

Maple Spring

Water Cup



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FOR
unto us a
Child ^{is} born,
unto us a Son
is given; and the government
will be upon His shoulder. And
His name will be called
Wonderful
MIGHTY COUNSELOR,
Everlasting Father
PRINCE OF PEACE
PRINCE OF PEACE
ISAIAH
9:6

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
January 2019**
December 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

Deanna Fisher and Sally Kaufman
Marlin Mishler and Arbutus Blough
Connie Martin and Patty Shaffer
Arlene Stevens and Elsie Michael
Karen Nagyvathy and Diane Bridge
Molly Stultz and Christine Shroyer
Pat Koba and Jordan Shroyer
Nancy Gindlesperger and Bill & Sandy Watkins



*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.*

DECEMBER NURSERY SCHEDULE

12/1 – Jeremy & Molly Stultz
12/8 – Ryan & Jamie Beahr
12/15 – Rachel Weible & Rebecca Lichvar
12/22 - Emma Fisher & Twila Blanset
12/29 - Marge Bitner & Karen Nagyvathy

In the hospital since last issue...

Will Hershberger – Windber
Bob Wojtaszek - Conemaugh

Also, please keep Adam and Cheyenne (Alwine)
Trabold and their baby, Charlotte, in your prayers.

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.

Baby Congratulations....

Matthew and Kate Bridge welcomed a son, Nash
Thomas Bridge, November 25, 2019.
Grandparents are Tom and Diane Bridge.

From the Pastor's Desk,

December, the month we prepare frantically at times for Christmas. Do we miss the time of preparation for our hearts also? Isn't there more to December than food, and gifts? Aren't we also in a time of Advent as we await our Savior's return? John the Baptist said "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Make straight the way of the Lord."."

We too, are looking for the Lord's return. Jesus came on that first Christmas as a baby, He will return as Conquering King. Oh, what glory we have to look forward too!!

This year, I encourage you as you bake, decorate, purchase and wrap presents, to let your heart rejoice in Jesus. Rejoice in the gift of salvation! Rejoice in knowing there is coming a day of Rapture! Rejoice in knowing the end is written and Jesus wins!

Enjoy this Christmas with family and friends, rejoice with your Church Family here at Maple Spring. Looking forward in this season of Advent to when we will see Jesus in ALL His splendor. MERRY CHRISTMAS.

IN HIS LOVE,

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

Pastor Chris

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)
MAJOR Mark Bedrin Army (Katie McDonald)
SPECIALIST Sierra Alwine, Army
SrA Nathan Pahel - Air Force - (Annie Bridge)
Police Officer Matthew Bridge – Richland PD
AB Jenna A. Hauser – US Airforce

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 Stuzman	960 Woodstown Hwy 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

Iona Holder	Country Manor Rm. 206 170 Phillips St. Jerome, PA 15937
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

The choir is excited to present the cantata, ***His Name Is Jesus*** during the morning worship service on **December 15**. This is a lively, yet poignant celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus, and the many names by which He is known. Join us as we proclaim the matchless name of Jesus!

DEACON MINISTRY

...Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

Have you ever wandered out in the yard at night and looked up at the star filled sky? If you haven't you should! If you have think of the Christmas Star that guided the Magi to find the Christ child.

No map, no MapQuest, no GPS, well, maybe a **God Provide Star!** Some say that the star they followed just appeared bright, some say it was a group of planets that were close together and appeared bright. Funny, had that just "happened" when Christ was born, not before or after that event. A star that the Magi said they had never seen before (Matthew 2:2). This star guided them to the house where they could find the Christ child (Matthew 2: 10-11). This star that meant a King was born. Coincidence? Happen stance? I think not, it really was GPS (God Provided Star) nothing more, nothing less, A God thing!

Scholars tell us that the star guided the Magi south from Jerusalem to Bethlehem but science tells us that heavenly bodies move east to west because of the earth's rotation. So if the normal movement of stars and planets is east to west, then how could the star guide them north to south? Sort of makes the case again for the GPS (God Provided Star).

This Christmas season let the wonder of the Star guide you. Let the Star lead you through all the holiday distractions of gifts, decorations, hustle and bustle. Let the Star lead you to the true meaning of Christmas, the Christ Child!

"Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." Matthew 2: 2

---Submitted by Mike Stevens, Deacon

Toys For Tots: If you would like to donate new, unwrapped toys or books, you can place them in the collection box in the annex. With any questions, please contact Amanda Garman at 254-9386.

Volunteers needed: 1 Corinthians 12:28 In the church, God has appointed---those able to help others. If you are blessed to be one of these, you have an opportunity to deliver "MEALS ON WHEELS" on Mondays in Conemaugh Twp. between 11am and 12pm. Please call 479-4640. Thank you. You are needed!

Reminder: Children will remain in the church service to participate in the messages during Advent.

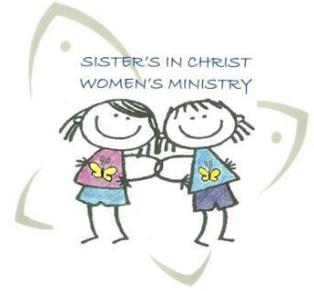
Men's Prayer Breakfast: Jan. 18, 2020 at 7:30am. Sign up sheets will be on both bulletin boards at a later date. It is very important that you bring your Bible with you.

Sisters in Christ Women's Ministry

106 Spring Rd. Hollsopple, PA 15935

814 479-7062

sistersinchristwm@gmail.com



Personality

God didn't create other people to please you, and he didn't create you to please them. He made us to please him.

In *Why You Can't Be Anything You Want to Be*, Arthur F. Miller Jr. says:

“Perhaps you were unaware of the fact that you were customize expression of a loving God. You have been endowed with a unique mix of competencies and the desire and drive to use them in pursuit of an outcome of unrivaled personal importance. Your life has meaning built into it. Effectively, you have an exciting, challenging, and achievable destiny if you but discover and embrace who you were designed to be.”

God gave you a unique personality. He did it intentionally as part of his process of creating the masterpiece of your life. Allow him, then, to help you understand your personality so you could bring him the greatest glory possible.

God is good....

--Submitted by Carole Horner, Sisters in Christ Women's Ministry

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A large number of fiction books have been donated to our church library. They have been organized and placed on the shelves, just waiting for someone to read! The library is located in the prayer room at the back of the sanctuary and is set up on the honor system. Just find one you would like and take it home to enjoy. When finished, please return it to the basket provided. We are very fortunate to have so many good Christian books available for everyone to read and enjoy! -Christian Education Commission

Faith Promise Luncheon at Camp Harmony on December 8th. Appetizers at 1:30 and the mean at 2:00. Guest speaker will be Eric Kabler of Kabler Thomas Financial Group.



Youth Gossip

Written by the Maple Spring Youth

We enjoyed getting a bit back to normal in November. The Thanks meal was a lot of fun and a great success. Thank you so much to everyone who stayed and enjoyed – and thank you for all your support through the year (prayer, financial, participation...everything!)

Ahhhhh December....such a busy month! We have plans to do a little Christmas caroling December 12th, have a Christmas party on the 18th, of course the Christmas Eve service, a possible bowling night December 30th and several other Christmas shenanigans. We have also agreed to be on the Worship Leader schedule again (yes, the youth and not just the youth leaders agreed to this!)



Christmas Eve Service – 7pm

We would like to formally invite you, your family and your friends to join us as we celebrate Jesus Christ and what His birth meant to various people of that time.

In January we are planning a “taco bar” dinner for January 12th after the morning service. We will have all the fixin’s to make your own taco masterpiece! Proceeds will go towards our next NYC.

Also for January we will try to hold another youth lock in. We had way too much fun at the last one so this is a much requested event – even from some of the adults who helped out.

Again, we sincerely thank you for your support of the Youth ministry. We couldn’t do it without you. We especially covet your prayer support in leading and guiding this amazing group to a deeper relationship with God and a more active role in the church.

Mission Moment

Presented by the Missions and Service Commission



The year 2018 marked the 40th year of ministry for New Day, Inc. Founded in Johnstown, PA in 1978 by the late Rev. Dr. Noah S. Martin and Rev. John Manges, two Church of the Brethren pastors who had a burden for troubled and at-risk youth. The first New Day office was in the basement of Dr. Noah Martin's home and the first counseling was conducted in a room donated by a church for that purpose. Within several months New Day outgrew its basement office, not long after settling into a home on 109 South Street in Kernville where it resides today. In 2001, through the support of the community, New Day was able to move into a wonderful new facility which includes a gymnasium. In addition to its headquarters in Johnstown, New Day has a branch office in Windber, started in 1983. The Windber office operates out of the Windber Community Building and ministers primarily to the youth of the Windber community.

New Day, Inc.'s Executive Director is the Rev. Jack Rupert, who has been active with New Day since 1979. He started as a volunteer mentor and served as Administrator for many years. Jack was named Executive Director in 2002 upon the retirement of founder, the late Rev. Dr. Noah S. Martin.

A Christian ministry to at-risk children, youth, marriages and families, New Day's purpose is to provide programs which meet spiritual, emotional, social and life-skill development needs in the lives of those with whom they work. Programs include professional counseling, after-school programs, summer camps, parent programs, new song radio show, jail ministry, youth ministries, and community outreach.

New Day draws its purpose from the mission statement of Christ in Luke 4:18-19 and believes that a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ meets the deepest needs of individuals. At New Day, the love of God and the power of the Gospel make it possible to provide Christian Counseling and Christ-centered programs for youth and families in need throughout the greater Johnstown area. New Day serves Cambria and Somerset counties and nearby communities.

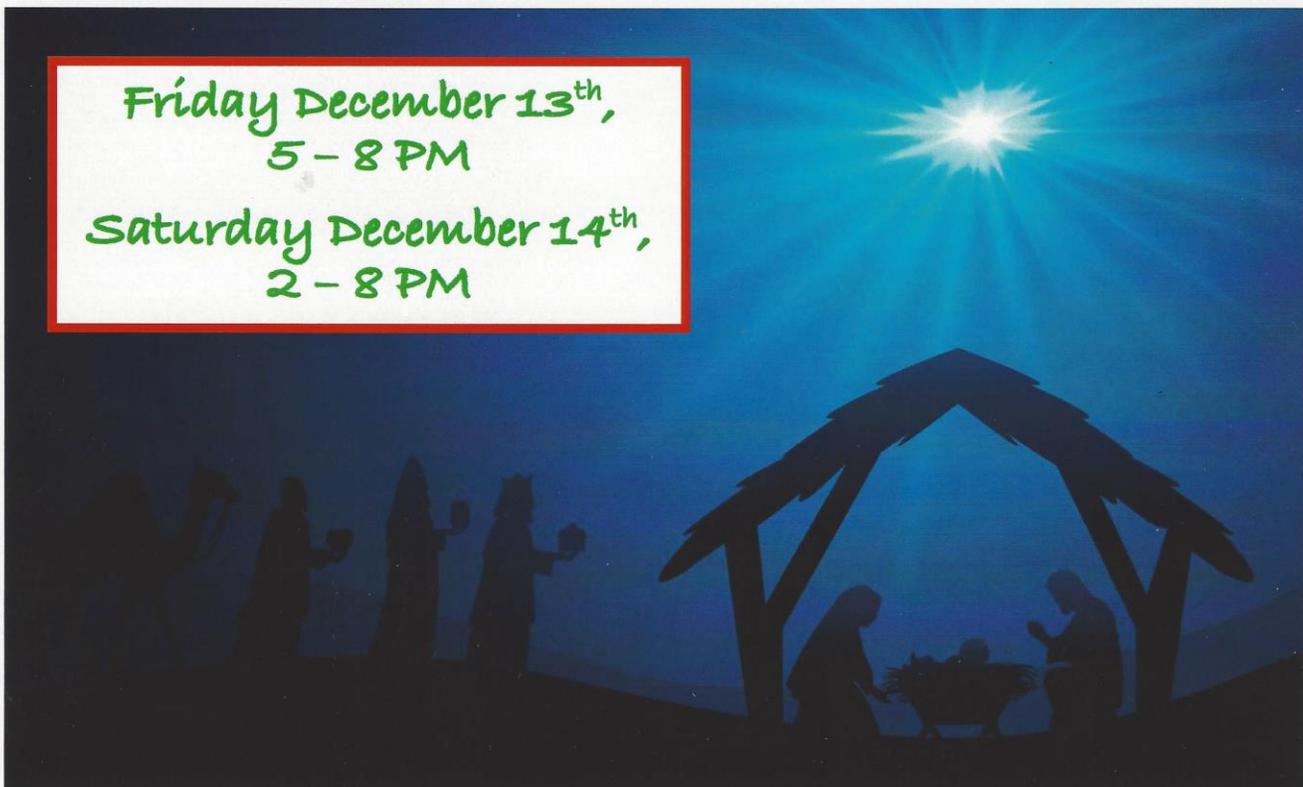
The programs of New Day are based on the Christian perspective of life. Principles of the Christian faith are presented as a decisive alternative to self-destructive forces. Individuals are encouraged to develop positive, meaningful relationships with self, society, and God. New Day's family-centered approach is designed to be preventive in nature. Help is offered upon early signs of trouble for the sake of preventing deeper and more intensely destructive behavioral patterns. New Day is open to explore the meaning of faith with those who are open to spiritual truth. No one is ever denied the services of New Day based on religious beliefs, race, color or creed.

New Day is a non-profit charitable organization which is funded entirely by the free-will contributions of individuals, churches, civic and social groups, businesses, and private grants and foundations. New Day is a separate charitable organization which is governed by its own Board of Directors and is not affiliated with any one church group or denomination.

This information was obtained from and more can be found at <https://www.new-day.org/>

Friday December 13th,
5 - 8 PM

Saturday December 14th,
2 - 8 PM



NEW LOCATION, indoors and handicap friendly
Davidsville Community Church
197 Pender Lane (off Route 403) Davidsville, PA
Formerly held at Greenhouse Park

Come see the....

Live Nativity, a walking tour of Bethlehem

- Seven interactive scenes
- Live actors at each scene
- 30 minute guided tour
- Free admission and parking
- Donations accepted (canned goods or monetary gift)
- Benefits local charities and food banks

Presented By: Conemaugh Township Area Ministries

DON'T MISS THE EVENT THAT CELEBRATES THE REASON FOR THE SEASON



Humble Hands
Looking forward to 2020
Who we are and what we do?
Well, I am certain we want you!



humble: (adjective) marked by meekness, thinking lower of ones self, fearing the Lord
hand: (noun) part of the lower arm used for grasping and holding, consisting of the wrist, four fingers and an opposable thumb.

Humble Hand's is a gathering of humble people who enjoy using their hearts and hands to do the work of the Lord. Through donations He supplies our materials and eventually a plan is made to use them. We sew, craft, stuff, laugh, cut, gather, eat, knot, iron, make cards and plan events. Everyone is welcome to attend but please remember many things can be done right in the comfort of your home!

Humble Hands is lead by Coordinator, Connie Zanoni 814-243-7523

A new year, a new day!
Our First meeting will be on
Wednesday January 8, 2020
9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

2020
VISION

We will be making cards for our prayer shawls at that first meeting.
Please bring your favorite casserole or dessert to enjoy at our noon meal!

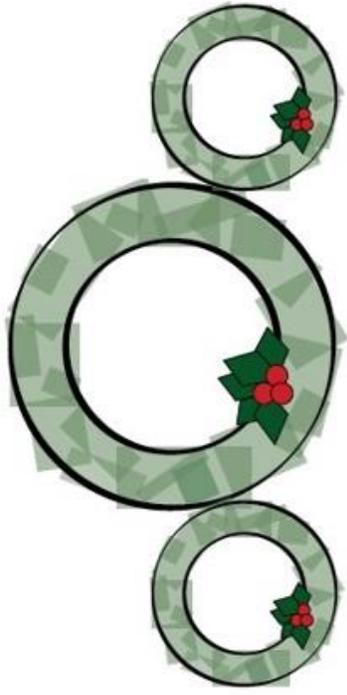
PHOTOS WANTED

We are looking for your donations of beautiful and inspiring photos. They will be used to make cards which accompany Prayer Shawls.

Note to self :

I have a talent and God's behind it! He doesn't bless me so I will get noticed, it's so much bigger than that. God wants me to honor Him with those gifts! How exactly does God want us to use our talents for Him? Two ways: blessing others and building His kingdom. I am going to Humble Hands or I am going to work at home on some of their Projects!

Colossians 3:23-



December

2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:30 Sunday School 10:35 Worship Christmas Fellowship Dinner today!	2	3	4 9a - Prayer 7-9p - Youth 7p - Cantata practice Owen Stevens - 95	5 7-9 - Youth Caroling	6 Arbutus Blough - 83 Sally Stutzman - 86	7 New Day Gift Wrap
8 9:30 Sunday School 10:35 Worship	9	10	11 9a - Prayer 7-9p - Youth 7p - Cantata practice	12 7-9 - Youth Caroling	13 5-8p - Live Nativity	14 2-8p - Live Nativity Harold & Reta Alwine 64 years
15 9:30 Sunday School 10:35 Christmas Cantata	16	17	18 9a - Prayer 7-9p - Youth Party	19 7-9 - Youth Caroling	20 Builders for Christ Christmas party WATER CUP ARTICLES DUE	21 Harold & Reta Alwine 64 years
22 First Day of Winter 9:30 Sunday School 10:35 Worship Gloria & Dale Holder 46 years	23	24 Christmas Eve 7pm - Christmas Eve Service Betty Shaffer - 84	25 Christmas Eve  Church office closed	26 Christmas	27 Iona Holder - 92 Carol Leverknight - 73	28
29 9:30 Sunday School 10:35 Worship	30 7p - Youth Bowling	31 New Year's Eve 7p - Deacon Prayer Meeting (?)	 Church office closed 7-9p - Youth Pizza party	2 7-9 - Youth Pizza party	3	4