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LENT

a time for...

stillness

self-examination

repentance

re-dedication

PRAYER



new life

For God so loved the world
that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not
perish but have eternal life.

John 3.16



hope

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 MARCH

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



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 Nanty Glo Church of the Brethren is our prayer partner church for the year 2011. 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 in February

Harry Miller Marlin Mishler
Patsy Shaffer Savannah Stutzman

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

Congratulations

A son, **Tristan Thomas** was born to Brian & Heather Korber on February 11, 2011. His address is 2701 E. Sully Ave. Pierre, SD 57501. Congrats to Tom and Barb Korber on grandchild number 4 and the first grandson!

*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.*

From the Pastor....

“JUST LIKE AN EAGLE”

Our Heavenly Father used every available resource to reveal Himself and His nature to man. Very often in Scripture we see God using the things of nature to reveal Himself or to reveal some divine truth concerning the principles that govern man, the earth, or even the universe. In Scripture, God uses the elements such as gold and silver to illustrate His purity. He uses the refining process of those elements to demonstrate the refining process He is performing in our lives. He describes the moving of the Holy Spirit by the moving of the winds. He uses the light of day and the dark of night to reveal the nature of the kingdoms of good and evil. God's Word states, *“For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities, his eternal power and divine nature have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made so that men are without excuse,”* (Romans 1:20). God has placed in creation everything necessary for man to know that there is a God, that He is a God of love and that He is a God of perfection leaving no reason for mankind to ignore or deny Him.

God's Word states, *“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint,”* (Isaiah 40:31). It has been stated, “You are what you eat,” meaning that one's diet affects one's strength and health, which in turn affects one's attitude and outlook on life.

Eagles are not like most other birds in that eagles are very finicky when it comes to their diet. **The eagle does not rely on what it finds, it finds what it wants.** The eagle selects its diet very carefully. Eagles have very little to do with decomposing meat of any kind. The eagle pulls his prey apart while it is still warm.

“For the Word of God is living and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart,” (Hebrews 4:12). God's Word is also, *“health to our flesh and strength to our bones,”* (Proverbs 3:8).

Let's all make a decision to be like the eagle, soar like the eagle and have the strength of an eagle. Let's choose our “diet” carefully. Let's be sure to be alone with God and be in His Word daily. Recent news articles speak of more and more bald eagles being seen in the greater Johnstown area. It's my prayer that more and more Eagle Christians would be seen among us.

Serving With You,

Pastor Guy

Birthday's and Anniversaries for March

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|-----|---|--------------------------------|
| 1. | Owen & Marian Stevens
Travis & Samantha Kane | 65 yrs |
| 2. | Diane Bridge
Matthew Bridge
Ron & Adrienne Punako | |
| 3. | | |
| 4. | Zachary Todaro | |
| 5. | Robert Lape | 83 yrs |
| 6. | Darren Spory
Jeanne Cober
Karla Luprek
Kayla Luprek
Megan McDonald
Mitchell Ott
Bill Wenger | |
| 7. | Keaton Furry | |
| 8. | Jakob Hostetler
Kieran Kane
Richard Shaffer
Richard & Gloria Shaffer | |
| 9. | Larry & Donna Graham
Steven Lape | |
| 10. | | |
| 11. | Bill & Jane Moss
Hanna Todaro | 64 yrs |
| 12. | Tim Blanset
Kelly Hemminger
Tracy (McDonald) LaBreck | |
| 13. | Andrew Baraniak
Deirdre Keim | |
| 14. | Jim Rose | |
| 15. | Tom & Thelma Keim
Clifford Stutzman
John Unger | 53 yrs
79 yrs |
| 16. | John Luprek | |
| 17. | Dwight Shaffer, Jr.
Gene Spangler
Tim Spangler | |
| 18. | Brian Korber
Riley McDonald
Bill Moss | 88 yrs |
| 19. | | |
| 20. | Abigail Maria Ott
Tyler Ott
Lindsey Jerin | |
| 21. | Dave Crummett | |
| 22. | | |
| 23. | Mahala Henry
Grant Shaffer | 84 yrs |
| 24. | | |
| 25. | Brian Eppley
Blaine & Carol Leverknight
Joe Stutzman | |
| 26. | Jason Stevens
Tyler Weimer | |

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| 27. | Ruth Mishler | 76 yrs |
| 28. | Joanne Berkey
Lucas Shaffer | |
| 29. | Linda Beachley
Zakarie Stevens
Darcy Yoder | |
| 30. | Molly Stultz
Rona Hemminger
Kathy Mishler | |
| 31. | Suzanne Gary
Craig Weimer | |

March Challenge

*Let's see how inventive we can be in
encouraging love and helping out...*

Hebrews 10:24

Each of us in our own way, can become a powerful source of encouragement to others. Certainly, we do not all share the same gifts not do we all share the same talents and abilities. No matter. What we do share is the ability to speak a kind word to a friend, or hand a cookie to a child or give a pat on the back to someone who needs it. No kindness is too small to be a part of God's plan.

In the Nursery for March

March 6

Sunday School.....Helen Hildebrand
Church.....Jeremy & Molly Stultz

March 13

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

March 20

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

March 27

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

**Let's see how inventive we can be in
encouraging love and helping out...**

Hebrews 10:24

Deacon Ministry

....Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

Throughout scripture, God used all sorts of people to accomplish His plans. Many of them could be instantly called to mind by the average Bible student; others are obscure, mentioned hardly more than in passing, and yet they were obedient and available to God.

In the same way, God still uses all sorts of people in His work today, and He uses the widely varied talents that He places in our stewardship today. Sometimes we tend to focus on the visible talents such as the musical talent of our church soloists and accompanists, while those are important, many people have been given less-visible but no-less-important talents to use. We all have abilities we can use for God.

What talents and resources do you believe the Master has given you to use?

Identify some of the ways God has used your abilities to honor Him and bless others.

Think of untapped ability or potential that may be sitting dormant now. How might you use this for God?

Now thank Him for using you in His work now and in the past and express your willingness for Him to use your abilities to further His kingdom.

(Credit to: David C Cook, Teacher Devotional)

Monthly Visiting Deacons

Elsie Michael
Nancy Dunmyer

Deacons Visiting Weekly

Feb. 27 to Mar.-5	Elsie Michael Nancy Dunmyer
March 6 -12	Mearl & Carole Horner
March 13-19	Brian Eppley Arbutus Blough
March 20-26	Blaine & Carol Leverknight
March 27 –April 2	Elsie Michael Nancy Dunmyer

Visitation List

Betty Curo	Brethren Home
Dorothy Eppley	Bethlen Nursing Center
Paul Edmiston	Brehm Rd. Boswell
Stella Edmiston	Brethren Home
Ruth Keim	Laurel View Village
Mary Ellen Mishler	Meadowview, Berlin
Gale Shipley	Akers Street, Johnstown
Anna Ruth Spangler	Wesley Dr, Jtwn
Donald Stutzman	Woodstown Hwy, Hollisopple
Aldine Thomas	Meadowview, Berlin

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

The children spent their last week of school break doing activities with a work group from the Center Hill Church of the Brethren from the Western Pennsylvania District along with Bill and me. Several of the older boys worked with Bill to build a small building to be used as a storage area for chicken's feed and supplies. Pastor Wes shared his skills by making many much needed repairs to all the playground equipment which included replacing several swings. A group of women did some heavy-duty cleaning around the home and spruced up the girls dorm with a new coat of paint. They also helped keep the children busy decorating T-shirts with fabric paints, making stepping stones with the kid's hand prints and names, and creating a quilt that showcases a photo of every child living at el hogar. The group also treated all the Hogar's employees to an appreciation luncheon, as well as taking twenty children (who earned their way) to dinner at Pizza Hut. In addition, the group presented each school age child with a new school uniform. The kids, in turn, prepared a program full of skits, song, and dance for the group that they performed on our last evening there. It was a busy, but memorable week for everyone.

The Star Employee for this month is **Rolando**. Rolando is the official Hogar driver, although he wears many hats including vehicle maintenance man, handy-man, gardener, and father. He has been a dependable employee for the past eleven years and currently lives in the "casita" (little house) on the grounds of the home with his wife and three children. He sees his work at the home not only as driving the kids to school and their activities and picking up donations, but as being a positive influence on the kids' lives. He mentions some of the older boys who have moved from the home and takes pride in knowing that he played a small role in forming them into the young men they are today. Rolando is a Christian man who is very involved in his church. He humbly says that he would like to become a pastor someday if that is God's will for him. His other dream for the future is that his children can study as much as possible and have many educational opportunities. Please keep Rolando and his family in your prayers this month.

It is the heart that gives;
the fingers just let go.

Nigerian proverb

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EASTER CANTATA

The Conemaugh Twp. Area Ministries will be presenting their Easter Cantata on Palm Sunday, April 17 at St David's Lutheran Church in Davidsville. Practices will be held on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 4 pm starting on March 6 at St. David's. Music will be passed out at the first practice. If you have any questions, please contact Jerri Schell, at the Tire Hill CoB, who will be conducting the choir. ALL choir members and anyone else who likes to sing are encouraged and invited to be a part of this uplifting community outreach.

The Ministry and Evangelism Commission is beginning the process for updating the **Church Pictorial Directory**. We are asking that all who are taking part in church activities, if they are willing, to take pictures of our congregation at these occasions. Amy Fisher has volunteered to look for a program to do a directory. If you are willing to be on a team to help with this update please contact Carole Horner or Deanna Fisher. More information will follow as it becomes available.



NEW ADDRESSES

Betty Curo
Church of the Brethren Home
Windber, PA 15963

Harry Miller
Country Manor
Jerome, PA 15937

Jennifer Tomlinson
3040 Tipperary Lane
Idaho Falls, ID 83404

Mr/Mrs Jeffrey Constantino
Box 45
Jerome, PA 15937



6th Annual All You Can Eat Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

For Disaster Relief
Saturday, March 19th

7 - 10 a.m.

Maple Spring Church Fellowship Hall

Free Will Offering

Special feature this year:

Tony Martin "Pancake Flipper"
(WJAC Weather Man)

All proceeds will be forwarded to the District Office for
Disaster Relief

Everyone Welcome!

Come, bring a friend!

(Oh yeah, don't forget your appetite.)

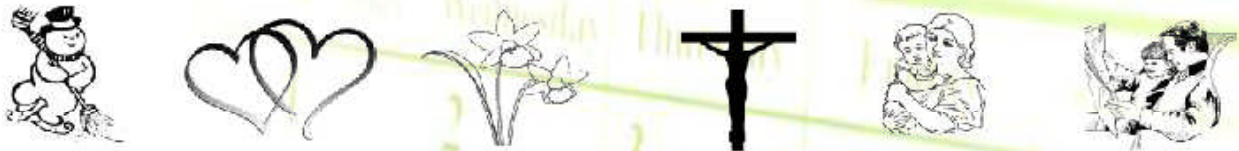
DATES TO REMEMBER

...March 3....Auxiliary meeting at the Home
...March 12 - Men's Prayer Breakfast
...March 12...Guess Who Is Coming to Dinner.
...March 13...Baby Dedication
....March 17...Sister's in Christ event
...March 19...Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
...March 27...WF Spring Meeting

The Women's Fellowship will hold their annual Spring meeting on Tuesday, March 22, at 7 p.m. **Please note - this is a change of date - due to the busy church schedule in the beginning of March.**

LENTEN SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES 2011
In the Johnstown Churches of the Brethren
Theme: Six Miracle of Calvary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host Church</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>
March 6	Arbutus	Rob Rummel	The Encompassing Darkness
March 13	Westmont	Guy Myers	The Amazement of the Opened Tomb
March 20	Maple Spring	Frank Young	The Tearing of the Curtain
March 27	Conemaugh	Bill Wenger	The Undisturbed Grave Clothes
April 3	Morrellville	Phil King	The Miraculous Earthquake
April 10	Pleasant Hill	Jack Rupert	Revivals to Life in the Graveyard



Sisters in Christ Women's Ministry invites you to

Celebrate Christ Through the Year!

March 17th at 6:45 pm at the Maple Spring Church of the Brethren

Come at no cost and enjoy food, friends and monthly meditations!



Men's Fellowship News

Prayer Breakfast...Saturday, March 12th at 7:30 am, featured speaker: Tim Rigby.

Mr. Rigby began his career with WJAC-TV in 1981. For over 25 years he has been the face of sports in Johnstown. He is an award winning journalist and executive producer who's work has taken him across the country more than once. In addition to his work in sports, he is a Lay Speaker in the United Methodist Church.

But while Tim's career has been exceptional, his personal life has taken a few blows. From transplants to cancer, he has kept a positive outlook. Friends, family and the members of his home church, Beulah United Methodist, were a source of support for him during these times

Men's Fellowship... The following dates reflect the schedule for the out-of-the-district disaster work weeks:

Sun. Mar. 6-Sat. Mar. 12, 2011...Tennessee

Sun. May 15-Sat. May 21, 2011...Chalmette, LA

Sun. July 7-Sat. July 23, 2011.....Tennessee

Sun, Sept.11-Sat. Sept.17, 2011..Tennessee

Sun, Nov. 13-Sat. Nov. 19,

2011.....Tennessee

If interested in participating in any of these work weeks, please contact Blaine Leverknight 266-8340.

Men's Fellowship thanks all who helped with the Game Dinner last week. We had a full house, good program and full stomachs. The *Pie Lady* reports that there were 43 pies and 270 pieces. Thank you **ladies!**

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

Guess Who Is Coming to Dinner will be held on March 12th at 5:30 pm. There are sheets posted on all bulletin boards and in each classroom for those who would like to participate in our Saturday evening fun night. Also, for those who do not attend Sunday School we have placed sign-up sheets in the folders in each pew. The last day for signing up will be March 6. This is a fun time to meet someone you might know only by name. Give it a try.

YOUTH NEWS

Ground Zero continues to meet every Sunday evening at the Bassonage from 6:30-8:00 pm.

FCA breakfast for Conemaugh Township Senior High students here on March 3rd.

Fellowship Dinner on the 27th to support members going on mission to the Bahamas this summer.

There is a new **Flower Chart** in the annex for 2011. If you would like to place flowers on the altar in **Honor/Memory** of loved ones, please sign your name on the appropriate date take an envelope (cost is \$15.00) and place in the offering plate. The flowers are yours after the service.

Happenings at Camp Harmony

April 1-2...7 pm to 1 pm...**30 Hour Famine** for grades 6-12. Cost is \$20.00.

Church of the Brethren Women's Auxiliary News

The following is a list of items paid for by the Auxiliary during the year of 2010.

3-04	Creating Together Journal	\$	60.00
3-18	Recliner Geri Chairs (2)		760.40
3-18	Pedestal Desk		300.00
3-18	Pulse Oximeter		292.36
3-18	Compact Refrigerator		179.00
3-18	Tables (2)		400.00
4-08	Spring Tea Mailing		32.04
4-13	"We Care Gift Bags"		200.00
4-21	Gel Foam Overlay Mattress		157.88
5-01	Viking White (serviced 3 sewing machines)		210.00
5-26	SODEXO:Freight on tables		394.94
5-26	Shampoo chairs (2)		149.00
6-15	500 stamped envelopes		237.75
8-04	Hair Spray		30.50
8-05	"We Care Gift Bags"		200.00
8-18	Body Aligner Cushions		185.00
9-01	Bruce Nurseries Landscaping		1,000.00
9-02	Key Ladies Luncheon		42.50
9-15	Blood Pressure Cuffs		416.94
10-06	Name Plates (24)		993.00
10-14	Alzheimer Sensory Unit		474.00
11-05	Air Conditioners (toward purchase)		1,000.00
11-18	Lift Slings (3)		387.09
12-12	"We Care Gift Bags"		200.00
12-15	Hot Pacs		<u>112.50</u>
			8,414.90

Monetary donations to the Harvest Home Campaign have made it possible for the Therapy department to purchase five T-gel cushions for \$150 apiece and the Maintenance department to order the last section of addressable fire alarms for the Home. Thank you again to all who made contributions to the 2010 Harvest Home Campaign.



Eat 'n Park gift cards can be purchased from Dolores Lape or Emma Thomas. They are \$10.00. Make checks payable to Maple Spring Women's Fellowship.

District Women's Retreat

The 2011 Annual Western PA District Women's Ministry Annual Retreat will be held at Antiochian Village Retreat Center on April 29 - 30, 2011. Kathryn Royer will be the retreat leader and wellness coach. She holds AAS in nursing, a BA in psychology, and Master of Divinity, and a Doctorate Ministry in Spiritual Direction. Other activities include: Worship, Fellowship, Relaxation, Massage, Manicure, Prayer, Food, Games, Music and Laughter. The price includes lodging, Friday evening meal and snack, Saturday breakfast and lunch. Massages and manicures are a separate cost payable directly to the providers.

Please contact Connie Martin, WF President to make a reservation. The prices for the weekend are for a Quad - \$85.00, Triple - \$95.00, Double - \$105.00 and Single \$145.00. Registration is due March 29, so please contact Connie by March 27, so that reservations can be made. A brochure is posted on the bulletin board in the elevator lobby.

Thank You...Connie Martin, WF President.

Way to Go!

Lauren Seganos, daughter of Mike and Tracey Seganos, has been named to the fall semester dean's list at Juniata College. She is a senior majoring in religion and communications and has a 4.0 grade point average.

Jaynie Seganos, daughter of Mike and Tracey Seganos, has been named to the fall semester dean's list at Pitt-Johnstown. She is a junior majoring in elementary education and library science. She has a 4.0 grade-point average.

Hope Service

The Hope Service will be held on Sunday April 10th during the morning service. Please contact the church office (479-7062), if you would like to include a photo or information of a loved one who has died and gone home to be with the Lord within the last year. The information must be submitted and received by Sunday, April 3rd to allow time to include it in the power point presentation.

Best Wishes...

On February 20th, we honored 18 couples who have been married 50+ years during the morning worship. Those honored were:

Owen and Marian Stevens	March 1, 1946
William and Jane Moss	March 11, 1947
Floyd and Doris Shaffer	July 2, 1949
Cliff and Sally Stutzman	February 2, 1950
Denver and Ruth Friedline	July 16, 1950
Donald and Aldine Thomas	July 16, 1952
Wade and Linda Thomas	May 28, 1953
Bob and Dolores Lape	November 28, 1953
Ray and Ruth Mishler	February 22, 1954
Frank and Mona Blough	October 8, 1955
Howard and Helen Hildebrand	October 22, 1955
Harold and Reta Alwine	December 14, 1955
John and Arbutus Blough	August 4, 1956
John and Patsy Shaffer	July 16, 1957
Tom and Thelma Keim	March 15, 1958
Paul and Lila Hershberger	June 28, 1958
Marlin & Ruth Ott	October 18, 1959
Doug & Jeanne Cober	November 24, 1960

OTHER SPRINGS to MAPLE SPRING

God Is Like.....

God is like...Bayer Asprin—He works miracles

God is like...Ford—He's got a better idea

God is like...Coke—He's the real thing

God is like...Hallmarkcards—He cares enough to send His very best

God is like...Tide—He gets the stains out that others leave behind

God is like...General Electric—He brings good things to life

God is like...Sears—He has everything

God is like...Alka-Seltzer—Try Him, you'll like him

God is like...Scotch Tape—You can't see Him, but you know He's there

God is like...Delta—He's ready when you are

God is like...Allstate—You're in good hands with Him

God is like...VO5 Hairspray—He holds through all kinds of weather

God is like...the US Post Office—Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet, nor ice will keep Him from His appointed destination

God is like...Dial soap—Aren't you glad you have Him? Don't you wish everyone did?

....Fifth graders using commercials to communicate ideas about God

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