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Water Cup



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Back-to-School Prayer

Dear Lord,

Please guard our children's hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Help them focus and learn this year. Give them favor with their teachers and peers. And help them make godly friends and be a godly friend.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

Proverbs 22:6 KJV

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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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 FOR SEPTEMBER

Arlene Stevens
Elsie Michael
Sally Kaufman
Deanna Fisher



and Edna Mae Thomas
and Arbutus Blough
and Patty Shaffer
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.*

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Annie and Nathan Pahel on the birth of their daughter, Piper Elizabeth Pahel. Piper was born August 1, 2017.

*May he grow as Jesus grew in wisdom and stature
and in favor with God and man.*

SEPTEMBER NURSERY SCHEDULE

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

In the hospital since last issue...

Amanda Garmin Eva Mostoller

*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 Wade Thomas. Wade passed away August 17, 2017.

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

From the Pastor.....

“LABOR DAY”

Monday, September 7th is Labor Day. The original intent of Labor Day was to provide a holiday that would honor the social and economic achievements of American workers. It was intended to be an annual national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

The Bible places a high premium upon the value of work. The word “work” itself, along with its derivatives, occurs over seven hundred times in the Bible. God himself is not exempt from labor. He also works. “*My Father is working still,*” said Jesus (John 5:17). The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, is a working God. Creation itself is a result of His labors (Genesis 2:2).

We can learn about work from some of God’s tiniest creatures. Those who are lazy should observe the industrious ant and practice her diligent ways, “*Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise!*” (Proverbs 6:6). Have you observed any ants at your picnics this summer. They are constantly on the move, gathering food.

It’s a privilege to labor in God’s fields. It may seem at times that your labors are fruitless or go unnoticed. That is not true at all. “*Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain,*” (I Corinthians 15:58).

Laboring With You,

Pastor Guy

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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for September

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|-----|-----------------------------|----|
| 1. | Aaron Gary | |
| 2. | Dwight Keim | |
| 3. | Bill Shroyer | |
| 4. | Doris Shaffer | 85 |
| | Don Tresnicky, Jr | |
| 5. | Amanda Garmin | |
| | Ryan and Jamie Beahr | |
| | Steven and Lisa Unger | |
| 7. | Francine (Shaffer) Gongloff | |
| | Keith and Emily Doyle | |
| 8. | Laura Gary | |
| | Bill Shroyer | |
| | Bill and Rona Hemminger | |
| 9. | John and Alison Luprek | |
| 10. | Sierra Alwine | |
| 11. | Quentin Adams | |
| | Landon Moss | |
| | Wonda Piskuric | |
| 16. | Sally Strait | |
| 17. | Mike and Sue Stevens | |
| 18. | Frank Blough | 84 |
| | Caven Miller | |
| 19. | Bob and Karen Nagyvathy | |
| 20. | Cheyenne Alwine | |
| 21. | Don Tresnicky | 76 |
| 23. | Jack and Sally Strait | |
| | Joe and Christine Stutzman | |
| 25. | Patty Koba | |
| | Gayle Shipley | |
| | Alan Tresnicky | |
| 26. | Don Stutzman | |
| | Bill and Christine Shroyer | |
| 27. | Amy Conrad | |
| | Emily Doyle | |
| | Alan and Linda Baraniak | |
| | Calvin and Megan Hostetler | |
| 28. | Josie Berkey | |
| | Patty Moehler | |
| | Ruth Stevens | 79 |
| 29. | Toni McClain | |
| | Eric Moran | |
| | Sheri Zambanini | |
| 30. | Chris and Penny Hoffman | |
| | Ray and Pat Shaffer | |
| | Ray and Ruth Stevens | |



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

September – Elk Viewing Trip September 14, 2017.



**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

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|------------------------|--|
| 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 |
| Cliff & Sally Stutzman | “ “ |
| Jim Moran | 1056 Soap Hollow Rd |
| Betty Shaffer | Richland Woods, .Jtwn, |
| Euldean Shields | Brethren Home |
| Edna Mae Thomas | Brethren Home, Room 152C |

CAMP HARMONY FEST will be held at Camp on September 23 – 24, 2017. There will be something for everyone. Free Admission! Kids Activities, Vendors, Campfire and Movie Under the Stars, Food and Music. If you are interested in taking part in the festival there is a paper on the Bulletin Board for Vendor Information. Or you can call Camp at 798-5885.

DEACON MINISTRY

....Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

And He said to them, Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. Mathew 17:20

Nothing is impossible for the heavenly Father. No obstacle confuses God or poses any kind of challenge for Him. Though we know He is sovereign over every situation, we have trouble maintaining this perspective. Too often when difficulties arise, we ...

Experience a shift in focus. During trials, we tend to take our eyes off the Lord and instead see only our problems. The longer we look at our circumstance, the larger it seems. As we dwell on it in thought and conversation, our mindset can become very negative. Though God still has a direction for us to take, we are no longer concentrating on His purposes.

Develop an incorrect assessment of resources. In our troubles, we start taking inventory of our own strength and abilities. When they prove insufficient, we become discouraged. The truth is that we don't have what is needed for life's trials—Jesus Himself told us that. (See [John 15:5](#).) But God's capabilities are unlimited, His power is never-ending, and His wisdom is complete. We need to take stock of His resources, not our own.

View obstacles as barriers. For the obedient believer, impediments represent opportunities, not problems. The Lord can demonstrate His awesome power through our difficulties. (See [2 Corinthians 12:7-10](#).) At such times, we grow in our faith and learn more about our Father. If we view hardships simply as troubles, then we can miss demonstrations of God's love, power, and wisdom.

Start each day committed to a Christ-centered focus, a dependence on His resources, and an "opportunity" mindset.

-Shared from Dr Charles Stanley daily devotions August 14, 2017, *In Touch magazine*

PLEASE NOTE: Adult choir practice will resume on September 6 at 7:00 p.m. We are always looking for new voices. If you like to sing, come and join us; you will be blessed as we sing together, praise together, and have fun and fellowship.

Dates to remember...

September



- 3rd8:15 a.m. Contemporary Service
-9:30 a.m. Sunday School
-10:35 a.m. Traditional Service
- 5th9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Humble Hands
- 10th10:35 a.m. Outdoor Worship/S.S. Picnic
-Held at the Grove
- 10th6 – 8:00 p.m. Family Night
- 12th9 – 2:00 p.m. Humble Hands
- 12th1:00 p.m. Women’s Fellowship meeting
- 17th8:15 a.m. Contemporary Service
-9:30 a.m. Sunday School
-10:35 a.m. Traditional Service
- 19th9 – 2:00 pm Humble Hands
- 24th**No Contemporary Service**
-9:30 a.m. Sunday School
-**10:35 a.m. Fall Revival Service w/Mike Dunlap**
- 25th7:00 p.m. Fall Revival Service
- 26th7:00 p.m. Fall Revival Service
- 26th9 – 2:00 pm Humble Hands

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.

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.**

**WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP
 FALL QUARTERLY MEETING
 September 12th at 1:00 p.m.**

We will be electing new officers and planning our events for the coming year. All ladies are encouraged to attend!

**BIBLE QUIZZING
 Teams are forming now!**

If you are not involved in a Sunday School class, but would like to participate, please contact Megan Hostetler at 442-3171. This Fall, teams will be studying the book of Luke. Competitions are Oct. 22nd and 29th at 7pm and November 5th following a noon meal. Come join the fun!

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

October 21, 2017 - Camp Harmony

District Conference will be held at Camp Harmony on Saturday, October 21, 2017. Registration will be due on Friday, October 13, 2017. We have 2 elected delegates and we are encouraged to send a representative from the Ministry, Christian Education, Finance and Missions Commissions (not to exceed 4 persons) and a youth representative. Child Care is available for those who need child care. (See Rachel in the church office for the form to be filled out for Child Care.) This year’s offering will again be received in the form of kits or buckets. There is a list of items in the church office. Please let Rachel know by October 8 who from the appropriate commissions will be attending District Conference. Please call the office if you have any questions.



SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC / OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Sunday – September 10, 2017

10:35 a.m.

The Outdoor Worship and Sunday School Picnic will be held September 10th at the Grove. There will be **no** Early Service or Sunday School that day. We will provide fried chicken, drink and paper products. The congregation is asked to bring a covered dish to share and lawn chairs. Camp will bring the Bounce House, gaga pit and Jenga for entertainment for the children. For the adults we will have an open mic and Hymn Sing. Why not come and share your talent and fellowship with the church family.



FALL REVIVAL SERVICES:

Sept. 24, 25, and 26

Mike Dunlap of North Star Youth Outreach Ministries will lead us in worship at the 10:35 service on Sunday morning in the church sanctuary. There will be no early service. Sunday evening at 5:30 we will have a hotdog and corn roast, followed by the worship service at 7:00. Mon & Tue services will also begin at 7:00. Please come and be refreshed and renewed! Bring your family, friends, and lawn chairs!

Living Waters

“Come, Holy Spirit”



Come as a wisdom to children;
Come as new sight to the blind.
Come, Lord, as strength to my weakness;
Take me: soul, body and mind.

Come as a rest to the weary;
Come as a balm for the sore.
Come as a dew to my dryness;
Fill me with joy evermore.

Come like a spring in the desert;
Come to the withered of soul.
O let Your sweet healing power
Touch me and make me whole.

Come, Holy Spirit, I need You;
Come, sweet Spirit, I pray.
Come in Your strength and Your power;
Come in Your own gentle way.

~William & Gloria Gaither

*“...come quickly to me, O God. You are my help and my deliverer; Lord, do not delay.”
Psalm 70:5*

