

# *Maple Spring*

# *Water Cup*



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*God's Love Never Fails*

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  
March 2017  
February 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 FEBRUARY**

Deanna Fisher  
Mary Borosky  
Connie Martin  
Patty (M) Shaffer  
Arbutus Blough



and Elsie Michael  
and Sally Kaufman  
and Arlene Stevens  
and Edna Mae Thomas  
and Marlin Mishler

*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.*

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

Chamayne Miller  
Shawn Toth

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

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**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP  
WINTER PROJECT**



During the month of February we help to raise funds for the Auxiliary of the Church of the Brethren Home in Windber by collecting donations for their **Winter Project**. If you would like to contribute to this project, please put your contribution in an envelope marked "Women's Fellowship Winter Project" and place it in the offering plate or give it to Patty Koba or Linda Baraniak.

All money received is used to benefit the residents of the Brethren Home.



**SOUPER BOWL SOUP SALE**

The youth will be selling soup for Super Bowl Sunday. You can order Potato or Vegetable Soup by the quart. The cost is \$8.00. There are sign up sheets on the bulletin board and in the Sunday School classrooms.

# From the Pastor.....

## “FRUIT THAT IS NEVER OUT OF SEASON”

Immediately following the Christmas season, Valentine’s Day cards were available everywhere. In a just a few short days the words, “ I love you” will be heard and spoken by many. What does that word, “love” really mean?

“Love” has been known to produce broken hearts and goose bumps, loss of appetites and starry eyes. “Love” has inspired some to die and others to kill. It’s been said that “love makes the world go ‘round.” That may be true but it also seems to cause a lot of confusion in the process.

I believe there are a few misconceptions about “love.” One is, “Love is only a feeling.” Some people think that love is some kind of an emotion. It’s a knot in your stomach, a certain kind of physical feeling that you have. People talk about falling into love and out of love, which basically means we either feel emotion or we don’t feel emotion.

Another misconception about love is, “Love is uncontrollable.” When people talk about experiencing love they say, “I feel giddy,” or “My head is spinning,” or “I’m weak in my knees.”



What really is love and what does it look like? The word of God states that...

- 1) Love is a fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22). This fruit is never out of season.
- 2) Love is a matter of choice. *“But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.”* (Colossians 3:14) God would not ask us to put on something we could not control, or could only feel.
- 3) God’s word also states that love is a matter of conduct. *“My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth,”* (I John 3:18). Love is more than what we say, it’s a behavior. The fruit of love makes allowances for one another’s faults, turns the other cheek, goes the second mile and causes us to be patient with others. Isn’t that the way Jesus loves you and me? Jesus said, *“Love one another as I have loved you,”* (John 15:12).

May the fruit of love, the fruit that is never out of season, be evident in our homes and in our church family. For Jesus said, *“By this shall all men know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”* (John 13:35)

Serving With You,  
Pastor Guy

## Birthdays and Anniversaries for February

- |     |                          |   |
|-----|--------------------------|---|
| 1.  | Breanna Williams         |   |
| 2.  | Cliff and Sally Stutzman |    |
| 4.  | Ethan Pribish            |   |
|     | Faith Safko              |   |
| 6.  | Diana Croyle             |   |
|     | Emma Thomas              | <b>92</b>   |
| 7.  | Tabitha Blanset          |   |
| 8.  | Grace Hostetler          |   |
| 9.  | Emily Felton             |   |
| 10. | Elsie Michael            | <b>85</b>   |
|     | Bill Watkins             | <b>73</b>   |
| 11. | Brenda Brewer            |   |
|     | Emily Bridge             |   |
|     | Lila Hershberger         | <b>76</b>   |
|     | Mary Edna Stevenson      | <b>97</b>   |
| 13. | Gloria Holder            |   |
|     | Barb Korber              |   |
|     | Marlin Mishler           | <b>83</b>   |
| 15. | Ruth Friedline           | <b>86</b>   |
| 16. | Josh and Eva McDannell   |   |
| 17. | Ron Punako               |   |
|     | Carol Rose               | <b>77</b>   |
| 18. | Wendy Myers              |   |
|     | Dan Sinclair             | <b>74</b>   |
| 19. | Samantha Shaffer         |   |
| 20. | George Adams, IV         |   |
| 22. | Audrey Hoffman           |   |
|     | Ron Weible               |   |
|     | Ray and Ruth Mishler     |  |
| 26. | Tracey Seganos           |   |

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### St Francis Sharing & Caring Food Pantry:

The food items for February are sugar, cereal/oatmeal and rice. 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.

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A new **Flower Chart** posted in the elevator lobby for If you would like to dedicate the altar flowers to a loved one, please sign your name on the date and pick up an envelope. The cost is \$15.00 and you just put the money in the envelope and place it in the offering plate. After the Morning Worship Service you may take the flowers home to be enjoyed.



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

SFC George Adams Army  
 GUNRY SSGT Brock Hemmingher 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	“ “
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

# Deacon Ministry

...Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

Some Bible Scholars believe that Paul's letter to the Romans is truly the most important piece in the New Testament. It is purest Gospel. It is well worth a Christian's while to occupy himself with it daily, as though it were the daily bread of the soul. It is impossible to read or to meditate on this letter too much or too well. The more one deals with it, the more precious it becomes and the better it tastes.

At the center of it all is Romans 12:12. It reads as follows: "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." This means focusing ones energies in the proper direction. In these verses (and others in Romans), Paul teaches the true liturgy and makes all Christians priests, so that they may offer, not money or cattle, as priests do in the Law, but their own bodies, by putting their desires to death. To live out this important instruction is to do battle with the flesh on a daily basis. Think about it; hope comes and goes as "life" happens to us. We are torn by all the "stuff" life sends our way. We give away our joy and our patience to situations and conflict. And sometimes we get lazy in our prayer life. We must "be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer". Here Paul describes the outward conduct of Christians whose lives are governed by the Spirit; he tells how they teach, preach, rule, serve, give, suffer, love, live and act toward friend, foe and everyone with whom they have contact. These are the works that a Christian does so that faith is not idle.



## Family Night

The Ministry and Evangelism Commission sponsors 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 is 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 or play games while enjoying a time of socializing and getting to know each other better.



On January 15, Loni Stankan, Director of Common Grounds Outreach (CGO) talked about this organization and the various outreach projects associated with it. CGO is dedicated to mentoring youth to serve in their communities and foster life-giving relationships firmly rooted in Christ. This proved to be a very informative evening as we learned about this local organization and its availability to our youth.



There will be no Family Night on February 5. Enjoy the Super Bowl!



On February 12 we would like to have some of our young couples play in a Maple Spring Family Night **Newlywed Game!** If you would like to participate as a contestant please contact Diane Bridge. Join us as we see how well they know each other. This should be a fun evening



Other evenings we play games and just spend time being together as a church family



We have had a suggestion to hold a Maple Spring Talent Night. We will plan on having it in March so think about a talent and keep practicing!



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

*Please direct questions or ideas to Diane Bridge.*

Dates to remember...

**February**



5th .....9:30 am Sunday School  
.....10:35 am Traditional Service  
(Youth Soup Sale)  
.....Junior Church  
.....Preschool Church  
.....5:30 – 6 pm **Children’s Choir**  
.....6 – 7:30 pm **Kidz Club**  
.....6 – 7:30 pm **Family Night**  
7<sup>th</sup>.....9 – 2:00 pm **Humble Hands**  
12th.....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**  
14<sup>th</sup>.....9 – 2:00 pm **Humble Hands**  
18<sup>th</sup>.....5:30 pm **Game Dinner**  
19th... .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**  
21<sup>st</sup>.....9 – 2:00 pm **Humble Hands**  
26<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**  
28<sup>th</sup>.....9 – 2:00 pm **Humble Hands**

**NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY**

2/5 Eva McDannell  
2/12 Rachel Weible & Hattie Mostoller  
2/19 Rebecca & Logan Lichvar  
2/26 Amy Conrad & Emma Fisher

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**ATTENTION MEN’S FELLOWSHIPS**

We are in the process of preparing for the up-coming Annual Game Dinner on February 18, 2017. The following agenda is the scheduled work days for the preparation:

**January 31, 2017 – 9:30 a.m.** make meatballs and Amish steak.

**February 16, 2017 – 9:30 a.m.** Preparing bear, pheasant & squirrel.

**February 17, 2017 – 8:00 a.m.** Setting up tables in the Fellowship Hall.

**Your participation is needed** to make the Game Dinner a success!

**MEN’S FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR FOR 2017**

**February – Annual Game Dinner**

February 28, 2017. 5:30 p.m.

Your contribution of wild game is needed and appreciated to make our dinner a success.

**March – Men’s Prayer Breakfast**

March 18, 2017 7:30 a.m.

Guest Speaker: Gideon International.

**August – Annual Corn Roast** at the church grove.

August 10, 2017 6:00 p.m.

Tentative Guest speaker: Frank Young.

**September – Elk Viewing Trip**

**September 14, 2017.**

**Correction - Please note the date . The one printed last month was wrong.**

# Be Refreshed at Sweet Life Café!

**Yes, this café-themed getaway is as relaxing and refreshing as it sounds!** Get away from the busyness of life as you relax with friends, share laughter and stories, and spend time with God. Join us at our Sweet Life Café retreat to experience all this and more!

**March 11, 2017 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

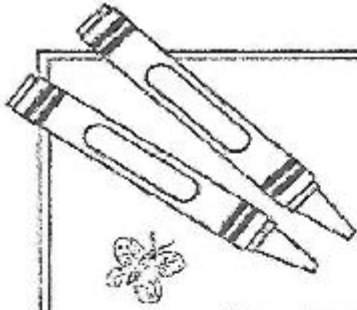
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**To Register: Send Check for \$25 along with registration form or Name, Address, Phone number and Special needs information to the above address no later than February 20, 2017. Make checks payable to Sisters in Christ Women's Ministry.**



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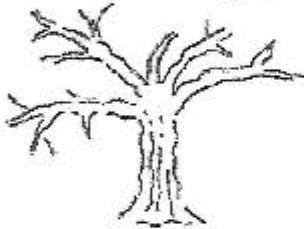
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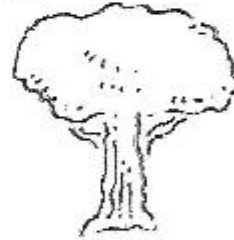
Changes

Everyone experiences changes in life. Sometimes they make us happy - sometimes not! What does the Bible say about this?

Find Ecclesiastes 3:1 below. Change some letters - then read the verse.



- Change:
- W's to N's
- L's to T's
- Z's to O's
- J's to E's
- P's to H's
- Q's to I's
- X's to R's
- K's to S's
- B's to A's



" L P J X J Q S B

L Q M J F Z X

J V J X Y L P Q W G' B W D

B K J B K Z W F Z X

J V J X Y B C L Q V Q L Y

U W D J X P J B V J W "

# OTHER SPRINGS to MAPLE SPRING

## God's Words about Love

- ♥ *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who **love** him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28*
- ♥ *But God demonstrates his own **love** for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8*
- ♥ *But the fruit of the Spirit is **love**, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness. Galatians 5:22*
- ♥ *"A new command I give you: **Love** one another. As I have **loved** you, so you must **love** one another." John 13:34*
- ♥ *Jesus replied: "**Love** the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." Matthew 22:37*

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