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Blessed is
the nation
whose God
is the LORD.

Psalm 33:12

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.

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**WATER CUP DEADLINE FOR
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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 MAY

Marlin Mishler
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and Arbutus Blough
and Patty Shaffer
and Connie Martin
and Mary Borosky
and Deanna Fisher

*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.*

PSALM 33: 1 - 15

Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous;
It is fitting for the upright to praise him.
Praise the Lord with the harp;
Make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.
Sing to him a new song;
Play skillfully, and shout for joy.
For the word of the Lord is right and true;
He is faithful in all he does.
The Lord loves righteousness and justice;
The earth is full of his unfailing love
By the word of the Lord were the heavens made,
Their starry host by the breath of his mouth.
He gathers the waters of the sea into jars;
He puts the deep into storehouses.
Let all the earth fear the Lord;
Let all the people of the world revere him.
For he spoke, and it came to be;
He commanded, and it stood firm
The Lord foils the plans of the nations;
He thwarts the purposes of the peoples.
But the plan of the Lord stand firm forever.
The purposes of his heart through all
generations.
Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
The people he chose for his inheritance.
From heaven the Lord looks down and sees all
mankind;
From his dwelling place he watches all who live on
earth –
He who forms the heart of all.
Who considers everything they do.

From the Pastor.....

“TRUE FREEDOM”

Freedom is one of the most treasured things we have. We as Americans treasure our freedom. We thank God for our freedom. Many people have willingly risked and lost their lives in order to gain or preserve freedom.

Often times when we talk about the blessings we have in Christ we forget about the freedom that we have in Christ. We are free in Christ, but what exactly does that mean? Jesus said, *“If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free,”* (John 8:31,32).

Faith in Jesus sets us free from sin’s penalty. There is a penalty and consequence for sin. *“For the wages of sin is death,”* (Romans 6:23) Jesus’ death on the cross freed us from the penalty of sin. Jesus took upon himself our sin and encountered the wrath of God that was due so that we could be truly free from the penalty of sin. The reality is we owed a debt that we could not pay, and Christ paid a debt he did not owe. We are freed to have life to the fullest through faith in Jesus Christ.

Faith in Jesus also frees us from sin’s bondage so that no longer are we slaves to sin, but we are slaves to God. Those living outside of Christ have no realization of the bondage of sin, they have no idea how trapped and how miserable they really are.

Faith in Christ also frees us from Satan’s grasp. Many people have no idea of Satan’s grasp on their lives. Millions are under his power and control. *“And the Lord’s servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will,”* (2 Timothy 2:24-26).

Faith in Christ also frees us to serve. *“For it is God’s will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men. Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil, live as servants of God,”* (I Peter 2:15,16).

True freedom is having faith in Jesus Christ which in turn frees us to be who God intended us to be. True freedom is being free from the penalty and consequences of sin. True freedom is being a slave of righteousness. True freedom cannot exist apart from the truth. The truth is the Word of God. Jesus said, *“You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”*

Serving With You,

Pastor Guy

Birthdays and Anniversaries for July

1.	Douglas Baraniak Hattie Mostoller Euldean Shields	88
4	Linda Tresnicky	73
5	Vicki and Ed Desort	
6	Noah Stultz Tim and Robin Blanset	
8	Jennifer Sabo	
9	Grace Hostetler Tyler McIntosh Lois Spory Ashley Thompson Paul Tresnicky	
11	Thelma Keim	81
14	Levi Hostetler Dave and Kathy Patterson	
15	Braydon Beahr Bill and Patty Miller	
16	John and Patsy Shaffer	60
17	Arlene Stevens	94
18	Paul Hershberger Sue Stevens	78
19	Rebecca Lichvar	
20	Chris Hoffman	
21	Sally Kaufman Nicholas Grosik	84
22	Tim McDonald Jonathon Dunmyer Annie Pahel	
23	Randy and Suzanne Gary	
25	Joyce Napotnik Ralph Napotnik Leora Petet Allison Reed Alex Shroyer Tim and Cathy McDonald	73 76 95
26	Sharon Toth	70
27	Jacob Meyers	
28	Marlin Ott Alexandra Zambanini	79
29	Gary Martin Pat Shaffer	74
31	Jacob Desort Jennifer Slausenhaupt	



**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 Berk)
 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 343 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, Room 152C

DEACON MINISTRY

....Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

INDEPENDENCE --- DEPENDENCE

FREEDOM ---SECURITY

What makes you feel the most secure? Is it your life, your health, every-day circumstances, your finances, your faith? How did you get to that point in your life?

Maybe as a child you didn't have a home life that was strong in family relationships. Sometimes this makes us yearn to be independent, so we can change our circumstances and have that feeling of security. We feel we can make something of ourselves so we don't have to depend on-Others. Some of us succeed in doing that, while others may fail miserably and have to keep trying again and again.

GOD wants us to be strong and have a good life, but we must depend on HIM. to show us and lead us onto the right path.

Depending on the Lord is the best way to have our freedom and security in life. GOD made us to be close to Him and desire His guidance. We aren't weak if we need Him to protect and guide us. We are stronger when He controls our lives! Proverbs 2: 6a,8 says: "For the Lord gives wisdom. He guards the course of the just and protects the way of His faithful ones."

Independence Day is July 4th. Our country puts on big celebrations to commemorate our "Independence". Are your days "dependence" days or "independence" days? We can have a celebration every ~ if our days are "dependence" days because the Lord is leading us 24/7 and has complete control of our life! Dependence days give us freedom from Satan's power over us AND give us security of Eternal Life with Christ!

Our Faith should give us our strongest Security!

HAPPY DEPENDENCE DAYS

written by Carol Leverknight

SUMMER NURSERY SCHEDULE

Dates to remember...

JULY



2nd8:15 a.m. Contemporary Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:35 a.m. Traditional Service
 4th **Independence Day**
 9th8:15 Contemporary Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:35 a.m. Traditional Service
 11th9 – 2:00 p.m. Humble Hands
 16th8:15 a.m. Contemporary Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:35 a.m. Traditional Service
 18th9 – 2:00 pm Humble Hands
 20th **7 p.m. Board of Administration**
 23th8:15 a.m. Contemporary Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:35 a.m. Traditional Service
 25th9 – 2:00 pm Humble Hands
 27th **7 p.m. Council Meeting**
 30th8:15 Contemporary Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:35 a.m. Traditional Service

Children’s Choir, Kidz Klub and Family Night are discontinued for the Summer.

St Francis Sharing & Caring Food Pantry:

Ask that we donate **CEREAL for the entire year of 2017**. There is a box in the annex for the donations. The new **Thrift Shop** is now open. The **Food Pantry** is now in the new building with the Clothing Shop. **The Food Pantry is open the 1st Monday and the 1st Wednesday of the month from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 pm. Thrift shop hours are Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m – 3 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

July

7/2 Jamie and Ryan Beahr
 7/9 Krista and Monica Shaffer
 7/16 Eva McDannell
 7/23 Molly and Jeremy Stultz
 7/30 Diana Croyle and Karen Nagyvathy

August

8/6 Krista and Monica Shaffer
 8/13 Rachel Weible and Hattie Mostoller
 8/20 Rebecca and Logan Lichvar
 8/27 Amy Conrad and Emma Fisher

September

9/3 Krista and Monica Shaffer
 9/10 Diana Croyle and Karen Nagyvathy
 9/17 Molly and Jeremy Stultz
 9/24 Jamie and Ryan Beahr

SENIOR LIFE

We have received information in the church office regarding Senior Life.

Do you have a senior shut-in that could benefit from the services of “Senior Life”.

Senior Life provides the following services:

- Physicians and Specialists
- Nursing Care
- Physical, Occupational & Speech Therapy
- Durable Medical Equipment
- Personal Care (Bathing, grooming, dressing etc.
- Recreational Therapy and Socialization
- Medications (no co-pays or deductables)
- Medication Management
- Meals & Nutritional Counseling
- Eye, Dental & Foot Care
- Social Services
- Homecare and Companion Visits
- Transportation to the LIFE Center and all medical appointments
- On-call nurse 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Services available to persons 55 years or older. For those who qualify for Medicare and Medicaid, there is no cost to join Senior LIFE. For additional information as to location etc...call 814-535-6000 ext. 22314 ask for Nancy Thomas.

HUMBLE HANDS



The Humble Hands of The Women's Fellowship have been working on Dementia Blankets. A Dementia or Fidget Blanket can be very relaxing for those with restless hands, especially Alzheimer and Dementia patients. On June 20th Pastor Guy met with the group and prayed a blessing over the blankets. These blankets will be distributed to The Church of the Brethren Home in Windber, The Country Living Manor in Jerome and also placed in our prayer room. The blankets are available for you to distribute to those you feel are in need of them. In the past month we have also donated blankets to Mom's House and lap robes to Harmony House Inc. Please continue to pray for this ministry as we

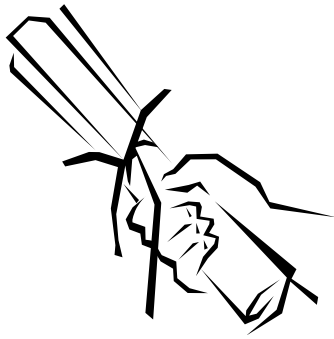
strive to serve the community in the name of Jesus Christ.



Some examples of the Dementia blankets. See TV in elevator lobby for pictures of additional blankets

Save the Date: It's a Pumpkin Carving Party!

The Women's Fellowship is pleased to announce a new event for our church family! On October 15, 2017 we will join together after church for a covered dish lunch. Oh can't you just taste those fall baked good now! After lunch we will joyfully carve pumpkins! Oh no, you don't like to carve, well there are many other ways to decorate a pumpkin! You will need to bring a covered dish, a pumpkin for each carver, your favorite carving or decorating tools and your creativity. This will be so much fun for everyone, young and old! Remember invite a friend or two! Categories and updates to be announced at a later date.



Graduates 2017

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.”
Proverbs 3:5-6

Nick Felton

Son of Dave and Missy Felton

Graduated Summa Cum Laude from UPJ with a degree in biology.

Achievements: Awarded the University Biology scholar award.

Future Plans: Is currently in the preliminary stages of entering officer training in the Air Force to hopefully work in the Air Force Research facility.

Ryan Keim

Son of Dwight & Deirdre Keim

Graduated from UPJ with a degree in Criminal Justice.

Logan Lichvar

Son of Rebecca & Leonard Lichvar

Graduated from California University of PA

Achievements: Deans list every semester. Presidential Scholars Award (2 years). He graduated Summa Cum Laude. He completed college in 3 years. Archery Club and Wildlife Society.

Future Plans: Pursue a career in Wildlife Biology.

Hattie Mostoller

Daughter of Rachel & Ron Weible and the late Scott Mostoller

Graduated from North Star High School

Achievements: clubs, sports, awards: Salutatorian of my class, Captain for 2 years of the NS Girls Varsity Soccer Team, Athlete and Student of the Month, Key Club, Chemistry Club, Mu Alpha Theta, National Honors Society, North Star Youth Outreach

Future Plans: Attend Slippery Rock University to be a Physician's Assistant

Stephen Patterson

Son of David & Kathy Patterson

Graduated from Conemaugh Township HS

Achievements: Honor Roll, Chess Club, played football/track Junior & Senior Year. 3 years of hockey through Ferndale & Conemaugh Valley.

Future Plans: Study Electrical Engineering at UPJ.

Autumn Toth

Daughter of the late Shawn Toth

Graduated from Conemaugh township HS

Achievements: President National Honor Society, Junior Achievement, Township Buddies, Senior Choir, Multiple Scholarships, National Society of High School Scholars, Student Council, Multiple Volunteer Activities, Art Club. Prom Queen 2017.

Future Plans: Attend Juniata College and pursue a job in teaching.

Desiree Toth

Daughter of the late Shawn Toth

Graduated from Penn Highlands Magna Cum Laude with an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice.

Achievements: Distinguished student Honor

Future Plans: Work for a year and then return to school to work on her Bachelors Degree

Graduates continued on next page.

Graduates 2017

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Maggie Zambanini

Daughter of Anthony & Sheri Zambanini
Graduated from Conemaugh Township High School

Achievements: National Honor Society – vice president. Student Council treasurer. SADD, Science Club, ECA huddle leader, Drill Team, Musical. Varsity Soccer & Basketball. Tribune Democrat Basketball All-star 2017. Somerset County honorable mention – basketball. Somerset county Honorable mention and 2nd team – soccer. Soccer WestPAC & DS Champ. (2016).

Future Plans: Penn State University (Main Campus) – Biology & Animal Science.

PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

The Ministry and Evangelism Commission is seeking a Pre-School Director for the 2017-18 school year. This person would be responsible to plan a worship service and secure volunteers for the preschool children during the Morning Worship Service. Interested persons should contact a member of the Ministry Commission. Members are Diane Bridge, David Fisher, Ruth Hostetler, Tim McDonald, and Alison Luprek.

TRIP TO NEW WINDSOR

The **Missions & Service Commission** is coordinating a day trip to The Brethren Service Center in **New Windsor, Md.**, to help with care packages and kits to be shipped to areas in need around the world. The date is Tuesday, **October 24, 2017**. We will leave the district office at 5:45 a.m. and return around 7:30 p.m. You must be at least 14 years old to attend. We will stop for breakfast along the way, they will provide lunch and we will stop for supper on the way home. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board at the main entrance of the church. Contact Chris Hoffman with questions at 814-442-5156. **Please consider giving your time for this very rewarding trip!**
Thank You.

SUPPORT GROUP

The Women's Fellowship would like to sponsor a support group for **CAREGIVERS**. Do you take care of your parents, spouse, or someone with disabilities? Could you use someone to talk to? Do you need someone to just listen? We will meet in the Fellowship Hall once a month to just talk, read scripture and probably shed a few tears and hopefully find some humor in our situations. Also, those of you who have been through this situation, your advice would help us a great deal. If you are interested in attending, please just come. No registration is required. You don't have to speak if you don't want to, but sometime it helps just to know that someone else is going through the same things you are going through. God is with you and we want to be with you too. Watch the bulletin for the date of our first meeting. It will probably be during the first week of August.

Connie Martin, Women's Fellowship
Vice President

Free lunches offered to the Somerset County kids. Somerset County Food Service program is serving free lunches to children ages 18 and younger. No pre-registration or proof of income required. They are serving at Jerome Fire Hall pavilion on Tuesdays from June 6 to August 15 from 12 to 1 p.m. Also, serving at Holsopple Park (Border Grove) corner of Railroad St. and First Lane. Same dates and times as Jerome. In Boswell they will serve at Boswell Heights playground Boswell Heights drive. Thursday 12 – 1 p.m. June 8 through August 24.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

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

Living Waters



THE NEW COLOSSUS

Written by Emma Lazarus
Inscription on the Statue of Liberty

*Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs, astride from land to land,
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned, lightning, and her name
Mother of exiles, From her beacon-hand
Glow world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.*

*“Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!” Cries she
With silent lips. “Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!”*



