

# *Maple Spring*



# *Water Cup*

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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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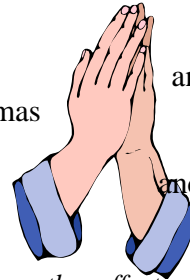
**Mission Statement**

*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 AUGUST**

Marlin Mishler  
Sue Unger  
Edna Mae Thomas  
Arlene Stevens  
Deana Fisher  
Sally Kaufman



and Arbutus Blough  
and Patty (M) Shaffer  
and Connie Martin  
and Mary Borosky  
and Delores McClellan  
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 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 since the last issue:

Linda Beachley

Betty Curo

Shelli Lysic

*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 **Donald Lape**, (brother of Bob Lape) who passed away August 7, 2011.

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

New Address:  
Frank and Mona Blough  
1600 Cambridge Dr Apt. 219  
Davidsville, PA 15928

# From the Pastor....

## "THE TIME CRUNCH"

"Where has the summer gone?" I'm sure most of us have asked that question. Time does seem to fly by very quickly. The question is, "what have we done with the time that has been given to us?"

Everyone receives an equal supply of time. The only difference between us is in the way we invest it. Each week brings us 168 hours. We spend approximately 56 hours for sleep and recuperation. We spend approximately 24 hours for eating and personal duties. We spend approximately 50 hours for earning a living. We have about 38 hours left to spend just as we wish. But how do we spend them?

God has given each of us the precious gift of time, of which we must be good stewards. The management of time must be our #1 priority. Without some organization of our day, it will waste away without purpose, and drain away without accomplishment.

Two foundational biblical principles for your time management:

Principle # 1 – Realize that you have enough time to do all that God wants you to do. Too much to do? Not enough time? Jesus said, "*Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you,*" (Matthew 6:33).

Principle # 2 – Come apart and rest or you'll come apart.

So, the best remedy for a schedule that is out of control is to get alone with God and practice principle #1.

Serving With You,

Pastor Guy

## Birthdays and Anniversaries for September

1. Aaron Gary
2. Dwight Keim  
Sharon Lape
3. Linda Mishler  
Bill Shroyer
4. David & Kate Martin  
Doris Shaffer 79  
Don Tresnicky Jr
5. Jamie & Ryan Beahr  
Jacob Blough  
Martin Blough  
Troy Holder  
Duane Petet  
Amanda Safko  
Stephen & Lisa Unger
6. Daniel Lape
7. Francine (Shaffer)Gongloff
8. Bill & Rona Hemminger
9. John & Alison Luprek
10. Sierra Alwine  
Doug Tresnicky
11. Quentin Adams  
Wonda Wojtaszek
- 12.
13. Betty Curo 84
- 14.
- 15.
- 16.
17. Mike & Sue Stevens
18. Frank Blough 78  
Caven Miller
19. Karen & Bob Nagyvathy
20. Cheyenne Alwine
21. Don Tresnicky 70
22. Don & Nancy Gindlesperger
- 23.
24. Wade Weimer  
John & Linda Stoner
25. Gale Shipley  
Alan Tresnicky
26. Bill & Chris Shroyer  
Donald Stutzman
27. Cathy Alwine  
Alan & Linda Baraniak
28. Josie Berkey  
Marlene Hearn  
Patty Moehler  
Ruth Stevens 75
29. Toni McClain  
Eric Moran
30. Chris & Penny Hoffman  
Ray & Pat Shaffer  
Ray & Ruth Stevens  
Sheri Zambanini

## In the Nursery for September

### September 4

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

### September 11

Sunday School..... Helen Hildebrand  
Church.....Rebecca & Logan Lichvar

### September 18

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

### September 25

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



## 6th Annual District Auction

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2011  
at Camp Harmony

Auction begins ---9:00 am

Breakfast—7:00-8:45 am

Lunch served & fresh baked pies!

Churches are invited to collect and contribute items for the auction in support of the ministries of the Western PA District.

There are THREE main Saturday drop-off dates scheduled at Camp Harmony from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on: October 8, 22, & 29 ONLY!

New this year!! An Online Auction, beginning October 31 through November 4. Go to [www.westernpacob.org](http://www.westernpacob.org) and follow the links. A fantastic way for you to be a part of the auction, if you are unable to attend!

The two churches that raise the most money from the items they donate will receive a gift for supporting this important event.

For more information, contact our advocate, Brian Eppley

Items to send: antiques, quilts, gift baskets, new items. Mark items #32, which is our lot number.

**Do not send:** upholstered furniture, mattress/box springs, computers, used appliances, clothing/handbags/shoes, garage sale leftovers, curriculum.

For more info call the District Office at 814 479-2181 or 814 479-7058.

# Deacon Ministry

....Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

September 11, 2001 was a shock and surprise to us all, not only by the enormity of the disaster, but by the magnitude of the human spirit revealed in the aftermath. Firemen and policemen and other rescue teams working for endless hours. But the most essential effort was accomplished by countless people around the world. Their task? To guard and gird the world with prayer. Those who pray keep alive the watch fires of faith.

You can talk to God because he listens. Your voice matters in heaven. He takes you very seriously. Even if you stammer or stumble, even if what you have to say impresses no one, it impresses God...and he listens.

Intently, carefully, prayers are honored as precious jewels. Your words do not stop until they reach the very throne of God.

You are someone in God's Kingdom. Your prayers move God to change the world.

*When you speak, Jesus hears.  
And when Jesus hears,  
The world is changed  
All because someone prayed.*

The enemy sought to bring us to our knees and succeeded. Our foes had no idea however, that we would kneel before the throne of grace.

Though we may not be able to see his purpose or plan, the Lord of heaven is on his throne so we can rest secure and entrust him with our future.

*Give us grace that we may forgive  
And faith that we might believe.*



## Monthly Visiting Deacons

Elsie Michael  
Nancy Dunmyer

## Deacons Visiting Weekly

9-4 to 9-10 Blaine & Carol Leverknight  
9-11 to 9-17 Elsie Michael  
Nancy Dunmyer  
9-18 to 9-24 Mearl & Carole Horner  
9-25 to 10-1 Brian Eppley  
Arbutus Blough

## Visitation List

Betty Curo	Brethren Home
Dorothy Eppley	Bethlen Nursing Center
Stella Edmiston	Brethren Home
Ruth Keim	Laurel View Village
Mary Ellen Mishler	Meadowview, Berlin
Gale Shipley	Akers Street, Johnstown
Anna Ruth Spangler	Arbutus Manor, Rm 103,
Donald Stutzman	Woodstown Hwy,
Aldine Thomas	Meadowview, Berlin

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

Four young athletes from Hogar Emanuel recently won national medals at the 2011 "Porfirio Lobo Sosa" Sports Championship in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. They will now go on to compete internationally in El Salvador. The children are being trained by the **Sensei Carlos Bonsai Arguijo School** who have awarded scholarships in karate training to several of our children. Congratulations, Lisby, Cristina, Patty, and Kimberly for making us proud!

The **Cargill Corporation** continues to support the entrepreneurial spirit of our youth by promoting the chicken farm for the APORTE project. They recently donated two hundred baby chicks and the food for the birds. Thanks again, Cargill! The kids shared a fun-filled week during their mid-term break in June with a work group from **Western PA District Church of the Brethren** hosted by board member, Amber Haupt. This team accompanied the kids on outings such as bowling and an evening at carnival., organized games, repaired bicycles, and helped deliver more TOMS Shoes. In addition, they also donated over \$2000 to the Home for much needed supplies. Thanks, guys!

**Enrique** was chosen as this month's Star Employee for being a conscientious worker who willingly accepts and completes his responsibilities. They include guarding the locked gate at the entrance of the Home, care of the yard, maintenance of the facilities, and assisting Rolando to pick up donated supplies for the home. He says he feels good about his part in caring for Hogar Emanuel. He is a married man with dreams for his own three children.



**Heritage Festival**

**Camp Harmony**

**September 17, 2011**

**10:00 am - 5:00 pm**

- Quilt & Basket Auction**
- Crafts & Food**
- Kids Area**
- Swimming**

**Junior Church** and **Pre-school Church** will begin on September 18<sup>th</sup> during the 10:45 am service. Jr Church (grades 1-6) will be led by Diane Bridge. Pre-school church will be led by Megan Hostetler. **Kidz Klub** (grades ) under the direction of Alison Luprek will begin September 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:00 pm. for kids K-grade 6.



Best wishes to **Norma Bothwell** who has retired as our custodian after many years of serving us. She would like to take it a little easier and enjoy life. Enjoy your golden years. You will be missed!

## ELECTION RESULTS

### Commissions

**Ministry & Evangelism Commission** (5-yr )  
Dave Fisher

**Finance Commission** (5-yr term)  
Dave Patterson

**Trustee Commission** (5-yr term)  
Tighe Williams

**Missions & Service Commission** (5-yr term)  
Christine Shroyer

**Christian Education Commission** (5-yr term)  
Wendy Myers

**Music & Worship Commission** (5-yr term)  
Connie Zanoni

**Cemetery Association** (5-yr term)  
Don Thomas

**Auditor** (2-yr term)  
Carol Leverknight

**Camp Harmony Rep.**  
(1-year term) Bill Miller

**Conemaugh Twp Area Ministries**  
(3-year term) Nancy Gindlesperger

**Heritage Festive Reps.**  
(1 year term) Janet Good

**Ushers** (4-year term)  
George Neuhof  
Chris Hoffman

**District Conference Delegates** (2-year term)  
Carol Leverknight  
Carole Horner  
Connie Martin -alt

**Membership Committee** (4-year term)

Linda Baranick

### SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS

**Assistant General Supt.**  
Krista Shaffer

**Assistant Children's Dept. Supt**  
Linda Tresnicky

**Assistant Secretary**  
Reta Alwine

**Bible School Co-Director**  
Penny Hoffman  
Linda Beachley

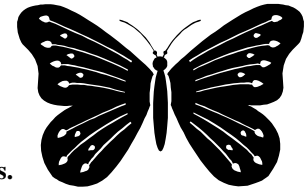
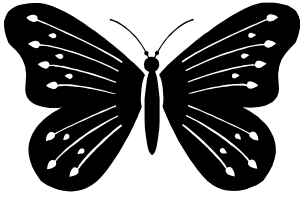
Both will be serving

**Cradle Roll Superintendent** (1-year term)  
Helen Hildebrand

### What About Siri

I've promised to keep you updated as to the goings on of Dion and Linnet Hunt and their little daughter Siri from Thailand. I had a call from Dion today and he informed me that Linnet is taking Siri to New Jersey to have some surgery done on her brain. They are hoping to improve her mobility. Please advise the congregation at Maple Spring to be in prayer for this family. All of you were so generous in your willingness to help in bringing Siri to her new family. I will keep you updated as to her progress. Thanks so much.

*John & Linda Stoner*



**“O Lord my God, you are very great....  
You stretch out the heavens as though they were curtains.  
You lay the beams of your home in the water.  
You are the clouds for your chariot.  
You move on the wings of the wind.” Psalm 104:1-3**

During Bible School I was asked this question by one of the children in my Bible Lesson Class, “How do I know that God is here?” After I answered the question, I wondered if my answer was correct. Yes, God moves on the wings of the wind. At the time the question was asked, a breeze moved through the tent. My answer was, “Feel that breeze, God is in the air, we can feel it. Even though we cannot see it, we can feel it. When we have Jesus in our hearts, we can feel it, just as we feel the wind.” God was not only speaking to the children but he spoke to me.

Have you ever had to describe God in words or on paper? Can we capture the beauty, the mercy, the awesome power and omnipresence of Almighty God in black print on a sheet of white paper?

David was a prolific psalm writer and in this Psalm he took on the task of writing a song, which is Psalm 104. In the book “quiet reflections of Hope”, the writer wrote, “The words soar across creation, David pictured God clothed with light as with a robe, His home adorned with the heavens as curtains and built with beams set in the vast ocean. He saw God racing across the clouds in a chariot, moving on the wings of the wind.” What exquisite imagery from the Psalmist.

Have you ever tried to picture the God David describes as you read the Psalms? God is our humble Servant, a loving Father, and a powerful King. When you close your eyes to talk to Him, how do you picture Him? When you draw close to Him, how do you feel?

Ask God to please reveal more of Himself to you so you can show Him more clearly to others. Help us to understand the great and mighty God you are.

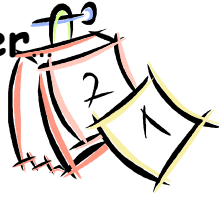
*BUTTERFLY BLESSINGS,  
LINDA*

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## It's a Day Trip

New Windsor CoB Service Center has been helping people in need over years. There are many jobs available to help process disaster supplies. Our church is planning a day trip, Oct. 6 to help meet the needs of people in the US and around the globe. Some of the projects that we help with is: unpacking and pricing items in Serry, and helping pack kits in the warehouse. We work together as a group and enjoy the day. Lunch is provided. We will leave at 5:30 am and return about 9 pm. We will be using the church van and will be needing a cash donation to fill the vans tank. This would be greatly appreciated. Please sign-up by Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Dates to remember



### September

- 4...8:30 am & 10:45 am Services
  - 11 at 10:45 am...Outdoor Worship at grove
  - 17...Heritage Festival at Camp Harmony
    - ...Men's Fellowship Field Trip
    - ...Chicken BBQ for House of Hope
  - 18..8:30 am & 10:45 am Services
  - 19 at 7 pm...Sister's in Christ Game Nite
  - 25 at 10:45 am Service
  - 25-27...Revival Service with Timothious Pope
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## Out-door Worship/Sunday School Picnic

The out-door worship will be held on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 am at the church grove. Pastor Guy will bring the message, the Springers Quartet will provide special music and Wendy Myers will have the children's story. A covered dish meal will be held after the service. The Friends in Faith Sunday School class is in charge of the afternoon activities which includes games for all ages, musical entertainment and a pie contest. COME..bring your favorite dish and your chair for the day's activities!

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## Revival Services

Revival Services will be held September 25, 26, and 27. The first service will be held on Sunday the 25 at the 10:45 am and at 7:00 pm each evening. The speaker will be Timotheus Pope, director of Summers Best Two Weeks. There will be special music each evening and refreshments following each service.

## 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 Zanoni US Coast Guard (Cayla Roberts)  
SPC Elias Tomlinson (Casandra Zanoni)  
Van Lisbon Navy (Adda Marian)  
Eric Walker Lt Commander-Navy (Holly Berkey)  
Tyler Shields Iraq

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## New Members

A baptism service was held on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> during the 10:45 am service. Those being baptized were:

Brandon Claycomb  
Christy Claycomb  
Laurie Grosik  
Ryan Grosik  
Jacob Grosik  
Cathy McDonald

received by a letter of transfer: Tom Grosik

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## St. Francis Sharing & Caring Food Pantry needs:

For September...canned pumpkin, canned milk  
For October...Christmas candy for kids (individually wrapped) cake mix, icing  
For November..sugar, tea bags, condiments (ketchup, mustard, etc.)  
For December..Instant hot cocoa, peanut butter  
Items donated must not be out-dated. The food pantry cannot distribute foods that are past expiration dates.



**Men's Fellowship  
Field Trip** to Elk  
County-Benezette, PA  
"Home of the Penna  
Elk" Sat., Sept. 17,  
2011. Limited seating  
to **15** people. \$12.00

reserves your seat. We will leave the church parking lot at 8 am. Visiting the Grice Sports Shop en route (Clearfield). Stopping for lunch en route. Spending the afternoon viewing the Elk and stopping at the new Elk Country Visitor Center in Benezette. We will stop for supper on the return trip home. Seating is on a first come, first serve basis. Meals are at your expense. Bring your cameras and binoculars! Give your money to Blaine Leverknight for your reservation.



**GAME NITE**

Sisters in Christ invites you to game nite at the Maple Spring fellowship hall on September 19<sup>th</sup>

at 7 pm. All you need to bring is your favorite game and a bag of snacks. So, bring a friend for food, fun and fellowship.

**New Pictorial Directory**

Gather your family, check your calendars, and put on your smiles:) Its time to sign up for the Maple Spring Pictorial Directory.



We will be having Catchlight Photography take our family photos for our directory throughout November and December 2011. They have graciously provided many dates for our convenience. We will have 3 Saturdays at the Church, Nov. 19, Dec. 3, and Dec. 10. We are also offering Davidsville studio portraits on Tues. and Thurs. evenings beginning Nov. 15

Sign ups for photo times will be held in the church annex starting Sunday Sept. 18, 2011 from 9:00 am to 9:30 am. and every Sunday through Oct. 9, 2011.

**Bible School Report**



Maple Spring Vacation Bible School 2011, also known as Faith Camp, was held at the grove again this year. The number of campers varied from 62 to 71 throughout the week. Our theme this year was "Living a Fruitful Life"; Perseverance (Luke 13:6-9), Don't Be Lazy (2 Thessalonians 3: 6-15), Right Priorities (Luke 10: 38-42), Don't Waste Your Talents (Matthew 25: 14-30), and Heavenly Treasures (Matthew 6: 19-24).

Campers enjoyed time in Bible study, crafts, music, water games and other games, and of course, snack and prayer time. We used the offering of money and supplies collected to complete 62 School Kits. The Campers helped to correlate the School Kits as a service project.

A Camp "Carnival" was held on Friday evening following the closing program where campers played carnival games for tickets to turn in for prizes. Campers could also earn tickets through the week by memorizing their bible verse for each day.

The week was hot but fun and rewarding, with around 28 helpers each day. Thank you to all who volunteered and helped to turn our little grove into a huge mission field!!

Penny Hoffman and Linda Beachley  
Maple Spring VBS Directors



**THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!!** Thank you to everyone who helped with Faith Camp/Bible School this year. VBS would not happen without your passion and dedication to this ministry. The campers, Linda Beachley and Penny Hoffman thank you from the bottom of our hearts!!!



# Seaside Escape

Wishing you could sneak away for a relaxing time at the beach? We got the perfect plan. Seaside Escape is a relaxing beach-themed retreat the women of Arbutus and Maple Spring CoB's are doing together. It includes worship, Bible study, and time of laughter as well as time for quiet reflection.

We'll begin with registration at 8:30 am on Saturday, Oct. 1 and will finish by 4:30 pm. Our retreat will be held at Arbutus CoB and the cost is only \$25 per person! This includes a delicious lunch, fun and refreshing activities, and all the retreat materials.

Mail your registration form with payment to Arbutus Church of the Brethren, Attn: Michelle Moore, 1201 Erickson Dr., Johnstown, PA 15904 by September 6, 2011. **Register early, space is limited!**

Take time to relax, make new friends, worship, and bask in the warmth of God's presence. We hope you'll join us at Seaside Escape.

**Call Sue Unger at 479-7062 for more info.**

## Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Seaside  
ESCAPE

WHERE WOMEN BASK IN GOD'S PRESENCE

# OTHER SPRINGS to MAPLE SPRING

A few years ago, when my children were small  
And I had so much to do,  
I'd often wonder, at the close of day,  
If my work would ever be through.

There was washing, ironing, and mending,  
And work of every kind  
Till sometimes I grew tired and weary  
Both in body and mind.

There were hands and faces to be washed.  
Little hungry mouths to be fed.  
And a thousand other duties kept me busy,  
Till it was time to go to bed,

Sometimes my footsteps were heavy  
And I wished I might slip away  
And rest my weary self  
For just a single day.

Now the years have passed so quickly,  
And my little ones are grown.  
Not a single one is with me.  
All have families of their own.

Now my house is quiet and empty.  
It seems it can't be true,  
For there is plenty of time for resting  
and there's not much work to do.

But gladly would I toil again,  
From morning until night.  
I had rather be tired than lonely  
With never a child in sight.

...Mrs Frank Elrod  
from Poetry Corner

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