are difficult, at best,
But there's something I can do each day
That will put my soul at rest:
I'll love my Lord with all my heart,
With all my mind and soul,
And if I do that essential thing,
All the rest will be in control.
.....By Joanna Fuchs

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