

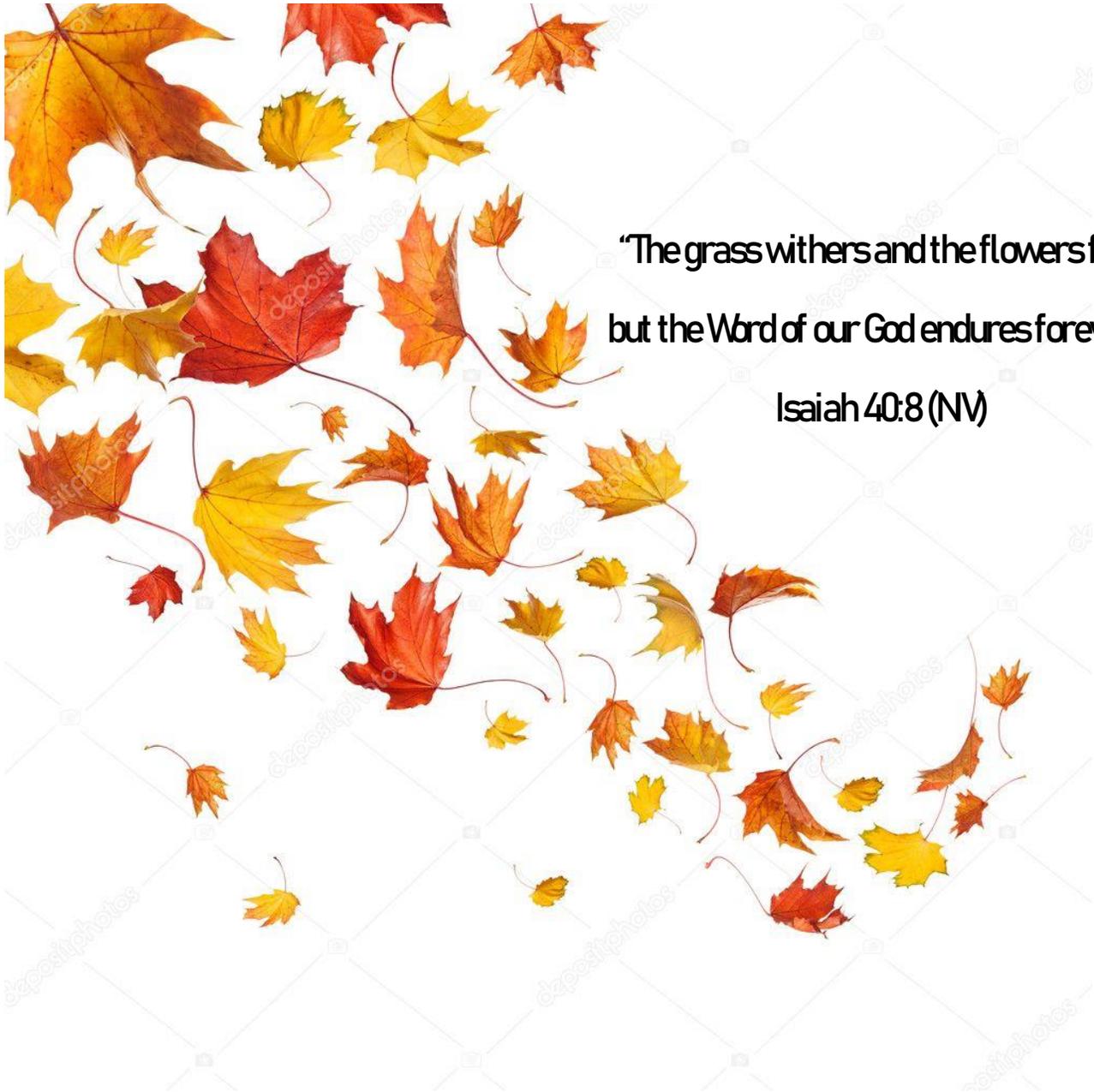
Maple Spring

Water Cup



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**“The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the Word of our God endures forever.”**

Isaiah 40:8 (NIV)

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
December 2019
November 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 one another,
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
Karen Nagyvathy
Molly Stultz



and Elsie Michael
and Arbutus Blough
and Patty Shaffer
and Arlene Stevens
and Diane Bridge
and Christine Shroyer

*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.*

NOVEMBER NURSERY SCHEDULE

11/3 – Ryan & Jamie Beahr
11/10 – Rachel Weible & Rebecca Lichvar
11/17 - Emma Fisher & Twila Blanset
11/24 - Marge Bitner & Karen Nagyvathy

In the hospital since last issue...

Marilyn Ullery – Conemaugh
Sally Stutzman - Somerset Hospital

Please keep Mark Shaffer and Carole Horner in
your prayers

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

In Christian Sympathy....

Please keep the Moran family in your prayers
after the loss of Jim’s father.



From the Pastor,

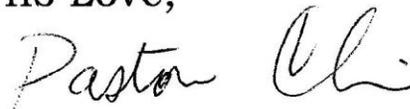
Wow, November already!! For many it has been a tough year, and others are already lamenting the end of summer. Christmas is around the corner, and that means deer season is soon. Where has the year gone??

First, let's focus on where we are at: November, the time of turkey and pumpkin pie, a time of Thanksgiving. After all some have been through why give thanks?

In Ephesians 5:20, Paul tells us we should be: "giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ". Sounds easier said than done doesn't it?? Remember Paul was imprisoned, persecuted and beaten for the faith, he knew what he was writing from firsthand experience.

We most often do not realize that what we go through can strengthen us and form us to be who God wants us to be. This November I encourage you to use the month for thankfulness each and every day. For us as the Body of Christ may this be a blessed month of thanks living.

In His Love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Chris".

Pastor Chris

Thanksgiving Services

Thursday, November 21st at 7pm at the Tire Hill Church of the Brethren, CTAM Pastor Eric Lasure from Blough Mennonite will be the guest speaker. Offering will go to the Tackle Box in Hooversville

Sunday, November 24th at 7pm here at Maple Spring. Please see Pastor or Patty Shaffer if you would to sing, read, or help plan.

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 Zaroni US Coast Guard (Cayla Roberts)
MAJOR Mark Bedrin Army (Katie McDonald)
SPECIALIST Sierra Alwine, Army
SrA Nathan Pahel - Air Force - (Annie Bridge)
Police Officer Matthew Bridge – Richland PD

Prayer Flag

We are thankful for those who do God's work to protect us. Please pray for our peacekeepers. The Missions and Service Commission has a prayer flag displayed in support of active duty military personnel, 1st responders, EMS, firefighters, police officers, and conscientious objectors* presently serving from our congregation. If you have a loved one you would like to add, please give the name, office, or type of duty, along with a picture to the church office. If you prefer not to submit a picture, we can simply post the name.

*A conscientious objector is one who is opposed to serving in the armed forces and/or bearing arms on the grounds of moral or religious principles. Conscientious objectors opposed to serving in the military are still required to register with the Selective Service System and will be placed in the Selective Service Alternative Service Program. Length of service in the program will equal the amount of time a man would have served in the military, usually 24 months.

Please also remember those from our Visitation List

Minnie Barkley Concordia of the South Hills
 1300 Bower Hill Rd, RmB170
 Pittsburgh, PA 15243
Gale Shipley 51 Akers Street
 Johnstown, PA 15905
Cliff & Sally 960 Woodstown Hwy
Stuzman Hollsopple, PA 15935
Jim Moran 1056 Soap Hollow Rd
 Hollsopple, PA 15935
Arlene Stevens Laurel View Village
 Personal Care
 1000 Vista Dr, Rm 526
 Davidsville, PA 15928

Don Stutzman Room 103B, 1404 Hay St
 Berlin, PA 15530
Betty Shaffer Richland Woods
 3324 Elton Rd
 Johnstown, PA 15904
Ruth Friedline PO Box 111/127 Maple Ln
 Jennerstown, PA 15547
Phyllis Thomas Laurel View Village, Rm 522
 2000 Cambridge Rd
 Davidsville, PA 15928

Prayer Partners: Would you like to participate in our prayer partner ministry? Please see Patty Shaffer or contact the church office!

Birthdays/Anniversaries: If you would like to have a birthday or anniversary added to the yearly list, please give that information to the church office before December 1st.

Poinsettias – There are envelopes available for Christmas poinsettias to be placed in memory or in honor on the annex bulletin board. They can be placed in the offering plate. Cost is \$8.50 each and orders are due by December 1st.



It's Christmas Time in the Country

Spend a day wrapping up your Christmas shopping
in rural South West Pennsylvania and Grantsville, Maryland.

We will meet on

December 7, 2019 at 8:00 A.M.

in the

**Maple Spring Church of the Brethren Parking Lot
and carpool to the following locations.**

- 1. Whispering Pines** Amish & Mennonite made furniture, There is also a whole world of home decor, candles, unique gifts, and locally made items sold here.
- 2. Springs Country Store & Springs Nutrition**
Home made baked goods, kitchen staples, useful kitchen items and homeopathic remedies.
- 3. High Country Creamery**
A local, artisan cow cheese facility. Our plant is complete with a large viewing window to watch the cheese making process.
- 4. Four Seasons Quilt Shop**
A beautiful quilt shop and so much more,
25% Anniversary Sale
- 5. Penn Alps and The Artisan Village**
Enjoy a cozy atmosphere while enjoying a comfort food buffet for \$15.99 or order off the menu. Then step back in time and visit local artisans in a Christmas decorated village.

Questions, please call Connie Zanoni at **814-243-7523**

DEACON MINISTRY

...Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

Our spiritual gifts are specifically chosen for each of us by God-for our good and for the good of the church. The Lord wants all of us to serve His kingdom in some manner, not just because there's work to be done but also because serving draws us closer to Him. He's provided everything we need, so it's our responsibility to discover our spiritual gifts and then develop and exercise them with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Paul told the Corinthians, "now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware" (1Cor.12:1) God isn't trying to hide our abilities from us. On the contrary, He wants us to know what they are and how to employ them. Scripture contains several lists of the various gifts. (Rom.12:6-18; 1 Cor. 12:4-11, 28; Eph. 4:11-12.) Although they differ in many ways, they all come from one Spirit. To discover our spiritual gifts, we should examine how we respond to situations or needs. Instead of dwelling on what we should do or how others are serving. We must focus on what motivates us.

Learning what our spiritual gifts are is one thing, but it's another to begin cultivating them, because it's only through practice that we know how to use them.

Charles Stanley

-Submitted by Dave Fisher, Deacon

The next meeting for the "Association of Brethren Churches" will be on November 16th at the Antioch Church of the Brethren, 23502 Senedo Rd, Woodstock VA. The starting time is 9:00 am and we will be ending at 2:30 pm. Fellowship and refreshments prior to the meeting will begin at 8:15 am. Lunch will be provided. We are asking everyone interested in attending to preregister using this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/abc-meeting-tickets-76849142855>

2020 Calendars! - The 2020 calendars are now available. There is no cost to you. They are located in the annex entrance by the windows. Compliments of Hoffman Funeral Home

Attn Commissions: Please be sure to inform the church office of who has been selected as your commission chair for this year.

New Day Gift Wrapping: A sign-up sheet to volunteer for the Christmas Gift Wrap day is posted in the annex on the bulletin board. The date is Sat., Dec. 7th 10am-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 fundraiser and they depend on our support. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Patterson (479-2870)

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Gray Hair

*Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God,
till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty
acts to all who are to come. You righteousness, God,
reaches to the heavens, you who have done great things.*

Who is like you, God?

Psalm 71:18-19

“The old gray mare, she ain’t what she used to be.” Remember that song? I liked it better before I discovered thin lines of silver streaking my once brown tresses.

The writer of Psalm 71 faces: hoary heads happen. Knowing that, the writer also asks a favor of God: Don’t forsake me.

While many of our culture think of growing older as a negative thing, the person who wrote this psalm lived at a time when graying hair brought respect. The psalmist sees this respect as an opening to share the Lord’s love. He implores God to give him this opportunity.

As God adds years to our lives, he also adds the power of perspective. We can look back and see God’s faithfulness at work year by year. We can remember the many ways he has revealed his goodness to us throughout our lives. Then we can more convincingly encourage the next generation in our Lord’s faithful love.

Maybe that’s why God keeps us here long after gray locks send us scrambling to the hair-color aisle. We’re the people who get to pass on the faith, beginning with those in our own families--- our struggling daughter, that wayward son, those precious grandchildren.

No children or grandchildren? Then find that young mother at church, the latch-key child next door. The free gift of salvation through Jesus’ saving death *must* be passed on. Those times you’ve wrestled with God in prayer? The blessed relief of sins forgiven? Share, share, share

Does perfection come with gray hair? Unfortunately, no. Sin still attacks; doubts still sneak in. Loneliness worries us. But we’ve been there before, and we know the one word answer: *Jesus*. In that name, we find a beauty granted us by our King and renewed purpose for our lives in his calling to “pass it on.”

Prayer: Dear Jesus, even as you enfold me in your grace, enable me to reflect your beauty in the lives of those around me, especially younger generations.

from Reflecting the Beauty of the Lord (Devotions for Women)

Submitted by Sue Unger, Core Team Member

Mission Moment

Presented by the Missions and Service Commission



HOW DO CHILDREN COME TO HOGAR ENMANUEL?

The crushing weight of poverty, increased gang activity and the lack of proper parental care has led to increased numbers of abandoned and at risk children in Honduras.

Across the country on a daily basis children are being abandoned by their families. Many babies are discarded at birth often by teenage mothers who literally leave their unwanted newborns to die after giving birth. In other cases, mothers living in extreme poverty or involved with gangs have been forced to give up their children because of their inability to raise them.

Illegal immigration has also resulted in many children being “left behind” by their parents and caregivers as they leave Honduras in search of a better life...and even worse are the cases of children who are removed from their families because of sexual and physical abuse. In cases like these, the abuser is processed as the child becomes a “warden of the state” and is remitted to Honduran Child Services by the local judicial system while the subsequent trial against the abuser begins. The children described in the situations above are considered SOCIAL ORPHANS.

There are also cases of TRUE ORPHANS whose parents are no longer living and have no known relatives that can provide them with care. How do these broken and abandoned children make their way to Honduran orphanages?

When an abandoned child is found by local authorities or concerned citizens, they are usually remitted to DINAF (Honduran child services.) Sadly, this governmental institution does not have the facilities nor the budget to care for Honduras’s most vulnerable and voiceless citizens. More often than not, DINAF receives abandoned groups of siblings... brothers and sisters who need a safe

place to recover physically and emotionally from the trauma of being “left behind”, abused or deserted.

Upon receiving a child at risk, DINAF immediately begins the search for a local orphanage willing and economically able to rescue the child in need by providing safe haven. In San Pedro Sula, that first phone call is usually made to Hogar Enmanuel. Upon receiving notice of a child in need and learning the details of the child’s condition, it is very difficult for us at Hogar Enmanuel to turn a blind eye...we do our best, despite our own economic limitations and challenges, to bring the child (or children) into the Hogar family.

What does that entail? When a child comes to Hogar, typically their bodies and their spirits are broken... They are usually malnourished and suffering from months or years of neglect. Their fragile bodies are often afflicted by lice, fleas, skin fungus, parasites, unattended wounds and bacterial and viral infections. The child is immediately evaluated by Dr. Elsa, our on-staff doctor, who often reaches out to other medical specialists in the community to assist in helping uncover any underlying conditions that the child might have. Once the child’s medical needs have been identified and addressed, then begins the even more difficult challenge of beginning the process of emotional healing.

The staff at Hogar work together to help the child adapt to their new surroundings. The direct caregiver (educator) of the new child assists with the introduction to the other children and helps guide them through their new daily activities. Hogar’s on-staff child psychologist also plays an important part in their mental health and supervises the process.

While this process is in motion at Hogar, DINAF’s social workers study the child’s case in hopes of finding a responsible blood relative that can adequately provide care for the rescued child. If a family member has been found and identified as an option, and accepts the responsibility of caring for the child, DINAF will relocate the child with their extended family. That not being a viable option, Hogar begins the academic evaluation of the child, and then enrolls them in a public or private school in the community.

Providing the child with educational and vocational opportunities, spiritual direction, a balanced diet, recreational activities and the love and respect they deserve provides life changing results.

Today, Hogar Enmanuel is home to 71 children who sadly could not be relocated with their families. We are grateful and honored to be able to make a difference in their lives and are committed to helping them reach their full potential as they become contributing, productive citizens Honduras.

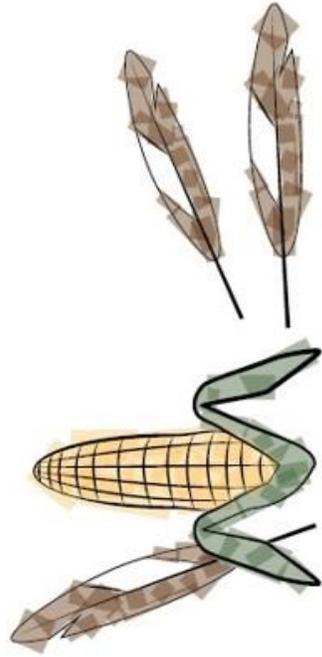
Article submitted by

Vivian Chahin, Executive Director

Taken from the El Hogar de Ninos Enmanuel Fall 2019 Newsletter

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
		9am – Humble Hands	9a – Prayer 6p-Children's choir 7-9p – Youth 7p – Choir practice 7:45p – Cantata			
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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