

Maple Spring




Water Cup

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**HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2020**

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a lit sparkler. The hand is positioned on the left side of the frame, with the fingers gripping the handle of the sparkler. The sparkler is lit, and bright, golden sparks are exploding outwards, creating a starburst effect. The background is dark, making the sparks stand out prominently. The hand is wearing a colorful, braided bracelet.

**THIS NEW YEAR HAS BEEN FORETOLD.
YOUR FUTURE IS AT HAND.
GOD KNOWS THE FATE AND OUTCOME
OF EACH AND EVERY MAN.**

**GOD HAS CHOSEN THE NARROW ROAD.
HIS WISDOM IS LEADING THE WAY.
HIS GREAT STRENGTH CAN CARRY YOUR LOAD.
HIS COMPASSION YOU WILL FEEL EVERY DAY.**

**WITH A NEW DAWN OVER THE HORIZON,
AND THE LORD TO LEAD THE WAY,
YOU CAN SPREAD YOUR WINGS LIKE AN EAGLE
AND SOAR THROUGH EVERY DAY.**

“You crown the year with Your goodness.

And Your paths drip with abundance”

Psalm 65:11

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
February 2020
January 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

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

JANUARY NURSERY SCHEDULE

1/5 – Jeremy & Molly Stultz
1/12 – Ryan & Jamie Beahr
1/19 – Rachel Weible & Rebecca Lichvar
1/26 - Emma Fisher & Twila Blanset

In the hospital since last issue...

Linda Tresnicky was in Conemaugh
Reta Alwine was in Conemaugh
Ron Weible was in Conemaugh
Bob Wojtaszek was in Conemaugh
Marilyn Ullery was in Windber

Also, please continue to keep Adam and Cheyenne (Alwine) Trabold and their baby, Charlotte, in your prayers.

Please continue to keep Mark Shaffer and Carole Horner in your prayers

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

Baby Congratulations....

Ryan Lee, son of Ray and Vickie Sachs, was born November 30. Proud grandparents are Gary and Connie Martin

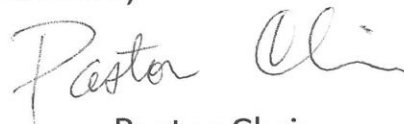
From the Pastor's desk: January 2020

How many of us have found that hindsight is 20/20? We make mistakes and sometimes find it tough to move on. We often don't forgive ourselves. What does this have to do with a New Year? In Isaiah 65:17 we read: "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.". Why if God can forgive us for our past as we too are created a new can't we forgive ourselves? God, Who makes all things new forgives us and makes us new also. In Lamentations 3:22-23, God tells us: "Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness."

As we start a new year, is it fair to allow ourselves a new start? What an opportunity we have with God to do that every day!! How easy to think of it now. We can step away, run away from our past sins and mistakes, we don't have to live in those things. Praise God! 2nd Corinthians 5:17 tells us: "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

Take the new start that God gives each of us, hold onto it with both hands, and allow yourself this year a brand new start!

IN HIS LOVE,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Chris". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name "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

Minnie Barkley	Concordia of the South Hills 1300 Bower Hill Rd, RmB170 Pittsburgh, PA 15243	Iona Holder	Country Manor Rm. 206 170 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 Hollisopple, PA 15935	Betty Shaffer	Richland Woods 3324 Elton Rd Johnstown, PA 15904
Jim Moran	1056 Soap Hollow Rd Hollisopple, 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

St Francis Sharing & Caring Food Pantry: We added hours to better serve our community. First Monday of the month: 9:00-6:00; First Wednesday of the month: 9:00-3:00. **Please note:** our food pantry items are apple sauce and pancake mix. Place donations in the box in the annex. Thank you!

Please Note: The price of altar flowers will increase to \$29, effective January 1st. Altar flowers can be placed in memory or in honor. There is a flower chart on the annex bulletin board.

DEACON MINISTRY

...Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

Another Year is Dawning! What is Your Resolution for 2020?

How many times have you been asked, “Are you making any New Year’s resolutions?” Often sincere resolutions are made; but, like starting to keep a diary beginning January 1st, after a few days the interest in this time-consuming effort soon wanes. Are we like this with our dedication to reading God’s WORD? What is your goal for the New year?

In the beginning of His earthly ministry Jesus responded to Satan’s temptations in the wilderness by saying, “It is written, Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God,” (Matthew 4:4). By doing so He made the knowledge of the WORD a powerful weapon against the attack of the adversary. Because the parallel is used of Israel’s receiving the daily supply of manna, we know that the believer is to seek and feed upon a regular, daily portion of God’s WORD. Let no one suppose spiritual survival is possible for long without nourishment from the WORD of God. First Peter 2:2 declares that God’s WORD is as essential to the believer as milk to a newborn child. It is not an option!

The riot of confusion we witness in our world, and the tragedy and devilish cruelty which so marks our earthly existence and is verified every day in the headlines of every newspaper and broadcast, reminds us that we are simply passing through. Our destination is heaven. Are you focusing on Jesus and Heaven? As you begin another year, are you drawing daily on the WORD? It is a perfect, discerning resource for meeting every challenge. Whatever you face this year, God’s promises are there, for you.

*“Another year is dawning! Dear Father, let it be,
In working or in waiting, Another year with Thee;
Another year of leaning upon Thy loving breast,
Another year of trusting, Of quiet, happy rest.”*

---Frances R. Havergal

---submitted by Arbutus Blough

---Excerpts adapted from The Spirit-filled Life by Jack W. Hayford, 1992

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Surviving Life's Storms

"This is how we know that we remain in him and he remains in us: he has given assurance to us, His spirit." 1 John 4:13

Many storms come into our Christian lives that make us wonder about our faith in Christ. I know that I have backed off on my faith at times. I've been more concerned with what I wanted instead of what God wanted for me. It is hard to come out of a season like this, but I knew God was always there for me and that He would guide me to the end. I would just have to listen. Trials will come into our lives to test our faith. We don't know why things happen the way they do, and we often question God about them. Losing a job, losing a loved one, going through a divorce, a wayward son or daughter; these and many other things can really cause us to doubt a loving God. It's so easy to allow our feelings to take our eyes off of God and onto ourselves. It's during times like this we turn away from God instead of turning to Him. James 1:12 says, "A man who endures trials is blessed, because when he passes the test he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him." God puts trials in our lives to strengthen our faith. All we have to do is to listen to what He tells us to do and we will make it through any storm. God will never forsake His children and will never leave any of us in any hard situation without providing us a way through.

God is good...

Submitted by Carole Horner

Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. will kick off the new year for humble hands. Please bring your favorite covered dish to share together. We will be cutting patches for quilts and school bags. When projects are completed they will be taken to New Windsor on our work days.

Youth dinner: Jan. 12th after the morning service. Join us for a taco feast with all your favorite toppings!

Deacons: January's meeting will be on Jan. 14th, 2020 at 7:00pm. Please plan to attend as we start a new year.

Men's Prayer Breakfast: Jan. 18, 2020 at 7:30am. Sign-up sheets are on both bulletin boards now! It is very important that you bring your Bible with you.



Youth Gossip

Written by the Maple Spring Youth

Woohoo – 2020! We have plans. Big plans. Lots of plans. Now the goal will be to achieve at least half of them!

There just never seems to be enough days to get everything accomplished – but we had a whole lot of fun in 2019. We have grown in faith together. We have become a unit. Personalities have clashed a few times, but in the end we are Maple Spring Youth. We are looking forward to strengthening these bonds and seeking a closer relationship with God.

January 12th we will be serving a fun after church meal – a taco feast with all your favorite toppings! We hope you can join our little fiesta.

January 15th we will be working on a service project for our community.

January 24-25 will be our second lock-in extravaganza. We plan to have games, devotions, and of course food. The ideas we have come up with would require a week long lock in but we will do our best to check as many off the list as possible!

The Youth Group is excited about more upcoming special events and services! Happy 2020 ☺

Reminder – the 2020 birthday and anniversary lists are available in the rack by the annex bulletin board.

2020 Offering Envelopes are available in the annex. If you did not use envelopes in 2019 and want to use them in 2020, please see Mike Seganos (Financial Secretary) or call my cell number 242-6487 or just leave a note in the offering plate. 2019 Charitable Giving Statements will be prepared and available Sunday, January 26, 2020.

Up Coming Meetings...

Jan. 13th 6:30pm – Finance Commission

Jan. 14th 7pm – Deacon Commission

Jan. 14th 7:30pm – Ministry Commission

Jan. 23rd 7pm – Board Meeting

Jan. 30th 7pm – Council Meeting

Mission Moment

Presented by the Missions and Service Commission

Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM): The Church of the Brethren disaster response program is based on the admonitions of Matthew 25 and the Annual Conference Priority for 1974-75 which reads: *Disaster, relief and rehabilitation response both at home and abroad, which can respond with a flexibility that utilizes both a Brethren and interdenominational approach depending upon the situational needs.* BDM is an organization capable of responding to human need which is the result of natural and/or human caused disasters, with initiative first from local congregations and districts, and with General Board support when a specific disaster is beyond local and/or district capability. To serve the needs of people regardless of race, creed, or economic status, and to concentrate on assistance to the poor, elderly, handicapped, and uninsured for long term relief and reconstruction.

New Windsor Service Center: In order to collect and ship material resources to war-torn Europe after World War II, the Church of the Brethren established the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor, Maryland. Over the years, staff at the service center have worked with denominational and private nonprofit organizations to help meet needs of people in the U. S. and around the globe. At the Brethren Service Center, Material Resource staff inventories, packs, and ships goods routinely, as well as during times of crisis. The full-time staff of eight have developed extraordinary expertise in preparing goods for emergency shipment, ensuring that material aid reaches its destination in good condition and on time.

How to volunteer: Please consider giving a day or week toward this very rewarding and worthwhile ministry. If you would like to go on a trip contact Marge Bittner at 814-629-6867 or Barb Connor at 814-255-5702 to register.

For the day trips to New Windsor, the group usually leaves the church at 5:45 a.m. and returns around 6:30 p.m., depending on whether they stop on the way home. Lunch is provided. They prefer to know how many are going a week in advance in order to make travel arrangements. Once at New Windsor, volunteers check donated health and/or school kits to make sure each kit has the right items in them. This can be done sitting if necessary.

Week long trips begin Sunday morning and return Saturday night. The only expense is food to and from the destination. Lodging and meals are provided. Each day begins with devotions and breakfast. For first time volunteers, there is a questionnaire about what the volunteer feels capable of doing. Jim Miller has gone on the week-long trips and is willing to answer questions for anyone interested in going on a trip.

Trips for 2020

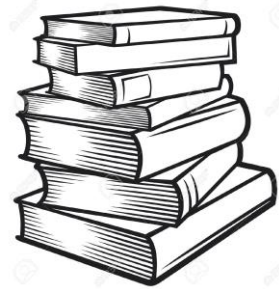
New Windsor Day Trips

February 13	February 25
April 16	April 28
May 28	June 09
August 13	October 6
October 29	November 17
December 3	

Week Long Trips

March 08-14
May 10-16
July 12-18
September 13-19
November 01-07
December 13-19

The Book Nook



“Redeeming Love” by Francine Rivers

“Sold into prostitution in childhood, Angel is a bitter woman who trusts no man. But when God tells Michael Hosea to marry her, she learns to love---until fear overwhelms her and she returns to her former life. Can she be redeemed? A skillful retelling of the biblical story of Gomer and Hosea.” – from Christianbook.com

This is a truly beautiful reimagining of the Biblical story. Set in a slightly more modern time – California’s gold country, 1850. A powerful lesson in the unfathomable love that can only come from God. While it is a particular tale and most likely not relatable to any of us on the surface, the deeper meaning of God’s love can be felt by every believer. The realization of complete unworthiness to be wanted, treasured, and, yes, loved by the Creator. I highly recommend this book for anyone – not just the romantics. The story is retold while not losing the ugly parts of the original Biblical story.

-Rachel Cable

A copy of this book is available in our church library. If you would like to borrow it, simply sign it out and return when finished.

*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.*



JANUARY



2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:30 Sunday School 10:35 Worship	30	31	1 New Year's Day 9a - Prayer 9a - Humble Hands 7-9p - Youth	2	3	4
5 9:30 Sunday School 10:35 Worship	6	7	8 9a - Prayer 9a - Humble Hands 7-9 - Youth	9	10	11
12 9:30 Sunday School 10:35 Worship --Taco Feast Mearl & Carole Horner 57yrs	13 6:30p Finance Meeting	14 7p - Deacon Meeting 7:30p Ministry Meeting	15 9a - Prayer 9a - Humble Hands 7-9p - Youth	16 Bill & Sandy Watkins 44yrs	17 Winter Jam	18 Wally & Marilyn Ullery 40yrs Jim Miller - 77
19 9:30 Sunday School 10:35 Worship Carole Horner - 77	20 MLK Day	21	22 9a - Prayer 9a - Humble Hands 7-9p Youth	23 7p - Board Meeting	24	25 Youth Lock in
26 9:30 Sunday School 10:35 Worship WATER CUP ARTICLES DUE	27	28 Ray Mishler - 84	29 9a - Prayer 9a - Humble Hands 7-9p - Youth	30 7p - Council Meeting	31	