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

Happy Thanksgiving!

*The LORD is my strength
and my shield;
my heart trusts in him,
and I am helped.*

*My heart leaps for joy
and I will give thanks to him
in song.*

Psalm 28:7



*Do not get tired of doing
what is good.*

*Do not get discouraged
and give up,
for we will reap a harvest of
blessing
at the appropriate time.*

Galatians 6:9

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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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 disciplining one another through the Holy Spirit,
and by reaching out to our neighbors.*

PRAYER PARTNERS FOR NOVEMBER

Edna Mae Thomas

Arlene Stevens

Deanna Fisher

Sally Kaufman

Elsie Michael

Dolores McClellan



and Sue Unger

and Marlin Mishler

and Arbutus Blough

and Patty (M) Shaffer

and Connie Martin

and Mary Borosky

*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 since the last issue:

Gabrielle Neuhof

Cary Todaro

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

CONGRATULATION

Wonda Wojtaszek and **David Piskuric** were married on October 14, 2011. Their address is 174 Dalton Run Road, Johnstown, PA 15905.



Laurel Lichvar and **Jacob Rosenbaum** were married on October 22, 2011. Their address is 257 Marietta Dr. Johnstown, PA 15904.

*Fill your heart with the love of God
to grow with each tomorrow.*

From the Pastor....

TAKING TIME TO GIVE THANKS

Ready or not the month of November has arrived. Can you believe it? November is probably a very busy month for you, isn't it? Family Thanksgiving gatherings are being planned and it's also time to get ready for Christmas. As someone said to me recently, "there isn't enough hours in the day anymore?" No doubt we all have said that a time or two. However, we will take a time-out this month, the fourth Thursday of the month, to gather with family and friends to give thanks to God for His blessings upon our lives.

Truthfully, we need to take a time-out daily to express our gratitude to God. If you are able, take a time-out right now and turn in your Bible to Psalm 100. As I read this Psalm, I notice at least seven reasons to daily express my gratitude to God.

1. God reveals Himself to us. (Psalm 100:3a)
2. God created us and is in control (Psalm 100:3b)
3. We are His people (Psalm 100:3c)
4. God cares for us. (Psalm 100:3d)
5. God is exceedingly good to us. (Psalm 100:5a)
6. God's mercy never ends (Psalm 100:5b)
7. God is wonderfully faithful (Psalm 100:5c)

Someone once said, "The more people have, the less grateful they become. They begin to believe they deserve it, believe they need it, then begin to demand it."

Take a moment right now and write down some of your many daily blessings. Acknowledge that God has been faithful to you and is in complete control. Wendy and I are very thankful for you, your prayers and encouragement. We couldn't do it without you. We wish you a very blessed and happy Thanksgiving season. We are very grateful for you and for your faithfulness to Christ and His church.

Thanksgiving Blessings,

Pastor Guy

Birthdays and Anniversaries for November

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|-----|------------------------|----|
| 1. | Dawn Horner | |
| 2. | Kim Livingston | |
| 3. | Gabrielle Neuhof | |
| | Greg Ott | |
| 4. | Twila Blanset | |
| 5. | Kathie Bailie | |
| 6. | Lauren Seganos | |
| 7. | Evan Bender | |
| | Tom Borosky Jr | |
| | Kay Hostetler | |
| | Austin Rose | |
| | Walter Ullery | 71 |
| 8. | Jeffrey Fisher | |
| 9. | | |
| 10. | Tony & Sheri Zambanini | |
| | Hailey Desort | |
| 11. | Nick Felton | |
| | Ryan Pribish | |
| | Mike Wolk | |
| 12. | Reta Alwine | 75 |
| | Alexea Hudson | |
| | Blaine Leverknight | 72 |
| | Zachary Pebley | |
| 13. | Janice Lape | |
| 14. | Robyn Blanset | |
| | Tom & Diane Bridge | |
| 15. | | |
| 16. | Jan Rose | |
| | Patty Tresnicky | |
| 17. | Ruth Ott | 71 |
| 18. | Tom Korber | |
| | Howard Miller | |
| 19. | Linda Baraniak | |
| 20. | Linda Thomas | |
| 21. | Kathy Patterson | |
| 22. | Tom & Laurie Grosik | |
| | Hope Safko | |
| 23. | Robert Sloan | |
| 24. | Doug & Jeanne Cober | |
| | Edward Mishler | |
| | Gabriel Stutzman | |
| 25. | Daniel Mishler | |
| | Monika Ott | |
| 26. | Sean Hemminger | |
| | Ethan Hoffman | |
| | Edward & Mary Mishler | |
| | Samuel Moehler | |
| | Mike & Tracey Seganos | |
| 27. | | |
| 28. | Robert & Dolores Lape | |
| | Stephen Unger | |
| | Ron & Rachel Weible | |
| 29. | Brandon Bittner | |
| | Jacob Rosenbaum | |
| 30. | Don & Linda Tresnicky | |

Challenge for November

As we come into November Thanksgiving is on our minds. Psalm 103 says "Let all that I am praise the Lord; with my whole heart, I will praise His Holy Name. Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I never forget the good things He does for me." David's praise focused on the good things God was doing for him. It is easy to complain about life, but David's list gives us plenty for which to praise God; He forgives our sins, heals our diseases, redeems us from death, crowns us with love and compassion, satisfies our desires, and gives righteousness and justice. We receive all of these without deserving any of them. No matter how difficult your life's journey, you can always count your blessings—past, present and future. (Please read all of Psalm 103.)

In the Nursery for November

November 6

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

November 13

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

November 20

Sunday School.....Rachel Weible
Church.....Patty Miller
.....Emily Bridge

November 27

Sunday School.....Helen Hildebrand
Church.....Tighe & Brenda Williams

New Address

Mrs Euldean Shields
497 Whistler Rd
Hooversville, PA 15936-8307

Deacon Ministry

...Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

As the month of November approaches, our thoughts turn to the Thanksgiving Holiday. But as I think more about this day of thanks my thoughts are on how we view this holiday. Are we only thankful on this day or do we carry this throughout the year? Do we take for granted all that we have and all that we enjoy as a nation blessed by God? My thinking led me to research the history, I would invite you to do the same research and truly understand the meaning behind Thanksgiving and how we came to the present day celebration. My research found a Presidential Proclamation which I think captured the essence of this holiday and how relevant it is today, read for yourself.....

George Washington's 1789 Thanksgiving Proclamation

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me to "recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness:"

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been able to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand, at the city of New York, the 3d day of October, A.D. 1789.

I would encourage each of us to examine our hearts, minds and motives as we thank God today and each and every day.

Let us come before him with **thanksgiving** and extol him with music and song. [Psalm 95:1-3](#)

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

Although the staff works as a team to provide for the well-being of each and every child, they recently reported a significant improvement in the attitudes of many of our twenty-five resident children who are over the age of fifteen. They attribute this to the fact that they are now receiving increased psychological care by a fulltime therapist in addition to that of a part-time social worker who are providing daily counseling, initiating workshops and motivational training in areas such as sex education, vocational choice, violence prevention, and many other appropriate topics. Thanks to all who help our older youth prepare for their future with special donations and specific prayers for the **New Bridge Program**.

JAIRO is the STAR EMPLOYEE for this month. He is a Christian man who works with the middle-aged boys as the nighttime educator. He also helps with the garden and organizes special events. Many of the children refer to him as "Pa" or "Papi". Jairo is the youngest of nine children. He grew up in a very humble home, worked numerous jobs, and suffered several tragedies in his life before he came to Hogar in 2008. He admits that his life has not been easy, but feels that it has helped him to better understand and be compassionate towards the special needs of our children here. He hopes to marry and have children of his own one day. Please pray for Jairo and the children he serves.

The jungle gym is one of the kids' favorite places to play, but it is in bad shape because it is also a favorite of the termites. We estimate that it will cost approximately \$2000 to replace all the badly eaten wood for this and several other pieces of playground equipment with new termite-resistant lumber. PLEASE help us by sending an extra donation to the SPECIAL FUND — Mark it **PLAYGROUND**

***Play is not trivial, it's a basic biological drive
as critical to our health as sleep or food.***

Stuart Brown

For further information contact:

Bill & Rona Hemminger

Hogar de Niños Emanuel Board

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To help the children's home in San Pedro Sula, Honduras you can purchase Honduran products. Coffee is now available in our church lobby for a minimum donation of \$7@ 1lb or 3 lbs for \$20. (Sorry! We are sold out of vanilla for the time being.) Payment can be made on the honor system by mailing it in the envelope provided (in the basket with the coffee) to the Western Pa District CoB, 115 Spring Rd., Hollsopple, Pa 15935.

For further information:

Bill & Rona Hemminger,

Mission Program coordinators

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or Rona's cell: (540)649-3111

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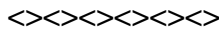
The Sisters in Christ presents:

**the underground railroad
a journey to hope**

a dramatic evening with Luella Krieger
and Roy & Janice Gearhart.

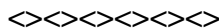
November 10th at 6:45 pm in the sanctuary

Admission is free, and a love offering will be given
to support this ministry.



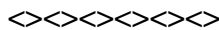
Conemaugh Township Area Ministries

A community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Thursday, November 17th at 7 pm here at Maple Spring. Eddie Patterson (Pastor of Centennial & Bethany United Methodists churches) will be the speaker. The choir will practice one hour before the service. Arbutus Blough will be the director.



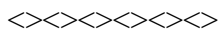
Christmas Fellowship

The Christian Education commission would like to invite you to share in our Christmas fellowship meal on Sunday December 11, 2011. Please come join us for a time of food and fellowship. We are again asking for your contribution of two dozen cookies one for our enjoyment and one to give to the Saturday Kitchen in Johnstown. Cradle roll gifts will be given after the meal. Hope to see you there.



St Francis Sharing & Caring Food Pantry

The food items for November is sugar, tea bags, condiments (ketchup, mustard, etc.). There is a box in the annex for the donations.



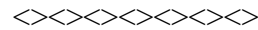
Poinsettias

To order a Poinsettia for Christmas, please complete an envelope (available in the annex) and place in the offering plate. Cost is \$7.50 each and is due December 4th.



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

- SFC George Adams Army
- SSGT Brock Hemminger Marines
- Adam Veres Army Specialist (Whitney Weimer)
- Kate Martin Air Force (David Martin)
- Nic LaBreck Air Force (Tracy McDonald)
- Mark Bedrin Army (Katie McDonald)
- Jonathan Zaroni US Coast Guard (Cayla Roberts)
- SPC Elias Tomlinson (Casandra Zaroni)
- Van Lisbon Navy (Adda Marian)
- Eric Walker Lt Commander-Navy (Holly Berkey)
- Tyler Shields Iraq

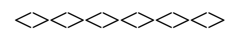


Dates to remember...



November

- 5...District Auction at Camp Harmony
- 6 at 10:45...Morning service
- Farewell meal for Kent & Hope
- 10 at 6:45 pm...Underground Railroad
- 13 at 8:30 & 10:45...Morning services
- 17 at 7 pm...Community Thanksgiving Service
- 20 at 8:30 & 10:45...Morning services
- 27 at 10:45...Morning service



COOKIES---COOKIES---COOKIES

“Christmas Cookie Sale” at Maple Spring Church of the Brethren on Saturday, December 17th from 10:00 a.m. to ?? All proceeds raised from the sale will benefit the needy in our area. A Christmas Cookie Sale is a great way to obtain a variety of Christmas cookies and not have to make all of them yourself.

You can help to make needy families' Christmas beautiful. Volunteers are needed to make cookies and to help with the cookie sale. If you are interested in participating in this event, contact Kathy Patterson at 479-2870. A sign-up sheet is also posted in the annex at the church.

OTHER SPRINGS to MAPLE SPRING

Count your blessings instead of your crosses; Count your gains instead of your losses.

Count your joys instead of your woes; Count your friends instead of your foes.

Count your smiles instead of your tears; Count your courage instead of your fears.

Count your full years instead of your lean; Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.

Count your health instead of your wealth; Count on God instead of yourself.

~~Author Unknown~~

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give thanks!

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