

# Maple Spring

# Water Cup



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*And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said....*

Behold, I make  
all things **NEW**  
Revelation 21:5



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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Contemporary Service...will resume in Spring  
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Traditional Service.....10:35 a.m.  
Preschool Church  
Jr. Church  
Kidz Club.....6:00 p.m.

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**WATER CUP DEADLINE FOR  
February 2018  
January 17, 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 disciplining one another through the Holy Spirit  
and by reaching out to our neighbors.*

**PRAYER PARTNERS FOR JANUARY**

Marlin Mishler  
EdnaMae Thomas  
Arlene Stevens  
Elsie Michael



and Deanna Fisher  
and Arbutus Blough  
and Patty Shaffer  
and Sally Kaufman

*Pray for another...the effectual fervent prayer of a  
righteous man availeth much.*

*The **Roxbury** Church of the Brethren is our prayer partner  
church for the year 2018. Let us at Maple Spring keep  
them in our prayers.*

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**JANUARY NURSERY SCHEDULE**

7 – Krista & Monica Shaffer  
14 – Molly & Jeremy Stultz  
21 – Jamie & Ryan Beahr  
28 – Emma Fisher & Amy Conrad

*Any adult or youth interested in taking a turn being in  
the nursery during the 10:35 service, can contact  
Megan Hostetler*

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

Jane Moss is at Somerset Hospice House  
Mearl & Carole Horner were in Conemaugh  
Bill Watkins was in Conemaugh  
Don Berkebile is in Conemaugh  
Owen Stevens was in Windber

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

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

Johnny and Megan Bayush have a new addition to the  
family! On December 14<sup>th</sup>, they welcomed Anthony  
Michael, 7 lbs. 11 oz. Megan is the daughter of Tim &  
Cathy McDonald and Jim & Deb Bambling.

In the early hours of Christmas Eve, Jonathan &  
Cayla Zanoni welcomed Westyn Joseph, 7lbs 12oz.  
Jonathan is the son of Brian & Connie Zanoni.

*May God bless them as they grow in strength and  
wisdom, just as He did.*

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## Our Birthdays & Anniversaries January

2	Mckinley Kane Mark Shaffer	
9	Connie Adams Ashton Beahr Andrew Beahr	
11	Stephen Patterson Patty Shaffer	
12	Dave Patterson Mearl & Carole Horner.....	55
14	Lauren Brewer Larry Graham	
15	Penny Hoffman	
16	Bill & Sandy Watkins.....	42
17	Jeremy & Molly Stultz	
18	<b>Jim Miller</b> 75 Wally & Marilyn Ullery.....	38
19	<b>Carole Horner</b> 75	
22	Elijah Pebley	
23	<b>Harold Coughenour</b> 71 Mike Seganos	
24	Keith Doyle	
25	Dave Fisher Samantha Kane	
26	Shelli Lysic	
28	<b>Ray Mishler</b> 82	
29	Missy Felton Jeremy Stultz	



***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 (WhitneyWeimer)

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)

SPECIALIST 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 -In Touch Hospice	PO Box 1173 1474 N Center Ave Somerset, PA 15501
Gale Shipley	51 Akers Street Johnstown, PA 15905
Cliff & Sally & Don Stutzman	960 Woodstown Hwy Hollsopple, PA 15935
Jim Moran	1056 Soap Hollow Rd Hollsopple, PA 15935
Betty Shaffer	Richland Woods 3324 Elton Rd Johnstown, PA 15904
Euldean Shields	Brethren Home, Room 323 277 Hoffman Ave Windber, PA 15963
Edna Mae Thomas	Brethren Home, Room 152C 277 Hoffman Ave Windber, PA 15963

**SPECIAL:** The week before Christmas, Kristi Williams lost her husband. They have 3 young children. Let's shower Kristi with cards of encouragement and support. Please take time to drop a note or card in the mail to her and lift her up in your prayers. Her address is:

Kristie Williams  
774R Goucher St.  
Johnstown, PA 15905

**MILITARY FAMILIES:** If you are able to do so, please update your loved one's mailing address with the church office. We would like to have a mailing address available for those able to receive mail.

# DEACON MINISTRY

....Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

## The Power of the Gospel

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation.  
Romans 1:16*

People want to change, all advertising is based on the presupposition that people want things different from the way they are. They want to look better, feel better, think better, and live better. They want to change their lives but, except from an external standpoint, they are unable to do so.

Only the gospel of Jesus Christ has the power to change people and deliver them from sin, from Satan, from judgment, from death, and from hell. Acts 4:12 says, “Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” And that name is Jesus Christ.

So God’s Word, which is all about Jesus Christ, can do for us what we cannot do for ourselves. We are sinful and unable to remedy our condition, but from God comes the incredible, limitless power that can transform our lives.

*from Truth for Today by John MacArthur*

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*God doesn’t just forgive, He forgets. He erases the board. He destroys the evidence. He burns the microfilm. He clears the computer. He doesn’t remember my mistakes. For all the things He does do, this is one thing He refuses to do. He refuses to keep a list of my wrongs. When I ask for forgiveness He doesn’t pull out a clipboard and say, “But I’ve already forgiven him for that five hundred and sixteen times.” He doesn’t remember. “As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.” Psalm 103:12*

*Do yourself a favor. Purge your cellar. Exorcise your basement. Take the Roman nails of Calvary and board up the door. And remember....He forgot.*

*-Max Lucado, from the book “God Came Near”*

# From the Pastor.....

## *Reflections for the new year....*

Please take a moment and meditate on one or two of these scriptures and ask yourself what God may be saying to you for the year ahead.

### **1. God's Plans for our Future are Good.**

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a future and a hope.” (Jeremiah 29:11)

### **2. God's Compassion is New Every Morning.**

“Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.” (Lamentations 3:22,23)

### **3. Seek God for the Future.**

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

### **4. Let Go of the Past and Press On to What Is Ahead.**

“Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3:13,14)

### **5. Do Not Be Afraid of the Future**

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6,7).

Dates to remember...



**January**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> .....9 a.m. Prayer Time
- .....7 p.m. Adult Choir practice
- 7<sup>th</sup> .....9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- .....10:35 a.m. Worship Service
- .....**Game dinner tickets on sale**
- .....5 p.m. – 6 p.m. Kids choir
- .....6 p.m – 7:30 p.m. Kidz Clubs
- 10<sup>th</sup> .....9 a.m. Prayer Time
- .....7 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
- 13<sup>th</sup> .....7:30 a.m. Father/Son Prayer Breakfast
- 14<sup>th</sup> .....9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- .....10:35 a.m. Worship Service
- .....6 p.m. Family Night
- 17<sup>th</sup> .....9 a.m. Prayer Time
- .....7 p.m. Adult Choir practice
- 18<sup>th</sup> .....7 p.m. Board Meeting**
- 21<sup>st</sup> .....9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- .....10:35 a.m. Worship Service
- .....5 p.m. – 6 p.m. Kids choir
- .....6 p.m – 7:30 p.m. Kidz Clubs
- 24<sup>th</sup> .....9 a.m. Prayer Time
- .....7 p.m. Adult Choir practice
- 25<sup>th</sup> .....7 p.m. Council Meeting**
- 27<sup>th</sup> .....7 a.m. Women’s Prayer Breakfast
- 28<sup>th</sup> .....9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- .....10:35 a.m. Worship Service
- .....5 p.m. – 6 p.m. Kids choir
- .....6 p.m – 7:30 p.m. Kidz Clubs
- 31<sup>st</sup> .....9 a.m. Prayer Time
- .....7 p.m. Adult Choir practice

Our 2018 “prayer partner” congregation is the **Roxbury COB** and our contact person is James Brauns. (814) 536-6716 (church). Please keep this congregation in your prayers!

**HELP NEEDED:** St. Francis Sharing & Caring is asking member churches to form cleaning teams to help keep the new building clean. If you’re interested, please sign the sheet on the annex bulletin board or contact Karen Nagyvathy.

**ATTN: Sportsmen!** The Men’s Fellowship Game Dinner tickets will be on sale Sunday morning, **Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018**, in the church annex for church members only. Have checks ready, made payable to the Maple Spring Men’s Fellowship. The tickets will become available to the public January 8<sup>th</sup>!

**FATHER, SON PRAYER BREAKFAST:** January 13, 2018 7:30 am. Signup sheets are in the annex and main entrance. Guest speaker: Pastor Mike Dunlap.

**FAMILY NIGHT:** January 14 at 6 p.m. We will be making homemade ice cream and having a game night. Everyone is welcome!

**HONDURAS TRIP:** From January 30<sup>th</sup> – February 7<sup>th</sup>, our group will be in Honduras and would like to take some of the local children to the beach. In order to do this, we need to raise \$2,000 (appx \$20/child). If you would like to help, you can make your donation payable to Western PA District CoB. We appreciate your donations and prayers. – *Rona & Bill Hemminger, Marjorie Bittner, Lois Spory*

**St Francis Sharing & Caring Food Pantry:** **THANK YOU** for your support this year. We help over 100 families in our area! This year’s donation item is pancake mix. There is a box in the annex for your donations. **HOURS:** Mon - Friday 9 am to 3 pm., Thurs extended to 5pm and Saturday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

**ANNUAL GAME DINNER:** Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. \$10 for adults, \$5 for children. No walk-ins, limited seating so please purchase tickets early!

# KID'S PAGE

To everything *there is* a season, a time for every purpose under heaven. *Ecclesiastes 3*



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## Winter Word Find

Z	C	H	R	N	V	F	G	E	M	I	T	T	E	N	S	T	L
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COATS  
GLOVES

COLD  
HATS

FROST  
HOTCHOCOLATE

ICICLES  
SKATING

MITTENS  
SLEDDING

SCARF  
SNOW



# Living Waters

## *The Meaning of the Snowflake*

Every new snowflake comes to the earth  
as a picture of our Savior's birth,  
because they are sent from up above  
and remind us of God's care and love.

Each one is so intricate and small  
because Christ sees the details of us all,  
and just as two are never the same  
He knows and calls us each by name.

Snowflakes gently cover the world in white  
and hide what's unlovely from our sight,  
showing us how He covers our sin  
and gives us His grace when we come to Him.

So may every snowflake bring Christ to mind  
and in every bit of white may you find  
a reason to celebrate anew  
and a reminder of His love for you.

~Holley Gerth~