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Water Cup



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*The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
Numbers 6:24-26*

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
November 2020
October 25, 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

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



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.*

NURSERY SCHEDULE

At this time the nursery will be not be staffed

Welcome to the flock: On Sunday, Sept. 13th, Larry Graham and Sally White were baptized in the Quemahoning following the Outdoor Worship Service and picnic

In the hospital...

Marilyn Ullery has moved to Windber Hospice
Iona Holder has moved to Siemon Lakeview Manor. Cards can be sent to her at 228 Siemon Dr., Somerset 15501

A note from the Trustee Commission...

Following both Council's decision and the CDC Guidelines, the decision was made that, while church services have been restarted, the fellowship hall is not to be rented. Also, the use of the church van has been included in this restriction because of the difficulty to social distance in such a small space. We appreciate your understanding and continued prayers for wisdom in these decisions. Thank you.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK....



October a time of falling leaves, color and harvest. Just as all of nature prepares for winter by bringing in their larder, all farmers are also working long, hard hours to bring in their crops. It's a race against time and weather.

In Mark 4:26-29, Jesus said: "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

We having just had revival services, and watching the world around us should see the need for spiritual harvest. We also should know that God has us here growing spiritually to assist in the harvest of souls. Do we realize the time for harvest is now? We have not time to waste!!

In John 4:35, Jesus tells us the fields are already ripe for harvest. In other words before we lose the crop or harvest we must act now. We in the church have gotten too comfortable, we forget our purpose of being soul winners for Christ. We, too have work to do before it's too late, we must help in the spiritual harvest before it's lost. Be blessed as you seek God's will and way.

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 Zaroni 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

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 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

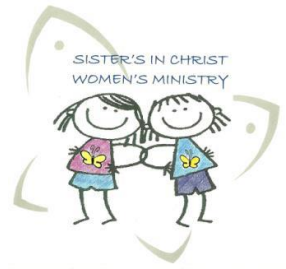
Substitute Secretary still needed. The Ministry and Evangelism Commission is looking for someone to be available, as soon as possible, for vacations and/or emergencies in the church office. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact Nancy Gindlesperger at 479-7458. Thanks!

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Labels

Marketing gold, have you ever heard that phrase? A lot of that has to do with labeling. Think about yourself. How have others labeled you? Maybe others have labeled me as strong or sensitive, young (not anymore) or old, funny or just plain corny, healthy or sick. But I know that I am more than a name, a label, or anything a statistic can define.

But like Moses, I ask the question:” Who am I?” But for that answer I don’t just look within myself or without to others, but to the all- knowing God. As with Moses, God erases doubt about my strength or ability with the assurance that He is my strength and my guide. Apart from Him I can do nothing!

Who am I? Still I continue to discover more of who I am and all that I am capable of being as I experience the presence of God. CENTERED ON GOD, I understand that today and every day is a day of discovery.

“But Moses said to God, “Who am I ?” And God said, “I’ll be with you.” Ex. 3:11-12 CEB

-Submitted by Carole Horner



FALL PRAYER AND PRAISE

The Fall Prayer and Praise event will be held on Tuesday, October 20, at 7:00 pm at the Martinsburg Brethren in Christ Church (located near Ritchey's Dairy). Please come, bring your friends, and join us as we pray for our churches, pastors and leaders, communities, schools and teachers, our nation and the upcoming elections. Worship will be led by Joyful Noise. We invite and encourage MEN/TEENS to join us for this special evening. Masks and social distancing are recommended but will not be required. Refreshments will not be served. For more information, please visit www.ladiesencounter.com. If you have any questions, contact Karen Weaver at (814) 766-3130 or kjweaver59@gmail.com

*If you would like to carpool or need a ride, please contact Karen Nagyvathy.

Mission Moment

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

North Star Youth Outreach

Mike and Muff Dunlap founded NSYO in 1997, where Mike serves as director and Muff as administrator. As a foundation for their current work in this non-profit ministry organization, Mike & Muff have more than 30 years of experience in various facets of ministry: through the church as a pastoring family, in Christian camping, on a college campus as a chaplain and campus minister, and with juvenile offenders in a group home. Mike served for many years as an adjunct professor for Geneva College in their Human Resources program and currently serves as Associate Pastor at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Somerset.

The goal of the North Star Youth Outreach is to encourage and strengthen a personal relationship with Jesus Christ in the students and families of the North Star area. Empowered by the Lord, they seek to help them:

- *integrate the life of faith revealed in the Scriptures into all areas of life;*
- *develop wholesome relationships with the Lord, other people and themselves;*
- *become regularly involved in a local church.*

OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT ARE:

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Breakfast: *Student-athletes are challenged to explore how to integrate faith and athletics. FCA meets on alternate Wednesday mornings before school throughout the academic year.*

Bible Studies: *Opportunities for guys/girls to interact meaningfully with the Scriptures*

5th Quarter: *High school students are invited to hang out at our Center St. building following Friday night athletic events.*

Special Events include some NSYO traditions: Rock n Glow Bowling, March Mayhem, Mission Trips, Senior Trip, Boswell Day Camp, and more!

Information obtained from and more can be found at www.nsyo.org

Camp Announcements

Camp Harmony Boscov's fundraiser: Oct. 14 and 15, no pass required. Just mention Camp at checkout. You will save 20% and Camp will receive 5% back on your total purchase! Small reminder flyers are on the annex bulletin board.

Camp Harmony Campers & Family Fall Get-Away Day Oct. 17th 10am-3:30pm. Activities include: GPS scavenger hunt, crafts, smores, archery, giant games, climbing tower. Lunch is provided. Only \$5 per person (\$20 max per family). Registration is required. Register at campharmony.org

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...Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

HARVEST TIME

OCTOBER ALREADY !!! 2020 has been a very fast year and a very difficult year!

The coming of fall means the Harvest time is here! Are we ready to be a part of GOD'S HARVEST? After reading Revelations and hearing of the things that point to the "End Times", I feel we are there ! God's Harvest Time is very near. COVID-19 has been a destructive happening in many ways. It has turned our world uoside down and is still doing much harm. Is this one of the things we must endure before Christ returns and puts everything in it's place?

Through all of this, turmoil, stress, and dis-unity have been prevalent everywhere. The rules we've had to follow about coming together with family or even to worship....who would have ever thought that we'd be denied of this ??

Christ told us to meet together, be united and put away our differences and love each other just as HE loves us. We must get our strength from Him and trust Him at all times. Don't allow Satan to tear you down. Luke 8:50 says, " Do Not Be Afraid, Only Believe !"

His Harvest Time is coming. Matthew 9:37 says, " The Harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." We are the workers and we must be working hard to tell others of Christ and His Second coming. Christ was God's First Fruit of His Harvest. We can also be "Fruit" of God's Harvest. We must be ready and work hard for we don't know how soon His "reaping" will take place.

Submitted by Carol Leverknight

PRAYING TOWARD THE 2020 ELECTION

(written by Dave Butts)

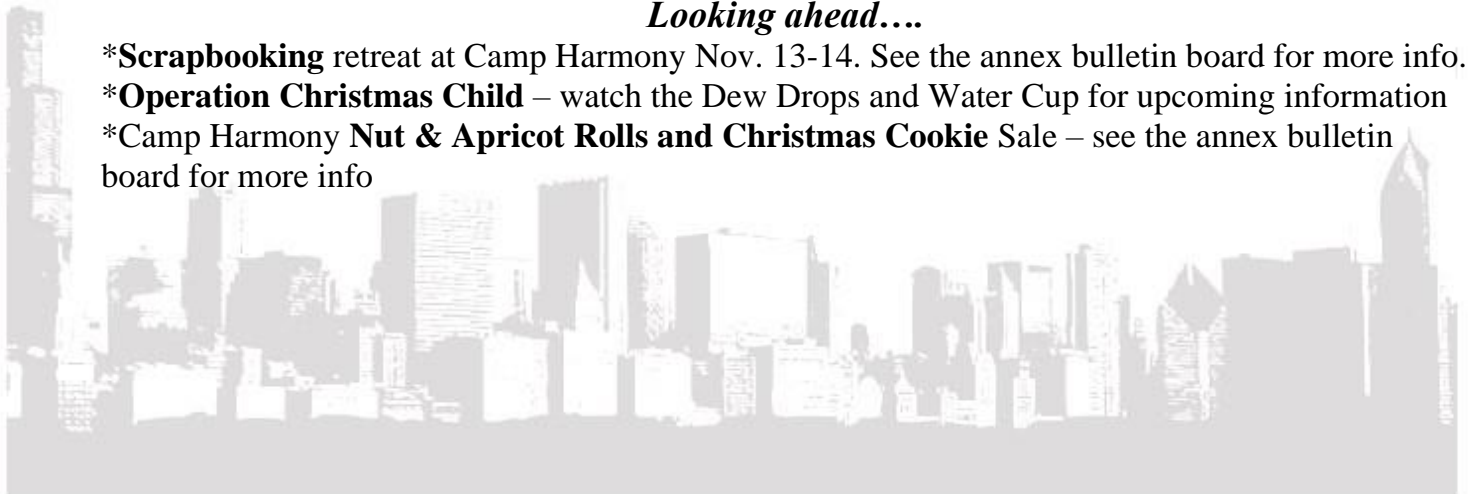
I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior (1 Timothy 2:1-3 NIV).

Praying for the Church

- 1 Pray for a spirit of humility in the church and an outreach toward those whom the Bible calls “the least” among us (Matthew 25:40).
- 2 Pray that the churches in your community will not be ashamed of the gospel of Christ, but will preach it powerfully, resulting in the salvation of many (Romans 1:16).
- 3 Thank the Lord for the freedom we have in Him and for the wisdom to understand that freedom. Pray that we will not use our freedom to indulge the flesh, but will serve each other humbly in love (Galatians 5:13).
- 4 Pray that the church in America will purpose daily to walk in the holiness of Christ, and to cooperate with God in making us holy “just as he who called you is holy” (1 Peter 1:15).
- 5 Pray that churches all over the nation will demonstrate the tenderness, compassion, and overall character of Jesus as they interact with both Christians and the lost living around them (Philippians 2:1-2).
- 6 God specifically told us that He wants people everywhere to pray. Ask the Lord to help strengthen the trumpet call to intensive prayer, so that it is heard throughout the church in the United States (1 Timothy 2:8).
- 7 “Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel” (Ephesians 6:19). Ask the Lord to equip the church to rise up with a strong prophetic voice for our nation.
- 8 God is actually looking down from heaven to see if there are any who understand and who will seek Him. Pray for a spirit of repentance to fall on the church that would cause believers to turn back to God and seek Him (Psalm 53:2).
- 9 “Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong” (1 Corinthians 16:13). Pray for a spirit of courage to rise up in the church, and a commitment to endure whatever it takes to see the fulfillment of God’s purposes in our nation.
- 10 Pray for a movement of the Spirit that creates a dramatic cultural transformation in our nation, bringing about a people that has learned to put their hope in the Word of God (Romans 12:2).
- 11 Ask the Lord to awaken the church to the temporary nature of the nations and to the eternal nature of the reign of God (Psalm 37:20).
- 12 Pray for another Great Awakening to sweep the nation as the Lord’s people learn to humble themselves with a contrite spirit, and to tremble at the Word of the Lord (Isaiah 66:2).
- 13 Knowing that the day will come when people reject sound doctrine, pray for preachers around the world to fearlessly proclaim the truth of God’s Word, patiently correcting, rebuking, encouraging, and instructing as needed (2 Timothy 4:1-3).

Looking ahead....

- ***Scrapbooking** retreat at Camp Harmony Nov. 13-14. See the annex bulletin board for more info.
- ***Operation Christmas Child** – watch the Dew Drops and Water Cup for upcoming information
- ***Camp Harmony Nut & Apricot Rolls and Christmas Cookie Sale** – see the annex bulletin board for more info



Praying for Our Nation

- 14** Pray that courage born of wisdom will be given to Christian leaders in government, courts, and law schools across our nation so that they will stand for a godly basis for law (Joshua 1:9).
- 15** Jesus Christ has set us free from slavery. Ask Him to thwart the efforts of those who would remove religious liberty from our nation (Galatians 5:1).
- 16** Jesus said that when we know the truth, it will set us free. Pray for truth to become valued again in American society (John 8:32).
- 17** Pray that our nation will increasingly see that God is our only refuge in the midst of the troubles of this world (Psalm 46:1).
- 18** Pray for our judicial system and lawmakers—that justice for all, tempered by mercy and compassion, will guide our nation (Zechariah 7:9).
- 19** Ask the Lord to pour out a spirit of repentance on our nation, that we might become a people committed to seeking Him and following His ways (Jeremiah 29:13).
- 20** Pray that a holy fear of God will sweep across our nation, leading us back to a place of wisdom and walking in the fear of the Lord (Isaiah 50:10).

Praying for the Media

- 21** Pray for truth to be an established standard in our news media; pray for bias to be replaced by fairness (Psalm 45:4; 99:4).
- 22** God values honesty and truthfulness. Pray that Christianity will receive fair coverage in all news reports (Proverbs 22:20–21).
- 23** Beseech the Lord for a strong hedge of protection around our nation during this time of decision making, even as we put our hope in the Lord (Psalm 33:22).

Praying for the Candidates

- 24** Pray for the salvation of those who will be in leadership in our nation. Ask the Lord to remove all envy and selfish ambition, which leads to disorder and evil (James 3:16).
- 25** Pray that presidential candidates will take brave stands for righteousness, even when it may not be well received, as this will not suddenly become an easy thing to do after the elections are over (Isaiah 7:9).
- 26** Only God can provide true protection and safety from the wickedness that is all around us. Pray that the families of the presidential candidates will be protected from harm and unjust scrutiny (Psalm 12:7–8).
- 27** Pray that each candidate will focus on the issues we face as a nation, and not on personal attacks between each other (Galatians 5:15).
- 28** “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding” (Psalm 111:10). Ask the Lord to surround the presidential candidates with godly advisors.

Praying for the Election Process

- 29** Ask the Lord to remove those who might try to unjustly and illegally change the outcome of the voting (Isaiah 28:17).
- 30** Pray for protection from any attacks from enemies that would prevent or delay the election. “Do not be afraid of them; the Lord your God himself will fight for you” (Deuteronomy 3:22).
- 31** Pray for wisdom for voters, and for a safe and fair election. “My son, do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight, preserve sound judgment and discretion; they will be life for you, an ornament to grace your neck. Then you will go on your way in safety, and your foot will not stumble” (Prov. 3:21–23).

OCTOBER

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1 Howard Hildebrand - 86	2	3
4 Sunday School – 9:30a Worship – 10:35a	5	6	7 9am – Prayer Humble Hands	8 Dorothy Peterson - 88 Frank & Mona Blough 65 years	9	10
11 Sunday School – 9:30a Worship – 10:35a Pastor's Appreciation Sunday Doug Cober - 80	12 Columbus Day Marilyn Ullery - 84 Roger & Brenda Brewer 33 years	13	14 9am – Prayer Humble Hands Camp Bosco's Fundraiser Lizzeth Thomas - 70	15	16	17 10am-3:30pm Camp Family Fall Getaway
18 Sunday School – 9:30a Worship – 10:35a Marlin & Ruth Ott 61 years	19	20 7pm – Ladies Encounter	21 9am – Prayer Humble Hands	22 Howard & Helen Hildebrand 65 years	23	24 Jeff & Amy Soha 39 years
25 Sunday School – 9:30a Worship – 10:35a WATER CUP ARTICLES DUE	26	27	28 9am – Prayer Humble Hands	29 Helen Hildebrand - 84	30	31