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# Water Cup



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**WATER CUP DEADLINE FOR  
December 2018  
November 20, 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 THIS MONTH**

Sally Kaufman  
Deanna Fisher  
Marlin Mishler  
Connie Martin



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.*

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**NOVEMBER NURSERY SCHEDULE**

11/4 – Ryan & Jamie Beahr  
11/11 – Rachel Weible & Rebecca Lichvar  
11/18 – Lois Spory & Helen Hildebrand  
11/25 – Mark & Krista Shaffer

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

Harold Alwine  
Alam Baraniak  
Tom Keim  
Mona Blough

Please continue to keep Carole Horner in your prayers

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

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***Sympathy...***

We extend our Christian sympathies to Randy & Sue Gary and their family. Randy's mother, Patricia, passed away October 24<sup>th</sup>. May you all feel God's comfort.

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**MARRIAGE CONGRATULATIONS**

Logan Lichvar and Heather Berkebile were united in marriage on Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>

# From the Pastor.....

## TAKING TIME TO GIVE THANKS

Ready or not the month of November has arrived. Can you believe it? November is probably a very busy month for you, isn't it? Family Thanksgiving gatherings are being planned and it's also time to get ready for Christmas. As someone said to me recently, "there isn't enough hours in the day anymore!" No doubt we all have said that a time or two. However, we will take a time-out this month, the fourth Thursday of the month, to gather with family and friends to give thanks to God for His blessings upon on our lives.

Truthfully, we need to take a time-out daily to express our gratitude to God. If you are able, take a time-out right now and turn in your Bible to Psalm 100. As I read this Psalm, I notice at least seven reasons to daily express my gratitude to God.

1. God reveals Himself to us. (Psalm 100:3a)
2. God created us and is in control (Psalm 100:3b)
3. We are His people (Psalm 100:3c)
4. God cares for us. (Psalm 100:3d)
5. God is exceedingly good to us. (Psalm 100:5a)
6. God's mercy never ends (Psalm 100:5b)
7. God is wonderfully faithful (Psalm 100:5c)

Someone once said, "The more people have, the less grateful they become. They begin to believe they deserve it, believe they need it, then begin to demand it."

Take a moment right now and write down some of your many daily blessings. Acknowledge that God has been faithful to you and is in complete control. Wendy and I are very thankful for you, your prayers and encouragement. We couldn't do it without you. We wish you a very blessed and happy Thanksgiving season. We are very grateful for you and for your faithfulness to Christ and His church.

Thanksgiving Blessings,

Pastor Guy

# DEACON MINISTRY

...Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

Why do we build walls? The answer is simple, to separate or protect. We also build invisible walls and boundaries to keep those who have wronged us at a safe distance. We build these invisible boundaries because of unforgiveness in our hearts, but they not only keep people away but entraps us in bitterness, hate, anger, slander, and malice. Why is it so hard for us to forgive? Once again, the answer is simple, It's just not fair! Why do I have to forgive someone who lied to me, stole from me, or hurt me when all I really want is justice to be served.

Forgiveness is not easy, we can't do it on our own, we need the Holy Spirit working inside us to accomplish this seemingly impossible task. In the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of Mathew, Jesus teaches us the Lord's Prayer and verse 12 states, "forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors". Continuing to verse 15, "if we don't forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins". This sounds like a command and not a suggestion. No one could blame Jesus if he held a grudge or wanted justice. He suffered more, forgave more, and loved us more than we ever deserved. He took all our hate, anger, bitterness, slander, malice, and all our sins upon Himself and died on that cross, all for forgiveness. If Jesus can do that for the whole world, why can't we forgive one person. We need to continue to ask God for forgiveness of our sins and continually pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to help us forgive others.

## YOUTH SCHEDULE

November 17<sup>th</sup> – Overflow Conference at Johnstown Vo-Tech

We will leave the church at 8am and go out for lunch at Pappy's afterward. Then we will come back to the church and do prep for the Thanks meal

November 18<sup>th</sup> – after church

Youth Thanks meal

November 28<sup>th</sup> – regular class

Decorate for Christmas and exchange names. Discuss meaning behind symbols

December 19<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm

Christmas party & gift exchange

December 24<sup>th</sup> – 8pm

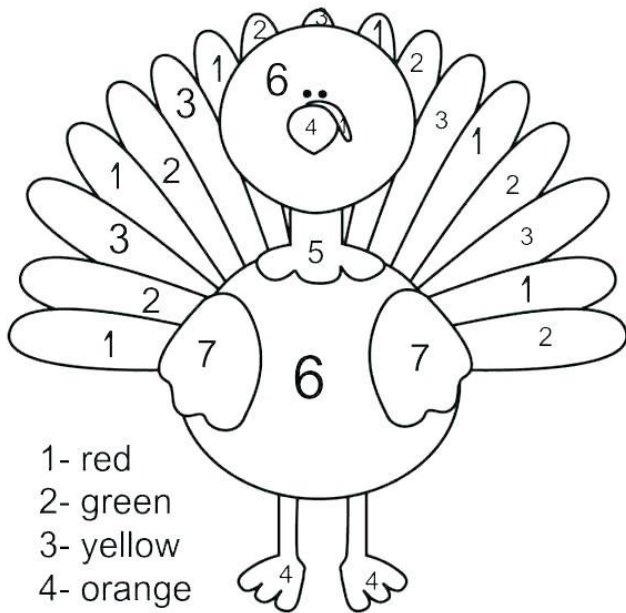
Christmas Eve program

December 26<sup>th</sup>

No meeting – Merry Christmas!!

## Our Birthdays & Anniversaries November

2	Kim Livingston	
4	Twila Blanset	
5	Kathie Bailie Michael Rose	
6	Nikita Kane	
7	Wally Ullery	78
8	Jeff Fisher	
12	Reta Alwine	82
	Blaine Leverknight	79
	Zachary Pebley	
14	Tom & Diane Bridge	37
	Robyn Blanset	
17	Ruth Ott	78
18	Tom Korber	
19	Linda Baraniak	
21	Kathy Patterson	
22	Hope Safko	
24	Doug & Jeanne Cober	58
	Jack Strait	
26	Mike & Tracey Seganos	35
	Ethan Hoffman	
	Sam Moehler	
28	Bob & Dolores Lape	65
29	Jacob Rosenbaum	
30	Don & Linda Tresnicky	55



- 1- red
- 2- green
- 3- yellow
- 4- orange
- 5- white
- 6- dark brown
- 7- light brown



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

1<sup>st</sup> 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      960 Woodstown Hwy  
 & Don Stutzman      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

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** Shoeboxes are due today! If you would like to help, you can still do so! With a monetary donation, Kayla Luprek will get the supplies needed to fill boxes. **NEXT SUNDAY** there is a covered dish dinner following the 10:35 service – and after dinner we will have a packing party! I invite everyone to come and participate in this special event. Thank you to all who donated and took part in this project. Please continue to pray for the recipients of these boxes. – Kayla Luprek

**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](http://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!**

**2019 Calendars!** - The 2019 calendars are now available. There is no cost to you. They are located in the window by the bulletin board in the annex.

The **Missions & Service Commission** is coordinating another day trip to The Brethren Service Center in new **Windsor, Md.**, on Thursday, November 8, 2018 to help with care packages and kits to be shipped to areas in need around the world. We will leave the district office at 5:45 a.m. and return around 7:30 p.m. You must be at least 14 years old to attend. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board at the main entrance of the church. Contact Chris Hoffman with questions at 814-442-5156.

**FRUIT BASKETS:** The Connumach Lions Club is selling fruit baskets again. Large baskets are \$26 with 24 pieces of fruit, Medium baskets are \$15 with 12 pieces of fruit and a Tray is \$6 with 6 pieces of fruit. A flyer and sign up sheet are on the annex bulletin board. Fruit baskets will be made on December 15, 2018 and delivered that day or you may make arrangements to pick up your basket at the Lions Building in Davidsville on that day also. All baskets not delivered or picked up on Saturday,

December 15 will be delivered on Monday, December 17, 2018. All orders for fruit baskets must be made by Sunday, December 2, 2018. Thanks in advance for your help...Lion Nancy Gindlesperger, Lion Tom Moss and Lion Walter Ullery.

**PAINTERS NEEDED!** The Trustees are seeking some skillful volunteers to help paint the annex. If you would be willing to help out, please put your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet. Kevin will be in touch to arrange a date and time that works best!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Meals on Wheels of Conemaugh Township is in need of volunteers to deliver meals on Mondays (11am-12pm). If you are interested in helping, please contact Betty Werder 479-7640.

**CTAM Thanksgiving Service** Davidsville Community Church November 15, 2018 At 7:00 pm. There will be a combined community choir (practice will be at 6:00 pm)  
Pastor Rick Conrad will deliver the message

**You Are Invited!** The youth of Maple Spring would like to thank you for your love and support over the year. Join us for a THANKSgiving Meal on November 18, 2018 following the 10:35 Service

**BIBLE QUIZZING:** Teams are forming now! Sign up sheets are available in the annex. We will be studying 1 Timothy. Competitions held on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

**New Day Gift Wrap:** A sign-up sheet to volunteer for the New Day's Christmas Gift Wrap is posted in the New Entrance on the bulletin board. The date is Saturday, December 8, 2018 (9am-9pm) at the Galleria Mall. Your help is needed and greatly appreciated. Please consider this fun and worthwhile service. Bring a friend to help! This is New Day's largest fund raiser and they depend on our support. If you have any questions, please contact me. Thanks Dave Patterson (479-2870) on behalf of the Missions & Service Commission

**WINTER JAM:** March 30<sup>th</sup> at the Bryce Jordan Center. Tickets are \$15. Watch for more details!



HOGAR DE NIÑOS ENMANUEL  
DIOS CON NOSOTROS

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

<http://www.hogarenmanuel.com>

## Help us take a step in the right direction!

Here's a quick, low cost way to benefit the work at El Hogar de Ninos Enmanuel!

It's really easy to do:

1. Clean out your shoe closets, saving gently worn shoes you no longer wear for our project.
2. Place a rubber band around each pair of shoes.
3. Ask your friends, families and members of the congregation to do the same!
4. Collect the shoes and place them in the box in the annex.
5. El Hogar will receive \$\$ for the shoes collected.

### How does it work?

Funds2orgs is an organization that purchases used shoes of any kind, refurbishes them and uses the shoes to help establish and supply inventory for small businesses in third world countries. They purchase used shoes from organizations like ours to replenish their stock. We will be continually collecting shoes all year. Please note: the shoes do not go to El Hogar but they receive the money raised from the collection of shoes through funds2orgs. They already shipped one load of 2500 pairs of shoes that netted \$932.00

This is the same shoe project that previously benefited the Church of the Brethren Home in Windber that many of our local churches participated in.





Meet Mya Kane  
Kidz Club, President

I asked Mya to use five words to describe herself and she chose, caring, playful, loving, sensitive and loud! Mya is a 4th grade student at Conemaugh Township where she has taken a deep interest in Science. She quickly retrieved her note book to show me that she is learning about energy and how things work. She gets the most enjoyment out of her science quizzes and science experiments. A teacher or doctor is something she is considering as a future occupation. School activities are Girl Scouts and basketball.

Travis and Samantha are her parents. Her siblings are Kieran, McKinley and Nikita. At home her daily chore is setting and clearing off the table. She loves pizza, plain or pepperoni. A hermit crab is her pet but she would really enjoy having a cat. Spending time with her family is very important and her dad tells jokes that make her belly hurt! Her mother commented on her strong motherly instinct and how much she helps her. She loves younger children especially her cousin Jada who lives out of state. When they are together she feels special, loved and full of joy. Baby dolls, riding her bike, watching her iPod, singing, playing school, a game of Life and Uno are all things she enjoys. Being invisible would be her perfect superpower! She even explained why, "No one would be watching me so I could just be me! I have a wonderful imagination!"

Her favorite Bible story is Noah's Ark because of Noah building the Ark to save animals. In fact if she could make a change in the world it would be for people to take better care of the earth. Her favorite holiday is Christmas. She has come up with some pretty amazing ideas for "Operation Christmas Child." Winter is special to her because of playing in the snow and drinking hot chocolate. At Maple Spring she enjoys all the activities. She participates in Choir, Bell Choir, Junior Church and Kidz Club. She also feels that more children at Maple Springs would make her church better.



Meet Noah Stultz  
Kidz Club, Vice President

Noah is a deep thinker. When asking Noah about Maple Springs he told me he loves learning about God there. Then I asked if he could make a change what would it be. His reply silenced me, "I think we should have a special club to make visitors feel welcome and to teach them about God and Jesus. Pastor Guy would need to help." He explained sometimes he doesn't feel welcome in his church and he thinks the world would be better if everyone would encourage others. His favorite Bible Story is Noah's because Noah built something really cool and then he saved the animals. Christmas is his favorite holiday and he really enjoys winter! Being fast and flexible is a talent that God has given him.

Wrestling is something he loves and he uses his special talent for that. He tells me, "You have to be fast and flexible to pin somebody!" Noah attends Conemaugh Township and is in 4th grade. Science is his favorite subject and he enjoys all the experiments his teacher does. His Uncle Matt has inspired him to consider being a policeman when he grows up.

Davidsville is the place he calls home. His parents are Molly and Jeremy and he has a new baby sister Adda whom he loves and protects. His chores include swiffering the floors and keeping his bedroom clean. He loves eating cheeseburgers. Watching scary movies is something he enjoys doing with his parents. In the man cave he builds, draws in his sketch book, watches Captain Underpants, Carbonaro Effect. He plays Minecraft, where he builds a good world with good things in it. In fact he would love to meet Unspeakable Gaming. As he shimmied up the door frame he told me he wished that his dad would build a Ninja Warrior Course.

He describes himself as funny, helpful, fast, imaginative and a great Lego builder. Outside he enjoys riding his bike. Sneaking cookies, candy and scaring people would be easy if invisibility was his superpower!





# Operation Christmas Child

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## **Covered Dish Dinner and Packing Day for Operation Christmas Child**

**Sunday November 11, 2018 after the Traditional Service**

Come and bring your favorite covered dish.  
After we have enjoyed much conversation over a tasty meal  
we will begin packing the shoe boxes.

You don't want to miss  
this wonderful Christmas miracle take place!

**The last day to bring in boxes, money and items to the church  
is November 4. There is a collection box in the Sunday School Wing.**

**A monetary donation can be given to Kayla Luprek  
with checks being made out to her!**

**There is a \$9.00 charge for each box to be mailed.**

# Schedule of Events

Maple Spring Church

Christian Education Commission

## 2018

### December

2 – *Christmas Fellowship*

## 2019

### January

6 – (Snow date 13<sup>th</sup>)

*Sled Riding*

@ Camp Harmony 2 -5pm



### March

15 – *Bible Quiz* @ 7 pm

17 – *Bible Quiz*

Following the 10:35 Service  
and covered dish meal.

### April

6 – *Couples Retreat* @

Camp Harmony 8:30  
am -3:30 pm

13 – *Egg Hunt* @

Jerome Fire Hall 1 pm

### June

10 – 13 (Tentative) *Vacation*



*Bible School*

9 am – 12 noon

14 – (Tentative) *VBS Camp*  
Harmony 9 am – 2 pm

### July

6 – *Community Day* @  
the Grove 11 am -3 pm

### August

25 – *Teacher Dedication*

### September

8 – *Outdoor*  
*Worship / Sunday*  
*School Picnic*



### October

11-13 – *Church Retreat*  
@ Camp Harmony

### December

1 – *Christmas Fellowship*



Matthew 18:20 "For where two or  
three are gathered in my name,  
there am I among them."

We will try to stick with these dates  
as closely as we can. It is  
important to have your  
participation at these events.



# 2018 November



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 6-8 Kidz Choir/Club	3
4 8:15 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:35 Worship	5	6 9-1 Humble Hands *bring lunch! VOTE!	7 9a - Prayer 6:45p - Adult Choir 7:30p - Cantata 7:00p - Youth	8	9 6-7 Kidz Choir No Kidz club	10
11 <i>Veteran's Day</i> 8:15 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:35 Worship Covered Dish Dinner Shoebox packing	12	13 9-1 Humble Hands *bring lunch!	14 9a - Prayer 6:45p - Adult Choir 7:30p - Cantata 7:30p - Youth	15	16 6-8 Kidz Choir/Club	17 8a - Youth Overflow Conference. Meet at the church!
18 8:15 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:35 Worship Thanks Meal	19	20 9-1 Humble Hands *bring lunch!	21 9a - Prayer 6:45p - Adult Choir 7:30p - Cantata 7:30p - Youth	22 Happy Thanksgiving!	23 No Kidz meetings	24
25 8:15 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:35 Worship	26	27 9-1 Humble Hands *bring lunch!	28 9a - Prayer 6:45p - Adult Choir 7:30p - Cantata 7:30p - Youth	29	30 6-8 Play Practice with a treat!	

# LIVING WATERS

**1** When all the work Solomon had done for the temple of the LORD was finished, he brought in the things his father David had dedicated—the silver and gold and all the furnishings—and he placed them in the treasuries of God’s temple.

**2** Then Solomon summoned to Jerusalem the elders of Israel, all the heads of the tribes and the chiefs of the Israelite families, to bring up the ark of the LORD’s covenant from Zion, the City of David.

**3** And all the Israelites came together to the king at the time of the festival in the seventh month.

**4** When all the elders of Israel had arrived, the Levites took up the ark,

**5** and they brought up the ark and the tent of meeting and all the sacred furnishings in it. The Levitical priests carried them up;

**6** and King Solomon and the entire assembly of Israel that had gathered about him were before the ark, sacrificing so many sheep and cattle that they could not be recorded or counted.

**7** The priests then brought the ark of the LORD’s covenant to its place in the inner sanctuary of the temple, the Most Holy Place, and put it beneath the wings of the cherubim.

**8** The cherubim spread their wings over the place of the ark and covered the ark and its carrying poles.

**9** These poles were so long that their ends, extending from the ark, could be seen from in front of the inner sanctuary, but not from outside the Holy Place; and they are still there today.

**10** There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets that Moses had placed in it at Horeb, where the LORD made a covenant with the Israelites after they came out of Egypt.

**11** The priests then withdrew from the Holy Place. All the priests who were there had consecrated themselves, regardless of their divisions.

**12** All the Levites who were musicians—Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun and their sons and relatives—stood on the east side of the altar, dressed in fine linen and playing cymbals, harps and lyres. They were accompanied by 120 priests sounding trumpets.

**13** The trumpeters and musicians joined in unison to give praise and thanks to the LORD. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, the singers raised their voices in praise to the LORD and sang: “He is good; his love endures forever.” Then the temple of the LORD was filled with the cloud,

**14** and the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the temple of God.