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Water Cup



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Her Children  **RISE UP** *AND* Call Her **BLESSED**  **PROVERBS**
31:28

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 *ends May 20*
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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 disciplining one another through the Holy Spirit
and by reaching out to our neighbors.*

PRAYER PARTNERS FOR MAY

Sally Kaufman
Deanna Fisher
Marlin Mishler
Edna Mae Thomas



and Elsie Michael
and Arbutus Blough
and Patty Shaffer
and Arlene Stevens

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.*

MAY NURSERY SCHEDULE

5/6 – Diana Croyle & Karen Nagyvathy
5/13 – Molly & Jeremy Stultz
5/20 – Jamie & Ryan Beahr
5/27 – Rachel Weible & Rebecca Lichvar

HELPERS NEEDED: The nursery is in need of helpers. If you are willing to help out, please see Linda Baraniak or Megan Hostetler

In the hospital since last issue...

Phyllis Thomas was at Magee Women and has moved to Laurel View
Paul Hershberger was in Windber
Lou Lambert (Patty Miller's father) is in Conemaugh

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 Mary Edna Stevenson
to the family and friends of Ryan Weimer
to the family and friends of Dorothy Hersh

Missing something?

Check the church office for lost and found items. The basket can be found right inside the door, on the third shelf down. You can also give the office a call.

From the Pastor.....

“ A MOTHER’S LOVE”

As all parents understand, being a parent today is not easy. Sometimes it is filled with joy and at other times, sadness. Sometimes children make you proud and other times you cannot find enough tissues to dry your tears. All parents need the help and strength of God.

In Matthew 20:20-23, we read of a mother talking to Jesus about her sons. *“Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your Kingdom”* (Matthew 20:21).

The point I want to make from this passage is that this mother had big expectations of her children and she wanted them to be actively involved in the Kingdom of God. Jesus heard her prayer and James and John eventually became very influential in the Kingdom of God.

The strength of a Godly mother is her love. There is no love like a mother’s love. And Godly mothers receive their strength and love through their relationship with God. That love ministers to her family.

A Godly mother has much influence in the home. She helps to give her children identity, heritage and purpose. Godly mothers plant seeds that blossom later in life. I can think of no more important task than that of being a Godly mother.

Mothers are irreplaceable. In most households, disaster strikes when Mom is not around. The family needs her wisdom and guidance. Women who buy into the feminist message of today who believe they must be masculine, militant and harsh are missing out on the best part of being a woman. They fail to understand the role that Godly women can contribute to society through the home. President Lincoln once said, “All I am and hope to be I owe to my mother.”

I thank God for the Godly mothers of our congregation who are talking to Jesus about their children and are doing their best to get them to become actively involved in God’s Kingdom. Let us take the time to encourage and pray for the mothers of our congregation. Find ways to express your appreciation and love to them. We all need their strength and wisdom.

Serving With You,

Pastor Guy

DEACON MINISTRY

...Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

It's quiet. It's early. My coffee is hot. The sky is still black. The world is still asleep. The day is coming. In a few moments the day will arrive. It will roar down the track with the rising of the sun. The stillness of the dawn will be exchanged for the noise of the day. The calm of solitude will be replaced by the pounding pace of the human race. The refuge of the early morning will be invaded by decisions to be made and deadlines to be met.

For the next twelve hours I will be exposed to the day's demands. It is now that I must make a choice. Because of Calvary, I'm free to choose. And so I choose. I CHOOSE...

LOVE... No occasion justifies hatred; no injustice warrants bitterness. I choose love. Today I will love God and what God loves. I CHOOSE...

JOY... I will invite my God to be the God of circumstance. I will refuse the temptation to be cynical... the tool of the lazy thinker. I will refuse to see people as anything less than human beings, created by God. I will refuse to see any problem as anything less than an opportunity to see God. I CHOOSE...

PEACE... I will live forgiven. I will forgive so that I may live. I CHOOSE...

PATIENCE... I will overlook the inconveniences of the world. Instead of cursing the one who takes my place, I'll invite him to do so. Rather than complain that the wait is too long, I will thank God for a moment to pray. Instead of clinching my fist at new assignments, I will face them with joy and courage. I CHOOSE...

KINDNESS... I will be kind to the poor; for they are alone. Kind to the rich, for they are afraid. And kind to the unkind, for such is how God has treated me. I CHOOSE...

GOODNESS... I will go without a dollar before I take a dishonest one. I will be overlooked before I will boast. I will confess before I will accuse. I choose goodness. I CHOOSE...

FAITHFULNESS... Today I will keep my promises. My debtors will not regret their trust. My associates will not question my word. My wife will not question my love. And my children will never fear that their father will not come home. I CHOOSE...

GENTLENESS... Nothing is won by force. I choose to be gentle. If I raise my voice may it be only in praise. If I clench my fist, may it be only in prayer. If I make a demand, may it be only of myself. I CHOOSE...

SELF-CONTROL... I am a spiritual being... After this body is dead, my spirit will soar. I refuse to let what will not, rule the eternal. I choose self-control. I will be drunk only by joy. I will be impassioned only by my faith. I will be influenced only by God. I will be taught only by Christ. I choose self-control.

Love, joy peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

To these I commit my day. If I succeed, I will give thanks. If I fail, I will seek his grace.
And then, when this day is done, I will place my head on my pillow and rest.

From Max Lucado's *When God Whispers Your Name* (as cited in *Grace for the Moment*, 2000)

---Submitted by Arbutus Blough

Dates to remember...

May

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- 1st.....9 a.m. Humble Hands
2nd.....9 a.m. Prayer Time
.....7 p.m. Adult Choir practice
5th.....8am Work day at the church
6th.....8:15 Early Service
.....9:30 a.m. Sunday School
.....10:35 a.m. Worship Service
8th.....9 a.m. Humble Hands
9th.....6:30am New Day prayer breakfast
.....9 a.m. Prayer Time
.....7 p.m. Adult Choir practice
11th.....7-9pm Jr High game night @ Hostetler's
12th.....6pm Mother Daughter Banquet
13th.....8:15 Early Service
.....9:30 a.m. Sunday School
.....10:35 a.m. Worship Service
14th.....7 p.m. **Caregivers Support Group**
15th.....9 a.m. Humble Hands
16th.....9 a.m. Prayer Time
.....7 p.m. Adult Choir practice
19th.....Highmark Walk for Health
20th.....8:15 Early Service
.....9:30 a.m. Sunday School
.....10:35 a.m. Worship Service
22nd.....9 a.m. Humble Hands
23rd.....9 a.m. Prayer Time
.....7 p.m. Adult Choir practice
26th.....10am-2pm Workday @ Camp Harmony
27th.....8:15 Early Service
.....9:30 a.m. Sunday School
.....10:35 a.m. Worship Service
29th.....9 a.m. Humble Hands
30th.....9 a.m. Prayer Time
.....7 p.m. Adult Choir practice

Much appreciation and gratitude to all those who helped make the April 7th Pancake Breakfast a success. The event raised 1,240 dollars for the District Disaster Fund! Special thanks to Thelma Keim, Rachael Cable, Builders for Christ Sunday School Class, & the Men's Fellowship for your donations, gifts of service, and time to help support our church & community. "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10 -Missions & Service

MOTHER & DAUGHTER BANQUET: May 12th, "What Not to Wear". Tickets are available now: Adults \$10, Children \$5

ATTN 2018 SENIORS: The Conemaugh Township Rotary Club is offering four \$500.00 Scholarships to graduating seniors of Conemaugh Township or Windber school districts. Please see the bulletin board in the annex for more details.

RENTALS: Please make your reservations for the Grove or the Fellowship Hall (church members only) through the church secretary. A calendar for your reference is behind the door of the church office and request forms are available on top of the filing cabinets. If your reservation has already been confirmed, you do not need to fill out a form.

SPECIAL: If anyone has seen or borrowed the original membership ledger/ binder (black), please let Linda Baraniak know as soon as possible.

KIDZ CLUB will be participating in the Highmark Walk for Health to benefit Camp Harmony on May 19th. Checks made out to Camp Harmony can be given to any Kidz Club member or see Connie Z.

PRAYER BREAKFAST: New Day Inc will hold its 24th Annual Community Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday, May 9th at the Holiday Inn in downtown Johnstown. The buffet starts at 6:30am and the program will begin at 7:00 am. Featured speaker is Chris Valente. Tickets are \$12 each and available through the New Day Ministry 814-535-8202

OPPORTUNITY TO BE OF SERVICE The Friends in Faith class is looking for some help with one of its service projects. If you are able and willing to lend a hand mowing or trimming, please call Tim McDonald at 814-244-4136. Thanks!

St Francis Sharing & Caring Food Pantry: expanded its hours. We continue to be open on the first Monday and first Wednesday of each month, but we have added hours to the first day we are open so that we can better serve our community. First day: 9:00-6:00; second day: 9:00-3:00.

We are updating our church records. So please see the attached info sheet. You can also fill this out on our website.

youth
group

Jr. High Activities Spring/Summer 2018



May 11 7-9 pm Game night @ Hostetler's (232 Dairy Road Hollsopple 15935)

Bring your favorite board game and come enjoy some homemade popcorn and a taffy pull. Bring a Friend!

Bring your Friends!!! Enter to win the friend prize!



May 26 10 am -2 pm - Workday @ Camp Harmony

Wear comfy clothes we will be working at jobs that the camp needs done. Bring your Friends!!! Enter to win the friend prize!

June 6 Fun @ the Grove! - We will play capture the flag and have smores around the fire. *Bring a friend prize drawing!*

June 20 7:30 pm @ the Grove - Community Ice Cream Social.

**Ice Cream
Social**

Invite your friends and family!

Bring your Friends!!! Enter to win the friend prize!



June 25-29 9am - 12 pm Bible School - **Sign up to be a Jr. Leader!**

July 7 11-3 Community Day @ the Grove Bring your Friends!!!

July 16 7:30-9 pm Game night @ Hostetler's - Bring your favorite board game and come enjoy some homemade ice cream!
Bring a friend prize drawing!

August 1 7:30 pm @ the Grove- Community Ice cream and Movie Social. Invite your friends and family!



August 10 7:30pm -August 11 3 pm @ Camp Harmony

Church Retreat. Families Welcome! **More info to come.**

August 26 Pizza and Movie Party 12:30 pm following the 10:35 Service @ Maple Spring COB. *Bring a friend prize drawing!*

Our Birthdays & Anniversaries May

2	Joe & Patty Moehler		37
3	Cathy McDonald		
4	Bill Hemminger		
	Margaret Hershberger	78	
	Sally Shaffer		
	Jim & Darla Moran		33
5	Ross Furry		
7	Krista Shaffer		
8	Savannah Stutzman		
	Daryl & Margaret Hershberger		
10	Harold Alwine	83	
	Harry & Patty Shaffer		43
11	Noah Luprek		
13	Joe Moehler		
14	Sherry Wojtaszek		
15	Elizabeth Bedrin		
	Randy Gary		
18	Harry Shaffer		
19	Dawna Todaro		
20	Beverly Parks		
	William Shaffer		
22	Gary & Connie Martin		42
23	Nancy Gindlesperger		
24	Kevin & Jennifer Sabo		32
25	Rachel Weible		
	Chet & Lizzeth Thomas		27
27	Bria McDannell		
	Harold & Sue Coughenour		46
28	Richard & Janet Good		41

**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 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, RmA343 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
Ruth Friedline	PO Box 111/127 Maple Ln Jennerstown, PA 15547



Living Waters

Love Lessons

From a simple, lowly manager into needy streets of old, stepped a gentle, humble servant with a heart of purest gold.

He came with God-made purpose to a world that sought to know the reason for their living and oh He loved them so. He lectured them on kindness and He showed them how to give. And our humble, gentle Servant taught His people how to live.

From the glory of the temple, where He settled down to preach, came cries of condemnation from the dusty, crowded streets.

For a woman caught in sinning was the object of their tones and they quoted words of Moses as they loaded up with stones. But the Teacher quickly silenced them with words that filled the air. And our wise and loving Savior taught his people how to care.

On the filthy streets of Jericho one hot and weary day, He came upon a blind man by the road along the way.

The stranger begged for mercy that his darkened eyes might see. And the people tried to silence him but he continued in his plea.

The Physician cured his blindness ... he'd no longer have to cope.

And our kindly, caring Master taught His people how to hope.

The children of the village followed gaily in His path but His workers tried to stop them and that invoked His wrath.

He scooped up all the little ones and held them on His knee and their souls were filled with gladness and their hearts were filled with glee.

And He took the time to pamper them for but a little while. And our beautiful Redeemer taught His people how to smile.

With arms outstretched in agony on a rugged, wooden cross, the Son surveyed His people as He suffered for their loss. He watched with great compassion as they taunted Him again and He offered His forgiveness through tortured lips of pain.

And as He bowed His weary head to His Father up above, our perfect, mighty Victor taught His people how to love.

But death could not contain Him and the grave was not the end. For eternal life awaited our Redeemer and our Friend.

And when the stone was rolled away and Jesus stepped without, His face of beaming radiance erased each trace of doubt.

Now our home's with Him in Heaven filled with joy and peace and laughter; for the Teacher waits to greet us in the blessed ever-after.



-Rev. Linda Stoner