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Water Cup



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The Kidz Club with Pastor Guy at Sight & Sound in Lancaster to see "Jesus"

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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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

Arlene Stevens
Elsie Michael
Sally Kaufman
Deanna Fisher



and Connie Martin
and Arbutus Blough
and Patty Shaffer
and Marlin Mishler

*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.*

SEPTEMBER NURSERY SCHEDULE

9/2 – Mark & Krista Shaffer
9/9 – Diana Croyle & Karen Nagyvathy
9/16 – Jeremy & Molly Stultz
9/23 – Ryan & Jamie Beahr
9/30 – Rachel Weible & Rebecca Lichvar

In the hospital since last issue...

Carole Horner
Gladys Holsopple

*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 Janet Mostoller. Janet entered eternity on Friday, August 10th. May you feel God's comfort surround you through this time.

MARRIAGE CONGRATULATIONS

Jeremy Garman and Megan O'Donnell
Brandon Cook and Sierra Alwine

From the Pastor.....

“THE TIME CRUNCH”

“Where has the summer gone?” I’m sure most of us have asked that question. Time does seem to fly by very quickly. The question is, “what have we done with the time that has been given to us?”

Everyone receives an equal supply of time. The only difference between us is in the way we invest it. Each week brings us 168 hours. We spend approximately 56 hours for sleep and recuperation. We spend approximately 24 hours for eating and personal duties. We spend approximately 50 hours for earning a living. We have about 38 hours left to spend just as we wish. But how do we spend them?

God has given each of us the precious gift of time, of which we must be good stewards. The management of time must be our #1 priority. Without some organization of our day, it will waste away without purpose, and drain away without accomplishment.

Two foundational biblical principles for your time management:

Principle # 1 – Realize that you have enough time to do all that God wants you to do. Too much to do? Not enough time? Jesus said, “*Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you,*” (Matthew 6:33).

Principle # 2 – Come apart and rest or you’ll come apart.

So, the best remedy for a schedule that is out of control is to get alone with God and practice principle #1.

Serving With You,
Pastor Guy

OUTDOOR WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

SEPTEMBER 9th, starting at 10:30am. After the service, we will have our picnic.

Christian Ed Commission will be providing chicken and all paper products and drinks. Please bring your favorite covered dish to share!

We will also be having a cornhole tournament this year Please sign up on the annex bulletin board!

DEACON MINISTRY

...Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

Which is best: chocolate or vanilla?..... dogs or cats? These and so many other questions are a matter of personal preference. Anyone on either side of the argument can make a strong case for their preference, and, let's face facts - not much hangs in the balance. Discussions like this help us to get to know one another a little better. There are however, matters of much greater importance, matters of eternal significance, facing us as *members* of our denomination. Note that I am concerned not with the denomination and its well-being; that will be determined by its members. As such, I am concerned about *members* themselves. Individuals. You! Annual conference has decided that we must have a "Compelling Vision" to allow us to move forward as we do the work of Jesus, and so it work has begun to develop that vision. The following is just part of an article taken from the 2018 Annual Conference web-site. The article is entitled: **Introductory Remarks about the Compelling Vision Process Shared at Annual Conference 2018** "Forty years ago in 1978 our debate surrounding Biblical Inspiration and Authority took the form of the 1978 Annual Conference statement of the same name highlighting and encouraging acceptance of both our agreements and our differing views of Scripture. Around the same time, cultural shifts regarding homosexuality were impacting the church and we took our first steps to determine together how we, as a denomination, would respond. The passing of the 1983 Statement on Human Sexuality, rather than resolving a question, seemed to lead us into a wilderness of ongoing debate and division where our differing views on Biblical authority and interpretation particularly as regards homosexual practice have kept us wandering for nearly 40 years." Annual conference continues to struggle with the denomination's stance on the homosexual issue. I ask myself why this is, especially in light of the adoption of the 1983 Statement referenced above. Why does it continue to occupy our time and our attention when the issue was seemingly dealt with in 1983? Perhaps the issue is "being kept alive" so that those who are unhappy with the 1983 Statement can actively work to have it changed, to perpetuate the "cultural shift." After all, to remain silent would be to admit acceptance. Do we need a "Compelling Vision?" We must make that decision for ourselves. I pray that conference is successful as this can be a good thing, especially if it ends the conversations that distract us from doing God's work. As for me, I believe what scripture tells me when I read Matthew 28:19, known widely as the Great Commission. You and I are to "go and make disciples of all nations...." This is my compelling vision. It will be mine no matter what denomination to which I belong. What about you?

Our Birthdays & Anniversaries September

1. Aaron Gary
2. Dwight Keim
3. Bill Shroyer
4. Doris Shaffer 86
Don Tresnicky, Jr
Kim Rose
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 85
Caven Miller
19. Bob and Karen Nagyvathy
20. Cheyenne Alwine
21. Don Tresnicky 77
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 80
29. Toni McClain
Eric Moran
Sheri Zambanini
30. Chris and Penny Hoffman
Ray and Pat Shaffer
Ray and Ruth Stevens



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

Dates to remember...

September



- 2nd8:15 Early Service
-9:30 a.m. Sunday School
-10:35 a.m. Worship Service
- 3rd**Happy Labor Day!** (office will be closed)
- 4th9 a.m. Humble Hands
-**7 p.m. Council Meeting**
- 5th9 a.m. Prayer Time
-7 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
- 9th**10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship Service**
-**Sunday School picnic & Cornhole competition**
- 11th9 a.m. Humble Hands
-7 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
- 12th9 a.m. Prayer Time
- 13th**Elk Trip**
- 16th8:15 Early Service
-9:30 a.m. Sunday School
-10:35 a.m. Worship Service
- 18th9 a.m. Humble Hands
- 19th9 a.m. Prayer Time
- 23rd8:15 Early Service
-9:30 a.m. Sunday School
-10:35 a.m. Worship Service
- 25th9 a.m. Humble Hands
- 26th9 a.m. Prayer Time
- 30th**Revival services will begin...watch for more details!**

SUPPORT FOR THE HORNERS:

1) Benefit Basket Party: Tickets are \$10, includes a light lunch and chance tickets. Davidsville Community Church
 September 23, 2018, 2:30pm-5:00pm. Doors open at 1:00pm
 2) There is an account at First National Bank: Friends of Carole Horner
 3) There is a gofundme set up as well, www.gofundme.com/carol-horner
 4) If you would like to sign up to provide a meal for Mearl and Carole, please visit the following site: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/5yvg6z>
For more details, please see the bulletin boards!

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING: It is important for all church members to attend if possible!! Tues. Sept. 4th at 7pm for the business of the church parking lot project. The financing will be presented.

Junior Church will begin on Sunday, September 16. Junior Church is offered during the Morning Worship Service for children in grades 1-6 and is directed by Diane Bridge. The children are dismissed following the Praise Song and meet in the back of the Sanctuary. At the conclusion of the Worship Service, the children should be picked up by an adult in the Children’s Library next to the office.

REMINDER: Commissions – delegate registration is due **before** Oct. 1. So please let Rachel know if a member of your commission will be attending by Sept. 21st. Please call because the registration form has several questions that need to be answered. Thank you!

LOVE OFFERING: to be taken at conference this year for Camp Harmony. Please see either bulletin board for more info!

LOST & FOUND: Please check the church office for missing items. There is a woman’s bible and glasses, some items left from recent weddings/showers, and various other items. Anything left unclaimed within a month’s time, will be discarded or donated.

HARMONY FEST: Those donating baskets, please have them at the church by September 9th!

SPECIAL: Sun. Sept. 9 at 6:30 P. M. at Thomas Mennonite Church: Several pastors, including Guy Myers & Wes Yoder will speak on scripture portions of the “ Beatitudes”. Please join us for this service.

ATTN: SPORTSMEN: Plan to participate in our annual Elk Sight-Seeing trip on Thursday, September 13th. The van will leave the church parking lot at 8:00 am. We will be stopping at Grice’s Gun Shop in Clearfield en route. Then travel on to Benezett for lunch and sight-seeing. We will be stopping for supper on the way home. **Please Note** – the gas expense will be shared among those who go along.



KIDZ CLUB SPONSORED
FAMILY AND FRIEND HIKE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018
LEAD BY: BLAINE LEVERKNIGHT

PLEASE CONSIDER ATTENDING THIS
WONDERFUL EVENT

AND INVITE EXTENDED FAMILY AND
FRIENDS TO ATTEND !

WHERE: BABCOCK PICNIC AREA AT
GALLITZIN STATE FOREST
TAKE PA-56 E, TURN LEFT ONTO
CRESCENT DR IN OGLE TOWNSHIP,
TURN LEFT ONTO HOLLOW RD

WHEN: SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2018
AT 1:00 P.M.

OTHER INFORMATION

WE WILL EAT TOGETHER AT 1:00 SO
PLEASE BRING A PACKED LUNCH OR
STOP AT A FAST FOOD RESTAURANT
ALONG THE WAY.

THIS IS A HIKE, NOT A WALK IN THE
PARK. THE HIKE WILL BE HELD RAIN
OR SHINE. PLEASE DRESS

APPROPRIATELY AND BRING A RAIN
PONCHO ACCORDING TO THE
FORECAST. NO FLIP FLOPS OR
SANDALS, WEAR STURDY SHOES.
REMEMBER WE WILL BE IN THE
MOUNTAINS AND IT COULD BE
COOLER, AGAIN BE PREPARED. THE
HIKE WILL TAKE A COUPLE HOURS,
PLEASE BRING EXTRA WATER AND
NECESSARY ITEMS IN A BACKPACK. I
ALWAYS WALK WITH A WALKING
STICK, THIS IS ADVISABLE AS THE
TRAIL HAS SOME ROCKY PARTS.

BLAINE ALSO SUGGESTED BRINGING A
CAMERA AS THERE ARE SOME
AMAZING VIEWS!

CHOIR: Children's Choir, Bells and Kidz Club
will be starting on Friday September 7th. Choir will
be 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 and Kidz Club will be 7:00 to
8:00. There will be special times when Kidz Club
will run later due to activities.

HELP NEEDED: Over the past several weeks I have continually asked for a leader for Kidz Club Jr for ages 3years to 1st grade. I have received no response and I am deeply saddened. Without active children in the church it will perish. I would gladly do Kidz Club Jr if someone would step forward and do the older Kidz Club. I will prepare lessons for either or you can do your own. Please consider this important ministry. If a leader is not found by September 7th the Kidz Club Jr will be dissolved..

Living Waters

Autumn Blessings ~

By Deborah Ann



Autumn brings to the soul relief,
as hot Summer days, slip to an end
God sent the season for weary hearts
to restore, repair and mend.

Unlike the Autumn trees,
that shed their changing leaves
God sent the season for failing hearts
to adhere, embrace and cleave.

Just as with the Autumn winds,
there comes a new refreshing rain
God sent the season for fraying hearts
to increase, grow and gain.

The Autumn sun is slow to climb,
and dips much earlier into the night
God sent the season for sleepy hearts
to rise, shine and awake in His light.
God gave to us the Autumn season,
so we could have a respite and rest
for it is the season for our beset souls
to see how much we are blessed!

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### *Psalm 16:9*

*King James Version*

*“Therefore my heart is glad,  
and my glory rejoiceth:  
my flesh also shall rest  
in hope.”*

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