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Water Cup



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Happy New Year

2017



*Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous.
Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will
be with you wherever you go.
Joshua 1:9*

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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**WATER CUP DEADLINE FOR
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January 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 JANUARY

Elsie Michael
Deanna Fisher
Mary Borosky
Connie Martin
Patty (M) Shaffer



and Sally Kaufman
and Arlene Stevens
and Edna Mae Thomas
and Marlin Mishler
and Arbutus Blough

*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...

Will Hershberger
Anna Ruth Spangler
Shawn Toth

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

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

January 10 7 p.m. Deacons Meet
January 12 Commissions meet
January 19 7 p.m. **Board Meeting**
January 26 7 p.m. **COUNCIL MEETS**

All members of the congregation are welcome
and encouraged to attend our Council meeting.

NEW ADDRESS

Beginning January 4th Frank & Mona Blough will
have a new address:

1003 Wildflower Ct.
Davidsville, PA 15928

*In their hearts humans plan their course,
but the Lord establishes their steps.*

Proverbs 16:9

From the Pastor.....

“THE RELIABILITY OF GOD’S PROMISES”

Has anyone ever broken a promise they made to you? I’m sure we all have experienced that a time or two. Our response to promises made to us usually depends upon two factors;

- 1) Who is making the promise? (Have they proven to be a trustworthy person?)
- 2) Does our mind think it is “do-able?”

I recently read the following words on the front of a greeting card I received, *“Some things haven’t changed. The promises of God are still true. God is still on the throne, The angels are still watching out for God’s children, and the Holy Spirit is still the comforter.”*

As we enter into the year 2017, we need to constantly remember that in the midst of a fast paced and constantly changing world, God’s Word and promises remain the same. *“For no matter how many promises God has made, they are ‘Yes’ in Christ. And so through Him the ‘Amen’ is spoken by us to the glory of God.”* (2 Corinthians 1:20 N.I.V.).

Let us enter this new year with confidence in God and with great expectation as to what He will do in our midst. He wants you to realize and experience all of His promises that are available to you today and in this new year.

Trusting With You,


Pastor Guy



We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your words of encouragement and gifts of love during this Christmas season. It is our privilege and joy to be able to serve our Lord with you. It is our prayer that each of you will experience and very blessed New Year.

Love & Prayers,
Pastor Guy & Wendy

Birthdays and Anniversaries for January

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|-----|--|----|
| 1. | HAPPY NEW YEAR!! | |
| 2. | Mckinley Kane
Mark Shaffer | |
| 3. | Clair Rose | 78 |
| 4. | Duane & Diane Petet | |
| 9. | Connie Adams
Ashton Beahr
Andrew Beahr | |
| 11. | Stephen Patterson
Jonathan & Jamie Nicole Shaffer
Patty (M) Shaffer | |
| 12. | Mearl & Carole Horner.....  | |
| | David Patterson | |
| 14. | Lauren Brewer
Larry Graham | |
| 15. | Penny Hoffman | |
| 16. | William & Sandy Watkins | |
| 17. | Jeremy & Molly Stultz | |
| 18. | James Miller | 74 |
| | Walter & Marilyn Ullery | |
| 19. | Carole Horner | 74 |
| 23. | Harold Coughenour
Michael Seganos | |
| 24. | Keith Doyle | |
| 25. | David Fisher
Samantha Kane | |
| 26. | Shelli Lysic | |
| 28. | Ray Mishler | 81 |
| 29. | Missy Felton
Jeremey Stultz | |

St Francis Sharing & Caring Food Pantry:

The food items for January is Toilet Paper, Bar Soap & Flour. 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 note: The church office will be preparing a **2017 Directory**. If you have any corrections or additions to the old Directory please call the church office between 9 a.m. and 12 noon.



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
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, Jtown,
Euldean Shields	Brethren Home
Edna Mae Thomas	Brethren Home
Shawn Toth	1500 Moonlite Park Rd

Deacon Ministry

...Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

“Who Is Your Neighbor?”

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Matthew 22:39

Jesus answered the Jewish lawyer’s question, “Who is my neighbor?” with the parable of the Good Samaritan (*Luke 10:30-37*). In this familiar story, a Jewish man is beaten and left for dead on the road. A compassionate Samaritan rescues the man, even though Samaritans and Jews normally hated one another.

The point of the story is that your neighbor is whoever comes across your path with a need. Would you have reacted the way the Samaritan did if you had encountered the injured man along the side of the road? Hopefully you would not have passed him by, as the priest and Levite did in the story.

The lesson of the parable is not that you must stop and help everyone who has a flat tire, or that you have to give money to every panhandler you meet. But God wants you to be sensitive to such situations and willing to help if you think your assistance is the only aid the person is likely to receive. In other words, follow the Golden Rule: “Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also them.” (*Matthew 7:12*)

Sisters in Christ Spring Retreat March 11, 2017

Sisters in Christ invites you to the Sweet Life Café Retreat on March 11, 2017. The Retreat provides an experience that allows women to slow down and savor time with God and each other. It feels like a cozy day at your favorite coffee shop—where women can find rest, laugh, share their stories, and grow closer to each other and God.

*I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again.
Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.” —John 6:35*



Family Night

The Ministry and Evangelism Commission sponsors Family Night each Sunday Night from 6-8:30 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 6th 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 December 11, we had a Family Night Christmas Party! We sang Christmas carols, read Christmas stories, decorated Christmas cookies, and just had fun celebrating Christmas with our church family!



On January 15, Loni Stankan, Director of Common Grounds Outreach (CGO) will talk 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. Please plan on attending to learn more about this local organization and its availability to our youth.



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 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.

Dates to remember...



January

1st9:30 am Sunday School
.....10:35 am Traditional Service
.....Junior Church
.....Preschool Church
8th9:30 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**
9th.....12:30 pm **Women's Fellowship Cabinet Mtg.**
10th7 p.m. **Deacons Meet**
12th**Commissions Meet**
15th9:30 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**
19th.....**7 p.m. Board Meeting**
21st7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
22nd9:30 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**
26th**7:00 p.m. COUNCIL MEETING**
29th, 11th9:30 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**

Humble Hands will not meet this month.

NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

1/1 Molly & Jeremy Stultz
1/8 Krista & Monica Shaffer
1/15 Diana Croyle & Karen Nagyvathy
1/22 Alison & Kayla Luprek
1/29 Jamie & Ryan Beahr

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

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

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR FOR 2017

January - Men's Prayer Breakfast

January 21, 2017 7:30 a.m.
Guest Speaker: Tim Rigby.

February – Annual Game Dinner

February 28, 2017. 5:30 p.m.
Tickets go on sale January 2, 2017
Adult tickets \$10.00
Youth (11 and under) \$5.00

For tickets please contact:

Mike Stevens,
Dave Fisher,
Blaine Leverknight,
Church Office.

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 24, 2017.

OTHER SPRINGS to MAPLE SPRING

When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are departed,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,
Then the work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost - To heal the broken
To feed the hungry- To rebuild peace among brothers
To make music for all to hear!

Howard Thurman

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