

Maple Spring

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MAPLE SPRING CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN ~ HOLLISOPPLE PA 15935 479-7062

Happy Mother's Day



May 10, 2009

From Our Pastors

A MOTHER'S TOUCH

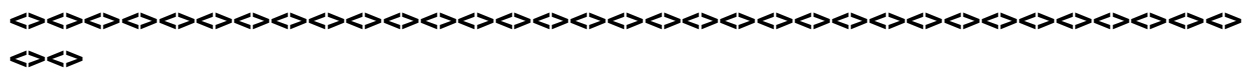
Read a portion of Paul's letter to Timothy...II Timothy 1: 3-7

May is traditionally known as the month for Mothers...and well it should be. Mothers and Grandmothers have greatly influenced everyone's lives down through the ages. But a mothering nature doesn't stop with Mom or Grandma. Mother's touch can be supplied by many others as well. A kindly aunt or an understanding neighbor can fill the bill. And who hasn't been influenced by a special school teacher, pastor, youth leader or Sunday School teacher? "Mothers" come to us in all walks of our lives and it's important that we pause a bit and celebrate the differences these godly women have made. Take a moment and let a special "mother" know how they've touched you. And then go out and follow their example.

An unknown author put it so beautifully:

"One hundred years from now it will not matter what kind of car I drove, what kind of house I lived in, how much money I had in my bank account, nor what my clothes looked like,. But one hundred years from now the world may be a little better because I was important in the life of a child".

Pastor John and Pastor Linda



Let Our Joys be Known MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Beginning Sunday, June 7th Pastor John and Pastor Linda will be leading a class for those interested in dedicating their lives to Christ with ultimate baptism. This class will take place during the Sunday School hour in the "Kidz Klub classroom. It will continue each Sunday through August 30th. The curriculum being used is "Let Our Joys be Known" by Frank Ramirez and is geared toward youth. However, persons of any age are welcome to attend. Interested persons may contact the Stoners during their regular office hours or call the church office.

Did you know that on Sunday, May 31st we Christians are celebrating our birthday? Pentecost marks the day that the Holy Spirit came to dwell within us and the church was born. This is truly a day for celebration! Join your pastor's and the youth of the church as we commemorate "Pentecost Around the World" during the morning worship service. We are asking that all members **WEAR RED** on this special day. Mark your calendars and don't miss this joyful worship experience. It will conclude on a more solemn note as we share in a Eucharist Communion provided by your deacons.

Hey Christians!! Lets Party!!

May 2009 Calendar of Events

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--------|---------|--|----------|--------|---|
| | | | | | 1. | 2. |
| 3. Sunday school Morning worship 7-8 pm bible studies 7-8 pm Youth | 4. | 5. | 6. 7 pm... Choir | 7. | 8. | 9. 5:30 pm... Mother/ Child Banquet |
| 10. Mother's Day Sunday School Morning Worship 7-8 pm Bible studies 7-8 pm Youth | 11. | 12. | 13. 7 pm... Choir | 14. | 15. | 16. |
| 17. Sunday School Morning Worship 7-8 pm Bible studies 7-8 pm Youth | 18. | 19. | 20. 7 pm... Choir | 21. | 22. | 23. |
| 24. Sunday School Morning Worship 7-8 pm Bible studies 7-8 pm Youth | 25. | 26. | 27. 7 pm... Choir | 28. | 29. | 30. |
| 31. Pentecost Sunday School Morning Worship 7-8 pm Bible studies | | | 0 | | | |

Deacon Ministry....

Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

Prayer



The community of prayer is a powerful gift to God's people. In the scriptures we see the people of Israel praying to God in homes, in the wilderness, in the Tabernacle and in the Temple. Jesus prayed regularly, alone and with people, he taught his disciples how to pray. His followers gathered in the upper room after the crucifixion and again after the resurrection to pray.

There is something awesome and mysterious about the very act of prayer. Prayer is praise. Prayer is petition for ourselves and for others. Prayer is a plea for protection. Prayer begs forgiveness. Prayer is our living conversation with God. These may be spontaneous prayers, original composition, or prayers taken from worship material. The most important thing to remember is that prayer is not a performance. It is part of a living dialog.

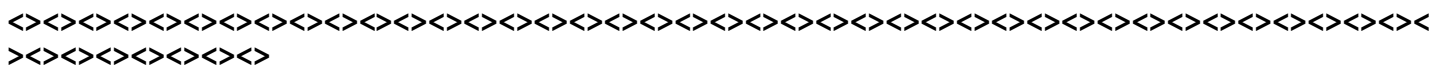
Prayer is available to all people, a way to be with God, speaking, asking, listening, waiting, growing. God's people are strengthened when they *pray together!*

Each Sunday morning prior to the Sunday School hour, as the scripture suggest, two or three gather together to pray. Pastors John and Linda and prayer partners meet to lift up the Sunday School hour, the Worship service, the various groups within the congregation and many other concerns locally and globally. What a great way to start off the Lords Day, the Sabbath. What a great way to learn to know those who participate and to get to know the Pastor's.

The Deacon Commission would like to encourage every person to participate in this time of prayer. We would encourage you to **pray** about this and give much consideration to being a part of this ministry. Each person(s) that would choose to participate is given an assigned Sunday morning to meet for about 20 minutes (8:50 AM to 9:10 AM) prior to Sunday School. Those present and the Pastor's lead in this time of prayer but the spirit takes over as the praises and concerns are lifted up in prayer. What a powerful ministry! Contact any Deacon member to become a part of this vital, powerful and rewarding ministry.

Come join us in Prayer!

Excerpts taken from "Deacon Manual for Caring Ministries"



Deacons visiting for May

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| <u>Monthly:</u> | Mearl & Carole Horner |
| <u>April 26 – May 2</u> | Mearl & Carole Horner |
| <u>May 3 - 9</u> | Brian Eppley & Arbutus Blough |
| <u>May 10 – 16</u> | Blaine & Carol Leverknight |
| <u>May 17 – 23</u> | Elsie Michael & Nancy Dunmyer |

May 24 – 30

Mearl & Carole Horner

May 31 – June 6

Brian Eppley & Arbutus Blough

May 2009 Birthdays and Anniversaries

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|---|--|--|---|---|
| | | | | | 1. Lisa Jerin | 2. Joe & Patty Moehler |
| 3. Andrew Lape Larry Ott Bradley Thomas | 4. Bill Hemminger Kathleen Moran James & Darla Moran Sally Shaffer | 5. Gloria Ott | 6. Barry & Mary Ann Spangler | 7. Ross Furry Krista Shaffer Avarie Stevens | 8. Peggy Lambert Anna Ruth Spangler | 9. Donald Gindlesperger Jonathan Lape |
| 10. Harold Alwine Paul & Stella Edmiston Debbie Bambling Harry & Patty Shaffer | 11. | 12. Ernest & Lisa Jerin Michael & Kathy Mishler | 13. Joe Moehler | 14. Sandy Stutzman Sherry Wojtaszek | 15. Brett Fockler Randy Gary | 16. Austin Lape Christopher Lape |
| 17. Edward Desort Cindy Marian Emily Mishler Chet & Lizzeth Thomas | 18. Ryan Keim Harry Shaffer | 19. Bryan & Cathy Alwine Mark & Sandi Ott Dawna Todaro | 20. Rachel Mostoller Beverlyann Parks William Shaffer Anthony Zambanini | 21. Brian Bittner | 22. Gary & Connie Martin | 23. Nancy Gindlesperger Mallory Ott |
| 24. Haley Jerin | 25. Jim Fockler Michael Graham Jeff & Monika Ott | 26. Mary Borosky Denver Friedline | 27. Jeffrey Bittner Harold & Sue Coughenour Marie Keim | 28. Martin & Beverly Blough Rick & Janet Good Phillip Stutzman | 29. | 30. Vicki Desort Kyle Zambanini |
| 31. Lee Brewer Angelea Crummett Danielle Mishler | | | | | | |

Heifer International

May is Heifer International month at Maple Spring. Sixty years ago Dan West, a mid-western farmer and relief worker, formed Heifer for Relief. Now, Heifer International fights global hunger and poverty through training and livestock gifts including heifers, camels, water buffalo, traditional farm animals - and even bunnies. Each family receiving a heifer agrees to pass on the gift and to donate the female offspring to another family, so that the gift of food is never ending.

Examples, the gift of \$20.00 will buy a flock of chickens or ducks. The gift of \$6.00 will buy a trio of rabbits. The gift of \$10.00 will buy shares of several animals including pigs, sheep and goats.

Your gift supports the entire Heifer Mission. 191,000 families were assisted last year with gifts of animals, training and passing on the gift.

II Corinthians 9:9 "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."



Remembering

The Hope Service was held Psalm Sunday and the following loved ones were remembered:

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| Virginia Blank | 8/11/1911 - 2/2/2009 |
| John Blough | 5/12/1993 - 3/28/2009 |
| David Bowman | 2/20/1920 - 2/2/2009 |
| Lucille Cable | 3/14/1921 - 11/7/2008 |
| Mabel Kaltenbaugh | 3/8/1913 - 1/21/1008 |
| Galen Kaufman | 3/6/1933 - 8/17/2008 |
| Abe Knepper | 1/21/1925 - 3/28/2008 |
| Hazel Lease | 7/4/1915 - 11/26/2008 |
| Suie Mishler | 11/22/1905 - 3/21/2009 |
| Millie Ott | 11/22/2008 |
| Ruby Rummel | 7/8/1913 - 2/10/2009 |
| Blair Stevens | 2/21/1923 - 3/22/2009 |

Nursery Schedule for MAY

May 3rd

Sunday School..Chris & Penny Hoffman
Church.....Patty Miller

May 10th

Sunday School.....Robyn Blanset
Church.....Patty Miller

May 17th

Sunday School.....Wonda Wojtaszek
Church.....Molly Stultz

May 24th

Sunday School.....Dawn Cable
Church.....Krista Shaffer

May 31st

Sunday School.....Dawn Cable
Church.....Patty Miller



New Addresses

Dawn Cable
PO Box 73
Davidsville, PA 15928

Les & Peggy Lambert
215 Ottawa Apt B8
Jtown, PA 15904

Nic & Maggie Berkey
7305 Ocean Gateway
Easton, MD 21601



Congratulations to Bob & Fran Gongloff on the birth of a son, **Marshall James** on April 19th. Also the proud grandparents, Ray & Pat Shaffer...#8.

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.

**Welcome to
CAMP HARMONY
Catering**

Hello, I am Nikki the Camp Harmony Foodservice and Hospitality Director. This is our new Catering Menu, which will have basic prices and some sample menus. If you have any questions or if you want to make any changes to a menu please call us or email us at Camp. There will need to be a minimum of 20 people per event.

Camp Harmony phone number: 814-7985885 or 888-745-2267

Camp Harmony e-mail: nikki.rehner@campharmony.org

Catering prices:

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Breakfast | \$ 5.00 per person |
| Lunch | 7.00 per person |
| Supper | 9.00 per person |
| Brunch | 10.00 per person |
| Special Occasion Buffet | \$12.00 per person |

Camp Harmony Rental Menu

Breakfast includes: 1 main breakfast dish, 1 meat (sausage, bacon, ham) 1 fruit and drink

Lunch includes 1 main lunch dish, 1 pasta or potato, 1 vegetable, 1 dessert, and drinks

Supper includes 1 main supper dish, 1 pasta or potato, 1 vegetable, dinner rolls or garlic bread, salad 1 dessert, and drinks

Breakfast

Pancakes
Scrambled eggs
French toast
Sausage gravy and biscuits
Breakfast pizza*
Omelet bake*
Cold cereal bar w/muffins*
*no meat choices

Lunch

pizza-plain, pepperoni, supreme
hamburgers/cheeseburgers
hot dog bar
sandwich bar/hot or cold
chicken nuggets or patties
taco or burrito bar
meatball sandwiches

Supper

baked ham
meatloaf
baked chicken
roast beef
pork roast
lasagna/reg or veg
rigatoni or spaghetti
w/meatballs

Sides

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|------------|---|
| Potatoes | Hashbrowns, Tator Tots, French Fries, Mashed, Scalloped, Potato Salad and Baked |
| Pasta | Pasta or Macaroni Salad, Macaroni & Cheese, Rigatoni, and Parsley Noodles |
| Vegetables | Buttered Corn, Seasoned Green Beans, Peas, Glazed Carrots, Mixed Vegetables, Baked Beans Salad, and Onion Rings |
| Fruits | Seasonal Fresh Fruit, Applesauce, Mandarin Oranges, Pears, Peaches, Fruit Cocktail |
| Desserts | Cakes (Chocolate, Yellow, White) w/icing, Strawberry Jello, Brownies w/or wo Nuts |

(For an upcharge you can include a second main dish, side, or dessert)

Second Occasion Buffet

Baked Ham
Baked Breaded Chicken
Mashed Potatoes w/gravy
Rigatoni
Buttered Corn
Seasoned Green Beans
Baked Beans
Salad
Rolls w/butter
Cake
Drinks

Picnic Buffet

Hot Dogs
Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers
Baked Beans
Pasta, Potato or Macaroni Salad Chicken or Turkey Gravy
Carrots and Celery
Fresh Fruit Salad
Dessert
Drinks

Brunch Buffet

Baked Ham or Breaded Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Stuffing
Glazed Carrots or Buttered Corn
Pancakes
Bacon or Sausage
Hashbrowns or Tater Tots
Mixed Fruit or Applesauce
Muffins
Dessert
Drinks

Drinks include but are not limited to Coffee, Hot and Iced Tea, Juice, Milk and Punch
Menu subject to change without notice

Mother/Child Banquet

The Mother/Child Banquet will be held on Saturday, May 9th at 5:30 pm in the church fellowship hall. The theme is "Mother's Apron" under the direction of Diana Croyle and Nancy Dunmyer. Everyone is encouraged to wear an apron. Cost is \$7.50-Adults, 12 years and under-\$6.00. The entertainment will be John Robertson from the Moxham CoB. See Diana Croyle or Nancy Dunmyer for tickets or call the church office.



Bible School will be held June 15-19 with the program during the Sunday morning Worship service on Father's Day, June 21st. The curriculum will be "Moses and the Ten Commandments" written by Jane Moss.



The Mission and Service Commission is sponsoring a trip to **New Windsor** on Tuesday, June 2nd. We will be leaving the church at 5:30am. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board. This is a lot of fun. You get to meet and make new friends while working. More information as we get closer to the date.

CHALLENGE FOR MAY

Read and focus on book of James (it's a small book). Key verse is 2:18

"Now someone may argue, `Some people have faith, others have good deeds.` But I say, `How can you show me your faith if you don't have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds'"

(Living faith makes a difference. Our faith should be more than just a statement it should be a result in action. Seek ways to put your faith into action.)

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

SFC George Adams Iraq
SSGT Brock Hemminger Marines
Adam Veres Army Specialist
(wife-Whitney Weimer)
A1C David Martin Air Force
Nicholas Hildebrand Navy
Nicholas Berkey US Coast Guard
(wife-Maggie Mostoller)
Nic LaBreck Air Force
(wife-Tracy McDonald)
Mark Bedrin Army
(Fiancé Katie McDonald)
Jonathan Zanoni US Coast Guard
(wife-Cayla Roberts)
SPC Elias Tomlinson Iraq
(Fiancé Casandra Zanoni)
Van Lisbon Navy
(wife- Adda Marian)

OTHER SPRINGS to MAPLE SPRING

Of all the things God gives,
There's one above all others;
It is the precious priceless gift
Of loving Christian mothers.

...Anon

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