



## HOLY WEEK 2017

**PALM SUNDAY**  
April 9



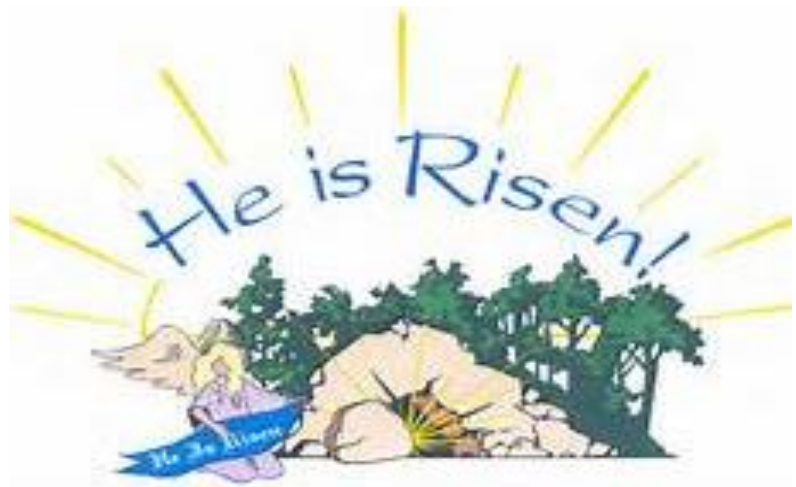
**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
April 13  
LOVE FEAST



**GOOD FRIDAY**  
April 14



**EASTER SUNDAY**  
APRIL 16



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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Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Traditional Service.....10:35 a.m.  
Preschool Church  
Jr. Church

*The 8:15 a.m. Contemporary service will resume on April 23, 2017.*

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**WATER CUP DEADLINE FOR  
May 2017**  
April 15, 2017

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

**PRAYER PARTNERS APRIL  
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Connie Martin and Mary Borosky  
Patty (M) Shaffer and Debra Fibecky  
Ashley Shaffer and Edna Mae Thomas  
Martha M. Blough and Sally K. Michael  
Edna Mae Thomas and Arlene Stevens



*Pray for another...the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*

*Reminder: Walnut Grove Church of the Brethren is our prayer partner church for the year 2017. Let us at Maple Spring keep them in our prayers.*

**In the hospital since last issue...**

Nate Blough  
Ashley Shaffer

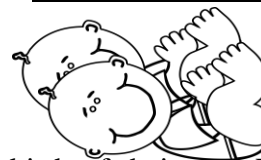
*May we continue to remember them in our prayers and praise God for their healing.*

**SYMPTOM**

*We extend our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Anna Ruth Spangler, Anna Ruth, who passed away March 20.*

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

**CONGRATULATIONS**



We want to congratulate Mary and Katie Perdue on the birth of their son, Elijah Kaleb Pebley who was born January 22, 2017. Elijah is the grandson of Wanda Sherry and Bob Wojtaszek and the great-grandson of Sherry and Bob Wojtaszek.

*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.....

## “THE EASTER DIFFERENCE”

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most significant event to ever happen in all of history. Christianity has a “reaching God.” God is continually reaching out to mankind for reconciliation, relationship, and fellowship. Christianity also has a “resurrected God.” All other gods of other religions are in their tombs today. Jesus Christ is not in a tomb somewhere. Jesus Christ arose from the grave and is now seated at the right hand of God the Father interceding for you and me. Jesus’ resurrection did not change Him or His purpose.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ did change the lives of those who heard and believed. It changed them from being people of fear, to being people of courage. Doubting Thomas, as most disciples, became a martyr for Christ.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ can still change the lives of those who have yet to believe in and receive Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Because of the resurrection of Christ we have a hope and expectation of life beyond this earth. *“Then Jesus told them, ‘Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’ Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.”* (John 20:29-31).

In a person’s life span, there are probably three or four different events that drastically change mankind. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, it would have been the emancipation of 100,000 slaves. In the 20th century, it would have been the falling of the iron curtain. Maybe for you in this century, it will be for you to believe and live in the power of the resurrection.

Trusting With You,

Pastor Guy

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### **ATTENTION CHURCH BOARD MEMBERS**

The Nominating Committee will be meeting in the near future to prepare the 2017-2018 Church Board Ballot. **PLEASE NOTE:** any commission member having served one (1) 5-year term is eligible to serve the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5-year term. Anyone having served two (2) consecutive 5-year terms needs to step down for one year. This will provide the opportunity for someone else to serve.

The Nominating committee is asking that each commission strive to nominate at least two (2) names to fulfill the open position on their commission.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries for April

3.	Chris Shroyer	
4.	Adriene Punako	
5.	David Felton	
	Shawn Toth	
6.	Kevin Sabo	
7.	Calvin Hostetler	
	Dolores Lape	<b>85</b>
8.	Ryan Beahr	
	Ray Stevens	<b>81</b>
9.	Gladys Holsopple	<b>90</b>
	Travis Kane	
	John Shaffer	<b>83</b>
	Floyd Shaffer	<b>87</b>
	Dan Stutzman	
10.	Connie Martin	
11.	Patsy Shaffer	<b>84</b>
12.	Nancy Dunmyer	
	Phyllis Thomas	<b>88</b>
13.	Patty Miller	
15.	David Martin	
16.	Chet Thomas	<b>73</b>
17.	Don Thomas	<b>85</b>
18.	Katie Bedrin	
	Ray Shaffer	
20.	Mearl Horner	<b>76</b>
21.	George and Cathy Neuhof	
22.	Jim Moran	
	Sandy Watkins	<b>73</b>
24.	Marilyn Luprek	<b>71</b>
29.	Colton Furry	
30.	Dave and Missy Felton	

### St Francis Sharing & Caring Food Pantry:

St. Francis is changing how they ask for donations. They ask that we donate **CEREAL for the entire year of 2017**. There is a box in the annex for the donations.

The Food Pantry is open the first Monday and Wednesday of every month at the old bank in Hollsopple if you are in need of extra food. Thanks to all who donate to this community effort.

The new **Thrift Shop** is now open. Why not stop in and check it out. They are looking for additional volunteers.



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

SFC George Adams Army  
 GUNRY SSGT Brock Hemminger Marines  
 SGT Adam Veres Army Specialist (Whitney Weimer)  
 Jonathan Zanoni US Coast Guard (Cayla Roberts)  
 CAPTAIN Mark Bedrin Army (Katie McDonald)  
 Van Lisbon Navy (Adda Marian)  
 LT COMMANDER Eric Walker -Navy (Holly Berke)  
 PVT Sierra Alwine, Army  
 A1C/ Nathan Pahel - Air Force - (Annie Bridge)

### Military Prayer Board

Let us pray for those in the military. If you have a loved one serving in the military service, the Missions & Service Commission would like to add them to a Military Prayer Board in the church lobby. Please bring a photo and any info you'd like to share to the church office.

### **Please remember those from our Visitation List**

Minnie Barkley	Concordia of the South Hills 1300 Bower Hill Rd, Rm A343 Pittsburgh, PA 15243
Jane Moss	1118 Coach Rd., Lilly, PA 15938
Gale Shipley	51 Akers Street, Johnstown
Donald Stutzman	960 Woodstown Hwy,
Cliff & Sally Stutzman	“ “
Don Thomas	902 Rolling Hill Rd. Boswell,
Jim Moran	1056 Soap Hollow Rd
Betty Shaffer	Richland Woods, Jtwn,
Euldean Shields	Brethren Home
Edna Mae Thomas	Brethren Home
Shawn Toth	1500 Moonlite Park Rd

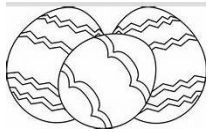
## Hope Service

The Hope Service will be held Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> during the Morning Worship Service. This is a time to remember those who have gone to their Heavenly Home this past year.

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## EASTER LILIES

You may place a lily on the altar for Easter Sunday in memory/honor of loved ones. Envelopes are available in the annex and need to be prepaid by April 2. The cost is \$8.50. Please fill out an envelope and place it in the offering plate. Please indicate how many lilies you want and include a check or cash. Thank you...



## EASTER EGG HUNT

Maple Spring will sponsor a community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8, 2017, at 1 p.m.

Weather permitting the hunt will be at the grove. If the weather is inclement it will be held in the Fellowship Hall. There will be devotions, and activities for the children such as face painting and of course a Easter Egg hunt. Watch the bulletin for additional details.

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## **Conemaugh Twp. Area Ministries Easter Cantata**



The Cantata, "What Love is This" will be performed at Kaufman Mennonite Church on **Palm Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**

They would like to have a **Children's Bell Choir** perform also at the April 9 service. If your child would like to participate, there will be a practice April 2 at Kaufman Mennonite Church from 4 – 4:30 pm.



## GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

**Good Friday Services**, sponsored by the CTAM will be held Friday, April 14 from 1 – 3 pm at Bethel United Methodist church in Hollsopple. Speakers are: Pastor Dave Bowman, Bethel United Methodist; Pastor Nila Cogan, St. Thomas Lutheran; Pastor Wes Yoder, Kaufman Mennonite Church Pastor Brian Simons, Tire Hill CoB.

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## Sunrise Service

6:30 am  
April 16, 2017  
On the hill in the cemetery  
(weather permitting)



## **Family Night Talent Show**



On Sunday, April 30, at 6:00 p.m., we will hold a Maple Spring Talent Night. A talent can be singing, reading, playing an instrument, or something similar. It could also be displaying or telling about a talent you have like painting, woodworking, sewing, or any other crafty thing you do. No need to sign up, just come and share. Please consider what God given talent you have and bring it!

*Please direct questions to Diane Bridge*

Dates to remember...

**APRIL**



2<sup>nd</sup> .....9:30 am Sunday School  
          10:35 am Traditional Service (Hope Service)  
          .....Junior Church  
          .....Preschool Church  
          .....5:30 – 6 pm Children’s Choir  
4<sup>th</sup> .....9 – 2:00 pm Humble Hands  
8<sup>th</sup> .....Easter Egg Hunt  
9<sup>th</sup> ..... **PALM SUNDAY**  
          .....9:30 am Sunday School  
          .....10:35 am Traditional Service (Palm Sunday)  
          .....Junior Church  
          .....Preschool Church  
          .....5:30 – 6 pm Children’s Choir  
          .....6 – 7:30 pm Kidz Club  
          .....7 pm CTAM **Easter Cantata** at Kaufman  
                  Mennonite church  
11<sup>th</sup> .....9 – 2:00 pm Humble Hands  
          .....7 pm **Deacon Meeting**  
13<sup>th</sup> .....7 pm **Maundy Thursday** Love Feast &  
          Communion  
14<sup>th</sup> .....1 – 3 pm **Good Friday** Service at Bethel  
          United Methodist Church in Hollsopple  
16<sup>th</sup> ..... **EASTER SUNDAY**  
          .....6:30 am Sunrise Service  
          .....9:30 am Sunday School  
          .....10:35 am Traditional Service  
          .....Junior Church  
          .....Preschool Church  
18<sup>th</sup> .....9 – 2:00 pm Humble Hands  
20<sup>th</sup> .....7 pm. **Board Meeting**  
22<sup>nd</sup> .....3 – 6 pm W.F. **Chicken BBQ**  
23<sup>rd</sup> .....8:15 am Contemporary Service  
          .....9:30 am Sunday School  
          .....10:35 am Traditional Service  
          .....Junior Church  
          .....Preschool Church  
          .....5:30 – 6 pm Children’s Choir  
          .....6 – 7:30 pm Kidz Club  
          .....6 – 7:30 pm Family Night

25<sup>th</sup> .....9 – 2:00 pm Humble Hands  
27<sup>th</sup> .....7 pm **COUNCIL MEETING**

30<sup>th</sup> .....8:15 am Contemporary Service  
          .....9:30 am Sunday School  
          .....10:35 am Traditional Service  
          .....Junior Church  
          .....Preschool Church  
          .....5:30 – 6 pm Children’s Choir  
          .....6 – 7:30 pm Kidz Club  
          .....6 – 7:30 pm Family Night

**Please note** – Commissions usually meet the second Thursday of April. Due to the fact that we have Love Feast and Communion on Maundy Thursday (April 13), please plan on meeting another day.

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**BIBLE SCHOOL**

Bible School will be held June 26 to 29. There will be a Bible School Program at 7 p.m. on July 2.

While you are doing your spring cleaning – we are looking for some items for Bible School:

- Vases
- Flower Pots – all sizes, shapes, plastic & clay
- Fake plants & greens
- Baskets – all sizes

These items would not be given back. Place items in the Children’s library

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**Women’s Fellowship Chicken BBQ**

**April 22, 2017**  
**3 – 6 p.m.**

Women’s Fellowship” Chicken Barbeque is scheduled for April 22, 2017. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 11 and under. Meal includes ½ Chicken, baked potato, baked beans, applesauce, roll and dessert. Donations benefit the Women’s Fellowship.

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The **Humble Hands Group** of the Woman's Fellowship is back into full swing. On February 7 we met for the first time in 2017. The object of the day was to craft some Valentines which were delivered to The Church of the Brethren Home and also to our older members here at church. We also enjoyed homemade soup.

Our organizational meeting was held February 14. We will continue to make knotted quilts for The Church of the Brethren Home. The quilts take a beating in the commercial washing machines, so there is always a need for them. We completed one and have several lined up to knot at the present time.

A new project was brought to our attention and we are so excited about it! We will begin to make Alzheimer/Dementia Quilts. This is a lap size quilt which has items on it for patients to keep busy while also providing soothing comfort. They will be given to The Somerset County Area Agency on Aging and other facilities. We will be sure to update you on this project. It is our hope to also make these available to you.

We have the shelves in the Library/Prayer Room filled with prayer shawls for you the congregation to give out as you wish at no charge. Be aware that each shawl is different so you may need to pull it out of the bag to take a look at it. We have a variety of sizes which include a lap robe, a V shaped shawl and the standard rectangle type. We also have several prayer blankets for infants or toddlers. These can be used for a healthy or an ill child who is need of an extra bit of comfort. Each shawl is in a protected bag with a card enclosed. Please record the information in the notebook to reduce duplicate giving. If you are interested in making a prayer shawl, the approximate size should be 26 to 28" wide and 58 to 60" long. We have some yarn to share or you could use your own favorite type.

Local school children continue to be on our hearts. Last year we provided hats, scarves and mittens to Conemaugh Township and North Star School Districts. We will continue to do this as long as there is a need. Again we encourage you to sew, crochet or knit these winter items at home and drop them off in the Humble Hands Room.

April 4 will be the day scheduled to clean the kitchen. This may sound humdrum but we actually have a lot of fun that day. Please mark your calendar and join us.

Many hands make the work light and we would love to have more Humble Hands join us. We have several things that you can do in the comfort of your own home. Please join us each Tuesday from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. in The Humble Hands Room in the Fellowship. Bring a lunch because we always enjoy breaking bread together!

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### **DISTRICT WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

The District Women's Ministries invite you to "A Lovely Brunch" being held at the Plumcreek Church of the Brethren on Thursday, April 20, 2017. Registration starts at 9:15 a.m. – Singing at 9:50 a.m. and The Welcome at 10 a.m. While we savor a scrumptious brunch, Rev. Sandra Peterman will be sharing with us, "The Woman God Sees – Mirror, Mirror on the Wall". The cost is \$10 each and must be paid in advance with your reservation. Make checks to: District Women's Fellowship. Please contact Connie Martin by April 3, if you would like to attend.

### **CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN HOME**

**COB Home...Shoe Project.** We are once again collecting new or used shoes as a fund raiser for the Home. Place a rubber band around each pair and place it in the box by the elevator in the lobby.

The Annual Resident & Family **Spring Tea** at the Brethren Home will be held Sunday, April 23, from 2 – 4 p.m.

**Dime-a-week** money is due Sunday, April 30. You may put it in the offering plate, or give it to Patty Koba, Women's Fellowship Treasurer.



Maple Spring Church of the Brethren  
Mother Daughter Banquet

What's In Your Purse?



Saturday, May 13, 2017

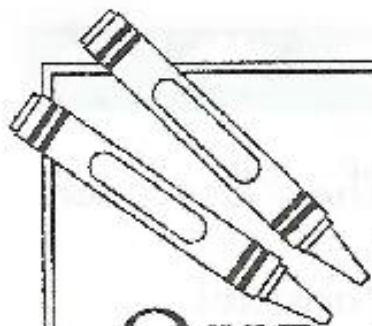
5:00 p.m.

Tickets will go on sale April 23

Watch the bulletin for more information







# Just for **KIDS**

## OUR LIVING HOPE

Easter is a time to rejoice because of what God did for us in sending his Son. Jesus is our living hope. Read 1 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV) below. Then find the bold words in the crossword search.

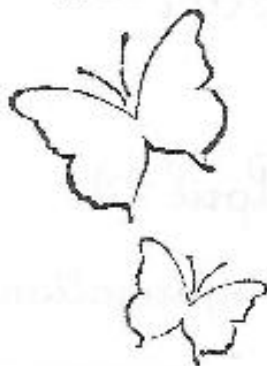
**"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade — kept in heaven for you ...."**



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# OTHER SPRINGS to MAPLE SPRING

## **Without Easter**

Without Easter,  
there would be no hope of heaven.  
Without the hope of heaven,  
there would be no repentance,  
no personal transformation,  
no attempt to follow biblical principles.

Without Easter,  
the world would be in chaos  
and darkness.  
Jesus' death and resurrection  
means we can be reborn,  
to live better, to do better,  
to shine light into the shadows.

Hallelujah!  
Happy, Happy Easter.

*By Joanna Fuchs*

