

Maple Spring



Water Cup

Vol. 53 No. 7
March 2020

MAPLE SPRING CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN HOLLISOPPLE PA 15935 814-479-7062



“Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.”

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.

Published by:

**MAPLE SPRING
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
106 Spring Rd
Hollisopple, PA 15935
814- 479-7062**

E-MAIL - maplespringcob@atlanticbb.net
Web Page – maplespringcob.org

Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Traditional Service.....10:35 a.m.

Pastor Chris Heinlein (814) 414-7902
Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9am-12pm

Editor Telephone (814) 479-7062
Email maplespringcob@atlanticbb.net
Church Secretary Rachel Cable

Church Office Hours
Monday - Friday. 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Please have all bulletin announcements in by
11am on Thursdays

**WATER CUP DEADLINE FOR
April 2020
March 22, 2020**

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

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



*Pray for another...the effectual fervent prayer of a
righteous man availeth much.*

*The Shade Creek/Ridge CoB is our prayer partner
church for the year 2020. Let us at Maple Spring keep
them in our prayers.*

MARCH NURSERY SCHEDULE

3/1 - Emma Fisher & Twila Blanset
3/8 - Marge Bitner & Karen Nagyvathy
3/15 – Jeremy & Molly Stultz
3/22 – Ryan & Jamie Beahr
3/29 – Rachel Weible & Rebecca Lichvar

In the hospital since last issue...

Mearl & Carole Horner
Bob Fisher
Bob Wojtaszek
Brandon Geisweidt

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

***Looking ahead....mark your calendars now!
More details will come***

August 13th – Men’s corn roast at the Grove
September 10th – Elk viewing trip
September 12th – Community Day
September 13th – SS Picnic/Outdoor Worship

One Call: In an effort to avoid
miscommunications, we are asking that you
contact Pastor Chris first Tuesday-Friday if
possible

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK....

Pastor's Page for March 2020:

You remember the old saying: "In like a lion and out like a lamb."? What does that have to do with us in the church? March also happens to be the season of Lent this year and I'm not encouraging you to give anything up for lent, rather encouraging you to think on our Savior Jesus Christ.

Hosea 11:10 reads: "They shall walk after the Lord, He will roar like a lion. When He roars, Then His sons shall come trembling from the west;". Revelation 5:5 tells us that "...Behold the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David has prevailed...". So we know that Jesus is the Lion of Judah.

Isaiah 53:7 reads: He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before it's shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.". Revelation 5:12 reads "...Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom..." .

So we remember in lent: Our Wonderful Savior Jesus, Who taught and healed among the people, openly, seemingly fearlessly. The strong roar of the Lion. Who, at the end of His physical life here on earth suffered and died as The Lamb of God.

Remember: Who, gave all for each of us. Remember He will come back as The Conqueror, The Lion of Judah. Lent in like a lion, out like a lamb and the story is not finished. We do know the end!! Praise God!!

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 (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		170 Phillips St. Jerome, PA 15937
Gale Shipley	51 Akers Street Johnstown, PA 15905	Don Stutzman	Room 103B, 1404 Hay St Berlin, PA 15530
Cliff & Sally Stuzman	960 Woodstown Hwy Hollsopple, PA 15935	Betty Shaffer	Richland Woods 3324 Elton Rd Johnstown, PA 15904
Jim Moran	1056 Soap Hollow Rd Hollsopple, PA 15935	Ruth Friedline	PO Box 111/127 Maple Ln Jennerstown, PA 15547
Arlene Stevens	Laurel View Village Personal Care 1000 Vista Dr, Rm 526 Davidsville, PA 15928	Phyllis Thomas	Laurel View Village, Rm 522 2000 Cambridge Rd Davidsville, PA 15928
Iona Holder	Country Manor Rm. 206	Marilyn (& Wally) Ullery	588 Woodstown Hwy Hollsopple, PA 15935

To send cards and letters to Carole....

Attn: Carole Horner, Bethlen Home, 66 Carey School Rd, Ligonier, PA 15658

The 35th Annual Precious Life Banquet/Breakfast: Saturday, March 21 at 9am at the Downtown Holiday Inn in Johnstown - a \$10/person donation is requested. Tickets may be purchased by visiting preciouslifeinc.com or by calling 814-269-4391. A free-will offering will be taken.

Annual Chili Cook Off: Scheduled for April 19th – more details to come!

DEACON MINISTRY

...Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

Love one another as I have loved you. – John 15:12

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ – Ephesians 5:21

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
– Ephesians 4:32

Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. – Romans 12:10

Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. – Romans 12:16

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. Philippians 2:3-4

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. – Ephesians 4:2

Greet one another with a holy kiss. – 1 Corinthians 16:20

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. – Ephesians 4:25

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. – Colossians 3:13

Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. – 1 Thessalonians 5:13

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace

Ephesians 4:3

*all from the NIV translation

-Submitted by Megan Hostetler, Deacon

Sing!

The youth and youth leaders want to thank everyone who joined us for our first Praise Night in February. We will be planning another night of praise and worship soon! We will be singing a mix of hymns,

Praise

choruses, and modern worship songs. There will be a time of sharing, along with scripture reading.

Keep watching the Dew Drops for the date! Hope to see you there!

Sisters in Christ Women's Ministry

106 Spring Rd. Hollsopple, PA 15935

814 479-7062

sistersinchristwm@gmail.com



*The Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden...
The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground---
trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food.*

Genesis 2:8-9

People plant gardens for a variety of reasons. Some plant because they depend on the produce a garden provides. Other people garden because they enjoy the beauty of flowers and shrubs in bloom. Some enjoy the exercise. Some find it relaxing. Reasons for gardening might fill a wheelbarrow. But always, there's a reason. And that reason often gives us insight into the gardener's character.

Why did God plant the world's first garden? Read today's Bible text again. In fact, you might want to step further into Eden's garden as you read the entire account from Genesis 2:8-25.

God, the very first gardener, plants his garden with love. See how he kneels to create flowers that will delight his people with wonderful colors and intricate designs. Watch as he sows seeds that will grow into plants for his people's nourishment.

Now fast-forward to a different garden. This garden is dark with sorrow, yet filled with love and purpose. It is the Garden of Gethsemane. In this garden, a loving God continues to provide for his people in his Son, Jesus. In this garden, Jesus willingly submits to his Father's will and sets his eyes purposefully on the cross.

God plants both gardens with love. Peek into the paradise that is Eden and see a beautiful first home. Look into the garden named Gethsemane, and you'll see God's love personified in Jesus, his Son.

Ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes so you see more clearly your Gardener-Father's heart---
A heart full of love for you!

"Growing in Grace" by Gail Marsh

--Submitted by Sue Unger

The Book Nook

Are you an active reader?

Wouldn't mind sharing your own little recommendation?

*Pick any book from our library and submit your recommendation to
the church office for a future Water Cup article.*



Mission Moment

Presented by the Missions and Service Commission



Global Food Initiative (GFI): The primary way the Church of the Brethren assists hungry people in developing food security is through the GFI. Since 1983, GFI (formerly Global Food Crisis Fund) has raised over \$8,000,000 for community development projects in numerous countries around the globe.

This fund invests in small-scale economic development, joins efforts to improve diet and health practices, promotes soil conservation, and awareness-raising and advocacy on hunger issues. GFI upholds the biblical command to lift the burden of the oppressed; Proverbs 14:31, “Kindness shown to the poor is an act of worship.”

Nigeria Compassion Fund: The Nigeria Compassion Fund supports Ekklesiyar Yan’uwa a Nigeria (EYN, Church of the Brethren in Nigeria), as they work to rebuild homes, communities, and lives in a country devastated by war and violence. The fund is a mechanism for Brethren around the world to fellowship with our sisters and brothers in Nigeria, and to partner with them as they work for healing and peace. 100% of donations are sent directly to the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria.

Doctors Without Borders: The thrust about this group is to provide medical assistance to people who need help as a result of war, conflict, or natural disaster. These medical teams arrive in an area, set up a clinic, often in some temporary tent, and work to provide medical help to people who come to them. Country of origin, location of home, religious preference, or political allegiance is not important. What is important is to tend to the medical needs of the patient.

Midwives for Haiti: The vision is that all Haitian women will have access to prenatal care and deliver with the assistance of a skilled birth attendant, to reduce maternal and infant mortality rates in Haiti by teaching midwifery skills, to provide safe, clean places for women to give birth, and to incorporate care of the newborn infant, vaccines, dehydration treatment and prevention along with breastfeeding support with maternal care. (www.midwivesforhaiti.org)

Brethren Volunteer Service (BVS): BVS was established in 1948 to provide an intentional way to share God’s love through acts of service and emphasizes practicing faith in daily life. Through BVS, people give their time and skills to help a world in need. Volunteers work at issues greater than themselves, recognizing that their efforts may not immediately solve deep-rooted problems. Volunteers receive room, board, medical insurance, transportation to project, and a monthly allowance of \$100-\$150. In most cases, educational loans may be deferred. Each volunteer must bring a willingness to serve, working toward justice, peace, and meeting the needs of humanity.

Children’s Disaster Services (CDS): Since 1980, CDS has been meeting the needs of children by setting up child care centers in shelters and disaster assistance centers across the nation. Specially trained volunteers respond to traumatized children. They provide a calm, safe, and reassuring presence in the midst of crisis. CDS provides relief, education, and individualized consultation for parents about their child’s unique emotional needs after a disaster. CDS volunteers were invited to join the Red Cross Critical Response Team in 1997. Critical Response volunteers are on call 24/7, deploying within 24 hours of the event, providing relief and support to children and families after a catastrophe.

For more information visit: www.brethren.org/global

FYI from the Conemaugh Township Area Ministries:

A huge thank you goes out to everyone who helped with our 2019 Live Nativity. We appreciate all the help that Maple Spring gives us every year for this endeavor. So if you helped by participating in the Live Nativity or you were a visitor that week end...we say THANK YOU!. As reported earlier, there were over 1100 visitors to the Live Nativity held at the Davidsville Community Church on December 13th and 14th. Because of your generosity in "paying your taxes", we were able to donate over 800 canned good items to the food bank and also help 7 local organizations and 2 families in need. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HELPING!

Live Nativity 2020 will be held on Friday, December 11th and Saturday, December 12th this year at Davidsville Community Church.

We would also like to let you know that we are sponsoring the Easter Cantata again this year. This year's cantata will be "Amazing Love, How Can it Be"; arranged by Russell Mauldin and directed by Patty Shaffer. The cantata will be held at Maple Spring on Palm Sunday, April 5th, 2020 at 7:00 PM. Practices will be held every Sunday in March at Maple Spring from 2 – 4 PM. If you would like to join us in presenting this beautiful cantata, we would welcome you to do so.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of the CTAM.

Blessings,

Nancy Gindlesperger, Secretary CTAM



I will sing to the Lord as long as I live:

I will sing to My God while I have being. Psalm 104:33

Many of us feel encouraged when we are singing, listening to the radio or hear others singing. If you enjoy singing, this may be something you would like to consider. A group of people from the church have started to sing to those who need encouragement. We obtain permission from a family member and try to find out the best time of day to come. We have been requested to sing at various times of the day. We have no particular song list as some people have requested their favorites. We are trying to become more organized. If you would like to be a part of this ministry please contact Karen Nagyvathy @ 814-244-6977 or Connie Zanoní @ 814-243-7523. Your name will be placed on a separate one call. When a request is given, the message will contain the person's name, where they are and the time to sing.

LETTING GO...

I pulled up to the stop sign at Speigle Rd and 601. In the field directly in front of me was the tractor spreading manure. Very few people knew how broken my daughter was when her husband asked for a divorce. My husband and I knew and we were crushed with grief. I sat, watching the man spreading manure, my soul began to ease, my guard began to lessen. Life can be putrid manure and it can feel as though you are walking in it up to your knees. Your legs are cumbersome and overbearing from the stench sticking to your gum boots and fact your boots seem to slip off and on. Then you see glorious light streaming through a crack in the barn door and there stands an old shovel.

You use every amount of energy in your body to get to that light and you push that barn door open so you can clearly see the "Son." You pick up that shovel and you begin to clean up the mess that you have been standing in. You gag, your eyes water, you are mentally and physically exhausted, for a brief moment you even hate the cow that made this twisted, filthy mess in your life. The process is a hard, the manure is a decomposing, massive mess and... you... didn't... even... put... it... there.

At last you hook up to your best friend, the tractor (the Holy Spirit) and together you lay all the hurt, exhaustion, pain and hate out to the "Son" in the field. You see no immediate results, yet on a regular basis you take that stinky stuff out to the "Son" and by now your actually talking with Him on a regular basis. Without your knowledge, He plants the perfect seeds for your survival. Soon that field is green and your burden is lightened. More time passes, occasionally the hurt enters your heart about all the manure in the barn, but you begin to see growth. Beautiful, abundant growth.

You continue to take the manure to the "Son." The entire field is now abundant with new growth all for your life. You have made it through to the harvest and it is rich. You have what you need. You can now see the cow for what he was to you. A cow and all the manure (pain), fertilizer for your growth to have a closer walk with the "Son" to become the person he created you to be.

I know some of you shake your head and say..."The girl's not right." That is ok. The Holy Spirit speaks to me in ways that are right and good for my understanding. Tonight somehow...at this moment... I am at peace. At peace with the cow, though I am not forgiving the cow yet, I realize in time all the manure will be turned into gold.

It is hard to believe that this post was made almost a year ago March 19, 2019. By the time I left Maple Spring parking lot after Humble Hands, The Holy Spirit had laid this on my heart. I did not forgive the cow (my ex son in law) that day. But I can tell you eventually I did. Forgiveness is a choice. I reached this choice so I did not allow Satan to consume my entire life. I pray that you read this and have an unforgiving heart you may find forgiveness. Forgiveness is essential to a healthy mind and body.

Along with forgiveness, recently I learned while studying Ezekiel, we are to reflect "Gods Glory Through Grief." I failed that test miserably throughout this trial. Ezekiel 24:15-18 The word of the Lord came to me: "Son of man, with one blow I am about to take away from you the delight of your eyes. Yet do not lament or weep or shed any tears. Groan quietly; do not mourn for the dead. Keep your turban fastened and your sandals on your feet; do not cover your mustache and beard or eat the customary food of mourners." So, I spoke to the people in the morning, and in the evening my wife died. The next morning, I did as I had been commanded. Oh Ezekiel! Prophet of old, your words whisper to me. Those words, living and breathing in 2020 as they were before Jesus Christ was born! Thank you for your wise instruction!

Father God, You know my every struggle, even the things that I cannot understand. Help me walk with You and obediently serve You no matter what happens in my life. I want You to get the glory from every circumstance I walk through. I do not always understand why things happen the way they do, but I am choosing to trust and obey You, No Matter What! In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen

--Submitted by Connie Zanoni



Fish Fry 4:30 - 6:30 pm - \$10

(purchase ticket in advance thru Camp Harmony)

Lenten Service 6:45 - 8:00 pm - Free

Menu Includes:

Baked/Fried Fish

Haluski/Mac N Cheese

Cole Slaw/Applesauce

Vegetable

Dessert

Free ice cream sundaes

to follow Lenten Service

Come to one

or both events!

1414 Plank Road Hoopersville, PA 15936

814.798.5885

www.campharmony.org

2020 Johnstown Area COB Lenten Worship Services, 6:45 pm

March 1	Arbutus, Guy Myers	Jesus, Who Serves
March 8	Westmont, Paul Hamilton	Jesus, Who Shares
March 15	Walnut Grove, Brad Griesheimer	Jesus, Who Shepherds
March 22	Way of Hope, Abby Shaffer	Jesus, Who Sacrifices
March 29	Camp Harmony, Steve Vickroy	Jesus, Who Saves

Offering will take place each evening for Camp Harmony. Refreshments follow each service

Jocelyn Hrovath will be with us on March 29th to share more about this program.

BIBLE 2 SCHOOL

TEACHING TRUTH INSPIRING HOPE

Teaching the Bible to children attending public school and inspire hope, showing them their unique value in Christ.

Bible2School is a program that provides free elective Bible classes to elementary school children attending public school during the school day. The children are bused to a nearby church or partner location where trained volunteers engage the children in lively worship and Bible stories. Children and volunteers discuss how they can apply the Bible lessons in their lives and pray together.

To Sponsor a Child, Volunteer, or Register your child:
Contact b2slaurelhighlands@gmail.com
Call Jocelyn at 717-682-4855

Visit: hregion-pa.bible2school.com



ALL YOU CAN EAT

Pancake, Egg, & Sausage Breakfast

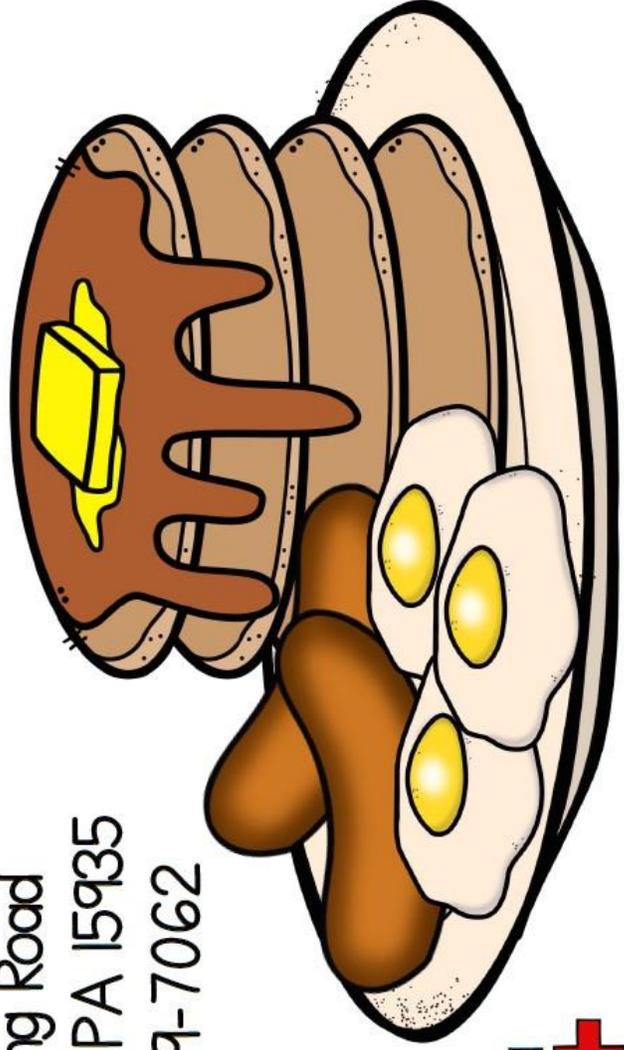
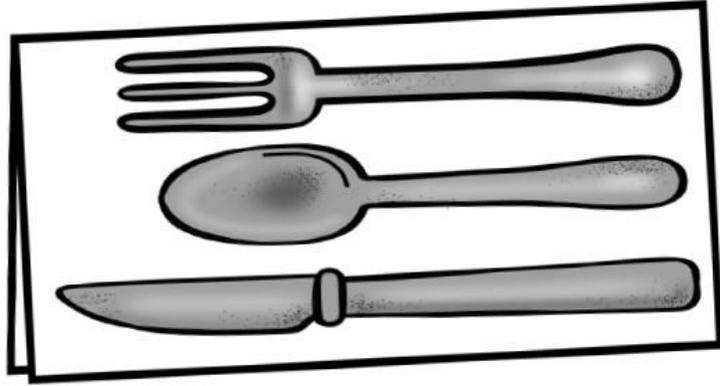


Date: Saturday, March 28, 2020

Time: 7:00-10:00 a.m.

Place: Maple Spring Church of the Brethren

106 Spring Road
Hollsopple, PA 15935
(814) 479-7062



Proceeds will support:

The Western District Disaster Fund

 Donations Appreciated 



MARCH



2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 Sunday School 10:35 Worship 2-4 - Community Choir	2 Ron & Adrienne Punako 35 years	3	4 9a - Prayer 9a - Humble Hands 6p - Kids Choir 7p-Choir Practice 7-9p - Youth	5 Bob Lape - 92	6 Jeanne Cober - 78	7
6:45pm - Lenten @ Arbutus 8 Daylight Savings Time 9:30 Sunday School 10:35 Worship 2-4 - Community Choir	9 Larry & Donna Graham 46 years	10	11 9a - Prayer 9a - Humble Hands 6p - Kids Choir 7p-Choir Practice 7-9p - Youth	12	13	14
6:45pm - Lenten @ Westmont						
15 9:30 Sunday School 10:35 Worship One Great Hour 2-4 - Community Choir	16 MARCH 15 th Cliff Stutzman - 88 John Unger - 70	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 9a - Prayer 9a - Humble Hands 6p - Kids Choir 7p-Choir Practice 7-9p - Youth	19 First Day of Spring	20	21 9am-Precious Life Banquet
6:45pm - Lenten @ Walnut Grove						
22 9:30 Sunday School 10:35 Worship 2-4 - Community Choir	23 WATER CUP ARTICLES DUE	24	25 9a - Prayer 9a - Humble Hands 6p - Kids Choir 7p-Choir Practice 7-9p - Youth Blaine & Carol Leverknight 53 years	26	27 Ruth Mishler - 85	28 7-10am-Disaster Fund All You Can Eat Breakfast
6:45pm - Lenten @ Way of Hope						
29 9:30 Sunday School 10:35 Worship Bible2School 2-4 - Community Choir	30	31	1 9a - Prayer 9a - Humble Hands 6p - Kids Choir 7p-Choir Practice 7-9p - Youth	2	3	4
6:45pm - Lenten @ Camp Harmony						