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Water Cup



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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

Happy Mother's Day!

May 10, 2020

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
June 2020
May 24, 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

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



*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.*

MAY NURSERY SCHEDULE

5/3 – Rachel Weible & Rebecca Lichvar
5/10 - Emma Fisher & Twila Blanset
5/17 - Marge Bitner & Karen Nagyvathy
5/24 – Jeremy & Molly Stultz
5/31 – Ryan & Jamie Beahr

In Christian Sympathy...

Mearl Horner left this earth on April 8th. Please pray
for Carole, family, and friends that God would
shower them with His peace during this time.

*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....

Normally we could talk about baseball, soccer and other spring sports, but this year is not normal. So let's talk about some other things.

May includes Mother's Day, Memorial Day and Pentecost. So let's go in rotation. Mother's Day: Proverbs 1: 8 reads "My son hear the instruction of your father, and do not forsake the law of your mother.". See who lays down the law! Mothers keep a family together and have the best of the family unit in mind. Pay attention and listen up.

Memorial Day comes next, a day to remember those who have gone before us. This was the weekend that we used to decorate the cemetery. Why? So we could be told about those, who had gone before us and remember our history. In Exodus, as God teaches about Passover in Chapter 12: 26 - 27: God says: "And it shall be, when your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?' that you shall say...." We need to tell our children of their rich heritage-both biological and spiritual inheritances. People died and many suffered for what we take for granted.

On the 31st is Pentecost. Have we willingly accepted the Holy Spirit? Or who runs your life? Read Galatians 5: 16 -26, and see how you're doing. Where do you need to be? This is a great time to pray for and prepare for a fresh indwelling of the Holy Spirit!

Hopefully we have food for thought. Remember to bless your church family at this time. God loves you and so do I. Be blessed

IN HIS LOVE,

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

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| Gale Shipley | 51 Akers Street Johnstown, PA 15905 | Don Stutzman | Room 103B, 1404 Hay St Berlin, PA 15530 |
| Cliff & Sally Stuzman | 960 Woodstown Hwy Hollsopple, PA 15935 | Betty Shaffer | Richland Woods 3324 Elton Rd Johnstown, PA 15904 |
| Jim Moran | 1056 Soap Hollow Rd Hollsopple, 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 |
| Iona Holder | Country Manor Rm. 206 170 Phillips St. Jerome, PA 15937 | Marilyn (& Wally) Ullery | 588 Woodstown Hwy Hollsopple, PA 15935 |

To send cards and letters to Carole.... Attn: Carole Horner, Bethlen Home, 66 Carey School Rd, Ligonier, PA 15658

Nothing taken for granted; everything received with gratitude; Everything passed on with grace. G.K.C
 A note of gratitude for each beautiful, encouraging card and tasty meal that we received. The meals really helped lessen the load for Brian. We appreciated everything! I am finally able to start walking with an air boot and crutch. In a few weeks it will all be a memory.

Many thanks, Brian and Connie Zanoni

DEACON MINISTRY

...Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

What's **NEW**?

A common question we hear many times; with common responses. Not much. Nothing really. Same old stuff. How can anything be new as most people are stuck at home, working, cleaning, watching tv and social media. Life as we know it is stuck on hold, and we don't know for how long. We hear messages of doubt, uncertainty, fear and disappointment from the world around us. Life has never been like this before. No matter what our circumstances; what we must control is our focus. As Christians it is very important to let God's word frame our focus for every situation in our lives.

"The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all." Psalm 103:19
That includes all the details of our lives. When we trust in His love and provision, surrendering to His will, then we will feel the contentment that we are safe in His hands, not matter what happens around us.

*"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See I am doing a **new** thing!"* Isaiah 43:18-19

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old is gone, the **new** has come!"* 2 Corinthians 5:17

*"I will give them an undivided heart and put a **new** spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh."* Ezekiel 11:19

*"Because of the Lord's great Love, we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are **new** every morning; great is your faithfulness."* Lamentations 3:22-23

When Jesus was on earth, he was doing a **new** thing. He was teaching a **new** way of living, a **new** commandment, and a **new** covenant between God and his people. The scriptures are full of the **New** things God has been doing and is continuing to do each day in our lives. The Easter story displays the miracle of **New** life over death. Our God is AWESOME!

The past is gone, embrace the **new** life in Christ! This season of pandemic has a purpose, God is all knowing, it may not be for us to figure why. The world may not be as we have known it any longer. BUT, God is still doing something **NEW** each day. TRUST HIM. Place His word in your hearts. How do we display; our attitudes, our past, our present, our futures and our focus? Can we ask ourselves what are we doing **new**?

So..... how will you answer in the future the question: What's **new**?

--Submitted by Amy Fisher, Deacon

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Connecting

Something we hear repeatedly at church is the need to connect. First, we need the vertical, our connecting with God. Then we need to connect with one another. If our connection with God isn't constant, then our connection with each other is not going to be as effective as it could be. Recently I read a story about prisoner of war named Charlie Plumb. He was a POW for 2,103 days. Two things kept him sane: Communicating with God and communicating with a cell mate, Bob Shoemaker, who dug a small hole in his cell and wove a wire through it.

Bob and Charlie began communication by inventing a code and tugging on the wire. The first thing Bob said to Charlie was: "It sounds like you're suffering from prison thinking. You're feeling sorry for yourself and are blaming other people. That kind of thinking is fatal. Faith is the only way to beat it. You have to tap into a source of power that is greater than yourself." And he added, "If you've got faith, you'll make it." During this time of uncertainty and confusion we need to cling to this truth: "In ALL things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." (Rom. 8:37)

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



Our Daily Bread Ministries helps millions of people connect with God each day. For more than 75 years, their purpose has remained the same: to reach people with the life-changing wisdom of the Bible.

The goal of the ministry is to publish books that feed the soul with the Word of God, fostering growth and godliness in the lives of God's people.

The mission is to make the Bible understandable and accessible to all.

The vision is to see people of all nations experiencing a personal relationship with Christ, growing to be more like Him, and serving in a local body of His family.

At Our Daily Bread Ministries, trust in God is above all else, and they rely on His wisdom and strength to guide their ministry. The Bible is their foundation. They recognize the opportunity they have been given to share His Word and are committed to being faithful stewards of the resources entrusted to them.

You can find encouragement for everyday life in this popular daily devotional filled with stories, personal application, and wisdom from the life-changing Word of God. Booklets are available at Maple Spring at the main entrances and in the adult Sunday School classrooms.

The booklets are issued quarterly and the next one begins on June 1. In the event that the church has not yet reopened and you would like a copy, please contact the church office or Diane Bridge and we will mail a copy to you. Also, if you cannot come to the church for other reasons please contact us and we will see that you receive one.

Notice: *Due to COVID-19, it is possible that the next issue may be delayed. If this happens and you have internet you can access the daily devotion at odb.org.*



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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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| <p>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.</p> | | | | | | |
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Joe & Patty Moehler
39 years

Harry & Patty Shaffer
45 years
Harold Alwine - 85

Jim & Darla Moran
35 years

Sherry Wojtaszek - 71

Gary & Connie Martin
44 years

Nancy Gindlesperger - 70

Richard & Janet Good
43 years

Harold & Sue Coughenour
48 years

Chet & Lizzeth Thomas
29 years

Memorial Day

WATER CUP
ARTICLES DUE

