

Maple Spring



Water Cup

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*The Angel said to the women,
"Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking
for **Jesus**, who was crucified.*

*"He is not here, **He has Risen**, just as He said.*

Matthew 28:5 & 6a



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

May 2021

April 21, 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

Karen Nagavathy

Molly Stultz

Pat Koba

Nancy Gindlesperter

Bill & Sandy Watkins

Jordan Shroyer

Christine Shroyer

Diane Bridge



and Arlene Stevens

and Connie Martin

and Marlin Mishler

and Deanna Fisher

and Sally Kaufman

and Arbutus Blough

and Patty Shaffer

and Elsie Michael

*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.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 17 at 7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer at the
church pavilion.

Wednesday, April 21 6 p.m. "Grace at the Grove" –
in dept Bible Study

**Thursday, April 22 7 p.m. Board of
Administration**

Saturday, April 24 at 8 a.m. – Men's Breakfast –
location to be announced.

Sunday, April 25 at 2 p.m. – "Groove at the Grove"
Live Music – bring a lawn chair.

**Thursday, April 29 at 7 p.m. COUNCIL
MEETING.**

APRIL NURSERY SCHEDULE

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

The **Youth** will be meeting on Zoom the second and
fourth Sundays of each month at 7 p.m. This requires
a meeting ID and password. If you have a youth from
6th to 12th grade who is interested in joining, please
contact Molly Stultz or Diane Bridge.

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



1st 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
Cliff & Sally Stutzman	Room 103, 1404 Hay St. Berlin, PA 15530
Jim Moran	1056 Soap Hollow Rd Hollsopple, PA 15935
Arlene Stevens	Laurel View Village Personal Care 1000 Vista Dr, Rm 526 Davidsville, PA 15928
Ray & Ruth Stevens	1223 Moonlite Park Rd. Hollsopple, PA 15935
Marilyn Ullery	588 Woodstown Hwy. Hollsopple, PA 15935

Iona Holder	Siemon's Lakeview Manor 228 Siemon Dr. Somerset, PA 15501
Don Stutzman	Room 105B, 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 15928
John & Patsy	P.O Box 247 Jerome, PA 15937

DEACON MINISTRY

...Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

Some thoughts regarding Covid and returning to normal church activities.

There are church people who are now vaccinated. Many of the people who are vaccinated may want to get back to normal church activities.: of course they do, and of course they should, but let's be careful about how that happens.

There might be ways to do that, but we need to really ask ourselves if "let's just go back to normal church activities for the vaccinated people" is the way to do it, or "worship for the vaccinated."

And what about the Pastor and Secretary. Is our custodial staff vaccinated? Are our Organist, Pianist, Sunday School Teachers and Ushers? Also, it is none of our business if someone on our church staff has a medical condition that makes them particularly at risk for Covid complications. And it's none of our business if they have a medical condition that makes it unwise for them to get a vaccine. Don't force that question with them. This is why we need herd immunity through vaccination: to protect those among us who have legit reasons not to be vaccinated.

Please do not start rushing back to normal church activities like this was all about you.

Also, if we put a "only vaccinated people can attend" policy into place, I want us to take a step back and think about what that says: to people who are having a hard time working the system to get their vaccine; to people who cannot, for medical reasons, get the vaccine; to children, who are not yet eligible for the vaccine. And, are we really asking our pastor and church leaders to check people's vaccination card at the door?

Our church staff and leaders has been working HARD this year. But please be kind to these people who have been working so hard to figure out how to be the Church right now. If we think we want to be back at normal church activities, our church staff and leaders REALLY wants to be back to normal. Church is what they do.

And finally, please sit quietly with yourself, and do a little deep breathing, a little self check. Our society has been through a trauma. Individuals have been through a trauma. We've had relatively little opportunity to process it. Sometimes, when we've experienced something like this, and had to bottle it up, it comes bursting out in ways we aren't expecting.

Our church leaders are kind, helpful people, and they can be easy targets for our bottled up pain and frustration. Please be gentle to our leaders; and please listen to them as they try to do their job, which is to be a shepherd. A good shepherd sets boundaries, keeps the flock safe, and leads them into greener pastures. But there are sometimes rocks and places of danger along the way. Please trust that church leaders are looking out for the whole flock. We'll get to that good, green grass soon.

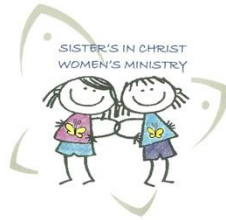
In Christ's love,

Mike Seganos

Deacon Chair

Mission Moment

Presented by the Missions and Service Commission
Highlighting missions that Maple Spring supports



Sisters in Christ Women's Ministry

The Sisters in Christ Women's Ministry is a fulfillment of a vision from God. In 2002, a core team of five women built the Women's Ministry on a foundation grounded on God's word. *"It is a precious cornerstone that is safe to build on. Whoever believes need never be shaken."* (Isaiah 28:16b). Their first event was held September 11, 2003.

Sisters in Christ Women's Ministry is a Christ centered support group, where women meet for prayer, praise, encouragement, fellowship, and worship of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. They offer hands to hold, shoulders to cry on, and knees to join in prayer; but most importantly to study God's word and to help each other cope with the problems and trials of this world. Their speakers are Christian women speaking on spiritual topics.

The mission of the Sisters in Christ Women's Ministry is to encourage women in their faith walk, to become Sisters in Christ and to share Jesus' love with one another. They strive to minister to the spiritual needs of the women of our church and community, to reach out and share Jesus with women who do not know him, and to encourage and build each other up in their faith.

Sisters in Christ Women's Ministry reaches out to the community and surrounding areas. They provide a Sunday School class each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. for women of all ages to grow and disciple one another. They also periodically hold Bible studies. Come and learn to know our Savior, Jesus Christ, on a more personal level than ever before.

All women are welcome to attend the events and programs. As the Bible says, "Wherever two or more are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them." Come and enjoy their fellowship with the Lord!

"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together . . . but let us encourage one another . . ."

(Hebrews 10:23-25)

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

The Easter Sunrise Service will be held Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021, at 6:30 a.m. in the upper cemetery.

EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunday, we will be celebrating Communion with the Bread & Cup during the Morning Worship Service on Easter Sunday. The Deacons will be individually packaging the Bread and Cup and distributing to ensure the safety of those that choose to participate.

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YOUTH NEWS

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FRIENDS IN FAITH

The **Friends in Faith** Sunday School class is resuming Sunday School on Easter Sunday. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

CHANGE OF DATE – Humble Hands will meet on **Tuesdays** beginning April 6th. We will not meet on Wednesdays as of April 2021. We are in need of new members, please join us! We sew, cu patches, crochet, make school kit bags and so much more. Bring a sack lunch, we eat our lunch together and enjoy a devotion as well.

REMINDER – Prayer Shawls are available for anyone to give to someone in need who is hurting or sick. They can be found in the library/prayer room. When taking one, please sign the tracking book to avoid duplicate giving. Since the start of this ministry, 157 have been made and given out. Thank you to everyone who made and helped distributed the shawls. They have provided warmth and comfort to many.

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Jerome VFD Basket Party **Saturday, April 24, 2021 ONLINE EVENT**

4 days to purchase tickets, to preview baskets, and to submit your tickets.

Wednesday, April 21, 2021	5 pm to 7 pm
Thursday, April 22, 2021	12 pm to 2 pm
Friday, April 23, 2021	6 pm to 8 pm
Saturday, April 24, 2021	11 am to 1 pm

****If you have already purchased tickets, please stop at the Jerome Firehall on any of the above dates to get your additional ticket sheets.** Each ticket purchased gets you an additional sheet. You must bring your already purchased tickets to show proof of purchase.

Basket donations are greatly appreciated. They can be dropped off any Tuesday night at the fire station between 5 pm to 9 pm. or contact 814-525-1795 and we will pick up! All proceeds benefit the Jerome Volunteer Fire Dept.

To participate in the event, go to facebook, search Jerome, PA Volunteer Fire Department's website and join the event or login.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 MAUNDY THURSDAY	2	3 EASTER EGG HUNT at the church 1 p.m.
4 <u>EASTER SUNDAY</u> 6:30 A.M. Sunrise Svc. 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:35 a.m. Morning Worship Bread & Cup Communion	5	6 9 a.m, Humble Hands	7 9:00 Prayer	8	9	10
11 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:35 a.m. Morning Worship - Intro to Revelation 7 p.m. Youth Zoom	12	13 9 a.m. Humble Hands	14 9:00 Prayer	15	16	17 7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer at the church pavilion
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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3 Chris Shroyer
4 Adrienne Punako	5	6	7 Calvin Hostetler	8 Ryan Beahr Ray Stevens	9 Travis Kane John Shaffer Emily Shaulis Dan Stutzman	10 Connie Martin
11 Quinlyn Fisher Patsy Shaffer	12 Nancy Dunmyer Janet Miller Phyllis Thomas	13 Patty Miller	14	15 Heather Koba David Martin	16 Chet Thomas	17
18 Katie Bedrin Jaynie Korzi Ray Shaffer	19	20	21 George & Cathy Neuhof	22 Jim Moran Sandy Watkins	23	24 Marilyn Luprek
25	26 Justin & Maria Shaulis	27	28 Jennifer Baraniak Jeffery & Emma Fisher Ed & Joyce Thomas	29 Kolton Furry	30 Kelly Graham David & Missy Felton	1 Red indicates anniversaries