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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
March 2019**
February 20, 2019

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 Walnut Grove CoB and Arbutus CoB are our
prayer partner churches for the year 2019. Let us at
Maple Spring keep them in our prayers.*

FEBRUARY NURSERY SCHEDULE

2/3 - Ryan & Jamie Beahr
2/10 - Rachel Weible & Rebecca Lichvar
2/17 - Lois Spory & Helen Hildebrand
2/24 - Emma Fisher & Twila Blanset

In the hospital since last issue...

Tom Keim was in Conemaugh
Don Stutzman was in Somerset Hospital
DawnChamayne Miller was in Conemaugh

Please continue to keep Carole Horner in your
prayers as she recovers and regains strength

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

SYMPATHY

Kevin Sabo's sister, Jeanie Sabo, passed away
December 30th.

Mike Seganos's brother, Andy Seaganos, passed
away January 18th.

*May the God of peace surround and comfort your
families during this time.*

From the Pastor.....

“IT’S A MATTER OF THE HEART”

What is the heart? One definition is that it is *“That organ that distinguishes the living from the dead.”*

Another definition is *“the heart is the seat of the intellect as well as the seat of emotions.”*

In Jeremiah 17:9 we read, *“The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?”*

The truth is that often our hearts are divided. Throughout our lives we have struggles when we have to choose whether to follow God or our old sinful nature. Let’s be realistic, at times the ways of the world still attract us, and in certain areas, we want to follow them. And our hearts will be torn. A divided heart is pulled by the ways of the world and the guidance of God.

Jesus knew what he was talking about when he said, *“A man cannot serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other or he will be devoted to one and despise the other,”* (Matthew 6:24).

What’s the condition of your heart today? Have you given your heart to Jesus? Are you still in love with Jesus? Do you need some “heart” surgery? The good news of the Gospel is that God will give us a new heart if we ask him to. May our prayer be as David’s, *“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me,”* (Psalm 51:10)

It really all is a matter of the heart.

Serving With You,
Pastor Guy

***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 (Whitney Weimer)
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
SrA 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	Betty Shaffer	Richland Woods 3324 Elton Rd Johnstown, PA 15904
Gale Shipley	51 Akers Street Johnstown, PA 15905	Euldean Shields	Brethren Home, Room 323 277 Hoffman Ave Windber, PA 15963
Cliff & Sally & Don Stutzman	960 Woodstown Hwy Hollisopple, PA 15935	Ruth Friedline	PO Box 111/127 Maple Ln Jennerstown, PA 15547
Jim Moran	1056 Soap Hollow Rd Hollisopple, PA 15935	Phyllis Thomas	Laurel View Village, Rm 522 2000 Cambridge Rd Davidsville, PA 15928

BIBLE QUIZZING: Sign-up sheets are available in the annex. We will be studying 1 Timothy. Competitions held on Friday, March 15th and Sunday, March 17th

GAME DINNER: February 16th. Tickets will go on sale in the annex January 6th. Limited seating! \$10 each.

Humble Hands will hold their first organizational meeting for 2019 on Tuesday February 5. The meeting will start promptly at 10:00 A.M. with devotions and prayer. Please plan to attend this meeting. Our ministry will focus on new projects this year for a very special local organization. For lunch we will enjoy Vegetable Soup. I will have a beef base starter cooking, please bring your favorite vegetable and throw it in the pot when you arrive! Desserts are always welcome. Humble Hands is a multi-talented group of women who use their Humble Hands to serve the community. We welcome new members and ideas. Please consider joining this ministry we would love to have you. Any Questions, please call Connie at 243-7523.

BAPTISM: We are planning a water baptism service. If you are interested in being baptized, please see Pastor Guy as soon as possible. Thank you!

DEACON PRAYER MEETING: February 26th at 7pm. Meeting for prayer with a focus on building the future church. "Until I get there, focus on reading the scriptures to the church, encouraging the believers, and teaching them." 1 Timothy 4:13

MISSIONS & SERVICE NEWS:

Blankets + Plus Program Church World Service

January 20 - February 10: We put our prayers into action through our gifts of money for families across our nation who have been injured or displaced by natural disasters. For families around the world seeking to rebuild their lives in areas of famine, poverty, conflict and war. Your gift may bring refuge, speed relief, and strengthen our brothers and sisters to face the challenges before them. "Don't forget to do good and to share with those in need" - Hebrews 13:16

Happy-To-Help Volunteers: Missions and Service have a group of volunteers to help with; shopping or running errands, transportation to dr. appointments, simple household chores and repairs, companion for shut-ins, or relief for caregivers. If you have a need for these services please feel free to contact any member of the commission listed and we will be happy to help you.

Commission Members: Chris Shroyer, Chris Hoffman, Diane Bridge, John Luprek, Karen Nagyvathy

ALL YOU CAN EAT

PANCAKE, EGG & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST!



*Proceeds will support the Western District Disaster Fund
Donations Appreciated*

Saturday, March 30th 7-10am

**Maple Spring Church of the Brethren
106 Spring Road Hollsopple, PA**



Museum of the Bible

**Bus trip to Washington D.C.
Thursday, March 21, 2019**

Leaving from:

Davidsville Community Church
197 Pender Road
Johnstown, PA 15905

5:00 a.m.

Returning 10:00 p.m. (+/-)

\$65.00 (\$60.00 ages 5-11)

Make checks payable to D.C.C.
and send to the address above. Price
includes museum entry, bus, AND supper at Golden
Corral (including its drink & tip).

Non-refundable *after* February 21, 2019

10% fee on refunds before then.

Please send an emergency contact number along with your
check and indicate if anyone is a student. No seats can be held without
full payment being received.

DEACON MINISTRY

...Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

“Great is your faithfulness” is a hymn we sing, but how much do we really think about God’s faithfulness?

Because of the Lord’s great love, we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. (Lamentations 3: 22-23)

Gods faithfulness remains the same no matter our circumstances. Difficulties and suffering does not mean God has abandoned us. When we fall asleep at night we give up all control and we rely upon God to keep us breathing, keep our heart beating, and to wake us in the morning. How much more do we need. 2nd Timothy 2: 13 tells us that “*if we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself*”. Jesus tells us to come to Him- all who are weary and heavy laden, and He will give us rest. So, as we continue to travel through 2019, let’s not miss God’s comfort and faithfulness in our lives and let’s ask God to help us remember His love, kindness, forgiveness, and his faithfulness in our lives every day. Give all your burdens and heartaches to God. He will not let you down.

Submitted by Dave Fisher, Deacon

“I Am A Church Member”

This book is now available to anyone in the congregation who is interested in how you can become better “supporting” members of our church. The office has 12 copies available to be taken out on loan. This book gives us insights on how we can uphold our church better through our prayers, giving of our talents, and supporting our pastor.

The chapter titles are as follows:

1. I will be a functioning church member
2. I will be a unifying church member
3. I will not let my church be about my preferences & desires
4. I will pray for my church leaders
5. I will lead my family to be healthy church members
6. I will reassure church membership as a gift

Satan is trying to destroy our families and tear us away from supporting our churches. We are told in the Bible to come together with other believers in worship and to support our pastors and other leaders of the church. We are to encourage and love each other, not find fault and cause hurt. God gives us instructions on what and how to obtain His will. That is the key – HIS WILL, not our will! This is very good reading and makes us think about our idea of being a church member. Since Pastor Guy will be leaving us, we will be in search for the pastor God wants us to have. We must feel the needs to make improvements in ourselves and in how we operate this church, if God is telling us to do so! Church is where we prepare ourselves for eternity with Jesus through the study of His Word and taking the commitment to follow His commands. We, as Deacons, hope that you will take advantage of reading this book. May God continue to bless the Maple Spring CoB!

Submitted by Carol Leverknight, Deacon

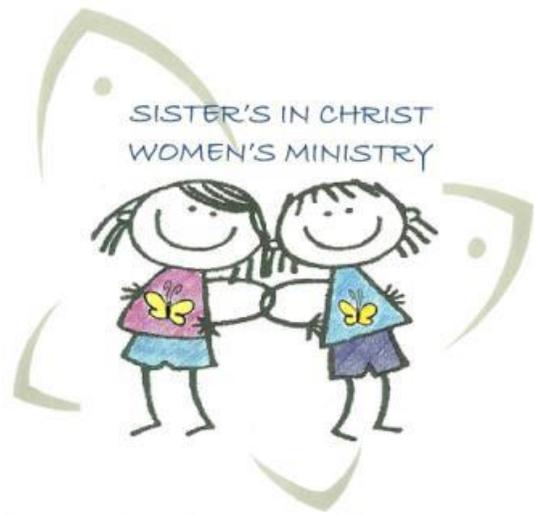
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2 Timothy 2:23-26 New Living Translation (NLT)

²³Again I say, don't get involved in foolish, ignorant arguments that only start fights. ²⁴A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone, be able to teach, and be patient with difficult people. ²⁵Gently instruct those who oppose the truth. Perhaps God will change those people's hearts, and they will learn the truth. ²⁶Then they will come to their senses and escape from the devil's trap. For they have been held captive by him to do whatever he wants.

As a teacher, Timothy helped those who were confused about the truth. Paul's advice to Timothy, and to all who teach God's truth, is to be kind and gentle, patiently and courteously explaining the truth. Good teaching never promotes quarrels or foolish arguments. Whether you are teaching Sunday school, leading a Bible study, or preaching in church, remember to listen to people's questions and treat them respectfully, while avoiding foolish debates. If you do this, those who oppose you will be more willing to hear what you have to say and perhaps turn from their error.

Dear Heavenly Father,

How thankful we are that You love us so much and forgive us our sins. Your word is a gift; instructing us in the way we should treat one another. Help us remember to keep our eyes on You in all we say and do.

In Jesus name,

Amen

Submitted by Sandy Watkins, Sisters Core Team Member



Youth Gossip

Written by the Maple Spring Youth

Christmas Party

For our Christmas party, we did a white elephant gift exchange where you give something from your house that you don't use anymore. We did a couple of games like this one where we had to a big present and in each layer of the wrapping paper was a small present. And in the last layer was a little bigger present. The other game we played was capture the cones where each team had three cones and each of us had a pool noodle so we could use it to hit people with and whoever got hit had to go to "jail". For a team to win they would have to get all three cones to their side. The girl's team won.

--Noah Luprek

Christmas Eve Service

I think that the Christmas Eve service was much more lively this year. I feel like we all got close together as a family in the church. We all weren't too thrilled about having to speak, but we all have to learn eventually - says Rachel ;). The Christmas Eve service taught me about the prophecy and the fulfilment. I was really quite sure what they were.

--Casadie Miller

Sweetheart Dinner

The Sweetheart Dinner we are having is going to be on January 25th. To prepare for this, we made decorated jars and we will have the entertainment.

--Kieran Kane

Did you know.....

Casadie wants to go to college to be an occupational therapist

Tabby is in Forensics (speech club) at North Star

Noah plays the drums

Kieran plays the baritone

Caven needs mental help (that's a quote!)

Sydney wants to be a physical therapist or work in Human Resources

Callie is teaching herself sign language

We have a serious love of Mountain Dew, Doritos, Fanyuns, animal crackers and muffins. We like doing crafts and going on adventures too.

We are planning a Lock-In with other local Brethren churches in March and are looking for any adult volunteers to help keep law and order. If willing, please see Rachel or Megan!

Meet Kidz Club Members The Hostetlers



The Hostetler kids are 4th generation farmers and are raised quite differently than most children I have come into contact with. Their parents Calvin and Megan have raised them to love life and work hard. There was no talk of the latest technology or video games from these three children and that was quite refreshing for me!

Ladies before gentleman! Anna is a Kindergarten student at Conemaugh Township Elementary School where you can find her drawing at the art easels or playing in the sandbox. She would love to teach everyone at school all about God. Her superpower wish, would be to, "praise God all the time even when I am mad or sad." Now that is a superpower we all need! I believe she will be working on that superpower because when she grows up she would like to be a Pastor. Anna loves everything about Maple Spring but especially enjoys hearing Pastor Guy preach about God. Christmas is her favorite holiday and the story of Jesus' birth is her favorite story.

She is most thankful that God made Levi, She said when Levi came home from the hospital God put a rainbow in the sky! Actually Anna loves all babies and they love her. She plays the most with her Baby Alive that pees and poops! She loves Jakob's funny stories and jokes and she helps him feed the animals. Anna likes to make her mom smile when she cleans her room without being asked.

Anna's favorite food is her Mamma's Casserole that she makes using leftovers from Thanksgiving. Anna has a big dream of one day owning a horse that she could ride and take care of. Anna and her brothers enjoy watching the TV show, "Spirit" which is about horses.

Jakob is a third grade student at Conemaugh Township Elementary School where his favorite subject is Math. He doesn't participate in extracurricular activities because there is a lot to do at the farm. Jakob feels God gave him a special talent of caring for animals. Currently he is in charge of feeding calves, chickens, pigs and goats. Soon on butchering day his job will be to keep the fire burning. He would love to teach his fellow classmates about taking care of farm animals. He enjoys walking with his dad during hunting season and helping his cousin trap. He would however like a superpower of being invisible so he could miss school and stay at the farm.

He describes himself as generous, loving, helpful and nice but he feels that God gave him something really special that sets him apart. Singing! Jakob told me if he hears a song once, he can sing it! He enjoys singing loudly and moving about as he sings! I bet the animals love that too!

Spreading the news that Christ is the One True Savior of the World is important to him, he feels when he tells others about Christ it gives them courage. His favorite scripture is 1 Timothy 4:12, which is our Kidz Club theme verse. The thing he loves most about Maple Spring is when we have meals after church and everyone is invited. Speaking of food, his favorite food is tacos!

If Jakob could meet anyone it would be Martin Luther King. He enjoys learning about him because he changed the world and gave people freedom and courage.

Meet Levi Lewis! He is the youngest child of the family. His favorite color is blue. He loves horses so much that when he grows up he is going to be a cowboy! His favorite Bible story is that Jesus died for our sins. For now Levi is a little man of few words but I am sure we can expect big things from him in the future.

When asked about something fun they like to do with family, each child paused and said, "That's a hard question." They each mentioned that they enjoy when they can go together to enjoy ice cream and also swim as a family. They said they have fun everyday! Another lesson we all need to learn, finding joy and laughter in the ordinary.



LIVING WATERS



True Love

Love can always conquer
Whatever discord brings
and love can also cover
a multitude of things.

Don't you underestimate
what love can ever do,
for love is God eternal
and His love can renew.

What is cold and lifeless,
now lost all hope and died
for love can breathe new meaning
and give it back new life.

Please don't give up on love
when it seems that all is lost,
for there is always hope
if we're prepared to pay the cost.

For love is always worth it
no matter how much the price,
for love will be much stronger
when we trust in Jesus Christ.

So let God have full reign,
let Him live within your heart
then you will know true love,
for this He will impart.

Author Unknown





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ATTENTION: We are pleased to announce that plans are being made to publish a new Maple Spring pictorial directory. Each family photographed will receive a free 8x10 photo and a free directory. Our directory will not be complete without you. Please watch your mail and the bulletin for more details!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 9:30 Sunday School 10:35 Worship	28 6:30pm Bible Study – The Girl's Still Got It	29 10am – Humble Hands	30 9a – Prayer 7pm – Adult Choir 7:00p – Youth	31 Valentine's Day	1 6p Choir & Kidz Club	2 Groundhog Day Cliff & Sally Stutzman 69 years
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10 Elsie Michael – 87 Bill Watkins - 75 9:30 Sunday School 10:35 Worship	11 Lila Hershberger - 78 6:30pm Bible Study – The Girl's Still Got It	12 10am – Humble Hands	13 Gloria Holder – 70 Marlin Mishler - 85 9a – Prayer 7pm – Adult Choir 7:00p – Youth	14	15 Ruth Friedline - 88 6p Choir & Kidz Club Winter Jam Festival	16 Wild Game Dinner
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