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"Greater love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends"

John 15:13 KJV

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
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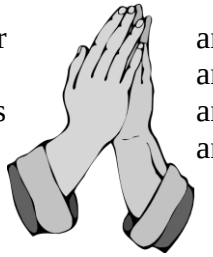
July 20, 2019

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

Marlin Mishler and Deanna Fisher
Connie Martin and Arbutus Blough
Arlene Stevens and Patty Shaffer
Elsie Michael and Sally Kaufman



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.*

JULY NURSERY SCHEDULE

7/7 - Rachel Weible & Rebecca Lichvar
7/14 - Lois Spory & Helen Hildebrand
7/21 - Emma Fisher & Twila Blanset
7/28 - Mark & Krista Shaffer

In the hospital since last issue…
Sally Strait

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

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Congratulations!

Jordan Shroyer and Rachael Hoge were married June 15th. May God richly bless your marriage!

Ohev Shalom – love peace

V'rodef Shalom – pursue peace

Ohev Es Habriyos – love people

From the Pastor……

July, Independence Day, also known as the 4th of July. Are we really independent? Are we free, and from what kinds of tyranny?

What do we as a church have to celebrate on this patriotic holiday? We are planning to have a "Who We Are, What We Believe" class hopefully sometime this Fall (date to be announced). As Pastor, I will be teaching this class.

We will discuss among other things: why we are Brethren and not Mennonite, why the people who planted the German Baptist Brethren Church left Germany, we will see why the denomination name was changed, also learn about Maple Spring Church history and the beliefs and ordinances of the Church of the Brethren.

This class will be a 13-week class open to all members and attendees of Maple Spring CoB.

When this class is finished, we should be able to explain "Who We Are and What We Believe".

Also, at the finish of this class all persons would be able to be baptized, transfer membership, or renew our affirmation of faith. Each will choose what, if any, of those steps they will take.

We will discuss all of the issues of today's church as well. We may not always agree, but we will work in one accord.

Why this class?

1) "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen. -Matthew 28:19-20
2) "Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart" -1 Peter 1:22

So we can learn to grow together as disciples in Christ!

In His love,
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 (WhitneyWeimer)
Jonathan Zanoni US Coast Guard (Cayla Roberts)
CAPTAIN Mark Bedrin Army (Katie McDonald)
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 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
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 **Missions & Service Commission** is coordinating day trips to The Brethren Service Center in new **Windsor, Md.,** to help with care packages and kits to be shipped to areas in need around the world. We will leave the **church** at 5:45 a.m. and return around 7:30 p.m. You must be at least 14 years old to attend. Dates for 2019 are August 8 and 20, October 10 and 15 and December 5. Contact Chris Hoffman at 814-442-5156 or Barb Connor at 814-255-5702 to register.

ATTN: All Commission Members: We are in the process of preparing the ballot for the July Council Meeting. Please forward names you wish to have placed on the ballot to Blaine Leverknight. The names are needed no later than the end of June. The ballot must be posted 2 weeks prior to the election. Thank you.

Men & Boys Breakfast: Saturday, July 13th at 8:30am at the Coal Miner's Café in Jennerstown. There are sign up sheets on both bulletin boards. It is important that you sign up so we can make the proper arrangements with the restaurant. Invite your friends and family!

Men's Breakfast: Thursday, July 18th, 7:15am at Fresh Harvest Banquet Hall at Laurel View Village. Special speaker Don Piper, author of "90 Minutes in Heaven" Please see Tim McDonald for a ticket. Deadline is Monday, July 8th!

DEACON MINISTRY

...Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

There is a somewhat forgotten man in the Old Testament. His story is there between Ezra and Esther. He was responsible for overseeing the rebuilding of the walls and gate of Jerusalem. His name is Nehemiah.

Nehemiah had an official job in the courts of Artaxerxes. It was a good job and he was respected. God opened his eyes to the condition of the walls and gate of Jerusalem. Nehemiah went to King Artaxerxes and asked to go to Jerusalem to oversee the rebuilding of these sections of bad, falling down wall. The king granted this request and Nehemiah set out with royal decrees in hand to organize and take charge of the process.

We know that the Jews are God's chosen people. They needed the protection of the city walls. Their enemies were only too happy to see the weakness. God chose Nehemiah to take on the leadership role of organizing a workforce and leading them through many obstacles to complete the rebuilding in record time. The work was done in 52 days! Gods hand was on the project and the enemies saw the accomplishment as a sign of His strength.

Does that mean the Nehemiah didn't face opposition? No! There were leaders who fought against him the whole time. He had to continually encourage and lift up the workers. In chapter 4: 4-5 Nehemiah cried out to God for help and strength against the leaders who were undermining the work. "Hear us, O our God, for we are despised. Turn their insults back on their own heads. Give them over as plunder in a land of captivity. Do not cover up their guilt or blot out their sins from your sight, for they have thrown insults in the face of the builders." Crying out to God and having God in control of the work, the people took courage and in verse 6 it says, "So we built the wall till it had reached half its height, for the people **worked with all their heart**."

There is so much we can take from the story of Nehemiah. The work, the spiritual renewal, the leadership qualities he possessed and more. However, in verse 6 we see that the people worked with all their heart. How much could we get done in the life of the church if we would work with all our hearts? Are you working with all your heart? They completed the rebuilding in a short 52 days! 52 days is a construction feet even in this day and age.

You may already serve on a commission, help with humble hands or work in various ministries throughout the church, but are you serving with All Your Heart? In Revelation 3:16 it says "So, because you are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold, I am about to spit you out of my mouth." Are you just being a warm body? Can you imagine how we could transform our congregation and community if we wouldn't be content? If we would desire to be more than a warm body?

My challenge to us ALL is to start serving Our God with our whole hearts and see where He leads us!

-Submitted by Megan Hostetler, Deacon

Know your Commissions – a Water Cup series!

Month #3: The Ministry & Evangelism Commission

This Commission has a lot of responsibilities within the church.

- Supervise the pastoral placement.
- Secure name of available pastoral candidate in cooperation with the District Commission on Ministry and the District Minister, and through the Board of Administration, present prospective Pastor to the congregation for approval.
- Supervise the termination of the Pastor's contract in accord with the District Commission on Ministry and the District Minister.
- Arrange for receptions and installations of incoming Pastors and farewells for outgoing Pastors.
- Draw up the Pastor's contract for approval of Church Council.
- Review terms of Pastor's contract each year prior to the October Council.
- Serve as the Pastor's counselors and supervise the pastoral program.
- Promote a healthy pastoral-congregational relationship and seek to adjust pastoral-congregational differences.
- Provide for speakers during absence of the Pastor in accord with the terms of the contract.
- Make provisions for entertainment of guest ministers and speakers.
- Encourage suitable persons to qualify themselves for the ministry or other church related service.
- Assist the Pastor in arranging special programs.
- Supervise the program of evangelism.
- Develop a year around program of evangelism including evangelistic
- meetings.
- Develop local personnel in techniques of evangelism.
- Develop responsibility lists of prospective members and seek ways of revitalizing inactive members.
- Plan programs or services to welcome new members into the fellowship.

Some things the M&E does that are not outlined in the constitution are:

- ✓ Plan Revival Services
- ✓ Cornroast Fellowship
- ✓ Honor Mothers and Fathers with gifts from the congregation
- ✓ Honor Graduates with gifts from the congregation
- ✓ Oversee the church secretary
- ✓ Plan the Pastor Appreciation celebration in October

Your Ministry & Evangelism Commission is:

Ruth Hostetler

Tim McDonald

David Fisher

Nancy Gindlesperger

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"Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up." Proverbs 12:25

Encouragement from Barb Kent; "I also have to a thank you for the way you interact with all of us & especially with the new people who come to Journey. Cate & Wally truly loved the entire experience & Cate said that although I had told her what Journey was like, she didn't truly know what I meant by "different" until she walked into the building & FELT THE HOLY SPIRIT. She loved ALL of it."

Encouragement is important to give and receive. Words are very powerful! When you are down and out and feel like you can't do anything, then someone says a few words of encouragement, it brings instant relief. I'm sure all of us have been encouraged at one time, and that moment felts absolutely incredible. I enjoy giving encouragement to those who have never accepted the gospel and when they receive Christ in their lives, it's the ultimate encouragement. Often times it's a word from the Bible that brings me the encouragement I need. Words like Isaiah 41:10,

"Don't fear, because I am with you; don't be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will surely help you; I will hold you with my righteous strong hand."

My hope and prayer is that you will find people who need a word of encouragement. If you see someone who down or upset, stop and say something encouraging, it will mean the world to them.

"...encourage each other every day....." Hebrews 3:13 CEB

Have a great month!

God is good.....

-Submitted by Sue Unger, Sister Core Team Member

Pictorial Directory update: The new Pictorial Directories are here! On behalf of the Missions and Service Commission, we would again like to thank all those who participated in the publication of the new Pictorial Directory. Lifetouch photographed 93 families and we had 9 photo submissions totaling 102 families (224 people) represented in our new Pictorial Directory. The directories were delivered in mid-May.

All those who have a picture included received a free directory. Additional directories were ordered and are available in the annex lobby for purchase at a cost of $8 for those who did not submit a picture.

The type of directory we chose is called a Connect Book. It is smaller than the ones we have had in the past and can be updated every few years. At the time of the next update, only those who choose to have a new picture taken need to be re-photographed. For those not photographed, the previous picture will appear in the newer directory. That is the reason that the year is on each picture in the directory. We will also be able to update our roster with each printing.

The Connect Book Directory also has a digital version. Information on how to upload the digital version to your electronic devices will be provided via the bulletin. The church also received the Lifetouch photographs to upload into the church management database system.

The directory pictures may be used internally for publications and viewing. If you would prefer to not have your picture used for this purpose, please fill out a form located in the rack by the annex bulletin board. Also, in the future please keep the church secretary informed of any changes of addresses or other directory information.

In addition to providing the church with a wonderful remembrance of this period in the life of our church,

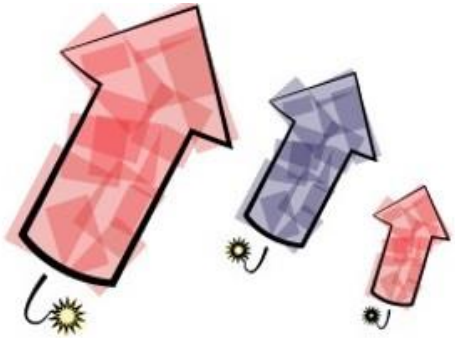
Lifetouch partnered with us in helping our local food pantry. During photography, the food pantry box was filled twice. The photographers noted that we received more in the first few hours of photography than most churches have in their entire sessions. We would like to thank Doug and Jeanne Cober for delivering the food to the food pantry for us. Lifetouch also offered $5 per photography session to be given to charity. We were able to deliver a check to our local food pantry in the amount of $465. Thank you for continuing to be such a loving, caring, and generous church.

Please direct any questions about the directory to a member of the committee.

Diane Bridge, Arbutus Blough, and Molly Stultz

Pictorial Directory Committee

Annual District Women's Tea Party: Walnut Grove CoB, August 17th beginning at 12:30pm. Cost is $15 per person. Please make checks out to "District Women's Ministries" and either give them to Linda or put them into the red box in the church office. They are requesting we send all registrations together as one. Reservations will need turned in no later than July 28th. See Linda Baraniak with any questions.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1	2 No Humble Hands	3 9a – Prayer 7:00p – Youth @ Rachels	4 Independence Day Church Office is closed Linda Tresnicky – 75	5 Suzanne Moss – 70	6
7 8:15 Early Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:35 Worship	8	9 9am – Humble Hands	10 9a – Prayer 7:00p – Youth	11 Thelma Keim – 83	12	13
14 8:15 Early Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:35 Worship **Brian & Marjorie Bittner 40 yrs** **Dave & Kathy Patterson 29 yrs**	15 **Bill & Patty Miller 30 yrs**	16 9am – Humble Hands **John & Patsy Shaffer 62 yrs**	17 9a – Prayer 1:30p – Youth to Flood Museum Arlene Stevens – 96	18 **7pm – Board Meeting** Paul Hershberger – 80	19	20 WATER CUP ARTICLES DUE
21 8:15 Early Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:35 Worship Sally Kaufman – 86	22	23 9am – Humble Hands **Randy & Suzanne Gary 41 yrs**	24 9a – Prayer No Youth Meeting	25 **7pm – Council Meeting** Joyce Napotnik – 75 Leora Petet – 97	26 Sharon Toth – 72	27
28 8:15 Early Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:35 Worship Marlin Ott – 81	29 Gary Martin – 76	30 9am – Humble Hands 7p - Deacon Prayer Meeting	31 9a – Prayer 7p – Youth/Parent Meeting	1	2	3