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# Water Cup



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*For to us a child is born  
To us a son is given,  
And the government will be on his shoulders.  
And He will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

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

**PRAYER PARTNERS DECEMBER**

Sally Kaufman  
Elsie Michael  
Deanna Fisher  
Mary Borosky  
Connie Martin



and Arlene Stevens  
and Edna Mae Thomas  
and Marlin Mishler  
and Arbutus Blough  
and Patty (M) Shaffer

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

*Reminder...Berkey Church of the Brethren is our prayer  
partner church for the year 2016. Let us at Maple Spring  
keep them in our prayers.*

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

Dawn Cable  
Shawn Toth

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

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**Congratulations....**

We extend our congratulations to  
Jennifer Stutzman and Josh Hauser  
who were married on October 29.



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

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**Baby Dedication...**

Harrison Vaughn, son of Josh and  
Jennifer Hauser, was dedicated  
November 6, 2016, during the  
Morning Worship Service.



*May they grow as Jesus grew.  
Luke 2:52*

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**The parent's life is the child's copy-book.**  
*John Partridge*



*Dear Church Family and Friends,*

*Wendy and I want to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very blessed and joyous Christmas season.*

*Seven hundred years before Jesus was born God used the prophet Isaiah to prophesy, "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6). Isaiah also writes, "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy."*

*Light is best seen in darkness. We all know that spiritual "darkness" is all around us today. However, the church of the Lord Jesus exists to help dispel the darkness. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life," (John 8:12).*

*Yes, Jesus was born in a manger long ago, but He is still waiting to be "born" into the hearts and lives of those who have yet to accept Him as Lord and Savior. May we all take advantage of every opportunity to allow the Holy Spirit to use us to dispel the darkness. May we take advantage of every opportunity to lead others to Christ.*

*It is a joy for us to be co-laborers with you in the Kingdom of God. Let us move forward into 2017 relying on the Holy Spirit to meet our every need as we share the Gospel in our local communities and beyond. Let us continue to encourage each other and draw strength from each other to do our best for our Lord. Our Heavenly Father gave us His best. Let us also give Him our best.*

*Merry Christmas! We love each of you!  
Pastor Guy and Wendy Myers*



## Birthdays and Anniversaries for December

- |     |   |          |
|-----|---|----------|
| 1.  | Wade Thomas   | 82       |
| 2.  | Roger Brewer<br>Dawn Cable                              |          |
| 4.  | Owen Stevens  | 92       |
| 5.  | Alan Baraniak<br>Lynn Brewer<br>Edna Mae Thomas         | 88       |
| 6.  | Arbutus Blough<br>Sally Stutzman                        | 80<br>83 |
| 12. | Mya Kane<br>Laurel Rosenbaum                            |          |
| 13. | Anna Hostetler  |          |
| 14. | Harold & Reta Alwine                                    | 63       |
|     | Monica Shaffer  |          |
| 15. | Alison Luprek<br>Desiree Toth                           |          |
| 16. | Richard Good<br>Jordan Pribish<br>Jordan Shroyer        |          |
| 17. | Logan Lichvar   |          |
| 18. | Sherry Schulz   |          |
| 19. | Tom Keim  | 80       |
|     | Michael Lysic   |          |
| 22. | Dale & Gloria Holder                                    |          |
| 23. | Richard Mostoller                                       |          |
| 24. | Betty Shaffer   | 81       |
| 25. | JESUS<br>George Neuhof<br>Dave Piskuric                 |          |
| 26. | Harrison Hauser<br>Cathi Neuhof                         |          |
| 27. | Carol Leverknight<br>Nevada Stutzman<br>Brenda Williams |          |
| 28. | Amy Fisher  |          |
| 29. | Renee Hostetler   |          |
| 30. | Holly Walker  |          |

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### St Francis Sharing & Caring Food Pantry:

The food items for December is Peanut Butter & Spaghetti Sauce. 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.



**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.

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### 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
Anna Ruth Spangler	Arbutus Manor, Rm 103,
Donald Stutzman	960 Woodstown Hwy,
Cliff & Sally Stutzman	“ “
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

# Deacon Ministry

...Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

All because of the manger . . . . .

For this is how God loved the world: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

Love is Born  
Hope is Here

The joy and promise of Christmas is that the miracle of Bethlehem still happens.

God enters into the reality of our everyday lives and loves us.

So we open wide our hearts to receive the Christ child with joy.

Luke's account of this day:

Mary and Joseph –

Under take a long journey under not the best of conditions.

The Christ child –

Is born in a humble stable.

The Angel of the Lord –

Brings good news of great joy to the shepherds.

The heavenly host –

Praise God

The Shepherds –

Are at first afraid but they receive and share the good news.

All –

Who hear the good news are amazed.

Mary –

Treasures up and ponders all she has experienced.

Luke pointed out a contrast, all who heard were amazed, but Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. Treasured up and pondered means to keep safe and close, to protect and preserve.

During Advent we have a chance to reflect on the many gifts we receive from Jesus.

Hope – Peace – Joy – Love

Treasure and ponder these gifts, always thanking God for them and inviting Him to reveal to you something of himself.

Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace . . . . .

Immanuel – the promise kept.

All because of the manger.

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call Him Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**  
**CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP**

**December 6, 6 p.m.**

You are invited to bring your favorite covered dish to our Christmas Dinner on December 6, at 6 p.m. Come enjoy the food and fellowship and bring your family along to ring in the Christmas Season.

The Women's Fellowship

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**CHURCH FAMILY**  
**CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP**

**December 11, 2017**

Our Christmas Fellowship meal will be held Sunday, December 11, immediately following the Morning Worship service. Please bring at least 1 dozen cookies to share and if you choose to donate a second dozen cookies they will be sent to Saturday's Kitchen in Johnstown. Come and fellowship with us as we prepare to celebrate Christmas.

The Christian Education Commission

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**CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS**

Are you looking for that little extra gift? Why not consider a cookbook by the Women's Fellowship. You can find them on the shelf in the church office. The cost is \$10.00

AND

The Brethren Home Auxiliary has Eat-N-Park coupons. The cost is \$10.00. See Sharon Toth or Nancy Gindlesperger.

OR

"Our Stories" a daily devotional book that features thoughts and writing from folks in our district. Our Stories: A Testimony to God's Faithfulness is available at the District office. We invite you to get one for yourself and several for friends and family. What a great Christmas gift to share with someone who needs encouragement in their faith!

The cost will be \$13 for 1 book or \$10 if you order 10 or more books. Checks should be made payable to Western PA District with "Book Order" in the memo line.



**LIVE NATIVITY**  
**Greenhouse Park**  
**December 9, & 10, 2016**



Friday – December 9, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday – December 10, 2:00– 8:00 p.m.

Come and tour Bethlehem as you follow the path to the Christ Child.

Visit – the Shepherds; Census Tent; Elizabeth, Mary and the Angel Gabriel; Mary, Joseph and the Angel; the Magi; the Stable and the Inn (where refreshments will be served.)

The event is sponsored by the Conemaugh Township Area Ministries and benefits St. Francis Sharing & Caring. Please bring canned goods or monetary donation to pay your taxes.

This is a walking tour so please dress for the weather.

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**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

The Christmas Eve service led by the Youth will be held an hour earlier this year due to the fact that Christmas is on a Sunday. The service will be held at 9 p.m.

Dates to remember...



**December**

- 4<sup>th</sup> .....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**
- .....6:30–8 pm... **Youth Christmas Party** at the Farm
- 6<sup>th</sup> .....6:00 pm **WF Christmas Fellowship**
- 9<sup>th</sup> .....5 – 8:00 pm **LIVE NATIVITY**
- 10<sup>th</sup> .....2 – 8:00 pm **LIVE NATIVITY**
- 11<sup>th</sup> .....9:30 am Sunday School
- .....10:35 am Traditional Service
- .....Junior Church
- .....Preschool Church
- .....**Christmas Family Fellowship**
- .....5:30 – 6 pm **Children’s Choir**
- .....6 – 7:30 pm **Kidz Club**
- .....6 – 7:30 pm **Family Night**
- 18<sup>th</sup> .....9:30 am Sunday School
- .....10:35 am Traditional Service-**Choir Cantata**
- .....Junior Church
- .....Preschool Church
- .....5:30 – 6 pm **Children’s Choir**
- .....6 – 7:30 pm **Kidz Club**
- .....6 – 7:30 pm **Family Night**
- 24<sup>th</sup> .....9:00 pm **Christmas Eve Service**
- 25<sup>th</sup> .....**HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!**
- .....9:30 am Sunday School
- .....10:35 am Traditional Service
- .....Junior Church
- .....Preschool Church

**NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER**

- Dec. 4           Eva McDannell
- Dec. 11         Rachel Weible
- Hattie Mostoller
- Dec. 18         Rebecca & Logan Lichvar
- Dec. 25         Amy Conrad
- Emma Fisher

**CONTEMPORARY SERVICE**

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

New Address:

Nathan & Annie Pahel  
1253 Nez Perce Dr  
Colorado Springs, Co 80915

**HOME AUXILIARY UPDATE**

The following purchases were made at the August Home Auxiliary meeting.

CPR Mannequins and Teaching DVD	\$600
Dishwashing Trays	\$140
Wood Chipper	\$625
Board Games	\$ 60
Chair Alarms	\$270
Skin Sleeves	\$120

**Total Expenditures:                                 \$       1,815**

**Shoe Project Report** - The latest shoe project was a great success. Over 4,250 pairs of shoes were shipped on August 1, and less than a week later, a profit check of \$1,611 was received. For the next few months we will not be actively seeking shoe donations, but any church that has shoes may still deliver them to the Activities department.

**Activities of Daily Living Suite** – To compliment the range of therapies already available at the Home, an Activities of Daily Living suite is under construction. The suite will consist of a working kitchen, bedroom, and living area. Therapy residents will use the suite to practice household skills under the direction of their therapists. The opportunity to re-master actual life skills raises the confidence of the residents and increases their success rate in returning to independent living situations.

**Christmas Cards** will be delivered by the Youth again this year. Please have your cards placed in the mailbox located in the elevator lobby by December 11, 2016 so that they may be sorted and delivered by Christmas.



## Family Night

The Ministry and Evangelism Commission is sponsoring Family Night each Sunday Night from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship with your church family. There will be Kidz Club for the children ages Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade and activities and refreshments for everyone else. This is an informal evening in which members of the congregation can enjoy listening to special guests, attend a Bible Study, share pictures of trips and other adventures, or play games while enjoying a time of socializing and getting to know each other better.



On November 13, Josh Hauser talked about his job as Director of Veteran's Affairs of Cambria County. Thank you, Josh, for this informative evening explaining the benefits available, and to the veterans who joined us and shared about their own service.



On December 11, we will have a Family Night Christmas Party! Please join us as we sing Christmas carols, read Christmas stories, decorate Christmas cookies, and just have fun celebrating Christmas with our church family!



We are very excited about a Sunday Night Bible Study that will give members another option for participation in Family Night.



We will also have evenings of playing games and just spending time being together as a family.



We have had a suggestion to hold a Maple Spring Talent Night. We will plan on having it sometime next spring so think about a talent and practice over the winter!



Watch your bulletin and future newsletters for more on this opportunity to fellowship with your congregation!

*Please direct questions or ideas to Diane Bridge*

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### CHOIR CANTATA



The choir will present a mini-musical, *Season of Hope*, by Don Moe and Luke Gambill, during the Morning Worship Service on December 18. This musical reconnects the heart with the wonder of our Savior's birth and the everlasting hope we find only in Him. Come and hear these seasonal melodies as we lift high the name of Christ - our ultimate hope.

# Nativity Word Scramble

All these words come from the Christmas story. Can you unscramble them?

1. STRA      -----
2. MAGREN      -----
3. MYAR      -----
4. SEPHE      -----
5. DOEYKN      -----
6. AEGLN      -----
7. JPHOES      -----
8. JSSEU      -----
9. KIGSN      -----
10. STBALE      -----



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Address Service Requested

# OTHER SPRINGS to MAPLE SPRING

## The Lord's Light Within

By M.S. Lowndes

Lord, we reflect with thankful hearts  
On the wonder of your birth  
The love you expressed when you left  
Your glory to come to earth

For your life was like a beacon, Lord  
Shining brightly in the night  
Filling the world with the radiance of  
The Father's glorious light

And we, too, long to have inside  
Your light for others to see  
The beautiful reflection of your grace  
And the wonder of your majesty

For as your life indwells our hearts,  
We can shine wherever we are  
And arise to take hold of each new day  
With your light ablaze in our hearts

So rekindle the flame within us, Lord  
So it will not flicker nor dim  
Ignite us with the light of your love,  
So you will shine brightly within.