



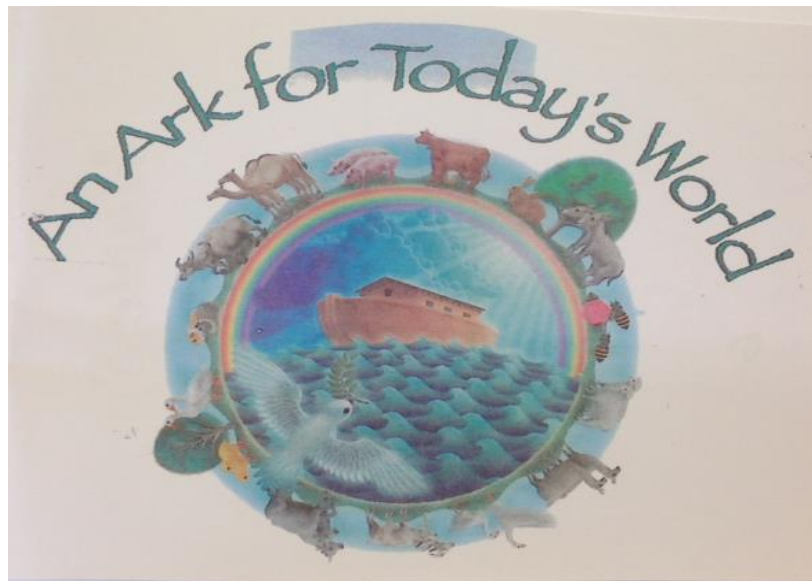
MAPLE SPRING CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN, HOLLISOPPLE PA 15935  
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## BIBLE SCHOOL

June 21 - 25

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

An Ark for Today's World



Come learn about God's Creation, Noah's Ark,  
Jesus feeds the 5,000, The Good Samaritan  
And Heifer Project, (how we can help our neighbor in  
today's world.

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  
July 2021  
June 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**

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



*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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**JUNE ACTIVITIES**

**June 4<sup>th</sup>** - Pastor David has tickets for \$10 to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes **Chicken BBQ Family Event**. It will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 3 - 9 p.m. at the Quemahoning Family Rec Large Pavilion.

**June 6<sup>th</sup>** – we will have a **hope service** to remember and honor loved ones who have passed away during the past 2 years. If you are interested in participating, please contact the church office. Thank you!

**June 9<sup>th</sup>** - The **CHOIR** is reuniting to prepare a song to be presented on July 4. Practices will begin on June 9 at 7:00.

**June 13<sup>th</sup>** - we will be having a **baby dedication service**.

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**JUNE 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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**HAPPY FATHER’S DAY**



# DEACON MINISTRY

...Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

## HOPE – HEAVEN – JOY

June already!! Half of the year is gone! We didn't think we'd e=get through 2020 with the pandemic and now 2021 is half over!

I thank my God for the HOPE of the future we have because we have JESUS! He is our HOPE!

Non-believers must have a terrible time getting through the troubles our world is going through. I can't imagine what that would be like! Because of JESUS we have HOPE; we have His promise to always be with us; we have the expectation of going to HEAVEN to see Him face-to-face and to see our loved ones who have passed on. NOW, THAT IS HOPE!

Hebrews 6:19 says, “We have this Hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.”

Psalms 130:5 says, “I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His Word, I put my Hope”

What could be more wonderful than seeing JESUS face-to-face? What JOY that will bring to our heart! Our world right now doesn't have much JOY, with all the deaths due to the virus (both young and old); with the chaos in the government (no security there!) BUT – in HEAVEN there is only JOY all around!! The JOY that comes from following JESUS and knowing that your home in HEAVEN is your future—that's JOY beyond all measure!!

Let's try to live each day with Christ's JOY on our heart and think only about how “Our Story Ends”—in HEAVEN.

That's our HOPE and our JOY and our future! Think about it!!

Exchange your worries and fears to awesome peace and JOY forever with our LORD and SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST!!

Written by Carol Leverknight

# Mission Moment

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



*For more than 75 years, Heifer International has worked with people all around the world to end hunger and poverty and care for the Earth.*

## ***How Heifer International Began***

In 1944, Dan West began outlining a simple but groundbreaking plan to tackle hunger around the world. West, a farmer from the Midwest and Church of the Brethren member, had recently returned from feeding weary refugees during volunteer service in the Spanish Civil War.

He'd seen firsthand that giving people food was a short-term solution, whereas providing them with animals offered a steady supply of nutritious food for an entire family.

His philosophy still inspires Heifer's work today. Partnering with farmers across a range of different livestock and crops, they create unique solutions to local challenges. Together, they build inclusive, resilient economies, so communities can develop effective ways to end global hunger and poverty in a sustainable way.

These days, Heifer International generally provides animals to participating families through local channels in the countries they serve. But early on, the organization shipped livestock from the United States to other countries. During their travels, these animals were cared for by "seagoing cowboys": ranchers and farmers who aided Heifer in its mission by lending their expertise in animal husbandry and agriculture.

## ***A Timeline: 75 years of impact***

Heifer International was born from that simple idea of empowerment, and for 75 years the organization has worked tirelessly to give families a hand up, rather than just a handout. Explore the history of Heifer International and see how donors like you have helped bring over 34 million families out of poverty.

*Information taken from and more can be found at [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org)*

## BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST

He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the **building up of the body of Christ**; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ (Ephesians 4:11-13 nasb).

Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, **not forsaking our own assembling together**, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near (Hebrews 10:24-25).

- 1 Ask God to raise up godly men in your church who will fill the roles of apostle, prophet, evangelist, and pastor teacher. Pray that God will empower them with these spiritual gifts for the good of your church and for the glory of God (Ephesians 4:11-12).
- 2 Pray for your church's leadership to understand God's plan for equipping the saints. Pray that God will guide them as they determine the approaches and methods He would have them use in helping each person in your church family become more like Christ (Ephesians 4:11-12).
- 3 Where there is division in your church, pray that God would equip your church leaders to develop unity among all the members through your shared faith (Ephesians 4:13).
- 4 Pray that your congregation will not only excel in its knowledge of the Son of God, but will manifest the holy character and anointed service that is birthed out of a Spirit-filled walk with Christ (Ephesians 4:13).
- 5 As your church gathers for worship, pray that your church leaders will have a special anointing to equip your church for the ongoing work of service throughout the week (Ephesians 4:12).
- 6 Pray that your church family will commit to encouraging one another to pursue love and good deeds. Please pray that this pursuit will have a unifying effect on the church (Hebrews 10:24-25).
- 7 Knowing that Christ will one day return, pray that your church will come together like never before and do everything they can to accomplish the work God has given them to do (Hebrews 10:24-25).
- 8 Pray that Christians in your community will have Peter's boldness and declare to all men everywhere that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God (Matthew 16:16).
- 9 Fervent, corporate prayer seemed to be a common response when the New Testament believers faced difficulties or challenges (Acts 12:5). When churches in our nation face struggles from either within or without, pray that we too will turn to God with fervent, consistent, corporate prayer.
- 10 When major decisions were made by the early church, prayer and fasting were almost always seen as a key part of the decision-making process (Acts 14:23). Pray that today's churches will understand why prayer and fasting are important and will once again return to these biblical practices.
- 11 It is so exciting to read passages like Acts 6:7, where it says, "The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly." Pray that God will graciously bring the type of revival and spiritual awakening where these wonderful occurrences will once again become the norm.
- 12 Sadly, there are many people who have left the church. As your church family gathers for worship, pray that God's Spirit will stir the hearts of those who have left to repent and return to seek God together with His body (Hebrews 10:25).
- 13 Pray that God will protect our churches from "savage wolves"—individuals within the church who speak "perverse things" in order to have church members follow them (Acts 20:29-30).

**14** Dealing with Christian brothers or sisters who openly sin (Matthew 18:15-18), and responding to “so-called” brothers who live immorally (1 Corinthians 5:9-13), are not easy steps to take. Pray that your church family will know best how to apply God’s Word when helping others experience victory over sin and find restoration.

**15** Pray that God will help the new believers in your church to put aside “all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander” and “like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word,” in order to “grow in respect to salvation” (1 Peter 2:1-2).

**16** Realizing that the Christians in your church family are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, and a holy nation, pray that more than ever before they will boldly proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called them out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9).

**17** Pray for your church’s pastors, elders, and staff to shepherd your church family according to the will of God, providing good examples for the flock (1 Peter 5:2-3).

**18** Even as Paul was committed to making mature followers of Christ, pray that God will raise up faithful men and women among your church who will be able to entrust to others the spiritual truths they themselves have received (2 Timothy 2:2).

**19** As your church gathers for worship, pray that each member will see themselves as a unique and necessary part of the body of Christ (Romans 12:5).

**20** Pray that the sacrificial love Jesus has for the church will be clearly modeled in the relationship each husband in your church family has with his wife (Ephesians 5:25).

**21** Pray that the wives in your church family will model the kind of submissive respect toward their husbands that exemplifies the way the church should be submitting to Christ Jesus (Ephesians 5:24, 33).

**22** Pray that the churches in your community will all be strengthened in their commitment to walk with Jesus and will see new believers added to their number daily (Acts 16:5).

**23** Pray that the churches in your community will abound in faith, boldness, knowledge, love, and giving to support the work of the kingdom of God (2 Corinthians 8:7).

**24** Pray that any churches in your community that have left their first love for Jesus will remember from where they have fallen, repent, and then return to the loving obedience they had at first (Revelation 2:5).

**25** As churches the world over face greater levels of persecution, pray that God’s people will not be fearful, but will remain faithful to Him regardless of the severity of the tests (Revelation 2:9-10).

**26** The church at Pergamum stands in Scripture as an example of how a church family can commit idolatry, engage in immorality, and even put stumbling blocks before those to whom it should be ministering (Revelation 2:14). Pray that churches will not allow pride to blind them of their sins, but will humbly and repentantly allow God’s Spirit to examine their ways and deeds.

**27** The church at Sardis thought it was alive, but according to Jesus, it was spiritually dead (Revelation 3:1-2). Pray that the churches who are just going through the motions of Christianity but exhibit no real signs of spiritual life will wake up and “strengthen the things that remain.” Pray that they will press on in obeying God’s commands and completing His purposes.

**28** Like the church in Laodicea, some churches today are lukewarm in their love for Jesus. Pray that the church in your community will not become blind and apathetic, saying, “I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing” (Revelation 3:16-17). Pray that these churches will see themselves like Jesus sees them and repent.

**29** Jesus’ love for His church is so great that He says in Revelation 3:19, “Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent.” Pray that your church family will not run from God’s discipline, but will zealously embrace His judgments and make any changes He desires.

**30** How many times has God stood at the door of His church knocking, only to have no one hear His voice and open the door (Revelation 3:20)? Pray that the churches in your community will continually listen for the voice of God.

**BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**JUNE 21 – 25**  
**6:00 – 8:30 P.M.**



We will have Vacation Bible School on June 21 through June 25, from 6:00 p.m. till 8:30 p.m.

Come learn about God's Creation, Noah's Ark, Jesus feeds the 5,000, The Good Samaritan and Heifer Project (passing on the gift). Starting June 6 we will have sign-up sheets posted on the bulletin boards. If you would like to help, please sign-up and make sure your Clearances are up to date. (If you need assistance updating your Clearances please contact Connie in the church office.

Bible School will be held at the Grove, weather permitting. We will have live animals, if possible, to highlight Heifer Project. If you have animals that would be suitable for participating, please contact Connie in the church office. We are looking for Cows, goats, pigs or sheep, rabbits and chickens.

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**THANK YOU**

The Missions and Service Commission would like to thank all those who participated in the Pancake Breakfast to benefit the Western PA District Disaster Fund. We appreciate everyone who worked hard to provide a delicious breakfast and all who came to eat and generously made donations. God gave us a perfect day and it was wonderful to fellowship with members of our community. As a result of your kindness and generosity, we are able to donate \$1,307.00 to the District Disaster Fund. These funds will assist with expenses when sending volunteers from our District to offer aid in the event of a disaster. We are so fortunate to be a part of such a loving and caring congregation.

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**  
**SUMMER SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

**SATURDAY BREAKFASTS WITH PASTOR**  
**DAVID:**

Place: Coal Miner's Café

Time: 8 a.m.

June 12, 2021 Deadline to sign-up – June 9<sup>th</sup>

July 17, 2021 Deadline to sign-up – July 14<sup>th</sup>

August 21, 2021 Deadline to sign-up – August 18<sup>th</sup>

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – MONDAY**  
**EVENINGS:**

**Teachers:** Pastor David, Mike Stevens, Will Hershberger

**Time:** 7 p.m. Tentatively planning to be outdoors (weather permitting)

<u>June</u>	7 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>	
<u>July</u>	5 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>	
<u>August</u>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>

BE SURE TO BRING A LAWN CHAIR AND YOUR BIBLE!

Men - if you have any questions about anything on this schedule, please contact Blaine Leverknight (814-266-8340)

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**CALLING OF DEACONS**

"At the Church Council Meeting on April 29, 2021, Dave and Patty Koba were called as Deacons. Please be in prayer for these two as they serve a one-year trial period as they discern their call to this set apart ministry as part of the Deacon Commission."



# June 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 9 a.m. - Humble Hands	2 9 a.m. Prayer	3	4 Fellowship of Christian Athletes Chicken BBQ 3 - 9 at Quemahoning Family Rec Large Pavilion	5
6 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:35 a.m. Morning Worship Hope Service	7 7 p.m. Men's Bible Study	8 9 a.m. - Humble Hands	9 9 a.m. Prayer	10	11	12 Men's Breakfast 8 a.m. at Coal Miner's Café
13 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:35 a.m. Morning Worship	14 7 p.m. Men's Bible Study	15 9 a.m. - Humble Hands	16 9 a.m. Prayer	17	18	19
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# June 2021

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6 Mona Blough Bob Fisher	7 Nathan & Annie Pahel	8	9	10	11	12 Jayda Pahel
13	14	15 Claudia Shaffer	16 Casadie Miller Jim & Connie Miller	17 David Koba, Sr.	18	19 Alayna Patterson Dave & Patty Koba
20	21 Brian Bittner Ralph & Joyce Napotnik	22	23 Eva McDannell Audrey Shaffer	24 Bob Wojtaszek	25	26 Bill Miller Tom & Barb Korber
27	28 Megan Hostetler Paul & Lila Hershberger	29 Bella Fuska Karen Nagyvathy	30 Cody Todaro	1	2	3