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FOR I KNOW THE THOUGHTS THAT I THINK TOWARD YOU. SAYS THE LORD, THOUGHTS OF PEACE AND NOT OF EVIL. TO GIVE YOU A FUTURE AND A HOPE.

Jeremiah 29:11

***Water Cup***

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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**

**February 2021**

January 20, 2021

***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**

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Marlin Mishler and Deanna Fisher

Connie Martin and Sally Kaufman

Arlene Stevens and Arbutus Blough

Karen Nagyvathy and Patty Shaffer

Molly Stultz and Elsie Michael

Pat Koba and Diane Bridge

Nancy Gindlesperger and Christine Shroyer

Bill & Sandy Watkins and Jordan Shroyer

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

*The* ***Moxham Church of the Brethren is*** *our prayer partner churches for the year 2021 Let us at Maple Spring keep them in our prayers.*

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**JANUARY NURSERY SCHEDULE**

Provided care is not available, due to Covid-19. Parents are welcome to use the nursery, but must stay with their children.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

January 10 – Pastor Heinlein’s last Sunday

January 17 – Pastor Bennet’s first Sunday

**January 21 – Board of Administration 7 p.m.**

**January 28 – Council Meeting 7 p.m.**

Those who are uncomfortable worshipping inside the church building on Sunday mornings can listen to the service from their vehicle in the parking lot on FM 99.9 on the radio. Also, if you would like a bulletin or newsletter mailed to you or know someone who would like one, please call the church office. We ask God’s blessing on each of you as we continue to serve Him.

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The Price of altar flowers will be increasing to $40 starting January 1, 2021. The cost is for 2 vases.

**PASTOR’S PAGE**

**Dear Pastor Heinlein,**

**We would like to thank you for the almost 2 years of dedication to the Maple Spring Church of the Brethren. Your dedication and service are very much appreciated.**

**We know that you have had a very difficult 2020. Please accept our deepest sympathy on the passing of Carol. Know that our hearts go with you as you begin a new chapter of your life.**

**God bless you and keep you,**

**The Maple Spring Congregation**

***Please remember the following who are actively*** ***serving our country...***

1st SGT George Adams Army

SGT Adam Veres Army Specialist (WhitneyWeimer)

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

\*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.

**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 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.

**Please also remember those from our Visitation List**

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

Ruth Friedline PO Box 111/127 Maple Ln

Jennerstown, PA 15547

Iona Holder Siemon’s Lakeview Manor

228 Siemon Dr.

Somerset, PA 15501

Don Stutzman Room 103B, 1404 Hay St

Berlin, PA 15530

Betty Shaffer Richland Woods

3324 Elton Rd

Johnstown, PA 15904

Phyllis Thomas Laurel View Village, Rm 522

2000 Cambridge Rd

Davidsville, PA 1592

Deacon Ministry

...Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

What will 2021 be ?

Wow, the end of 2020. A year ago we had such high hopes for 2020, little did we know what this year would hold for all of us. A better year is not guaranteed for us, but we hope and pray that 2021 is better than 2020.

We cancelled Church and Sunday School for months, We had funerals that no one could attend, We cancelled weddings, and the list could go on. Those were the disappointing things!

Although, we learned some things as well. We could be in church virtually because of technology. Many us of learned to Zoom, some by just audio and some with video. Personally I prefer the audio only, I have attended many meetings in shorts and a t-shirt!

Many of us learned how much we value human contact and we had to learn that because of the absence of it. Many learned to enjoy the great outdoors more, because the virus was less likely spread outdoors. Many more home projects were completed because that was all we could do. Did anyone try to purchase treated lumber? Had to be there when the truck was unloaded or you didn’t get any.

We learned the togetherness of family, maybe more than we wanted, but it forced us to spend time together. We learned the simple things in life could be fun.

I am sure each of you could make a list and maybe that is what we need to do. Yes we had sickness, we had death, we had illnesses, we had disappointments, but we also learned how to ………. (fill in the blank).

We adapted, we forged ahead, we embraced new technology (maybe), we learned how important washing our hands was (gee, Mom was right all those years ago). The point is, we learned, not without pain and challenges, but we learned.

Gods hand was with us all during the year. He didn’t leave us, we let go of his hand to DO IT OURSELVES. How did that work out?

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-15 tells us that “there is a time for everything and a season for every activity”. Verse 11 & 12 tells us that He has made everything beautiful in its time …. And yet we cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end. Think of the Blessings of 2020. It is easy to focus on the negative, but we were Blessed in 2020!

My prayer for you, for the church in 2021 is health, happiness and prosperity but most of all, a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. No matter what the world throws at you, a personal relationship with the Master can overcome any thing!

Bring on 2021 ---Submitted by Mike Stevens

**Mission Moment**

Presented by the Missions and Service Commission

Highlighting missions that Maple Spring supports



**Saint Francis Sharing and Caring**

After the Johnstown flood of 1977 there was an economic recession in our area and a clothing shop and food ministry were started by St. Anne’s Catholic Church and Bethel United Methodist church. In 1983, these 2 ministries were combined under **St. Francis Sharing and Caring** which was comprised of 14 churches from diverse denominations that became a ministry of and for the people of Conemaugh Township.

Today, this ministry is comprised of:

**The Community Market** which is held in the parking lot of St. Francis on Thurs. afternoons in the summer and features produce, eggs, flowers, food, and local crafts. While the original goal of the market was to increase traffic at the old store it has become a community gathering place.

**The Bread of Life Food Pantry** serves between 100-150 households per month. They are the distribution site for the senior box program.

**The Cash Assistance program** provides assistance with rent, electricity, water, sewage, or heating to those in need who live in or attend church in Conemaugh Township. and who meet the income guidelines; 1st $600 (1 year), 2nd $400 (1 year), 3rd $300.

These programs are possible through donations and the income generated by the **Thrift Shop**. They are open Mon. – Fri. 9-3 and Sat. from 10-2, Thurs. evening until 6. It has been 3 ½ years since they moved into the new building and they continue to grow. In the old store, they did about $50,000 a year. In 2018 they did over $141,000, in 2019 $177,000, and even after being closed 2 months for quarantine they did at least that well in 2020. Last June was their highest month to date at over $21,000. Their goal is to provide reasonably priced items and to use the money from those sales to provide assistance to neighbors in need.

They also provide clothing and household items to persons in need. There are no residency restrictions for this type of help. Several times a year they give clothing vouchers to the food pantry families. However, they also give them to any families in need as well as victims of fires or other forms of property damage and provide them with furniture and household items if available.

Currently, they have over 65 volunteers and 2 employees through the senior employment program that put in over 800 hours each month. They typically have 5 agencies who work with people with disabilities that work with them but due to the current circumstances they are not coming in right now.

(St. Francis Sharing and Caring cont.)

There are several ways to get involved in this ministry:

**Donate to the shop** –They take gently used clothing and household items. Some of the best sellers besides clothing are puzzles, books, games, DVD’s, kitchen items, material, yarn, and furniture items.

**Shop** – Although they do provide clothing to those in need, the store is not just for them. They have a great selection of clothing, shoes, household, books, games, puzzles, jewelry, purses and more and have the best prices around. Their customer base is increasing weekly and they have people who travel from Altoona, WV, and all over Somerset and Cambria County to shop at St. Francis. Their customers tell them they love their shop and help spread the word to their friends and family.

**Volunteer** – The amount of merchandise coming into the shop daily is almost overwhelming. They are always in need of new volunteers and there is a job for everyone. Most of the volunteers work 3-6 hours a week and they would love to have your help. There are many jobs to choose from: sorting donated items, tagging clothing, pricing household items, organizing books, and many others. They have a lot of fun and it is a blessing to serve their neighbors through the thrift shop.

For over 35 years St. Francis has been a ministry of Conemaugh Township. When they were in the old shop it was hard to imagine how they could make enough to cover the mortgage on the new building and now they continue to grow and God is blessing St. Francis. Throughout our lives God invites us all to step out in faith when we cannot see exactly how things will work out. We invite you to come be a part of what He is doing at St. Francis.

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We would like to welcome Pastor David Bennett and his wife Joy to Maple Spring Church of the Brethren. Pastor Bennett accepted the call to Maple Spring in December 2020. Let us make him and Joy feel welcome.

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*And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us. Romans 5:5*

One Cry PRAYER CALENDAR JANUARY /2021

MANIFESTING THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

The deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law

(Galatians 5:19-23nasb).

1 As we begin a new year, thank God that through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life has set us completely free from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:2).

2 During seasons of revival, the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of God’s children becomes very obvious. Pray today for the kind of revival where Christians repent from pursuing the desires of the flesh and commit to walk in the Spirit (Galatians 5:16).

3 Since man’s fleshly desires and the ways of the Spirit stand in direct opposition to one another, pray that your church family will discern the difference between the two and experience the power of Christ to walk in victory over sin (Galatians 5:17).

4 Paul told the Thessalonians that it was God’s will for them to abstain from sexual immorality (1 Thessalonians 4:3). Let’s pray that the Holy Spirit will sweep through your congregation, moving everyone to turn from pursuing immorality to pursuing holiness instead.

5 The Bible tells us that God has not called us to impurity, but to sanctification (1 Thessalonians 4:7). Pray that in the lives of your friends, impure thoughts and actions will be replaced by those that are set apart for God’s glory and honor.

6 Since the way a person thinks and lives out their life can greatly influence others, pray that Christians will not follow their sensuality and malign the way of the truth for others (2 Peter 2:2).

7 The word idolatry can be defined as “extreme admiration, love, or reverence for something or someone.” Pray that believers will flee from idolatry (1 Corinthians 10:14) by setting their greatest and foremost affection on the one true God.

8 Hearts and minds through the ages have often been lured away from a Spirit-filled walk by a focus on witchcraft, div­ination, and sorcery (Deuteronomy 18:10; 2 Chronicles 33:6). Pray that those who practice this wickedness will not be able to entrap the people of your community.

9 In today’s church, many have allowed enmities to develop between them. A person can even become an enemy of God when he or she becomes a friend of the world (James 4:4). Pray that Christians will not oppose or become hostile toward God or each other, but will daily experience the unifying love of Jesus.

10 Pray that God will protect your church family from individu­als who have “a morbid interest in controversial questions and disputes about words” (1 Timothy 6:4). These people often spread strife and evil suspicions.

11 Pray that the members of your church family will not relate to each other out of jealousy or selfish ambition (James 3:16). James says these sinful ways are the birthing place for disorder and every evil thing.

12 Pray that those around you who struggle with anger will be set free from this sinful attitude. Pray that their outbursts of anger (Galatians 5:20) will disappear completely because of the abiding presence of Christ in them.

13 Pray that the leaders of your church will “avoid foolish controversies . . . and disputes about the Law,” since these are unprofitable and worthless (Titus 3:9).

14 Pray that the men of your congregation will lift up holy hands in prayer instead of engaging in angry discussions and dissensions that lead to discord (1 Timothy 2:8).

15 Pray that God will protect your congregation from divisive individuals who use their words and actions to divide church families into sinful, self-condemned factions (Titus 3:10-11).

16 Pray that your church’s leaders and members will “not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another” (Galatians 5:26).

17 Just as Jesus warned His disciples to be on guard against sin, pray that the hearts of your Christian friends will “not be weighted down with dissipation, drunkenness, and the worries of life” (Luke 21:34).

18 Pray that the Christians in your community will “behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy” but instead clothing themselves with the Lord Jesus (Romans 13:13-14).

19 Pray today that everyone in your church family will love God with all their heart, soul, and mind and will love their neigh­bors as they love themselves (Matthew 22:37-39).

20 As it was with the first followers of Christ, pray that today’s believers will continually be filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit (Acts 13:52).

21 Romans 8:6 says that the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace. In a world of turmoil where even many Christians are struggling to walk in peace, pray that every believer will learn how to set his or her mind on the Spirit.

22 As we look at those who have gone before us, who through faith and patience inherited the promises of God, pray that today’s Christians will also practice patience and diligence in their walk with Christ (Hebrews 6:11-12).

23 Pray that the members of your church family will not let kindness and truth leave them, but will bind these quali­ties around their necks and write them on the tablets of their hearts (Proverbs 3:3).

24 Just as Paul prayed for the church at Thessalonica, pray that God will count your church family members worthy of their calling and will “fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power” (2 Thessalonians 1:11).

25 In Matthew 23:23, Jesus pronounced woe on the scribes and Pharisees because they tithed mint, dill, and cumin, but neglected justice, mercy, and faithfulness. Pray that today’s church will be faithful to do everything that pleases God.

26 Pray that today’s Christians will sanctify Christ as Lord in their hearts and will always be ready to make a defense to everyone who asks them to give an account for the hope that is in them, with gentleness and reverence (1 Peter 3:15).

27 Paul wrote that in the last days, difficult times will come, in part because many individuals will not have self-control (2 Timothy 3:1-3). Pray that the men and women in your church will be dead to selfish desires and will walk under the controlling influence of the Spirit of Christ.

28 Pray that Christians in our nation will learn how to put on the Lord Jesus Christ and will consistently make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts (Romans 13:14).

29 Remembering how Christians have been called to freedom from the Law, pray that we as believers we will not turn our freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love will serve each other (Galatians 5:13).

30 Pray that your church staff and the members of your church family will walk by the Holy Spirit, finding the spiritual power needed to not carry out the desires of the flesh (Galatians 5:16).

31 As we conclude this month, let’s take some time and medi­tate on all that God has done in providing us with life through His Holy Spirit (Romans 8:11).

The following letter was received from our friend Bennie Yoder:

*Dear Friends, December 2020*

*First a greeting of Love in Jesus Holy Name. It is because of God’s love for mankind that we may celebrate this holiday. May we keep Christ as the center in our life as we hold this holiday commemorating Jesus birth!!*

*Yes, this past year has gone by so fast,, and yet it was so different. It seems there is no normal anymore. But, maybe God needed to interrupt the normal so we concentrate more on Him! If this be so, let us take it to heart and listen to what He is saying!*

*This last year we have been well for the most part, and trust you all had it the same. We have done a good bit of traveling, but haven’t gotten t all the places we had wanted to, due to Covid, so we hope to continue this summer if Lord Willing.*

*I am now at the harness shop full time. But, I’m “retired” so I can choose my days to work and the hours. But, my boss would like up to 5 days a week if I can. He is very easy to work with and I love my job which is mostly saddle repair and pricing new merchandise. If I am needed I can take care of customers also.*

*Here at home my dear wife is busy being a “grandmother” and makes shawls and folded star pot holders. She does a wonderful job of taking care of 2 older people at this home!*

*Peter & Lydia with their 11 (2 are married) are always busy. They are dairy farmers, he does butchering, she sells herbs and they have a strong customer base for the produce stand. They have “Little Red Produce Shed”!*

*Moses and Linda and family (they also have 2 married) out of their 9. They have 3 flower greenhouses and about 5 high tunnels for produce, and then farm 14 or 15 acres of produce beside! So they are busy. They sell their stuff at the local Produce Auction and Farmers Market.*

*Leroy and Annie and 8 children live in KY and are busy making play sets for Aaron Miller. He was ordained to ministry about 8 weeks or so ago.*

*Our Eli & Effie and 11 children are also busy with 2 flower greenhouses 2 high tunnels for veggies, and 7 acres of produce. They sell at their roadside stand and the produce auction. They also raise ponies and break them and sell them.*

*Clarence and Sarah and 7 children keep busy working some pallets, some carpentry, and he also works at the livestock market. We aren’t sure how the pallet industry will turn out yet.*

*William and Mary and 6 children are busy in KY making crane mats. They work for a sawmill outfit down there. William also has a few ponies.*

*Arie and David live in IL and have 8 children. They also have a greenhouse business and raise some produce, but he also has a cabinet show and makes custom furniture.*

*Then Anna Mary and Samuel live in KY and have 6 children. He is part owner in a busy saw mill and makes these crane mats as well. It seems everyone is busy. The put up an apartment and want us to come to them a while in winter. Maybe in Feb. (I’m not sure yet!!)*

*So, you see we have lots going on, and we got 9 great grands. Yet too. It seems great grandparents aren’t as old as they used to be!!*

*But in spite of all that goes on in the family we want to take time to be thankful for all that our Heavenly Father has blessed us with. Also, we are so thankful to have you all as friends to cherish. So may you all have a Blessed Christmas Season and a Wonderful New Year ahead. Prayers are needed and shared!!*

*Love Always,*

*Somerset Co. Friends*

*Bennie C. and Arie Yoder*

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| **January 2021** | | | Photo collage of word: Winter   |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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