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We hope you find this issue of the **Water Cup** informative and helpful. We welcome your contributions and comments.

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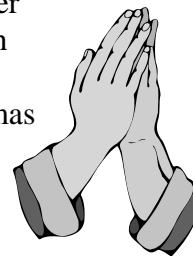
Mission Statement

*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 MAY

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



and Connie Martin
and Mary Borosky
and Deanna Fisher
and Elsie Michael
and Sally Kaufman

*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...

Doug Cober	Linda Hockins
Chamayne Miller	Janet Mostoller
Jack Strait	Owen Stevens
Shawn Toth	

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

SYMPATHY

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Floyd Shaffer. Floyd passed away April 16.

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

HOPE SERVICE

The following people were remembered at our Hope Service on April 2.

Judd Baker
Norma Bothwell
Ed Schulz
Anna Ruth Spangler
Nancy Stutzman – Stanton
Marian Stevens

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as
you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit*

From the Pastor.....

“COMMITMENTS OF A GODLY MOTHER”

Take a few minutes to read the first chapter of I Samuel. In that passage we read of a woman named Hannah. Hannah found herself in a very difficult and trying situation. She was involved in a polygamous marriage. She was the object of scorn of the other wife in the relationship. Hannah was taunted because of her childlessness. Childlessness was considered to be a disgrace at that time. Hannah was certainly experiencing great personal difficulties.

However, she did not carry those burdens alone. She committed them to the Lord. There's an old gospel song that states, "Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there." Hannah did that and God wants you and I to do this as well.

Sometimes we find ourselves in very difficult situations. Perhaps you're there today? Maybe you are without a job? Maybe you are unhappy with the job you have now? Maybe you are a single parent raising children by yourself? Maybe you are in an unjust situation? Maybe you are burdened as Hannah was about having a child?

Hannah also trusted the grace and the sovereignty of God. Hannah learned that God can take any situation and bring glory to His name. God is sovereign and He is in control of every situation...even when we may not believe it. God can handle awkward situations!

Eventually, God intervened in Hannah's life. *"The Lord remembered Hannah. In the course of time Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, 'Because I asked the Lord for him.'"* (I Samuel 1:20).

Commit your burdens to the Lord today. Trust in God's grace and sovereignty. Eventually, you too, will witness God's intervention in your life.

Serving With You,


Pastor Guy

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 2nd, 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 May

- | | | |
|-----|---------------------------|---|
| 2. | Joe and Patty Moehler | |
| 3. | Cathy McDonald | |
| 4. | James and Darla Moran | |
| | Bill Hemminger | |
| | Kathleen Moran | |
| | Sally Shaffer | |
| 5. | Ross Furry | |
| 7. | Krista Shaffer | |
| 8. | Savannah Stutzman | |
| 10. | Harry and Patty Shaffer | |
| | Harold Alwine | 81 |
| | Kate Martin | |
| 11. | Noah Luprek | |
| 13. | Joe Moehler | |
| 14. | Sherry Wojtaszek | |
| 15. | Randy Gary | |
| 16. | Heather Fisher | |
| 17. | Edward Desort | |
| | Savannah Shaffer | |
| 18. | Harry Shaffer | |
| 19. | Dawna Todaro | |
| 22. | Gary and Connie Martin | |
| 23. | Nancy Gindlesperger | |
| 24. | Kevin and Jennifer Sabo | |
| 25. | Chet and Lizzeth Thomas | |
| | Michael Graham | |
| | Rachael Weible | |
| 26. | Mary Borosky | 81 |
| | Dylan Fuska | |
| 27. | Harold and Sue Coughenour | |
| | Bria McDannell | |
| 28. | Richard and Janet Good | |
| | Wade and Linda Thomas |  |
| 30. | Victoria Desort | |

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 new **Thrift Shop** is now open. The **Food Pantry** is now in the new building with the **Clothing Shop**. **Please note** – the Food pantry is in dire need of **cereal**. They have lots of oatmeal, but no boxes of other types of cereal. Since this is our items for 2017 let us try and supply as much as we can.

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 Berkey)
 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

Please remember Craig Knepper. His address is:
 FJ 6013
 P.O. Box A
 Bellefonte, PA 16823-0820

DEACON MINISTRY

....Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Romans 12:3

That faith is God's gift and that to some is granted more than to others is evident from the Bible and experience. All of us have faith, but some of us have a greater measure than others. And to whom much is given, much is expected.

Four times over our Lord spoke of "little faith" as a condition characteristic of His disciples. (See Matthew 6:30, 8:26, 14:31, 16:8.) Toplady said, "Little Faith" goes to heaven no less than 'Great Faith,' though not so comfortably."

"According to your faith, be it unto you" (Matthew 9:29). Such a declaration suggests an expanding mercy: it implies the necessity of seeking an ever-enlarging measure of trust in the power of the faithfulness of God. As God gives faith, may we be led to go in for a full supply.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 4, 2017

We will have Bread & Cup Communion on Pentecost Sunday, June 4, 2017 at both services. Come and join the congregation in this symbol of your faith.

NEW WINDSOR TRIP

The **Missions & Service Commission** is coordinating a day trip to The Brethren Service Center in new **Windsor, Md.**, to help 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.

GRADUATE SUNDAY

Sunday, June 11, 2017

On Sunday, June 11, 2017 we will honor those who are graduating this year. If you know of someone who is graduating from any school, university, college or trade school, please let the office know as soon as possible. We will be doing a Power Point presentation, so please get pictures of the graduates (baby pictures and graduation pictures) to the church office by June 4. Thank You.

RISK HOPE – Hebrews 10:23

Annual Conference will be held in Grand Rapids Michigan on June 28 through July 2. Our Delegates are Nancy Gindlesperger and Carol Leverknight. Registration is now open. The Annual Conference office number is:

1-800-323-8039

FAX 1-847-742-1618

And their webpage is:

annualconference@brethren.org

Dates to remember...

MAY



2nd9 – 2 p.m. Humble Hands
 7th.....8:15 a.m. Contemporary Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:35 a.m. Traditional Service
Junior Church
Preschool Church
5:30 – 6 p.m. Children’s Choir
6 – 7:30 p.m. Kidz Klub
 9th.....9 – 2:00 pm Humble Hands
 13th.....5 p.m. Mother/Daughter Banquet
 14th.....8:15 Contemporary Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:35 a.m. Traditional Service (Mother’s Day
Junior Church
Preschool Church
No Children’s Choir
No Kidz Klub (Happy Mother’s Day)
 16th.....9 – 2:00 p.m. Humble Hands
 21st.....8:15 a.m. Contemporary Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:35 a.m. Traditional Service
Junior Church
Preschool Church
6 – 7:30 p.m. **Last Kidz Klub**
 23rd.....9 – 2:00 pm Humble Hands
 28th.....8:15 a.m. Contemporary Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:35 a.m. Traditional Service
Junior Church
Preschool Church

NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR MAY

5/7 Molly & Jeremy Stultz
 5/14 Alison & Kayla Luprek
 5/21 Jamie & Ryan Beahr
 5/28 Diana Croyle & Karen Nagyvathy

MEN & BOYS NEEDED!

We need men/boys to help serve the Mother Daughter Banquet on May 13. If you are interested in helping please sign up on the bulletin board in the lobby or contact Diane Bridge or Samantha Kane. Thank you!



BIBLE SCHOOL

June 26 – 29, 2019

9 a.m. – 12 noon

- Journey back in time to the Roman Empire
- Travel to secret meetings, but watch out for the Roman Guards!

- Meet Paul and Arm yourselves with the full Armor of God.

On Thursday, June 29th, we will meet at Camp Harmony. There will be swimming and rock wall climbing for children in grades 1 – 6. For children Pre-K and Kindergarten there will be games and rides in a covered wagon. Don’t miss all the fun.

For more information and to register call the church office (814) 479-7062 or visit maplespringcob.org

The **National Day of Prayer** will be held Thursday, May 4, 2017. There are two posters on the bulletin board in the elevator lobby – one for Cambria County and one for Somerset County. No matter where you are, there will be a place for you to go and join your neighbors in prayer for our Nation.

As part of **Mental Health Awareness Month**, Ted & Company is performing at Stahl Mennonite Church on May 6, 2017 at 7:00 pm. The live theater performance of Laughter is Sacred Space, by Ted Swartz, walks audiences through his relationship with friend and business partner, Lee Eshleman, who took his own life in 2007. Ted explores the paradox of working with a comedic partner struggling with bipolar disorder, as well as the challenge of writing and performing stories about God while experiencing the absence of God after Lee’s death. The play is followed by a talk-back with the audience.

What's Happening At EL HOGAR DE NINOS ENMANUEL

SAN PEDRO SULA, HONDURAS

A children's home for homeless,
abused and severely neglected children

School Days! School Days!

Good old fashioned rule days



February marked the beginning of another school year for the children at Hogar Enmanuel. Although the Honduran school system offers only the basic primary education and simply doesn't have the finances to provide education to many of the rural areas, the children at Hogar Enmanuel are blessed to have the opportunity to attend private institutions that have stepped in to help. The schools are chosen in areas that are safe and in close proximity to the home because we also must provide transportation to/from school each day. Academics as well as vocational training such as beauty school, cooking school, welding,

hotel management, and business are offered to each of our students.

In addition there are tons of activities each month to create special learning experiences. Below are a few:

For instance, Lisby and Alvaro both grew up at Hogar Enmanuel and are now working and the parents of a beautiful baby girl. They both spent an afternoon sharing their experiences of life after leaving the hogar with our teenagers to encourage them to take every advantage of the opportunities afforded them here.

The Agricultural Engineer of **Cepudo** is teaching gardening skills. The children recently harvested their first crop of sugar cane.

Taking a tour of the **Agua Azul** plant taught them about the water purification process.

The younger children learned while they exploring through **Campisa**, a nature park in San Pedro Sula.

Our children visited the **Honduran Air Force**, in La Lima, Cortes

The **Department of Social Work** visited with the children several times with educational videos and workshops to help the children learn about several important topics such as children's rights, self esteem, etc.



A group of volunteers led by Bill and Rona treated the children to a fun week full of "Back to School" activities.



Jardin de Enmanuel began another year of classes for the preschool and kindergarten children of our neighboring community.

Another group of volunteers from TOMS SHOES™ arrived to spend time having fun at el hogar before heading out with some of our youth to deliver school shoes to other deserving kids throughout Honduras.



Meet Sonephan



Lucy with Sonia

Sonia, as she is affectionately called at the Home, arrived in Honduras in December to serve at the Enmanuel Children's Home. She comes to us from Laos through the Mennonite Community Council's YAMEN program and is part of the Lao Evangelical Church which is one of only 3 legal Christian churches in Laos where her parents were pastors. Sonia will be with us helping as an instructor to the kids until the end of August. We are pleased to have her as part of our Hogar's family this year.

Don't wait!

WORK CAMP APPLICATIONS DUE NOW!!!!

We'd love to share the children at the Enmanuel Children's Home with YOU! If you are interested in traveling with us to meet and spend time with them during the first week of February 2018 (exact dates to be determined), please contact Rona at hemminge@verizon.net or call [540-649-3111](tel:540-649-3111) for details and to receive your application now.

Registration is limited and a current passport is required, so don't wait!

Cost is estimated at \$1400 for our 9-day trip. A \$100 non-refundable deposit due with your application will hold a spot for you. Looking forward to hearing from you!



Maple Spring Church of the Brethren
Mother Daughter Banquet

What's In Your Purse?

Saturday, May 13, 2017 5:00 p.m.

Adults - \$10.00

Children ages 3-12 - \$5.00

Children 2 & under - Free



Roast Beef
Parsley Potatoes
Baby Carrots
Green Beans

Applesauce
Tossed Salad
Rolls/Butter
Brownie w/ Ice Cream

The last day to purchase tickets will be May 7



OTHER SPRINGS TO MAPLE SPRING

Walk With Me, Mama

Walk along side me, Mama
and hold my little hand.
I have so many things to learn
that I don't yet understand.

Teach me things to keep me safe
from the dangers every day.
Show me how to do my best
at home, at school, at play.

Every child needs a gentle hand
to guide them as they grow
So walk alongside me, Mama.
We have a long way to go.



