



If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels but didn't love others I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal 2 If I had the gift of prophecy and I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge and if I had such faith that I could move mountains but didn't love others I would be nothing 3 If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body I could boast about it but if I didn't love others I would have gained nothing 4 Love is patient and kind Love is not jealous or boastful or proud 5 or rude It does not demand its own way It is not irritable and it keeps no record of being wronged 6 It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out 7 Love never gives up never loses faith is always hopeful and endures through every circumstance 8 Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless But love will last forever 9 Now our knowledge is partial and incomplete and even the gift of prophecy reveals only part of the whole picture 10 But when the time of perfection comes these partial things will become useless 11 When I was a child I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child But when I grew up I put away childish things 12 Now we see things imperfectly like puzzling reflections in a mirror but then we will see everything with perfect clarity All that I know now is partial and incomplete but then I will know everything completely just as God now knows me completely 13 Three things will last forever faith hope and love and the greatest of these is love

1 Corinthians 13

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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Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Traditional Service.....10:35 a.m.
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Jr. Church
Kidz Club.....6:00 p.m.

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**WATER CUP DEADLINE FOR
March 2018
February 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 FOR FEBRUARY

EdnaMae Thomas
Arlene Stevens
Elsie Michael
Sally Kaufman



and Marlin Mishler
and Arbutus Blough
and Patty Shaffer
and Deanna Fisher

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.*

FEBRUARY NURSERY SCHEDULE

4 – Rachel Weible & Rebecca Lichvar
11 – Diana Croyle & Karen Nagyvathy
18 – Krista & Monica Shaffer
25 – Molly & Jeremy Stultz

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

In the hospital since last issue...

Connie Adams - Conemaugh
Tom Keim - Conemaugh
Gladys Holsopple - Conemaugh, Transitional
Care (in former Lee building)

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

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of...

Jane Moss. Jane entered Heaven's gates on Monday, January 9th.

Rev. Roger Forrey. Roger went home to be with the Lord on Monday, January 15th.

Don Berkebile. Don entered eternity on Tuesday, January 16th.

*May God grant you all His perfect peace.
For we mourn not as those without hope...*

From the Pastor.....

“EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE”

The word “love” will be used often this month, especially when celebrating Valentine’s Day. What is “love?” How do we express “love?” Well, there are many ways in which we can express “love” to one another; however Jesus teaches us that we express our love for Him and each through service.

Service is an expression of love. We live in a self-service world. Self service gas stations, self-service fast food, now we can even check ourselves out at the grocery store. For the most part, we have totally lost the idea of service in our society today. Yet, Jesus reminds us of the value of service as He humbly washed the disciple’s feet. Jesus said, *“Now that I, your teacher and Lord, have washed your feet, you should wash*

Jesus was the Son of God. He knew He was from God. He knew He was returning to God. He knew that God had put all things under His power.

*Jesus deserved to be able to stay in Heaven and never have to leave to come to earth for you and me.

*Jesus deserved the very best, the very highest, the most glorious.

*Jesus deserved to have the chief seat at the pass over meal.

*Jesus was the guest of honor.

But Jesus wanted to share a message that power and position are not nearly as strong and meaningful to God as love is. It always has been and always will be about love. Service is an expression of love.

*Jesus could have told His disciples that He loved them.

*Jesus could have bought nice gifts to give them.

*Jesus could have hugged them.

*Jesus could have started a fan club for them.

However, Jesus expressed His love through serving them, the truest expression of service. Serving others requires humility. Serving others requires time. Serving others requires effort. Serving others requires sacrifice.

May we continue to find ways and take the opportunities to express love to one another. That would greatly please God and you would receive a huge blessing.

Serving With You,

Pastor Guy

Dates to remember...

February



- 4th.....9:30 a.m. Sunday School
-10:35 a.m. Worship Service
-**YOUTH SOUP SALE!**
-5 p.m. – 6 p.m. Kids choir
-6 p.m – 7:30 p.m. Kidz Clubs
- 6th.....9 a.m. Humble Hands
- 7th.....9 a.m. Prayer Time
-7 p.m. Adult Choir practice
- 10th.....**5:30 p.m. Wild Game Dinner**
- 11th.....9:30 a.m. Sunday School
-10:35 a.m. Worship Service
-**2pm – 5pm sledding @ camp**
- 13th.....9 a.m. Humble Hands
- 14th.....9 a.m. Prayer Time
-7 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
-**HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY**
- 18th.....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
- 20th.....9 a.m. Humble Hands
- 21st.....9 a.m. Prayer Time
-7 p.m. Adult Choir practice
- 25th.....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
- 27th.....9 a.m. Humble Hands
- 28th.....9 a.m. Prayer Time
-7 p.m. Adult Choir practice

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.

YOUTH SOUP SALE: Super Bowl Sunday. Potato or chicken noodle, each quart is \$8.00 and includes 2 rolls. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the annex.

Just a kindly reminder for anyone using the fellowship hall and kitchen... Part of the trustee's rules and guidelines ask that after each use all garbage be taken out and soiled dish cloths and towels be taken home, laundered and returned. Also, tables and chairs need to be returned to their original positions. A complete list of the rules and guidelines can be found posted in the kitchen or a copy is available from the church secretary. Your cooperation with these rules and guidelines will be greatly appreciated.

Missions and Service commission will be collecting monetary donations from January 21 to February 11 for **CWS Blanket Fund**. Best value for your donation, \$10.00 provides a blanket to those who lack basic comfort of a warm blanket. CWS distributes blankets to agencies to help keep their communities warm. When a blanket is given to a person/family in need we offer hope in the warmth of that gift. We wouldn't want our families to suffer from winter cold, no other family should either. Thank you for your generous donation.

FAMILY NIGHT: February 11th we will be going to Camp Harmony to enjoy sled riding from 2pm – 5pm. Please dress warm and come enjoy a great family time together!

HUMBLE HANDS will resume Tuesday February 6, 2018. We meet from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. in the Humble Hands Room off the Fellowship Hall. We usually pack a lunch and enjoy a meal together. If Somerset County Schools are delayed or canceled our meeting is also canceled. We are always looking for new members and new ideas. Please join us.

“And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands for us...”



Psalms 90:17 NKJV

DEACON MINISTRY

....Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

Have you ever felt inadequate, not important, rarely seen or heard? If you have, you are not alone. There are many of us who go through our daily lives hiding in the shadows, hoping no one will see or hear us. This is not the plan God has for us! We are to spread the Good News with everyone. We live in a world that is so enamored by super-size, super stars, and high definition that we miss to see the potential in the small things. Zechariah 4:10 says we should not despise the day of small things, because God does some of His best work with small beginnings and impossible situations. If we take a look back through history we will see that Abraham, the coward, could not believe the promise. Jacob, the cheat, struggled with everyone. Joseph, the immature and arrogant teen. Moses, the impatient murderer who cannot wait for God. Gideon, the cowardly Baal-worshipper. Samson, the womanizing drunk. David, the power abusing adulterer. Solomon, the unwise wise man. Hezekiah, the reforming king who could not quite go far enough. And finally, a very young Jewish girl from a small village in a remote corner of a great empire.

So, as we begin a new month, let's not look at ourselves as small, unimportant, or not worthy. God can take the smallest of us and use it for His great purpose, all we have to do is say yes. God could have chosen bigger things and better people to do His work, but He chose to reveal Himself through them in such wonderful ways. So, if God can use them, it means He might be able to use us - the inadequate, unwise and, too often, faithless. Take what God has given you and share it with the world. It might not be much, but look what God did with the examples above.

-Dave Fisher, Deacon

OUR DAILY BREAD is a devotional published by Our Daily Bread Ministries in over 55 languages. It is widely read around the world and is now available on your iPad or iPhone. Check out the new Daily Bread App. There is an audio voice feature that allows listeners to read along with the daily inspiration and hear the accompanying scriptures. In Christian love,
Missions & Service Commission
<https://tinyurl.com/ODBiphone>

Conemaugh Township Area Ministries

Upcoming Dates:

March 25 Easter Cantata
March 31 Easter Egg Hunt at Greenhouse Park
April 17 CTAM meeting at Stahl Mennonite
July 17 CTAM meeting at Bethel UM church
Oct 16 CTAM meeting at Kaufman Mennonite

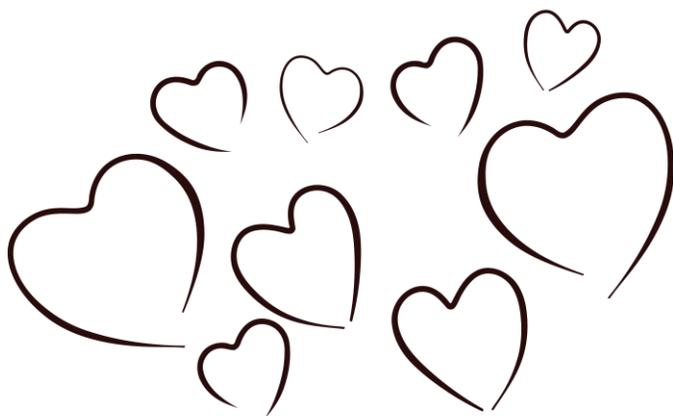
A new **FLOWER CHART** has been posted! If you would like to dedicate altar flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, please fill in the chart and take an envelope. The cost is \$15.00 and you can simply put the envelope into the offering plate. After the morning worship service on that Sunday, you may take the flowers home to be enjoyed. We ask that you please use the styrofoam cups in the back room for transport and leave the heavy plastic liners in the vases for reuse.

St Francis Sharing & Caring Food Pantry:

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: Store: Mon - Friday 9 am - 3 pm., Thurs extended to 5pm and Saturday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. The food pantry: 1st Monday and 1st Wednesday of each month, 9am - 3pm.

Our Birthdays & Anniversaries February

1	Brianna Williams	
2	Cliff & Sally Stutzman	68
6	Diana Croyle	
	Emma Thomas	93
7	Tabitha Blanset	
8	Grace Hostetler	
9	Emily Felton	
10	Elsie Michael	85
	Bill Watkins	73
11	Brenda Brewer	
	Emily Bridge	
	Lila Hershberger	76
	Mary Edna Stevenson	97
13	Gloria Holder	
	Barb Korber	
	Marlin Mishler	83
15	Ruth Friedline	86
16	Josh & Eva McDannell	
17	Meghan Good	
	Ron Punako	
	Carol Rose	77
18	Wendy Myers	
	Dan Sinclair	74
19	Samantha Shaffer	
	Gary & Linda Hockins	35
20	George IV Adams	
22	Audrey Hoffman	
	Ron Weible	
	Ray & Ruth Mishler	64
26	Tracey Seganos	
27	Charles Sachs	



***Please remember the following
who are actively
serving our country..***



SFC George Adams Army
GUNRY SSGT Brock Hemminger Marines
SGT Adam Veres Army Specialist (WhitneyWeimer)
Jonathan Zaroni 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
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

Wish you were at the beach?

Longing for time to **slow down, wiggle your toes** in the sand, and **bask in the warmth of God's presence**? Join us at SeaSide Escape. It's a **beach-themed retreat** where you'll experience meaningful Bible study and worship, connect with other women, and have time for **quiet reflection and plenty of laughter!**

Location: Maple Spring Church of the Brethren
106 Spring Road Hollsopple, PA 15935
(814) 479-4306

Date: March 10, 2018
8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost: \$25 Per Person
Complimentary Registrations
Available Upon Request

For more information, contact:

Send Check for \$25 along with registration form or Name, Address, Phone number and Special needs information to the above address no later than February 19, 2018. Make checks payable to Sisters in Christ Women's Ministry.



Johnstown Sub-District
Lenten Services 2018

Sunday evenings
6:45-8:00 pm

DATE	PLACE	SPEAKER	NOTES
<i>Feb 18</i>	Rummel <i>3432 Graham Ave, Windber</i>	Frank Young	The Altar
<i>Feb 25</i>	Way of Hope <i>Hollsopple Auction Barn</i>	Frank Young	The Altar of Praise
<i>March 4</i>	Morrellville <i>408 Chandler Ave, Johnstown</i>	Frank Young	The Altar of Prayer
<i>March 11</i>	Moxham <i>536 Grove Ave, Johnstown</i>	Frank Young	The Altar of Peace
<i>March 18</i>	Camp Harmony <i>1414 Plank Rd, Hooversville</i>	Frank Young	The Altar of Provision

Come and join us for worship and fellowship as Brother Frank leads us through an inspiring new series, "Our Foundation in the Cross of Christ, the Altar." The singing starts at 6:45, the main service at 7:00. Come and bring a friend – share in refreshments afterward. All offerings will benefit the ministry of Camp Harmony.

Living Waters

*Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.*

Yes, Jesus loves me!

*Jesus loves me! This I know,
As He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee,
Saying, "Let them come to Me."*

Yes, Jesus loves me!

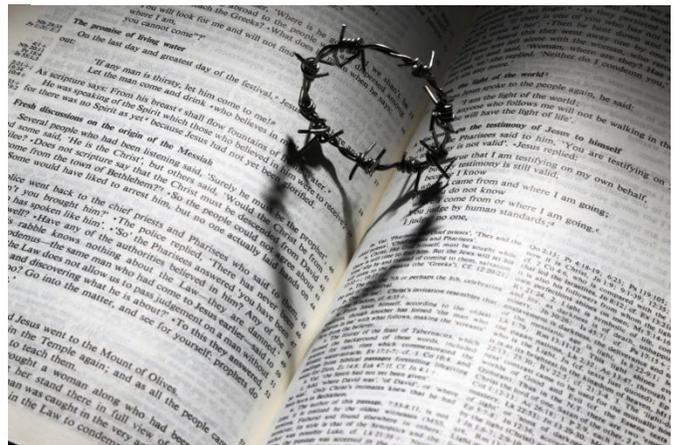
*Jesus loves me still today,
Walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give
Light and love to all who live.*

Yes, Jesus loves me!

*Jesus loves me! He who died
Heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in.*

The Bible tells me so.

*Jesus loves me! He will stay
Close beside me all the way;
Thou hast bled and died for me,
I will henceforth live for Thee.*



"Jesus Loves Me" is one of the most popular Christian hymns around the world, especially among children. The hymn was first written by Anna B. Warner as a poem. Anna's sister Susan requested a poem for a dying child and Anna wrote the wonderful words of Jesus Loves Me to bring comfort and peace.

Anna's poem appeared in a novel, *Say and Seal*, and was composed by William Bradbury in 1862.

"Jesus Loves Me" with its simple, direct message, is one of the first hymns missionaries teach to new converts. It was the favorite hymn of Francis Schaeffer, who recognized that ultimately what intellectuals and children alike need is the simple message of Jesus. Amy Carmichael, the Irish missionary to India, was converted after hearing this hymn at a children's mission in Yorkshire, England