

Maple Spring

Water Cup



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“BEHOLD, THE
LION OF THE
TRIBE OF
JUDAH HAS
CONQUERED.”
REV. 5:5



**“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous.
Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for
the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”**

Joshua 1:9

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 2020
April 26, 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

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



*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.*

APRIL NURSERY SCHEDULE

4/5 - Emma Fisher & Twila Blanset
4/12 - Marge Bitner & Karen Nagyvathy
4/19 – Jeremy & Molly Stultz
4/26 – Ryan & Jamie Beahr

In the hospital since last issue...

Connie Zanoni
Brandon Geisweidt
Carol Heinlein
Jim Miller
Mearl Horner
*May we continue to remember them in our prayers and
praise God for their healing*

In Christian Sympathy...

Tom Bridge's father passed away on February 24th
On February 25th, Leora Petet lost her sister, Norma
Coughenour
Bill Miller's father passed away on March 5th
*May God's comfort surround these families at this
time – we pray His love over you*

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK....

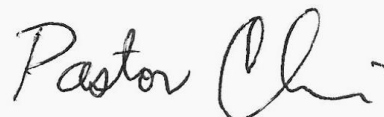
Dear church family, whoever thought we would see such things? Fighting, hoarding, lack of necessities because of greed. You and I know that God is bigger than this. Where we may ask will it end?

Maybe it will end maybe it won't, whichever know that God is in charge. In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus plainly tells us: "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."

Always Jesus is with us, why do we worry? Worried about bathroom tissue, flour and basic necessities? Jesus brought the early church through persecution and hatred. There is nothing that will or can happen to us that is bigger than Jesus.

Go outside sniff the fresh air look at the flowers and the unfolding of spring. Thank God for the miracles. Miracles abound around us! Today pay attention to what we often take for granted. Remember the gift of Salvation that Jesus freely gives. Praise God each and every day! We are blessed.

IN HIS LOVE,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Chris".

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

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

Iona Holder Country Manor Rm. 206
 170 Phillips St.
 Jerome, PA 15937

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

Marilyn (& Wally) 588 Woodstown Hwy
Ullery Hollsopple, PA 15935

To send cards and letters to Carole....

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

Annual Chili Cook Off: will be rescheduled for a later date, due to the current health crisis

DEACON MINISTRY

...Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

“Still He Walked”

He could hear the crowds screaming "crucify, crucify." He could hear the hatred in their voices, these were His chosen people. He loved them, and they were going to crucify Him. He was beaten, bleeding and weakened...His heart was broken, but still he walked. He could see the crowd as He came from the palace. He knew each of their faces so well. He had created them. He knew every smile, laugh, and shed tear, but now they were contorted with rage and anger...His heart broke, but still He walked. Was he scared? You and I would have been, so His humanness would have mandated that He was. He felt alone. His disciples had left, denied, and even betrayed Him. He searched the crowd for a loving face and He saw very few. Then He turned His eyes to the only one that mattered and He knew that He would never be alone. He looked back at the crowd, at the people who were spitting at Him, throwing rocks at Him and mocking Him and He knew that because of Him, they would never be alone. So for them, He walked. The sounds of the hammer striking the spikes echoed through the crowd. The sounds of His cries echoed even louder. The cheers of the crowd, as His hands and feet were nailed to the cross, intensified with each blow. Loudest of all was the still small voice inside His Heart that whispered. "I am with you, my Son", and God's heart broke. He had let His Son walk. Jesus could have asked God to end His suffering, but instead He asked God to forgive. Not to forgive Him, but to forgive the ones who were persecuting Him. As He hung on that cross, dying an unimaginable death, He looked out and saw, not only the faces in the crowd, but also, the face of every person yet to be, and His heart filled with love. As His body was dying, His heart was alive. Alive with the limitless, unconditional love He feels for each of us. That is why He walked. When I forget how much my God loves me, I remember His walk. When I wonder if I can be forgiven, I remember His walk. When I need reminding of how to live like Christ, I think of His walk. And to show Him how much I love Him, I wake up each morning, turn my eyes to Jesus, and I walk.

-Author Unknown

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation. Romans 5:8-11 NASB

From "The Extravagant Love of Jesus" Elm Hill Books

--Submitted by Nancy Dunmyer, Deacon

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OUR SOURCE

“...apart from me you can do nothing.”

John 15:5 NIV

“I can do all this through him who gives me strength.”

Philippians 4:13 NIV

Apart from Him we can do nothing. While we are abiding in Him nothing is impossible. The one purpose of our life should be to remain in a living and intense union with Christ, guarding against everything that would break it, employing every means of cementing and enlarging it. And as we do so , we will find His strength flowing into us for every possible situation. We may not feel His presence, but we will find it present whenever we begin to draw on it. There is no temptation that we cannot master, no problem we cannot patiently endure, no difficulty which we cannot cope, no task we cannot perform, no confession or testimony that we cannot make, if only we live in healthy relationship with Jesus. Whatever our need is He will provide the answer and the strength.

“And my God will meet all your needs....”

Philippians 4:19 NIV

God is good.....

--Submitted by Carole Horner, Sister in Christ



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



Sportsmen Fellowship Ministries, located in Jerome, was started by Rev. Frank Young in 2016 as a place to share his passions with the community as God reveals Himself through various outdoor activities. Through these activities, those who are a part of the ministry help others to have a relationship with Jesus Christ and to live for Him. They presently have about 20 volunteers.

While Sportsmen Fellowship Ministries is not a church, they encourage those who are a part of their program to be connected to a church family where they can grow. They want each member to learn how to use the gifts, talents, and abilities they have been blessed with to further the Kingdom of God. **Their objectives include:** providing religious and spiritual instruction through the outdoors, teaching safety and technique through the proper use of outdoor equipment, and instilling knowledge and ethics through practicing conservation and wise management decisions.

Currently the main focus is on archery, fishing, and pheasant hunts. In 2019, they ministered to over 80 children from 13 school districts in our area. They began this year with this theme verse, "Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born of one's youth." (Psalm 127:4) The volunteers see their ministry like crafting arrows to send out into the world. They are working with the children in knowing God personally and making Him known. In 2020, they have already worked with 73 children in advanced archery, have two classes of beginners, and still have a waiting list. They also began archery for teenagers, women, and couples along with children and adult leagues. So far this year, 137 individuals have shot in their facility.

To learn more please visit <https://sportsmenfellowshipministries.com/>

Explore their site or find them on Facebook and enjoy photos, videos, and devotionals. If you share a love for the outdoors, review their events page and join them in Christ and let the outdoor adventures begin!

A brief Bible Study concerning what is asked of a Pastor, Deacon and We, The Children of God.

This came to me one night as I could not sleep. My childhood Sunday School teacher, Sally Kaufman told me when you can't sleep or when you are perplexed, grab your Bible. Let it fall open and read. I turned on the light and grabbed a copy of The Living Bible given to me by my parents in 1971. I was only 9 years old. The Bible opened to 1 Timothy, Chapter 3. What a glorious awakening. The following is a chapter of the Bible, listing the requirements of pastors and deacons. Written a long time ago, yet very current, living and breathing. I urge you to continue reading the 1 Timothy Chapter 3 Living Bible Translation that follows and see for yourself if our leaders at Maple Spring fall into those guidelines. Lastly, are scriptures to show how we as Jesus Lovers should live. Be sure to rate your own life. **Ouch!**

PASTORS

It is a true saying that if a man wants to be a pastor, he has a good ambition.

For a pastor must be a good man whose life cannot be spoken against..

He must have only one wife.

He must be hard working and thoughtful, orderly, and full of good deeds.

He must enjoy having guests in his home and must be a good Bible teacher.

He must not be a drinker or quarrelsome, but he must be gentle and kind and not be one who loves money.

He must have a well-behaved family, with children who obey quickly and quietly. For if a man can't make his own little family behave, how can he help the whole church?

The pastor must not be a new Christian because he might be proud of being chosen so soon, and pride comes before a fall. (Satan's downfall is an example.)

Also, he must be well spoken of by people outside the church—those who aren't Christians—so that Satan can't trap him with many accusations and leave him without freedom to lead his flock. If you doubt this, see me, I would love to tell you a story about Jerome Firehall and our Pastor.

DEACONS

The deacons must be the same sort of good, steady men as the pastors.

They must not be heavy drinkers and must not be greedy for money.

They must be earnest, wholehearted followers of Christ, who is the hidden Source of their faith.

Before they are asked to be deacons, they should be given other jobs in the church as a test of their character and ability, and if they do well, then they may be chosen as deacons.

Their wives must be thoughtful, not heavy drinkers, not gossipers, but faithful in everything they do.

Deacons should have only one wife, and they should have happy, obedient families.

Those who do well as deacons will be well rewarded both by respect from others and also by developing their own confidence and bold trust in the Lord.

In conclusion: 1 Timothy 3: 14-16, I am writing these things to you now, even though I hope to be with you soon, 15 so that if I don't come for a while, you will know what kind of men you should choose as officers for the church of the living God, which contains and holds high the truth of God. 16 It is quite true that the way to live a godly life is not an easy matter. But the answer lies in Christ, who came to earth as a man, was proved spotless and pure in his Spirit, was served by angels, was preached among the nations, was accepted by men everywhere, and was received up again to his glory in heaven.

WE, As Children of God

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:29-32

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:12-17

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. Proverbs 3:5

Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Ephesians 4:25

Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, Philippians 2:14-15

Thoughts from the Writer:

I have to say that some of my expectations of Pastor or Deacons duties were listed and some were not. Here at Maple Spring we have failures but our Pastor and Deacons have scored pretty well on the 1 Timothy checklist. I included 5 simple verses, which illustrate clearly how we are to show the Light of Jesus Christ to the world. If you scored 100% on those,

great! But you better review. I am thankful I am saved by the precious blood of Jesus Christ because my score was...maybe a C+ .

I returned to Maple Spring 12 years ago, because for me, it was an extended family of God. A family of generosity, love and forgiveness. I have been saddened over the year that we have failed a test we were given to pass. It is my hope that each member look up these scriptures, read your notes. Allow The Holy Spirit reveal where you are weak and where you are strong. One scripture came to me repeatedly over this study. When they continued to question Him, He straightened up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to cast a stone at her."

Prayerfully submitted by Connie Zaroni

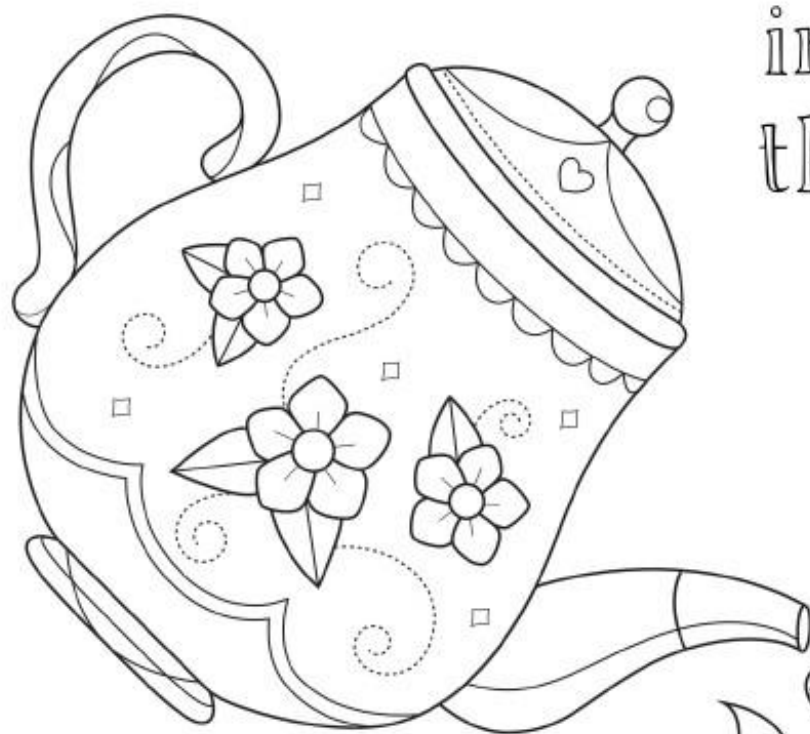
"The Perfect Pastor"

1. After hundreds of years the perfect pastor's been found.
He is the church elder who'll please everyone.
 2. He preaches exactly 20 minutes and then sits down.
 3. He condemns sin, but never steps on anybody's toes.
 4. He works from 8 in the morning to 10 at night,
doing everything from preaching sermons to sweeping.
 5. He makes \$400 per week, gives \$100 a week to the church,
drives a late model car, buys lots of books, wears fine clothes, and has a nice family.
 6. He always stands ready to contribute to every other good cause,
and to help panhandlers who drop by the church on their way to somewhere.
 7. He is 36 years old, and has been preaching 40 years.
 8. He is tall on the short side, heavy-set in a thin sort of way and handsome.
 9. He has eyes of blue or brown (to fit the occasion) and wears his hair parted in the middle,
the left side, is dark and straight, the right side, is brown and wavy.
 10. He has a burning desire to work with the youth, and spends all his time with the senior citizens.
 11. He smiles all the time while keeping a straight face,
because he has a keen sense of humor that finds him seriously dedicated.
 12. He makes 15 calls a day on church members,
spends all his time evangelizing non-members,
and is always found in his study if he is needed.
- Unfortunately, he burnt himself out and died at the age of 32.

Source unknown



Now the God of hope fill
you with all joy and peace
in believing
that ye may
abound in
hope,



through
the power
of the
Holy Ghost.



Romans 15:13

Minnie Barkley, one of Maple Spring's oldest members, has gone on to Glory. Due to the current health crisis, there was only a private service. But there will be a memorial service planned in the coming months. Please keep her family in your prayers.



APRIL



2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 April Fools' Day	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Good Friday 	11 Patsy Shaffer - 87
12 Easter  Phyllis Thomas - 91	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

At the present time, we are suspending in-person meetings/services. We will update everyone once we have a set date to re-open. Please take advantage of online resources through our website and social media! If you are unable to use online services, please contact the church office and we will do what we can to accommodate you.

**George & Cathi Neuhofer
31 years**

**David & Missy Felton
30 years**

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