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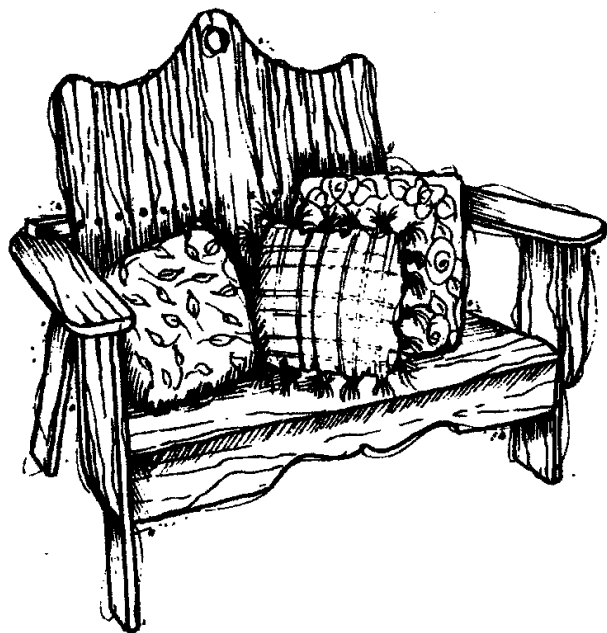


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## A Mother's Day Blessing

**May God bless you this May...  
When the flowers are in bloom,  
When the blossoms on the hillsides  
Fill the air with sweet perfume,  
When all the birds are singing,  
When the sun shines bright above...**

**At Mother's Day and always  
God bless you!**



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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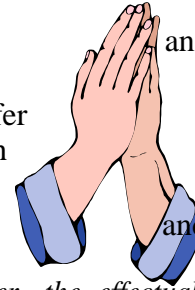
**WATER CUP DEADLINE FOR  
June 2011  
May 15, 2011**

### **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 MAY**

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



*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.*

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**Maple Spring is on the web** at [maplespringcob.org](http://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.

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### **In the Hospital in April**

Betty Curo                      Euldean Shields  
Paul Edmiston                  Gloria Holder  
Ruth Mishler                  Floyd Shaffer  
Ruth Stevens

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

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Our sympathy to the family of **Ruby Berkebile**, sister of Floyd Shaffer, who passed away April 5, 2011

Our sympathy to the family of **Donald Leverknight**, brother of Blaine Leverknight, who passed away April 11<sup>th</sup>.

*May the fellowship of the church be a strength to all of you in this time.*

# From the Pastor....

## “A MOTHER’S LOVE”

The strength of a Godly mother is her love. There is no love like a mother’s love. And Godly mothers receive their strength and love through their relationship with Jesus Christ. That love ministers to her family and to all who know her. A Godly mother has much influence in the home. She helps to give her children identity, heritage and purpose. Godly mothers plant seeds that blossom later in life. I can think of no more important task than that of being a Godly mother.

And as all parents understand, being a parent today is not easy. Sometimes it is filled with joy and at other times, sadness. Sometimes children make you proud and other times you cannot find enough tissues to dry your tears. All parents need the help and strength of God.

In Matthew 20:20-23, we read of a mother talking to Jesus about her sons. *“Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your Kingdom”* (Matthew 20:21). The point I want to make from this passage is that this mother had big expectations of her children and she wanted them to be actively involved in the Kingdom of God. Jesus heard her prayer and James and John eventually became very influential in the Kingdom of God.

I thank God for the Godly mothers of our congregation who are talking to Jesus about their children and are doing their best to get them to become actively involved in God’s Kingdom. Let us take the time to encourage and pray for the mothers of our congregation. Let them know some way that they are appreciated, loved, and needed. We all need their strength and wisdom.

Serving With You,

Pastor Guy

## Birthday's and Anniversaries for May

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 **73**  
Anna Ruth Spangler **86**  
Savannah Stutzman
9. Donald Gindlesperger  
Jonathan Lape
10. Harold Alwine **76**  
Debbie Bambling  
Paul & Stella Edmiston  
Kate Martin  
Harry & Patty Shaffer
11. Noah Luprek
12. Ernest & Lisa Jerin  
Michael & Kathy Mishler
13. Joe Moehler
14. Sandy Stutzman  
Sherry Wojtaszek
15. Brett Fockler  
Randy Gary  
Leonard & Ashley Thompson
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 Weible  
Beverlyann Parks  
William Shaffer  
Anthony Zambanini
21. Brian Bittner
22. Gary & Connie Martin
23. Nancy Gindlesperger  
Mallory Ott
24. Haley Jerin

## May Challenge

As we look forward to the refreshing days of May, we're filled with praise for our creator. His work is seen in the beauty of spring. His love is seen as we respond lovingly to family, friends, and those we come in contact with. So let us "Rejoice in the Lord always. Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Jesus Christ." (Philippians 4:4-7)

25. Jim Fockler  
Michael Graham  
Jeff & Monika Ott
26. Mary Borosky **76**  
Denver Friedline **80**  
Dylan Fuska
27. Jeffrey Bittner  
Harold & Sue Coughenour  
Marie Keim **92**
28. Martin & Beverly Blough  
Rick & Janet Good  
Phillip Stutzman
- 29.
30. Vicki Desort  
Kyle Zambanini
31. Lee Brewer  
Angelea Crummett  
Danielle Mishler

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## In the Nursery for May

### May 1

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

### May 8

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

### May 15

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

### May 22

Sunday School.....Rachel Weible  
Church.....Patty Miller  
.....Emma Fisher, Julia Folton

### May 29

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

# Deacon Ministry

....Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”

Life is a mixture of sunshine and rain,  
good things and bad things, pleasure and pain.  
We can't have all sunshine, but it's certainly true  
that there's never a cloud the sun doesn't shine through...  
So always remember, whatever betide you,  
the power of God is always beside you...  
And if friends disappoint you and plans go astray  
and nothing works out in just the right way,  
and you feel you have failed in achieving your goal  
and that life wrongly placed you in an unfitting role,  
take heart and stand tall and think who you are.  
For God is your Father and no one can bar  
or keep you from reaching your desired success  
or withhold the joy that is yours to possess...  
for with God on your side, it matters not who  
is working to keep life's good things from you,  
for you need nothing more than God's guidance and love  
to ensure you the things that you're most worthy of...  
so trust in His wisdom and follow His ways  
and be not concerned with the world's empty praise,  
but first seek His kingdom and you will possess  
the world's greatest of riches, which is true happiness.

.....A Collection of Joy

## Monthly Visiting Deacons

Brian Eppley  
Arbutus Blough

## Visitation List

Betty Curo	Brethren Home
Dorothy Eppley	Bethlen Nursing Center
Paul Edmiston	Brethren Home
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, Hollsopple
Aldine Thomas	Meadowview, Berlin

## Deacons Visiting Weekly

5-1 to 5-7	Mearl & Carole Horner
5-8 to 5-14	Brian Eppley Arbutus Blough
5-15 to 5-21	Blaine & Carol Leverknight
5-22 to 5-28	Elsie Michael Nancy Dunmyer
5-29 to 6-4	Mearl & Carole Horner

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

### "PASO A PASO" ("Step by Step")



El Hogar de Niños Emanuel con el apoyo de TOMS y el patrocinio de PEPSI, realizarán este 1ro de Marzo un donativo de **30,000 pares de zapatos** a los niños más necesitados de nuestra comunidad.



The TOMS/HOGAR/PEPSI campaign is called "*Caminando con Amor*" (*Walking with Love*).

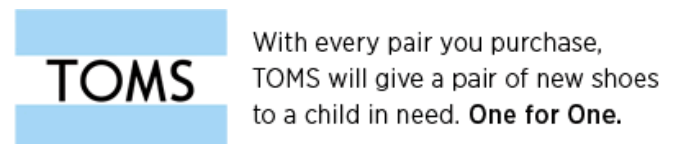
It all began last July when Andrea Chahin, the director of Hogar Emanuel's teenage daughter, emailed TOMS Shoes asking them to help the children of Honduras by including them in their shoe giving program.

Then on March 6, after much organization and in cooperation with other local businesses such as Foam de Honduras, Cargill, PepsiCo, Cepudo, and the municipality of San Pedro Sula; Hogar de Niños Emanuel hosted a huge kick off celebration as a "Giving Partner" with TOMS Shoes **One for One** program. This event marked the beginning of the distribution of 100,000 pairs of shoes to the children of Honduras. Needy children from nineteen other orphanages and schools in Honduras were bussed in for a day full of entertainment, food, and games, and to be fitted for a pair of shoes! For some of these children,

their trip to San Pedro Sula to get a pair of shoes was the first time they had ever left their small village in the country. They spent a whole day playing with other children who were much the same as them. You can only imagine how proud our children at Hogar Emanuel were about the opportunity to be part of such an undertaking and to be able to share their gift of shoes with so many other children! It was such a perfect day! Vivian states, "God has blessed this endeavor since the moment Andrea hit the SEND button on her computer."

I would like to use this newsletter to publicly thank all those too numerous to mention for helping to provide for the beautiful children of Honduras. Their day at Hogar de Niños Emanuel will not soon be forgotten.

Today, I ordered my first pair of TOMS Shoes. Now another needy child somewhere in the world will get a pair of shoes because of me! I DID IT and you can, too. To learn more about **TOMS Shoe One for One Giving program**, visit their website [www.toms.com](http://www.toms.com)



*"The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same...."*

Luke 3: 10-11

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A quake survivor in Haiti bathes her child

## HYGIENE KITS

Through the Emergency Disaster Fund, the Church of the Brethren responds immediately to natural and human-caused disasters worldwide, providing assistance such as shipments of life-saving emergency supplies. Our gifts enable this work to continue. The earthquake and tsunami in Japan, the tornadoes and flooding here in the U.S. have taken a huge chunk of the supplies to be sent where needed. Hygiene Kits can mean the difference between sickness and health for struggling families. The service project for May and June is to assemble Hygiene Kits to be sent to Church

World Service. You have been so gracious and generous with your gifts when the need is there. **THANK YOU** from the Mission and Service Commission for your help.

### To assemble a Hygiene Kit you will need:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 16" x 28" (no finger tip or bath towels)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb
- One nail clipper
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)
- Six standard size Band-Aids

All items must be new. Place all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with zipper closure. Individual items can also be donated. The Mission and Service Commission will assemble the kits at the end of our church project. The monetary gifts will be used to purchase items to make the kits.

There will be a box located in the Annex to place kits or items.

Thanks again for thinking of people in need.

**Mission and Service Commission**



This summer we're introducing a new, intentional way for you to pray for the camp, the staff, and the campers who enter our gates. We're asking for people who are interested to sign up for a day of intentional prayer. On your day of prayer, you're invited to come out to the camp and walk the grounds and pray over that day's events. We'll provide you with a 1/2 page list of the day's events and a few starter ideas to pray for and let you go from there. If you're not able to physically come out to the camp, we'll be glad to send you your paper and encourage you to pray from where you are.

We believe in a mighty God who listens to His children. We believe in a God who is strong and powerful. We believe that our God answers prayers and causes things to happen that wouldn't happen if we didn't pray.

We're looking to fill a little over 50 days with intentional prayer. You don't have to be a pastor or anyone with a fancy Christian title; you just need to be a child of the Heavenly Father. If you're interested in joining us in prayer this summer, call the camp office to sign up for your day.

Both Performing Arts Camp and Creative Arts Camp share the opening week of camp as well as share the stage on June 24th and 25th for their performances. This year the 6-12th grade students in Performing Arts Camp (PAC) will be putting on the Broadway musical "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat". Campers will audition on Sunday night after registration and run through their first dress rehearsal on Thursday evening. In between they'll spend their days and nights learning their lines, rehearsing songs, practicing dance moves, and blocking the scenes. Campers will work closely with our amazing directors who have years of musical experience under their belt. This is a great camp for those who take part in their high school's musicals or want a great way to get into the musical scene.

Creative Arts Camp is for younger artists in 3rd - 5th grade. Campers will be learning a variety of creative arts from our talented leaders. From painting and sculpture, to music and dance, Creative Arts Campers will have a chance to show off their creative skills on Friday and Saturday before the PAC performances.

The third camp for the creative is in its second year. Amplify Camp is all about youth in 6th -12th grades who have an interest in leading worship with music. Campers will take part in individual instrument lessons as well as larger group instruction on song writing, your instruments place in the band, how to rehearse, and most importantly, ways of leading people to worship the God who deserves our praise. Skilled musicians from local churches will be on hand to work with the campers and national touring act "The Great Transparency" will join us later in the week and share their experiences as a band.

Campers will be placed in a Build-a-Band and have the opportunity to open for The Great Transparency at our Amplify Concert on Friday night.

All performances are open to the general public.

CAC/PAC Fundraiser Dinner - June 24th 5:00pm - \$25/plate  
CAC/PAC Performance - June 25th 3:00pm - \$5/person  
Amplify Concert - August 5th 6:00pm - \$5/person

Grab your running shoes and come out to support our annual road race. Proceeds benefit our Adventure Program. This year we're raising money for 2 tee-pees for our pioneer camps.

We've got something for everyone. A 5K or 10K Run for the avid runners, a 5K Walk for those who are enjoy a slower pace. There's even a kids race for the 11 and under crowd.

As an added bit of fun, we're holding a Best Pirate Costume Contest. So grab a hook and an eye patch and see how well you can run with a peg leg.

And what could be a better way to end a race than with a Chicken BBQ. Tickets are \$8 and take out is available. Call the Camp office for more information. 888-745-2267.

To register for the race follow the link on our main page. [www.campharmony.org](http://www.campharmony.org)

## AN ADDITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Upon The leading of the Holy Spirit, changing demographics, preparing/providing for growth and providing for personal/family preferences Maple Spring CoB will offer two worship services beginning Sunday May 1, 2011. This will be for a one year trial basis.

The schedule for services will be...

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. First Service

9:40 a.m. – 10:35 a.m. Sunday School

(The first bell will ring at 10:30 a.m.  
second bell at 10:35 a.m.)

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Second Service

There will be times throughout the year when only one service will be offered, such as on Sundays when we observe Holy Communion and when a congregational meal will be served.

The schedules for the months of May and June

May 1 – Two services

May 8 – Two services

May 15 – Two services

May 22 – One service (Youth Luncheon)

May 29 – Two services

June 5 – Two services

June 12 – One service Communion/Pentecost)

June 19 – Two services

June 26 – Two services

Prayer time will remain the same, 8:45 - 9:10 a.m. There will not be Junior Church or Preschool during the first service. The new service times will also be observed when just one service is being offered.

Our Hope Service was held on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> during the morning service. We honored loved one who had died and gone home to be with the Lord this past year.

Rhea Weyent	12/25/1914 – 4/10/2010
Rose Eash	9/18/1911 - 7/28/2010
Evelyn Bowlby	4/10/1911 – 9/25/2010
Jonas Shaffer	11/2/2010 – 11/3/2010
Robert Shields	7/26/1924 – 1/5/2011
Harry Miller	1/7/1920 – 3/10/2011

## Good Marks!

At a Ministry Commission meeting with District Minister, Ronald Beachley, Pastor Guy's Ministry was affirmed. The strengths of his ministry that were noted are preaching, visitation, Bible study, openness, and showing love and concern for all. It was observed that persons are very supportive of his pastoral leadership gifts and skills. Pastor has a good working relationship with the commission and congregation. We believe that Brother Guy's gifts and abilities will continue to provide beneficial leadership for our congregation. If there are any concerns, we encourage you to share them with the pastor or a member of the commission so they can be dealt with in a timely fashion. Please continue to keep Pastor Guy and Wendy in prayer as they continue to share in ministry in the Maple Spring congregation.

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## Dates to Remember

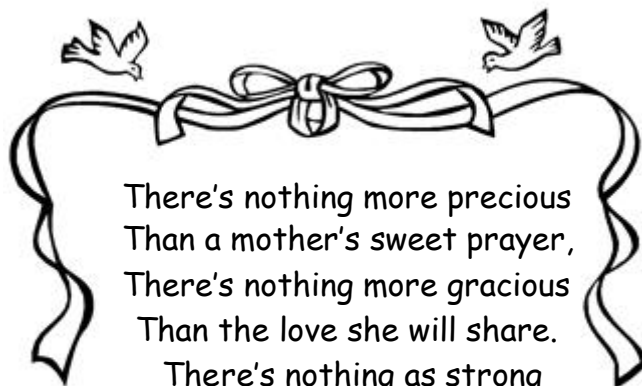
May 1 at 8:30 am...Second Service will begin  
5 at 1 pm...Auxiliary meeting at Home  
Dime-a-week money due  
7 at 9 am...Youth Dodgeball Tournament at  
Camp Harmony  
7 at 5:30 pm...Mother/Daughter Banquet  
8...Mother's Day  
12 at 6:45 pm...Luella Kreiger portraying  
Martha of Bethany  
22...Youth will serve lunch following the  
10:45 service  
27-28...Youth "Discipleship Now" retreat...  
Starts at 8 pm on the 27<sup>th</sup>.  
29...last Ground Zero until fall  
June 12...Graduates honored during 10:45 service  
12...Pentecost-Brad & Cup Communion

Annual Conference

Grand Rapids, Michigan

July 2-6, 2011

# OTHER SPRINGS to MAPLE SPRING



There's nothing more precious  
Than a mother's sweet prayer,  
There's nothing more gracious  
Than the love she will share.

There's nothing as strong  
As the faith she declares;  
And when things go wrong  
We know that she cares.

...Clay Harrison

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