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*As the Father has loved me,  
so I have loved you ...*

*John 15:9*



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  
July 2008  
June 15, 2008**

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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.*

**Father's Day  
June 15, 2008**

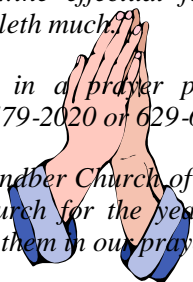
**PRAYER PARTNERS FOR JUNE**

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

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

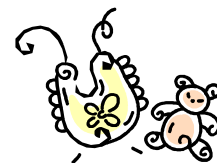
*Anyone interested in a prayer partner should call Deanna Fisher at 479-2020 or 629-6770.*

*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.*



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**New Arrivals**



A daughter, **Mckenzie Elizabeth**, was born to Brianne Fockler and Jeremy Johnson on May 13, 2008. She is the great-granddaughter of **Les and Peggy Lambert**.

A son, **Jordan James**, was born to Jim and Amy (Marian) Hawkins on May 18, 2008. His address is 7105 Capulin Crest, Apex, NC 27539. He is the great-grandson of **Bill and Jane Moss**.

*The Lord has blessed you with this new life. May His grace be with you as you raise this child to His glory and honor.*

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**In the Hospital in May**

Minnie Barkley	Millie Ott
Galen Kaufman	Ruth Ott

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

## DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2008

- June 1.....Graduate Recognition Sunday**  
     1.....4-6 pm...Chicken BBQ at Brethren Home  
     15.....Father's Day  
     15.....Special Council Meeting following the morning worship
- July 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

### NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

- June 1<sup>st</sup>
- Sunday School... Chris & Penny Hoffman  
Church.....Diana Croyle
- June 8<sup>th</sup>
- Sunday School.....Robyn Blanset  
Church.....Patty Miller
- June 15<sup>th</sup>
- Sunday School.....Wonda Wojtaszek  
Church.....Samantha Kane
- June 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Sunday School.....Dawn Cable  
Church.....Karen Harvey
- June 29<sup>th</sup>
- Sunday School.....Dawn Cable  
Church.....Patty Miller

### DEACONS VISITING FOR JUNE

**The month of June:**

- Mearl and Carole Horner  
Blaine and Carol Leverknight
- June 1 – 7**      Elsie Michael  
                         Nancy Dunmyer
- June 8 – 14**    Brian and Dorothy Eppley
- June 15–21**    Mearl and Carole Horner
- June 22-28**    Jo Berkey  
                         Arbutus Blough



## GRADUATES 2008

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.”  
Proverbs 3:5-6

### **Erika Marie Blough**

Daughter of Martin and Beverly Blough  
Graduated from North Star High School  
Achievements: Student Council, North Star Outreach, Captain of the Cheerleading Squad, an award for Highest Grade in Early Childhood Development.  
Future Plans: A 2-year School majoring in Early Childhood Education.

### **Abigail E. Cooper**

Daughter of Mark and Alissa Cooper  
Graduated from Conemaugh Township  
Achievements: Principal’s Cabinet member, Student Rotarian, National Honor Society Treasurer-helped at Winter Special Olympics, Senior High Student Council-assisted with food and blood drives, Spanish Club, Society Editor for school newspaper and yearbook, Varsity Cheerleading Squad, Track & Field. Volunteer councilor for Camp PARC. Volunteered in Radiology Department at Conemaugh Hospital. Miniature Cheerleading Coach.  
Future Plans: Attend St. Francis for Nursing

### **Jeremiah Thomas Ergas**

Son of Sanders and the late Shelly Ergas  
Graduated from Penn State with a Masters in Architectural Engineering  
Future Plans: Will marry Jamie Harvey on July 19, 2008

### **Brianne Fockler**

Daughter of Brian Fockler  
Graduated from Forest Hills High School  
Future Plans: Undecided

### **Jamie Rae Harvey**

Daughter of Karen Harvey and Neal Harvey  
Graduated from University of Maryland with a Master in Social Work.  
Future Plans: Will marry Jeremiah Ergas on July 19, 2008.

### **Karen Harvey**

Mother of Terri Friedline and Jamie Harvey  
Graduated in September 2007 from a Degree Completion program of Geneva College with a Bachelor in Human Resources.

### **Deirdre Keim**

Family: Wife of Dwight Keim, 2 children Ryan and Courtney.  
Graduating from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Accounting.  
Achievements: Magna Cum Laude, Academic Achievement Award in Business, Phi Eta Sigma - National Honor Society.  
Future plans: Currently working as an Operation Support Specialist with the United States Post Office.

# GRADUATES 2008

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## Dwight Keim

Family: Husband of Deirdre Keim. 2 children Ryan and Courtney. Son of Thomas and Thelma Keim

Graduated from Pennsylvania Highlands Community College with an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Human Services - Law Enforcement.

Achievements: Magna Cum Laude

Future Plans: Currently working as a police officer at the University of Pittsburgh.

## Katie Lynn McDonald

Daughter of Deborah Bambling and Tim McDonald.

Graduated in August 2007 from Penn State/Altoona Campus in Home Development and Family Studies.

Future Plans: Works at Head Start in Boswell as a teacher.

## Eva Mae Mostoller

Daughter of Rachel and the late Scott Mostoller

Graduated from North Star High School

Achievements: Varsity Soccer, secretary of Varsity Club, Student and Athlete of the Month, Homecoming Court.

Future Plans: Attend Slippery Rock University, major in Biology and enroll in the Physical Therapy Program.

## Jaynie Seganos

Daughter of Michael and Tracey Seganos

Graduated from Conemaugh Township

Achievements: National Honor Society, Class Treasurer, Cheerleading Squad, Drama Club, SON Club, Musicals, Student Rotarian.

Future Plans: Attend California University of PA, major in Elementary Education.

## Alexander Shroyer

Son of Bill and Christine Shroyer

Graduated from UPJ-Electrical Engineering and a minor in Mathematics.

Achievements: Dean's List, Rugby

Future Plans: Working at Entertech Inc. in Jtwn.

## Craig Tresnicky

Son of Alan and Patty Tresnicky

Graduated from CTHS

## Paul Tresnicky

Son of Alan and Patty Tresnicky

Graduated from UPJ

## Whitney Weimer

Daughter of Wade and Nancy Weimer

Graduated from Mount Aloysius with a BA in Psychology and a certificate in Counseling and Drug and Alcohol Abuse Counseling.

Future Plans: Is working at JC Penny's now. Will be marrying Adam Zeres on August 30 and moving to Fort Bragg in North Carolina and will be working as an Army Substance Abuse Program Counselor.

## *This Man Welcomes Sinners*

There was a day when inviting someone to church was considered part of an evangelistic outreach. Today most of us realize the only people interested in coming to "Revival Meetings" are our own people and of them only the most committed. Many have concluded that evangelism must take place outside the church. It is certainly true that the testimony of life well lived is more powerful than any sermon from any pulpit. But, I believe we have given up on the church as an effective place to reach the lost for a different reason.

I believe the church is a hostile place for sinners. Pharisees and Sadducee were very comfortable in the religious institutions of Jesus day. But, the religious institutions were not welcoming to "sinners". Jesus reached out to sinners, the poor, and what was considered the riffraff of society in the marketplace and on the way, but he also endeavored to make the religious institution a welcoming place for the outsider.

The cleansing of the temple was more about opening the Temple for worship to the outsider than it was about anything else. Then He taught saying to them, "*Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it a 'den of thieves.'*" Mark 11:17 (NKJ) What was the real theft? It was not the

excess charge in the monetary exchange of foreign currencies. It was the theft of a welcoming place to worship for the foreigner. Who is the foreigner today in a church? Is it not those unlike us - the religiously established?

The church is not a safe place to invite sinners. I should say, the church is not a safe place to invite sinners who are unlike most of us, in that, we have learned which sins need to be hidden and which sins are accepted as necessary or unavoidable hypocrisies in the church. Am I being too harsh? Jesus was certainly dramatic if not harsh in his temporarily effective method of institutional reform.

Should the church be a safe place for sinners? If we are honest, we will admit it often is not a safe place. We often inflict harsher and deeper wounds on those hurt in the world than does the world. How is that? We maintain walls which prevent the sinner from experiencing God's love and grace. We are loth to admit it but, we often condemn the sinner along with the sin.

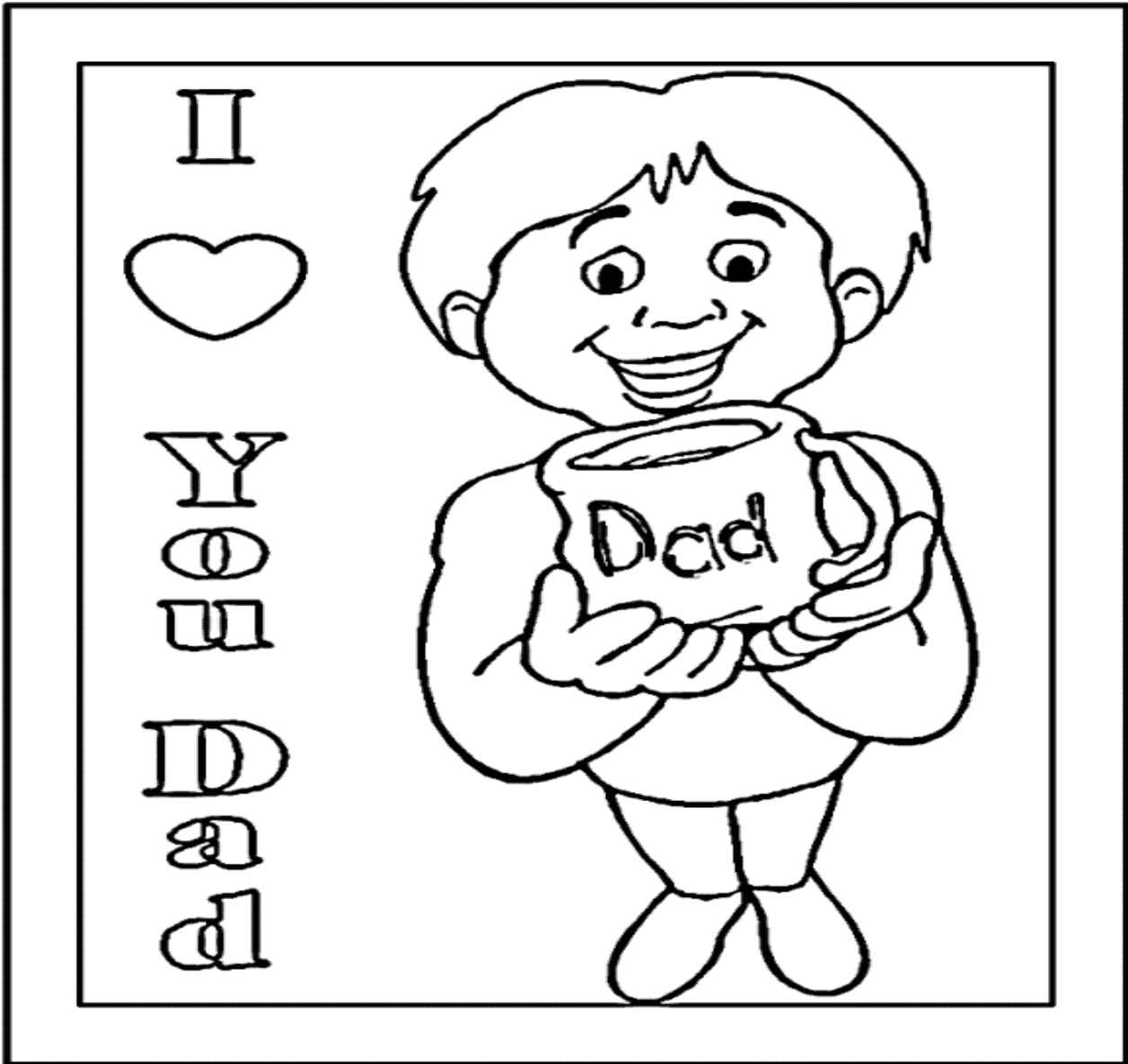
To be the church of Jesus Christ we must extend the grace that His Spirit is capable of producing in us. If we open ourselves to allowing the fruit of His Spirit to develop more fully in us, we will develop the reputation that Jesus had with the religious folks of his day. "*This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.*" Luke 15:2b

For further meditation consider reading Mark chapter 11 and Luke chapter 15.

### Challenge for June

*When I am afraid I will trust in you. In God, whose word, I praise...Psalm 56:3-4*

When we repeat these words, God gives us peace in the middle of life's storms.



Quest  
Truth  
for  
*Jesus: the way,  
the truth, the life*

Come and join us at Maple Springs' 2008 vacation Bible School, July 21-25. A **QUEST for TRUTH Jesus: the way, the truth, and the life.** At quest for truth Bible School, kids join Dakota Joe and his faithful dog, Digger, as they tackle daily challenges to unearth the Keeper of the Truth Artifact. Kids will love their journey through the Holy Land as they discover important truths about Jesus.

At Quest for Truth we need lots of help to get kids Looking for the Truth, if you can help, even if it's only one day, you can be blessed beyond measure as you witness to the children in our congregation and our community. Let Krista know if you feel so led at 525-0403.

God's blessing on your day  
The Quest Adventure Director,  
Krista

# OTHER SPRINGS TO MAPLE SPRING

## What Makes A Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it ... Dad

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