

DEW DROPS

May God give dew from Heaven
Genesis 27:28

December 23, 2018

To encourage companionship with
Jesus Christ and participate in the
life and work of the Church.

MAPLE SPRING CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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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.*

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9:30 a.m. Sunday School Supt.....Nancy Gindlesperger
10:35 a.m. Worship Service.....Pastor Guy Myers
Worship Leader.....Mike Seganos
Pianist.....Patty Shaffer
Organist.....Pat Shaffer
Acolyte.....Caven Miller
Nursery.....Rachel Weible & Rebecca Lichvar
Junior Church.....Diane Bridge
Preschool Church.....Ashley Shaffer

Preschool and Junior Church are offered during the Morning Worship Service for children from age 3 through grade 6. They are dismissed after special music and will meet the leaders in the back of the Sanctuary. At the conclusion of the service, they should be picked up by an adult in the hallway of the Educational Wing.

The Roxbury Church of the Brethren is our Prayer Partner church for 2018.

Pastor Guy will be in the office Wednesday - Friday
9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Secretary, Rachel will be in the office 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Monday, Wednesday - Friday
NOTE: Dew Drop announcements due by 11am Thursday

Reminder:.....*Prayer Ministry partners next Sunday are Mike & Tracey Seganos. We meet in the Pastor's study from 8:45 to 9:10 am. Please join us; anyone is welcome to participate in this important ministry. Shout for joy, you heavens! Mountain break into joyful shouts! For the Lord has comforted His people and will have compassion on His afflicted ones. Isaiah 49:13 HCSB*

As you enter into the sanctuary for worship, please do so with reverence for your surroundings and the reason for being here. Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices. Thank you in advance for helping to make our worship service meaningful to all those in attendance.

MONDAY

7:30pm.....Youth-led Christmas Eve Service

TUESDAY

Merry Christmas!

Church office will be closed

WEDNESDAY

9:00 am.....Prayer Time in our Prayer Room

No Choir practice or Youth meeting this week

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

24 th	Betty Shaffer	83
27 th	Iona Holder	91
27 th	Carol Leverknight	72

IN THE HOSPITAL

John Eash is in Conemaugh, room 1042

The flowers gracing the altar today are given to the Glory and honor of God and in memory of Barb Fisher by Dave, Amy and the Fisher family. The poinsettias are placed in memory or honor – please see the red bulletin insert for details.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: Take a break from the wrapping and join us to celebrate Jesus! A time of fellowship and refreshments will follow.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: If you weren't found during Sunday School, please stop by the table in the annex to pick up your Christmas cards!

YOUTH: The youth will be meeting right after church today to prepare for the Christmas Eve Service.

OLD LIGHTBULBS: The youth group is looking for burn out, old style lightbulbs for a future craft project. This is a long range project so as your old bulbs burn out, please place them in the youth room or give them to Megan Hostetler or Rachel Cable. Thanks!

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the annex (on the bench beside the elevator). If you would to start using offering envelopes, please contact Mike Seganos (814-242-6487)

ATTN: SPORTSMEN! Our Men's Fellowship is looking forward to our 18th annual Game Dinner on Feb. 16, 2019. Tickets will go on sale early in January. Your contribution of venison and other wild game is much needed! Without your help, it would be necessary to discontinue the dinner. If you wish to contribute, please contact Bill Watkins and/or Blaine Leverknight. Looking forward to hearing from you!

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 15th and Sunday, March 17th.

TREASURER: Effective January 1, 2019, Cathy McDonald will take over for Sue Stevens as Church Treasurer. Cathy was appointed by the Finance Commission at the end of November. For future reference her email address is cmac234@verizon.net and her cell phone number is 659-1319.

ATTN MEN: January 12th, 7:30am, Men's Prayer Breakfast. Our guest speaker will be Pastor Chris Forry. Please sign up on either bulletin board if you plan to attend. Open to men of all ages!

THANK YOU: In deep appreciation to all who have sent cards, visited, brought us food, monetary gifts, gift cards, sent flowers and prayed for us in the past months. Please continue to keep us in your prayers. May God bless you for your thoughtfulness and caring.

--Mearl and Carole

A special thank you to everyone for the cards, gifts, and notes of appreciation I have received this Christmas. I am truly blessed to be here both as secretary and church member. Merry Christmas to you all!

--Rachel Cable

BIBLE STUDY: The Girl's Still Got It by Liz Curtis Higgs, beginning January 14th from 6:30-7:30pm and will run 7 weeks. The study will be led by Audrey Wenger and the study guide books are provided. Please sign up on the bulletin board!

CANTATA DISCS: If you requested a copy, they are marked and available in the church office. There are additional unmarked copies available for anyone interested. There are also copies of the previous Advent messages.

LAST SUNDAY

Worship Service – 161

\$ 470.00	Total cash offering
2,482.00	Total envelope/check offerings
39	Number of envelopes/checks
2,952.00	Unified Budget
40.00	Roof Fund
20.00	Tape/CD Ministry
3,012.00	Total Unified Budget (\$5,290 needed)
5,000.00	Air Conditioning Fund
27.00	Poinsettias
100.00	Sisters in Christ
35.00	Women's Fellowship
20.00	Youth
180.00	Building Fund
375.00	Parking Lot Fund

PRAYER CHEST

(Located at the top of stairs in annex)

The Serenity Prayer

**God grant me the serenity to accept the things
I cannot change;
Courage to change the things I can; and
Wisdom to know the difference.**

We invite you to leave your concerns and prayers at the foot of the cross by filling out a card at the table and placing it in the **Prayer Chest**.

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LISTS: will be available next Sunday along with the January Water Cup. They will both be placed on the bench by the elevator. After next Sunday, you can find them in the rack by the annex bulletin board.

Looking ahead...

January 5th (12th): Sled riding at Camp Harmony

January 25th: Sweetheart Dinner – details in the January Water Cup

January 27th: 7:30pm Youth led worship service

March 15th & 17th: Bible Quizzing (17th will follow a covered dish meal after the service)

LOST & FOUND: There are a few new items to the collection. Please stop in the church office and check for anything that may belong to you. The items will be discarded or donated the end of the month.

St Francis Sharing & Caring Food Pantry: 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.

Merry Christmas