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# Water Cup



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THE LORD DELIGHTS IN  
THOSE WHO FEAR HIM,  
WHO PUT THEIR HOPE  
IN HIS UNFAILING LOVE.  
PSALM 147:11

HAPPY  
Mother's  
Day



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 2021  
May 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**

Molly Stultz and Karen Nagavathy  
Pat Koba and Marlin Mishler  
Nancy Gindlesperger and Deanna Fisher  
Bill & Sandy Watkins and Sally Kaufman  
Jordan Shroyer and Arbutus Blough  
Christine Shroyer and Patty Shaffer  
Diane Bridge 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.*

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**SYMPATHY**

We want to express our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Ruth Friedline, who passed away March 28, 2021.

We also want to express our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Ruth Ott, who passed away April 23, 2021.

We also want to express our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Arlene Stevens, who passed away April 26, 2021.

Also, We want to express our Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Carl Good, Sr., who passed away April 26, 2021.

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**MAY NURSERY SCHEDULE**

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

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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 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade who is interested in joining, please contact Molly Stultz or Diane Bridge.

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



1<sup>st</sup> SGT George Adams Army  
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

**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      **Room 103, 1404 Hay St.**  
Stutzman          **Berlin, PA 15530**

Jim Moran          1056 Soap Hollow Rd  
Hollsopple, PA 15935

Ray & Ruth        1223 Moonlite Park Rd.  
Stevens            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  
Shaffer             Jerome, PA 15937

# DEACON MINISTRY

## ...Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

*“Train up a child in the way he should go;  
Even when he is old he will not depart from it.”*  
(Proverbs 22:6)

In thinking of Mother's Day and the role of a mother/grandmother/great-grandmother, this verse from Proverbs came to mind along with 2 Timothy 1:5. The Bible tells us that children are a gift and a reward from God ([Psalm 127:3](#)). It would certainly seem fitting, then, that we heed Solomon's wise counsel to train them appropriately. Throughout Scripture, God is clear about the responsibility He places in the hands of parents. None more so than [Deuteronomy 6:6-7](#): *“These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you rise up.”*

In addition to moral and spiritual direction of the child, it's about parents helping their children discover their purpose and path in life – encouraging their gifts and talents. Parents are in the unique role of helping children discover how God has equipped them and how they can use their gifts in a positive way as adults. Our children are going to learn about the world around them and their role in it. If they don't learn from us, they will learn from someone else. It's our responsibility, as parents, to use our time with our children wisely.

Children are imitators. You can often tell with whom they have spent time just by their words, actions, and attitudes. Our children often mimic us. They learn how to act by seeing how we act. They'll only know how to love by seeing how we love. If they are imitating us, and we are imitating God, our children will grow up knowing what it means to follow Christ.

The Church also has a responsibility to and an influence on both the children and their parents. In addition to Christian education, are the children learning and observing love, forgiveness, and respect for leaders and others? Even though they may seem preoccupied, they are listening to what is being said in their hearing and aware of the actions of those around them. Do they hear grumbling or Worship and Praise? Perhaps the African proverb, *“It takes a village to raise a child”*, can be applied to the Church as being an invaluable support for our families through encouragement, prayer, teaching and being living examples of God's love.

# Mission Moment

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

## District Disaster Fund

The District Disaster Fund provides support for volunteers to travel to disaster sites and help to rebuild homes as a result of a disaster. It also helps to provide funds to buy supplies to help with disaster work.

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.

## CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and sustain me with a willing spirit (Psalm 51:10-12 nasb).

- 1** Pray that Christians the world over will present themselves to God, trusting Him to truly create within them a clean heart (Psalm 51:10).
- 2** Pray that your church family will continually long for the manifest presence of God and will unashamedly cry out to God, asking Him to fill every person in your congregation with the fullness of His Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13).
- 3** As hearts are revived and sense afresh the manifest presence of God, the joy of salvation is restored. Pray that God will send the kind of revival where Christians once again are excited about sharing the gospel, and the lost are eager to meet Jesus (Psalm 51:12).
- 4** It is impossible to experience clean hearts if we are harboring sin and remaining unrepentant. Pray that the members of your church will be quick to acknowledge their sins before the Lord and forsake what displeases Him (Psalm 32:5).
- 5** Greed can quickly take root in the heart. Pray that Christians in your community will not be lovers of money, but will work to lay up treasures in heaven (2 Timothy 3:2).
- 6** In Matthew 6:14 Jesus connects our willingness to forgive others with God's willingness to forgive us. In order for Christians in your church family to experience the joy of being forgiven, pray that no one who has been hurt by another will harbor bitterness or resentment in their heart.
- 7** During his old age, Solomon allowed his foreign wives to influence him to the point that "his heart was not wholly devoted to the Lord his God" (1 Kings 11:4). Pray that as the current generation of Christians grow older, they will not be influenced by the world and lose their devotion to Christ.
- 8** King David and his people rejoiced as they gave willingly for the construction of the temple. The Bible describes their hearts as wholly devoted to God (1 Chronicles 29:9). Pray that believers will experience joy as they wholeheartedly give toward God's redemptive work.
- 9** Since God often tries our hearts and is delighted when He finds uprightness, pray that Christians will pass God's tests by living honestly and honorably before Him and each other (1 Chronicles 29:17).
- 10** King Jehoshaphat was commended by the spiritual leaders of his day when, after setting his heart to seek God, he removed the Asheroth (idols) from the land (2 Chronicles 19:3). Pray that we will eagerly, publicly stand against and remove the wicked influences affecting this generation.
- 11** Knowing that God is gracious in taking care of His children, pray that our hearts will in turn be committed to seeking first His kingdom and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33).
- 12** Since Jesus told us to go and make disciples of all the nations (Matthew 28:19), pray that the church will make a renewed commitment from the heart to do this very thing.
- 13** According to John 13:35, the agape type of love we share with one another will identify us as genuine followers of Christ. Pray that selfless love will flow from hearts wherever the body of Christ is gathered.
- 14** Knowing in our hearts that our salvation has been bought at a very great price, pray that we will glorify God with our bodies and with everything we do and say (1 Corinthians 6:20).

**15** Jesus said it's the things that come out of our hearts—evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders—that defile us (Matthew 15:19). Pray that as we submit ourselves to Him, we will experience a heart change that eliminates these sins from our lives.

**16** The psalmist said that he had sought God with all his heart (Psalm 119:10). Pray today that all across our land, Christians will rise up to passionately seek God with everything that is in us.

**17** People with proud hearts are often tempted to lie in order to cover up personal failures. Pray that your church family will have humble hearts and will not lie to each other, since we have “laid aside the old self with its evil practices” (Colossians 3:9).

**18** Pray today that believers in your community will “flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart” (2 Timothy 2:22).

**19** Since God gives much grace to those who have humble hearts, pray that we will completely lay down selfish pride and every self-exalting attitude that stands in opposition to our developing humility and the mind of Christ (James 4:6).

**20** God is good to those who are pure in heart (Psalm 73:1). Pray that we will be committed like never before to walk in God's righteousness and the purity that comes from oneness with Him.

**21** In Psalm 78:18, the Hebrew people were described as putting God to the test by selfishly asking for meat while they were in the wilderness. Realizing that God has given us much, pray that our hearts will be protected from making selfish requests of God or speaking evil of His graciousness.

**22** Pray that God will teach us to number our days so that we may be able to present to Him hearts of wisdom (Psalm 90:12).

**23** In Psalm 139:23-24, David cried, “Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me.” Pray that within your church, hearts will be just as open to the convicting and cleansing scrutiny of God's Holy Spirit.

**24** Treasuring God's Word in our hearts is a key element to finding victory over sin (Psalm 119:11). Pray that Christians the world over will make a new commitment to read, meditate on, and memorize God's Word, doing everything necessary to truly hide it in our hearts.

**25** Pray for the members of your church family to use their time wisely. Knowing that the days are evil, let us pray diligently that we will make every moment count in serving Christ and living for Him (Ephesians 5:16).

**26** God makes it abundantly clear in Scripture that everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to Him (Proverbs 16:5). Let's pray again today that God will deliver His body from pride, the great enemy of our heart's devotion to God.

**27** Since “foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child,” pray for parents to have wisdom in knowing how to discipline their children. Also pray that the children of this generation will have their hearts set free from the foolish things of the world (Proverbs 22:15).

**28** Jesus was often grieved at the hardness he saw in the hearts of the Pharisees (Mark 3:5). Pray that God will send the kind of revival that will soften the hearts of those who have become hardened to His Word and to the authentic movements of His Spirit.

**29** Within the context of what has come to be known as the First Great Commandment, we are exhorted to love the Lord with all our heart (Mark 12:30). Let's pray today that the church will fall in love with Jesus again and that our love for Him will fill and consume our hearts.

**30** “Knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus” is a truth that greatly helps us to not lose heart during these difficult days (2 Corinthians 4:14). Pray that Christians everywhere will learn to keep our eyes focused on the resurrected Jesus.

**31** When Jesus was headed to the cross, He told His disciples to not let their hearts be troubled (John 14:1). The solution for their anxiousness about the future was for them to believe in Him just like they had believed in the Father. Pray that our belief in the Person, words, and teachings of Jesus will rise to new heights and that we will walk with Him and not have anxious hearts.

# May 2021



| Sunday  | Monday                    | Tuesday                        | Wednesday           | Thursday | Friday | Saturday  |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|----------|--------|---|
| 2<br>9:30 a.m.<br>Sunday School<br>10:35 a.m.<br>Morning Worship                        | 3                         | 4<br>9 a.m. -<br>Humble Hands  | 5<br>9 a.m. Prayer  | 6        | 7      | 8   |
| 9<br><b>MOTHER'S DAY</b><br>9:30 a.m. Sunday<br>School<br>10:35 a.m.<br>Morning Worship | 10                        | 11<br>9 a.m. -<br>Humble Hands | 12<br>9 a.m. Prayer | 13       | 14     | 15  |
| 16<br>9:30 a.m.<br>Sunday School<br>10:35 a.m.<br>Morning Worship                       | 17                        | 18<br>9 a.m. -<br>Humble Hands | 19<br>9 a.m. Prayer | 20       | 21     | 22<br>7 a.m. - 10 a.m.<br>Pancake<br>Breakfast at<br>church grove |
| 23<br>9:30 a.m.<br>Sunday School<br>10:35 a.m.<br>Morning Worship                       | 24                        | 25<br>9 a.m. -<br>Humble Hands | 26<br>9 a.m. Prayer | 27       | 28     | 29  |
| 30<br>9:30 a.m.<br>Sunday School<br>10:35 a.m.<br>Morning Worship                       | 31<br><b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> | Notes                          |                     |          |        |   |



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## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

| Sunday                               | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday                | Thursday             | Friday                     | Saturday                             |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 25                                   | 26  | 27   | 28                       | 29                   | 30                         | 1                                    |
| 2<br>Joe & Patty<br>Moehler          | 3<br>Cathy<br>McDonald                          | 4<br>Kathleen Moran<br>Sally Shaffer<br>Jim & Darla<br>Moran | 5                        | 6                    | 7<br>Krista Shaffer        | 8<br>Savannah<br>Stutzman            |
| 9                                    | 10<br>Harold Alwine<br>Harry & Patty<br>Shaffer | 11<br>Noah Luprek  | 12<br>Wes McDannell      | 13                   | 14<br>Sherry<br>Wojtaszek  | 15<br>Elizabeth Bedrin<br>Randy Gary |
| 16<br>Heather Fisher                 | 17<br>Edward Desot<br>Savannath Shaffer         | 18<br>Harry Shaffer  | 19<br>Dawna<br>Frederick | 20                   | 21                         | 22<br>Gary & Connie<br>Martin        |
| 23<br>Nancy<br>Gindlesperger         | 24  | 25<br>Rachel Weible  | 26                       | 27<br>Bria McDannell | 28<br>Rick & Janet<br>Good | 29                                   |
| 30<br>Victoria Desot<br>Nolan Lisbon | 31  | Notes<br><br>Red indicates Anniversaries                     |                          |                      |                            |                                      |