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*To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose
under the heaven*

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 THIS MONTH

Connie Martin
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.*

AUGUST NURSERY SCHEDULE

8/5 – Diana Croyle & Karen Nagyvathy
8/12 – Jeremy & Molly Stultz
8/19 – Ryan & Jamie Beahr
8/25 – Lois Spory & Helen Hildebrand
9/2 – Mark & Krista Shaffer

In the hospital since last issue...

Sue Unger was at Crichton Center for therapy
Bill Watkins was in Conemaugh
Gladys Holsopple is in Conemaugh/Good Sam
Arlene Stevens is in Windber
Carole Horner was in Conemaugh and has moved
to Health South Hamarville
320 Guys Run Rd
Pittsburgh, PA 15238

*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 Alice Weir who passed away on June 20th.
Mary is Suzan Gary's mother.

Lloyd (Jim) Bittner who passed away on June 20th.
Lloyd is Brian Bittner's father.

Wilma Eash who passed away Friday morning. She
is the mother of Adrienne Punako

From the Pastor.....

“FAITHFULNESS”

The questions are different but the answer is the same.....

- *What single quality in a business builds respect deeper than any other?
- *What brings security in relationships?
- *What strengthens confidence in leaders?
- *What makes us choose a particular brand- name over all others?
- *What do you want most from your paperboy or postman?
- *What will add more weight to your witness for Christ than anything else?

The answer is consistency **faithfulness**.

Faithfulness is an obvious mark of maturity. It is also a strong characteristic of God.
God faithfully FULFILLS HIS PROMISES. (2 Peter 3:9).

God faithfully FORGIVES OUR SINS. (1John 1:9).

God faithfully MINISTERS TO US IN OUR TEMPTATIONS. (1 Corinthians 10:13).

God faithfully RESPONDS TO ALL AGES AT ALL TIMES. (Psalm 119:90).

God also requires that His children be faithful to Him and His Word.

We first must be found faithful in order to be...

- *Qualified for ministry (1Timothy 1:12)
- *Guaranteed God’s blessings on our lives (Proverbs 28:20).
- *To be prepared for leadership roles (Nehemiah 7:2).
- *To receive Heaven’s reward. (Matthew 25:21).

Is it your desire to be found faithful in God’s eyes? I trust that it is. He will help us if we would just ask Him to.

Serving With You,

Pastor Guy

DEACON MINISTRY

...Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

THE CHARACTER OF GOSSIP

Romans 1:28-31

And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful

God hates gossip. He wants our speech to be pleasing to Him—and He certainly does not consider idle talk or mean-spirited words pleasant (Col. 3:8). Sadly, gossip is practiced so freely that even some believers participate and try to justify their chatter. But hearsay has no place in a Christian's life.

Romans 1 contains one of the Bible's lists of sins. The book's author—the apostle Paul—is reminding believers that God has revealed Himself to all mankind. Those who reject Him and chase after idols are turned over to their evil worship and the immoral practices that go with serving self (Romans 1:24-25). Gossip appears in the middle of the list; God despises it because malicious talk destroys lives whether the stories are true or false. The person who is targeted by the rumor often loses the respect of those who listen to it. Hurt feelings may not be the only negative effect; a job or relationship could be lost as well.

Those spreading tales also face destructive consequences. People who refuse to control the tongue reveal evil motives or, at the very least, a lack of discipline. As a result, believers and unbelievers alike will often avoid such untrustworthy individuals. For a Christian who spreads rumors, there's potential for even worse damage. Not only can the credibility of one's witness be compromised, but fellowship with the Lord might also be harmed—animosity toward another person and intimacy with God can't coexist in the same heart.

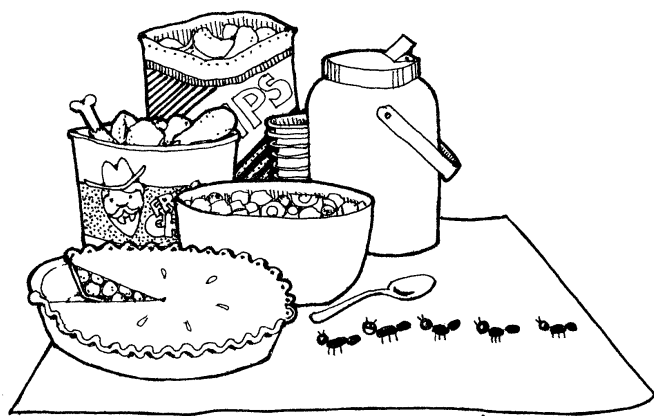
Gossip achieves no good in anyone's life, which is why the Lord warns against it. Instead, our words should build up, comfort, and encourage others.

- Charles Stanley, In Touch Devotional

**Our Birthdays & Anniversaries
August**



1	Cody Miller	
2	Kallie Lysic	
6	Missy Furry	
	John Hostetler	
8	Deanna Fisher	77
	Amy Soha	
	Brian & Connie Zanoni	37
12	Ross & Missy Furry	
17	Dale Holder	
	Mike Stevens	
	Robert & Deanna Fisher	57
19	Connie Zanoni	
21	Darla Moran	
	Cole Shaffer	
	John & Sue Unger	47
25	Dwight & Deirdre Keim	28
27	Janet Good	
	Bob & Sherry Wojtaszek	52
29	Ron Beachley	78
	Sue Unger	



It's Picnic time!!

Sunday, August 12th at 1:00 pm

The Roxbury Church of the Brethren (our prayer partner church for 2018) has invited us to their church picnic! Bring your favorite covered dish. Rolls, beverages and tableware are all provided.



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

1st SGT 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
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
Ruth Friedline	PO Box 111/127 Maple Ln Jennerstown, PA 15547

Dates to remember...

August



1st.....9 a.m. Prayer Time
7:30pm Community Ice Cream Social
 5th.....8:15 Early Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:35 a.m. Worship Service
 7th.....9 a.m. Humble Hands
7 pm Reading Night
 8th.....9 a.m. Prayer Time
10th-11th.....Church Retreat @ Camp Harmony
 12th.....8:15 Early Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:35 a.m. Worship Service
1 pm Picnic @ Roxbury
 14th.....9 a.m. Humble Hands
7 pm Reading Night
 15th.....9 a.m. Prayer Time
16th.....6pm Men's Corn Roast
 19th.....8:15 Early Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:35 a.m. Worship Service
 21st.....9 a.m. Humble Hands
7 pm Reading Night (final - pizza party!)
Sight & Sound Trip
 22nd.....9 a.m. Prayer Time
 26th.....8:15 Early Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:35 a.m. Worship Service
 28th.....9 a.m. Humble Hands
 29th.....9 a.m. Prayer Time

SIGHT AND SOUND "JESUS" TRIP: Please note the changes! Our pick up will now be at the **church only** we will leave promptly at **6:25 AM**

CLEARANCES: Letters were mailed to individuals who work with children in the church concerning updating clearances. Our understanding was these clearances needed updated every 3 years, but we have since learned it is every 5 years. So the majority of you are fine until 2020. We apologize for any confusion. If you are not sure about your status, please check with the church office.

BUS TRIP: There are only nine (9) seats left for the Ark and Creation Bus trip on August 7 & 8. A listing of the costs for this trip are on the bulletin board, but they range in price from \$170 - \$200. The bus will be leaving the Davidsville Community Church parking lot at 4:30 AM on August 7th. You may park in the church parking lot overnight. If interested in traveling with this group led by Tim Lehman, please call Pastor Rick at 717-576-4729 or e-mail him at rickconrad24@yahoo.com

ATTN: Men's Fellowship: Plan to attend our annual Men's Fellowship corn roast at the Church Grove on Thursday, August 16th, at 6:00pm. Our guest speaker is Pastor Rob Wolf from the Pleasant Hill CoB. Bring a lawn chair. Plan to come and bring a friend. Rain or shine!

HARMONY FEST: Attention Sunday School classes! Sept. 22-23 is Harmony Fest at Camp Harmony. There will be a silent auction and we are in need of baskets. Please consider donating one from your class! For more details, please see Amy Fisher, our camp rep.

St Francis Sharing & Caring Food Pantry open on the first Monday and first Wednesday of each month, First day: 9:00-6:00; second day: 9:00-3:00 As our "Prayer Partner Church", Roxbury has invited us to join them for a family banquet on July 21 at 6:00pm in the social room of their church. It will be a catered buffet meal. The theme is "The Good Shepherd and His Sheep". PLEASE sign up on the annex bulletin board if you plan to attend so we can let the church know by **July 10th**. Cost is \$10/adult, \$5/child 3-12, free for kids under 3.

FREE EVENT!

Maple Spring Church Retreat

Friday, August 10, 7:30 pm - Saturday, August 11, 3:30 pm

Brougner Lodge & Field, Camp Harmony

Join us for a time of unity and spiritual growth.

- Session Leader Frank Young
- Campfire worship and Camp activities
- Food provided
- Fellowship for all! Everyone is welcome!
- Come and stay overnight or travel back and forth, just don't miss the fun!



OUR QUILT BLOCK: The Maple Spring Ladies created this special block for Conference this year. Embroidered on the block are the words “Maple Spring Church Western District PA”. These blocks are used to create quilts and wall hangings to be auctioned off. The proceeds from the auction are used to feed the hungry.

CONFERENCE: There is a “wrap up” of the annual conference posted on the annex bulletin board. If you would like a personal copy, just let the church office know.

PLEASE NOTE: Friends in Faith Sunday School class is beginning a new study on *Current Events, End Times, and Prophecy* starting this Sunday. All are invited to join us.

CHOIR: Choir practice will resume on Wednesday, August 29th at 7:00 pm. We are always looking for new members - please join us as we sing praises to our Lord

FISHERS of MEN

Start

Finish

And Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” **Mark 1:17**

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Living Waters

Be Still

Oh Father God, You know what's best.
Help me, dear Lord, to stand this test
Assure me of Your Sovereign will
And then remind me to be still.
Be still and know that "I am God"
I'll walk a path that You have trod.
Please drive away all doubt and fear
And whisper, Lord, that You are near.
I know this trial will soon be past
And victory will be ours at last.
Till then I'll rest within Your will
And in obedience, I'll be still.

-Mary Kephart
(Rachel's mother)