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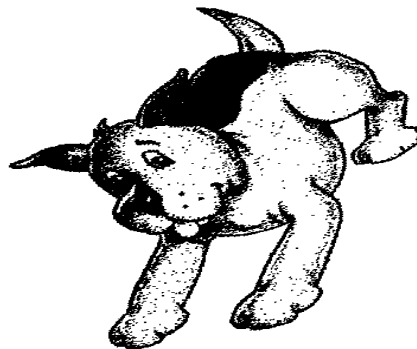
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 21-25

9 - noon



The Way to a Happy New Year

To leave the old with a burst of song;
To recall the right and forgive the wrong.
To forget the things that bind you fast
To the vain regrets of the year that's past.

To have the strength to let go your hold
Of the not worthwhile of the days grown old.
To dare go forth with a purpose true,
To the unknown task of the year that's new.

To help your brother along the road,
To do his work and lift his load;
To add your gift to the world's good cheer,
Is to have and to give a Happy New Year.

...Author Unknown

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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**WATER CUP DEADLINE FOR
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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.*

The **CHURCHMEN**
will present a program of gospel music here
on July 20, 2008 at 6:30 pm.

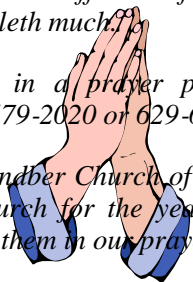
PRAYER PARTNERS FOR JULY

Marlin Mishler	and Edna Mae Thomas
Rose Eash	and Sue Mishler
Arlene Stevens	and Arbutus Blough
Dolores McClellan	and Patty (M) Shaffer
Deanna Fisher	and Connie Martin
Sally Kaufman	and Mary Borosky
Elsie Michael	and Bev Blough

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...The Windber Church of the Brethren is our prayer partner church for the year 2008. 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 Pastor Rob and Sue via e-mail accounts through the website.

In the Hospital in June

Galen Kaufman Shawn Toth

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

New Address

Jennifer Korber
103 Hickory St
Davidsville, PA 15928

NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR JULY

July 6 th	Sunday School... Chris & Penny Hoffman Church.....Angelea Crummet
June 13 th	Sunday School.....Robyn Blanset Church.....Patty Miller
June 20 th	Sunday School.....Wonda Wojtaszek Church.....Molly Bridge
June 27 th	Sunday School.....Dawn Cable Church.....Krista Shaffer

DEACONS VISITING FOR JULY

The month of July:

Elsie Michael
Nancy Dunmyer
Jo Berkey
Arbutus Blough

June 29 – July 5 Blaine & Carol Leverknight

July 6 – 12 Elsie Michael
Nancy Dunmyer

July 13 – 19 Brian and Dorothy Eppley

July 20 - 26 Mearl and Carole Horner

July 27 – Aug. 3 Jo Berkey
Arbutus Blough

New Youth/Young Adult Coordinator

The Ministry and Evangelism Commission would like to introduce you to Kent Bass. Kent was hired as our new Youth and Young Adult Coordinator. Kent comes to us from Anna, Illinois. He is 22 years old and has two brothers. Kent was raised as a Southern Baptist. He describes himself as a high-energy person who enjoys sports. Kent will complete his bachelor's degree in Recreation, Sport, and Tourism from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in August of 2008.

Kent has previous work experience as a Counselor at Summer's Best Two Weeks for the Summer of 2007 and currently 2008. Summer's Best Two Weeks is a Christian sports camp. He has also been a desk clerk, furniture contractor, and has taught bible studies for junior and senior high youth along with volunteering as a vacation bible school teacher.

Kent was asked why would you like to be a Student Ministry Associate (which will bring him to Maple Spring for two years as an intern)? Kent replied, "The first reason I would like to be a Student Ministry Associate is that God has given me a passion, above all else at this stage in my life to be at Summer's Best Two Weeks. I believe He wants to grow me and teach me in that environment, as well as to continue to put me in situations to develop the gifts He has given me by serving campus and fellow staff. The second reason is I feel the late Jr. High and High School years of a person's life are the most important in terms of spiritual development and growth. Life can be a spiritual trap at that age and in that social sphere. It's so hard for kids to see the importance of a genuine relationship with the "pleasures of life". I want to be able to teach and disciple these kids and help share with them what the Lord wants from them and how they can have more fulfillment than the world offers."

Maple Spring will share Kent with the Summer's Best Two Weeks Camp. It is a partnership in which we will have Kent 35 hours a week from September until May and then Kent will be at Camp for the summer months. He will be provided housing, health insurance and be fed spiritually through the Camp and we will pay the Camp a stipend of \$1133.69 per month when he is with us. The position is to last for two years with the ability to renegotiate at the end of the two-year period.

The Commission and Krista are very excited about this partnership and Kent. We feel he has already proven his ability to fill this position with his experience at camp. Kent's supervisor at camp can't say enough wonderful things about him! We are asking for your support and vote of affirmation to hire Kent and partner with Summer's Best Two Weeks. Please vote on June 15, 2008.

We would like to thank Krista for all her time and work she put in as an interim in this position.

Healing Among Brethren

The ministry of Healing has to a large degree been delegated to secular society. The Good Samaritan Hospital here in Johnstown is but one example of the church relinquishing responsibility.

The church generally is lagging in the adoption of new technologies, social change, and scientific advances and the health field has been progressing rapidly. And since when we think of healing, our minds quickly jump to those in need of physical healing, the need to use professional services, and advanced technologies, the church finds itself often ill-equipped.

Because we begin our thinking about healing in the physical realm and the need for medical professionals, we often approach the ministry of healing with a feeling of inadequacy. This limited vision of a healing ministry for the church is too narrow.

When we see the ministry of healing broadly as scripture applies it, and as Jesus practiced it, we find the church to be God's ideal instrument for Continuing the Work of Jesus - a healing ministry to the whole man.

When Jesus announced his call to ministry on the Sabbath in his home town of Nazareth he defined his vision for ministry in the words of scripture this way:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
Because he has anointed me
To preach the gospel to the poor;
He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim release to the captives, and
Recovery of sight to the blind,
To set at liberty those who are oppressed,
To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.
Then he closed the book. ref. Luke 4:18-20a

Jesus' healing ministry based on this vision is principally through the means of preaching, proclamation, and declaration of good news. The people to whom healing is offered are the poor, the brokenhearted, the

captive, the blind, and the oppressed. The gospel then can be seen here to have a healing impact in areas of financial, social, emotional, physical, and spiritual needs. Wounds to be healed are both personal and relational.

We can also recognize the gospel as healing in its realignment within groups, and between groups. "The acceptable year of the Lord" also called "The year of Jubilee" was designated to be every fifty years. As a matter of justice it provided for the redistribution of wealth, principally in the form of property. No segment of God's people could be financially enslaved indefinitely. In the Year of Jubilee everyone was given a fresh start.

Seen in the light of Jesus' vision for ministry, there is obviously a need to have a broad ministry of healing within the church.

Different terms may be used for different types of healing. We often use the term "reconciliation" to mean "relational healing." Another term we are fond of using for the ministry of relational healing is "peace making". Blessed are the peace makers.

This month as Annual Conference meets we mark a momentous occasion of healing in the church. It is in the celebration of relational healing that our time at Annual Conference will be greatly blessed. After 126 years of separation we will be worshiping together with our brothers and sisters of the Ashland Brethren.

Although the final straw that separated us was a decision by the Annual Meeting of May 1882 to disfellowship a single individual, many of the "important" disagreements seem ridiculous now. Opposition to Sunday Schools, Higher Education, and Revival Meetings are three issues we might put in that category. Other issues still plague us from time to time. Three of these are Unity vs. Purity, Annual Meeting Authority, and the use of Church Discipline.

Although we are not perfected or fully reunited, it is healing to look back and recognize our relationship with each other is

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more important than being “right” on the issue of the day. It is health to learn from our mistakes, to extend grace when the other guy is wrong, and to forgive both ourselves and others in our failures.

I am thrilled at what our time of worship together at Annual Conference represents. It is a time of healing and becoming more closely conformed to what God intends for us as the body of Christ.

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

In Honduras, more than three-quarters of the population lives in poverty. Approximately half of the population is indigent or "dirt poor". In Honduras, an estimated 50,000 children die each year from drinking contaminated water. Of the 2.5 million Hondurans of working age, only about 1 million are formally employed. In Honduras, about 2 percent of the country's forests is being cleared each year as a result of uncontrolled logging, contributing to soil erosion and more severe drought conditions.

Children in Honduras consistently miss weeks of school each year due to teachers striking for better wages or for wages that have not been paid to them for months. Even when they do attend classes, they struggle to learn because they are hungry or do not have access to basic materials such as notebooks and pencils. Honduran hospitals and clinics do without necessary medicines, supplies, and equipment. Communities throughout Honduras are losing their young people to emigration to Honduran cities or to the US, and thus they are gradually being sapped of their strength and hope.

But the point we want to make here is ---- we need your continued support so that the Emanuel Children's Home can continue making every effort to make a difference in the areas of social injustice in Honduras. The children living here are being offered an education, clean drinking water, food, medical attention, and activities that allow them the opportunity to become leaders in their country. They are also learning about the love of Jesus and how blessed they are regardless of the misfortunes in their young lives.

Vivian says that it's true that we spend a big sum of money a month on staff, but feels that we are seeing the benefits of having qualified people in charge. Our children are doing MUCH better in school, even qualifying for scholarships....that's a direct result of the tutoring, support, and communication between educators (at the home) and teachers (in their schools). Our children are also representing us well in the community, which results in more local support and confidence in the job we're doing. "I believe that to provide a disciplined, well organized,

loving home for our children, it is crucial to have enough responsible adults in charge of their well-being 24-7," she says, "I feel that generally we are on the right track, we just have 'fine tuning' to do" Recently we hired Luis, who by-the-way, speaks perfect English, to teach computer skills to the children. His base salary will be L.4,000 bi-weekly, which translates to about \$416 a month.

Getting help to support wages (which will also help alleviate the poverty of the country), has not been an easy task. We need staff to run the home properly, but meeting this particular expense is a constant struggle. Currently, there are twenty-three people on staff with a bi-weekly payroll of \$4300. (This does not include our executive director who does not take a salary.) That's an average of about \$187 per person. These are NOT high wages, but we need help! If you own a business, or work for one :) I challenge you (or your boss) to add the cost of one more employee to the payroll and help support one of our staff members, the benefits are enormous for the children and tax deductible for you if you are a US citizen.

Helping to support the work at the Emanuel Children's Home just got easier!

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www.hogaremanuel.com

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Focus on the Family

...by Sally Kaufman

The Keims'

Dwight, Deirdre Ryan and Courtney

Deirdre is a daughter of Edward and Dorothy White. The family of four children grew up in the Richland area. She has a sister, Lisa Moore, of Johnstown. Her brother Edward and wife Dana live in Beauford, S. C. Brother Christopher resides in Johnstown. Deirdre graduated from Richland High School in 1985. She went to work at Johnstown Corporation From there to Bestform and is now employed at the main building of the U. S. Post Office In 2001 Deirdre enrolled at the university of Pittsburgh at Johnstown. While working full time, managing her home and family she some how found time to study. She has graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting! You may have already read her achievements in the June issue of Water Cup. But I think they deserve repeating - Magna Cum Laude, Academic Achievement Award in Business, Phi EtaSigma - National Honor Society. Her title at the U.S. Post Office is an Operation Support Specialist. If I got this right, she analyses and makes sure everything is working properly. Now that she has time for something beside studying, Deirdre is hoping to enjoy cross stitching on plastic canvas, do some reading (beside textbooks) and do some gardening.

Dwight is a son of Thelma and Thomas Keim. One of four boys, his brothers are Raymond, Philip married to Kathy, and Donald married to Jamie. They all reside in the Johnstown area. H e was raised in Conemaugh Township and graduated from CTAHS in 1983. He has worked at Emglo, Johnstown Corporation, Basic Engineers. He is now working as a police officer at the University of Pittsburgh. Dwight has also been busy

studying. He just graduated from Pennsylvania Highlands Community College with an associate of applied Science Degree in Human Services - Law Enforcement. He graduated Magna Cum Laude. Dwight enjoys fishing and sports. Deirdre and Dwight met while both were working at Johnstown Corporation. After a couple years of courtship, they married in 1990. Ryan was born May 18, 1993. At 15, he will be a sophomore at Richiand High School . He is enrolled in the academic course. Ryan plays football, so that means spending the summer getting into condition. He enjoys the computer and also weight lifting. Courtney was born October 22, 1996. She is 11 years old and in the sixth grade at Richland. Some of Courtney's interests are playing her game boy,

The family enjoys a trip to the beach each year and likes to visit amusement parks. We enjoy having them as members of Maple Spring.

Bible School

Bible School will be held July 21st thru the 25th from 9 am to noon. The director is Krista Shaffer and Renee Hostetler is her assistant. The theme is **QUEST FOR TRUTH**.

Come join Joe and his dog Digger as they search for the truth. We will learn new songs, study the scriptures, enjoy snacks together and meet new friends as we journey for the quest for truth.

Hope to see you there!

DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2008

July 8.....Deacon Meeting
12-16.....Annual Conference at Richmond, VA
17.....Commissions will meet at 7 pm
20.....Churchmen concert 6:30 pm
21-25.....Bible School
24.....Board of Administration will meet at 7 pm
31.....Quarterly Council at 7 pm

September 7.....Outdoor Worship at the church grove.
14.....Teacher Dedication
28-29- 30.....Revival Services

October 5.....Love Feast and Communion
16.....Commission will meet at 7 pm
23.....Board of Administration will meet at 7 pm
30.....Quarterly Council at 7 pm

December 14....Christmas Fellowship following the morning service.
24....Christmas Eve Service

Challenge for July

This month the 300th Anniversary Annual Conference is meeting in Richmond Virginia. The theme statement for the conference is Surrendered to God, Transformed in Christ, Empowered by the Spirit. The scriptural text on which the theme is based is John 1 2:24-26a.

In this passage Jesus shares these thoughts with great assurance. “Unless a kernel of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains a single seed. But if it dies it bears much fruit. The person who loves his life will lose it, while the one who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If any man serves me, let him follow me.”

The Challenge is this: at least once each week this month, Read the words of Jesus from John 12:24-26 in a favorite translation, Meditate and Pray for 5-15 minutes on what Jesus’ words mean to you, in your life, at this point. Write down the cornel of your thought. If you take the challenge, you will have at least 4 thoughts at the end of the month from the seed thought of Jesus’ words.

Deacon Ministry....

Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

What bugs you? What gives you cause for worry? What gets under your skin? Is it a neighbor; perhaps a relative? Is it the bad habit of a loved one? Is there “too much month” left after the end of the money? Are the kids getting on your nerves? If a person really wanted the answers to questions like these, they could ask you. Or... they could ask one of your close friends or relatives, for this is the stuff we frequently speak of in casual conversation.

Most times the words just flow, reflecting moods, attitudes, thoughts and beliefs. But do you ever think about what comes for your mouth in conversation? Do you think about how others hear you and the impressions they take away from your interactions? Do you leave others better off than you found them? It's worth considering.

Think about your most recent interaction with a friend or relative. Would that person say the experience was overall a positive one? It should be, because we are blessed by God in immeasurable ways! Luke 17:21 tells us that “The kingdom of God is within you”. For these reasons, shouldn't our conversations reflect the abundance of blessings and gifts we are given?! Of course it should, but it's not always easy. Sometimes we get caught up in what we want rather than counting our blessings for the good things we have. We complain because things just aren't the way they “ought to be”. We must recognize this griping and sniping as the devil's work. Satan loves to get inside our hearts and minds and separate us from all things related to God. We all have just so much energy to burn in a given day, itself a gift from God. To what endeavors do we give that energy? If we use it up in worry, fear, and complaining, we are praying to the devil! Now think about that same interaction with the friend or relative mentioned earlier. Who delighted in it more, God or Satan?

As Christians called to live their faith, we are called to uplift and support one another, not tear down and destroy. Sure there are lots of things we come across in our everyday existence that trouble us, many of which we cannot change. This means that sometimes all we can do is consider our attitudes about those things. Consider the story of a young boy who, because of an accident early in his life, was left with the use of only one arm. His love for baseball however, was greater than his disability. Once while playing alone in the yard, he began tossing the ball in the air, grabbing the bat that lie resting against his leg, and taking his swings. Occasionally he hit the ball and sometimes he missed, but he played on. He grew tired and hit the ball fewer and fewer times, but it didn't matter. In his mind, he believed he was the world's greatest baseball player. Like many young boys his age, he fantasized about going to the major leagues someday and how he would go on to great fame and fortune. On that day, as he was just about spent, he decided the game had moved into its final inning. He imagined the crowd cheering as the home team held a one run lead. In his mind's eye he could see the bases loaded with two outs. There came to the plate another batter. He envisioned the ball floating toward the plate as he tossed the ball into the air. Then he grabbed the bat, swung as hard as he could...and missed. A second toss brought the same result. The final pitch went into the air, and with the bat in hand came.....a third strike. Game over. But rather than mope because he failed to hit the ball, the boy began to leap with joy! He imagined his teammates rushing onto the field to congratulate him. As he was hoisted to the shoulders of his teammates and carried off, the crowd was wild with excitement! Why? Because in this story, the boy decided he was... the world's best pitcher!

Like the boy in the story, only you can control your attitudes and what comes from your mouth as a result. As such, you must decide if it will be positive or negative, if it will uplift or tear down, if it will glorify God or serve Satan's purpose. 1 Peter 3:10 tells us, “for Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech”. Choose wisely!

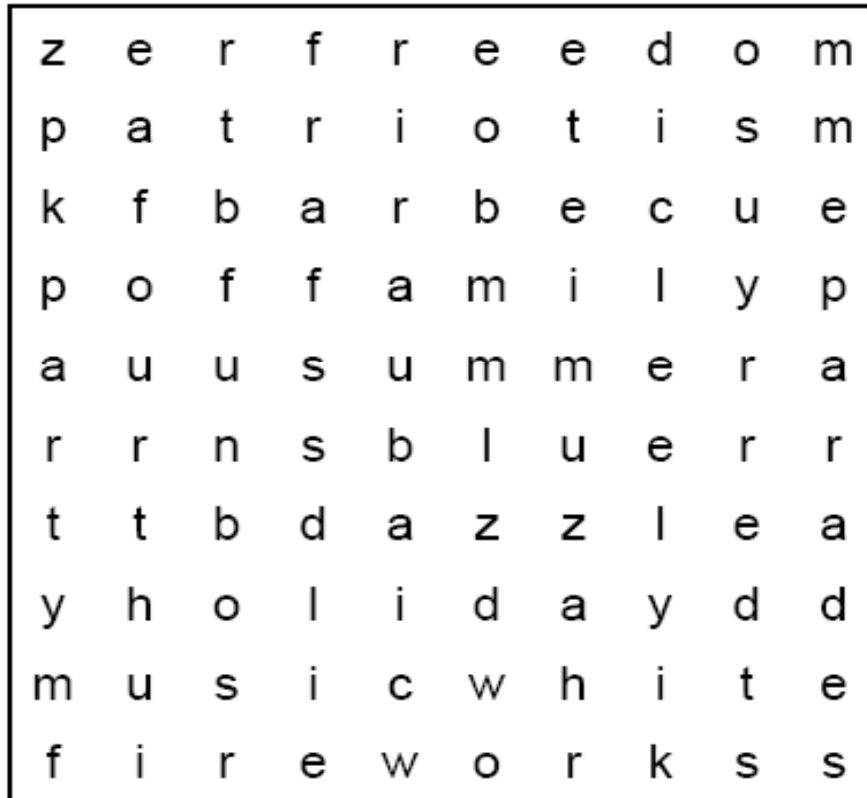
July 2008 Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1. Douglas Baraniak Brandon Hunt Hattie Mostoller Euldean Shields Mike & Chris Wolk	2. Ron & Linda Beachley Floyd & Doris Shaffer	3. Duncan Gongloff	4. Hazel Lease Linda Tresnicky	5. Vicki & Ed Desort Lauren Fockler
6.	7. Roger Knepper	8. Dylan Bender Ruby Rummel	9. Ashley Bittner Grace Hostetler Paul Tresnicky	10.	11. Thelma Keim	12.
13. Andrew Smith	14. Dave & Kathy Patterson	15.	16. Mike & Sue Dotson Denver & Ruth Friedline John & Patsy Shaffer Don & Aldine Thomas	17. Leonard & Rebecca Lichvar Arlene Stevens	18. Sue Stevens	19. Rebecca Lichvar
20. Chris Hoffman	21. Sally Kaufman	22. Annie Bridge Jonathan Dunmyer Tim McDonald	23. Randy & Suzanne Gary	24. John D. Cable	25. Joyce Napotnik Ralph Napotnik Leora Petet Alexander Shroyer	26. Mary Haburesak Robert Shields
27. Jacob Blanset Jesper & Amy Nielsen	28. Jonathan Adcock Marlin Ott Alexandra Zambanini	29. Gary Martin Pat (S) Shaffer	30.	31. Jennifer (Good) Slaughaupt		

July 2008 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
6. 9:30.Sunday School 10:30.Church	7.	8. 7 pm...Deacons will meet	9.	10.	11.	12. ANNUAL
13. 9:30.Sunday School 10:30.Church C O N F E R	14. E N C E at	15. R I C H M O N D	16.	17. 7 pm...Commissions will meet	18.	19.
20. 9:30..Sunday School 10:30.Church 6:30... The Churchmen will be here	21. B I B L E	22. S C H O	23. O O L....	24. 7 pm...Board of Administration will meet 9 a m to	25. N O O N	26.
27. 9:30.Sunday School 10:30.Church	28.	29.	30.	31. 7 pm...Quarterly Council		

Fourth of July Word Search



fireworks

red

white

blue

dazzle

barbecue

patriotism

party

fourth

music

parades

family

summer

freedom

holiday

fun



2007 - 2008 SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Spring Curriculum

General Supt. Brian Eppley
Howard Hildebrand (Asst)

Adult classes

Truthseekers Roger Knepper David C. Cook Christian Studies

Willing Workers 2-5 Brian Eppley David C. Cook Christian Studies
1-3 Harold Coughenour
4 Sally Kaufman

Builders for Christ 4 Harold Coughenour David C. Cook Christian Studies
1-3 Wade Thomas
5 Walter Ullery
2 Deanna Fisher

Friends in Faith Karen Harvey Independent studies
Tim McDonald Book of Matthew ...Max Lucado

Peacemakers Deanna Fisher Independent studies
Diana Croyle Books of the Bible
2 Harold Coughenour

The Power of a Praying Woman Independent studies
(Sisters in Christ) Book of Psalm
Sandy Watkins

Children's Dept. Supt. Linda Baraniak
Rachel Mostoller (Asst)

Nursery Patty Miller

Tiny Tots Rebecca Lichvar Gather Round...Living the Good New
Rachel Mostoller Together

Kindergarten Carole Horner Gather Round... Living the Good New
First Grade Dawna Todaro Together

Grade 2 Tracey Seganos Gather Round... Living the Good New
Missy Furry Together
Kim Livingston

Grade 3, 4, 5 Nancy Dunmyer Gather Round... Living the Good New
Amy Fisher Together

Jr. High Missy Felton Independent Study...End Times
Connie Martin R. Paul Stevens

Sr. High Krista Shaffer Independent Study...Case for Faith
Brenda Brewer Lee Strobel

Subs: Robyn Blanset
Joy Thacker
Renee Hostetler

Cradle Roll Adriene Punako

OTHER SPRINGS TO MAPLE SPRING

I'M PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN

written by Lee Greenwood

If tomorrow all the things were gone I'd worked for all my life,
And I had to start again with just my children and my wife,
I'd thank my lucky stars to be living here today,
'Cause the flag still stands for freedom and they can't take that away.

I'm proud to be an American where at least I know I'm free,
And I won't forget the men who died who gave that right to me,
And I gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today, '
Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land God Bless the U.S.A.

From the lakes of Minnesota to the hills of Tennessee,
Across the plains of Texas from sea to shining sea.
From Detroit down to Houston and New York to L.A.
There's pride in every American heart and it's time we stand and say:

I'm proud to be an American where at least I know I'm free,
And I won't forget the men who died who gave that right to me,
And I gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today, '
Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land God Bless the USA

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