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## HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday – March 28, 2021

Maundy Thursday – April 1, 2021

Good Friday – April 2, 2021

Easter Sunday – April 4, 2021 – “He Is Risen”



# Holy Week

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  
April 2021  
March 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**

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



*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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**CONGRATULATIONS**

We extend our Congratulations to Jacob and Laurel Rosenbaum on the birth of their daughter Leanora Ruth Rosenbaum, who was born January 28<sup>th</sup>.

*May God Bless this new life as we welcome her into our family of faith.*

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**MARCH 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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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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## PASTOR'S PAGE

You know you don't have to be a rocket scientist to know that there is life after death. Oxygen is invisible but we need it to live. Heat is for our circulation of blood and is invisible too. So are the eternal things of God that you and I cannot just buy or grab out of the air. Sound is a blessing if you hear the correct tone, especially when God speaks to your heart. Death and sin have been overcome by Jesus Christ 2000 years ago - Hallelujah!! So, may you be attentive to what our precious Lord speaks to your heart. Heaven is eternal life, hell may be a joke to the world but it's real. I don't want to just talk a walk. We have opportunities to walk the talk for a glorious God through His son Jesus Christ by the pure power of His Holy Spirit. Let's be real in 2021 and do all we can for our KING JESUS.

**ALL FOR OUR KING.** That is our vision for 2021. Yesterday is gone, 2020 has passed. Our GOD has a plan and a future for you. Let's get moving.

*Pastor David*

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



- 1<sup>st</sup> SGT George Adams Army
- 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.

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

Gale Shipley	51 Akers Street , Apt. 306 Johnstown, PA 15905	Marilyn Ullery	588 Woodstown Hwy. Hollsopple, PA 15935
Cliff & Sally Stutzman	<b>Room 103, 1404 Hay St. Berlin, PA 15530</b>	Iona Holder	Siemon’s Lakeview Manor 228 Siemon Dr. Somerset, PA 15501
Jim Moran	1056 Soap Hollow Rd Hollsopple, PA 15935	Don Stutzman	Room 105B, 1404 Hay St Berlin, PA 15530
Arlene Stevens	Laurel View Village Personal Care 1000 Vista Dr, Rm 526 Davidsville, PA 15928	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

# DEACON MINISTRY

## ...Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

What scares you these days? The monster under the bed is a memory for most of us; no worries there. As the world continues to spin, seemingly out of control, a quick look at the newspaper headlines or a few brief moments of radio or tv news can easily have you at your wits end, to say nothing of what we see on social media. You may have noticed that we are a nation divided, which is not new; one needs only to study history. But for many of us, division of this depth – there is only right or wrong and no middle ground, there is no truth, only “my truth”, and if we don’t agree we cannot be friends or even be polite to one another, and division of this breadth – everything is up for grabs, from your political beliefs to what you can and cannot say, or think about the price of rice in China, is unprecedented. Does this level of division concern you? It very likely does, at least on some level. But why? Why is it unsettling? Do you ever ask yourself this question? Maybe it is because this nation, founded on the preservation of religious freedoms and Christian beliefs, may be faltering, wobbling at the knees a bit. And maybe it is because it is being pulled apart in the name of many things, religion being one of them.

Or maybe we are intentionally being used for someone else’s gain. Maybe this distraction, this “bright shiny object over there”, away from the cross, is meant to plant that seed of doubt in your mind. And maybe that seed of doubt sprouts and takes root, and before you know it, your hope lies in some thing or some person. Someone steps in and promises to make everything better, and we are told that our hope lies somewhere **other than** in the cross. Maybe it’s a product that looks great and it sounds great and it will make you happy and it is yours for just 3 easy payments of \$39.95, BUT WAIT! There’s more! If you act now..... And on and on it goes, and we take it in, and we are ridiculed, even shamed if we don’t like it, or if we speak against it, or if we don’t scoop it up in mass quantities. You are made to feel like a lesser person, and that leaves one feeling alone, desperate, different, hopeless.

For the believer, maybe the feeling of fear is an indication that we have taken our eyes off the cross and the significance of Christ’s death there. Scripture tells us in 2nd Timothy 1:7 that “God does not give us the spirit of fear”. Deuteronomy 31:6 tells us that we are to “be strong and courageous” and later tells us that God “promises to be with us and that He will never leave us or forsake us”. I recently heard tell of a poor, “phoneless” fool, who sat by a stream, perhaps at the base of a waterfall, doing nothing, completely unaware of how afraid he is supposed to be. Maybe we are too connected to all that goes on around us, and maybe, just maybe, that prevents us from drawing close to God and hearing that small still voice. Maybe things are not falling apart, but falling into place. (See 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3 for details.) After all, a greater prize awaits us, eternity spent with our Creator, who loves us beyond measure. It might be time for us to look inward instead of looking at all that is happening around us. We will find hope and peace there. As Matthew 11:28 tells us, “Come to me all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

A friend once told me that generals and peacemakers both need the same thing – conflict. Only Satan would argue that the world needs more conflict. Is he happily at work watching us being pulled apart and doing all he can to create more chaos? To be sure, he is. He is benefitting from all of his hard work day by day. Remember, John 10 reminds us that he “comes to kill, steal, and destroy”. See this for what it is. But know that the world needs the Gospel message now more than ever. Are you wondering what you should be doing amidst the chaos? See Matthew 28:19-20 for your job description. And chill a little.... God remains on the throne. May His peace be upon us all!

# Mission Moment



Presented by the Missions and Service Commission

Highlighting missions that Maple Spring supports

## Proyecto Aldea Global Ongoing Emergency

### Relief and Reconstruction in Honduras

**Proyecto Aldea Global** (Project Global Village) was overwhelmed with emergency relief activities amidst the COVID-19 pandemic and the two destructive hurricanes in 2020. Throughout these events God's love and faithfulness could be seen through every one of the partners who came alongside PAG to aid the most destitute families across Honduras. They are sincerely thankful for you, their dear friends, for the ongoing and generous support. Their relief program involves the construction of houses, the rehabilitation of community water systems, road repair work, and on-going food provisions and medical care to families affected. The following is a summary of their activities.

**House Reconstruction** - Several thousands of farm families in western Honduras have lost their houses as well as their crops, after the storms of last year. In coordination with the municipalities, PAG has begun the reconstruction of houses and the beneficiary families contribute with hand labor and the local materials.

**Rehabilitation of Community Water Systems** - PAG's staff has evaluated the damages in 50 water systems that supply water to the rural communities in western Honduras. Together with the contribution from municipalities and labor from each local community, all 50 community water systems will be repaired to supply more than 4,000 families with clean water. Many truckloads of pipe are being shipped to Honduras (as pipes are no longer being manufactured in the country) to repair essential community water systems.

**Road Repairs** - PAG works in mountainous rural areas where crops are grown and where farm to market roads are extremely important for commerce. These roads are the lifeline for many rural communities to have access to health services as well. PAG has opened several hundred kilometers of roads, especially in western Honduras, and now are helping to repair them to restore transportation of crops from the fields to the markets.

**Food Distribution** - Thanks to their generous partners, Gleaning for the Hungry, PAG received containers of dehydrated vegetables and oatmeal for the families living in provisional shelters and those affected by the two hurricanes in Honduras. This storable food is perfect for the emergencies since it only requires preparation on site to feed hungry families. The staff from the community health program in central Honduras distributes these bags and teaches local families how to prepare delicious and nutritious recipes with them.

**Medical Brigades**- PAG's community health program in central Honduras continues to provide medical care to hundreds of families living in remote communities in central Honduras with the support of three medical doctors, two professional nurses, two dentists, and PAG's own network of health volunteers.

For more information visit [www.paghonduras.org](http://www.paghonduras.org)

# March 2021

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	1 Travis & Samantha Kane Adda & Van Lisbon	2 Diane Bridge Matthew Bridge Ron & Adrienne Punako	3	4 Zachary Todaro	5 Bob Lape	6 Jeanne Cober Kayla Luprek Karla Luprek
7 Nathan Niovich Mckenzie Rosenbaum	8 Jakob Hostetler Kieran Kane	9 Donna & Larry Graham	10	11	12 Tim Blanset	13 Dierdre Keim
14	15 Cliff Stutzman John Unger	16 John Luprek	17 Dwight Shaffer	18	19 Jamie Bearh	20
21	22	23 Grant Shaffer	24	25 Joe Stutzman Blaine & Carol Leverkusen	26 Jason Stevens	27 Ruth Mishler
28 Lucas Shaffer	29	30 Molly Stultz	31 Suzanne Gary	1	2	3

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	1	2	3 9 a.m. Prayer 9 a.m. Humble Hands	4	5	6
7 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:35 a.m. Morning Worship	8	9	10 9 a.m. Prayer 9 a.m. Humble Hands	11	12	13
14 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:35 a.m. Morning Worship	15	16	17 9 a.m. Prayer 9 a.m. Humble Hands	18	19	20
21 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:35 a.m. Morning Worship	22	23	24 9 a.m. Prayer 9 a.m. Humble Hands	25	26	27
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