



MAPLE SPRING CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN, HOLLSOPPLE, PA 15935
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Happy 4th of July!

"In God We Trust"

Galatians 5:1 NLT

Freedom in Christ

So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free,
and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law.



Our monthly newsletter **Water Cup** is 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

August 2021

July 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

Nancy Gindlesperger

Bill Watkins

Sandy Watkins

Jordan Shroyer

Christine Shroyer

Diane Bridge

Elsie Michael

Patty Shaffer



and Pat Koba

and Molly Stultz

and Karen Nagyvathy

and Marlin Ott

and Deanna Fisher

and Sally Kaufman

and Arbutus Blough

and Connie Martin

*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.*

JULY ACTIVITIES

July 5, 7:00 p.m.: Men's Bible Study

July 12, 7:00 p.m.: Men's Bible Study

July 17, 8:00 a.m.: Men's Breakfast at Coal Miner's Café

July 18: Worship Outdoors at the Grove

July 19, 7:00 p.m.: Men's Bible Study

JULY 22 @ 7:00 P.M.: BOARD MEETING

July 26, 7:00 p.m.: Men's Bible Study

JULY 29 @ 7:00 P.M. COUNCIL MEETING

BABY DEDICATION

Baby Dedication was held June 13, 2021

Tucker Joseph Pahel, son of Nathan & Annie Pahel,
born 8/22/20.

Leonora Ruth Rosenbaum, daughter of Jacob &
Laurel Rosenbaum, born 1/28/21.

Adda Rose Stultz, daughter of Jeremy & Molly
Stultz, born 7/26/18.

Rosalyn Lori Todaro, daughter of Zac & Mary
Todaro, born 3/12/21.

*May God bless them as we welcome them into the
Maple Spring church family.*

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



George M. Adams IV has retired from the Army
after serving 23 years. He and his wife, Lisa, Sons
– Quentin & Tristin are living in Georgia.

SGT Adam Veres Army Specialist (WhitneyWeimer)
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 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.

Please also remember those from our Visitation List

Jim Moran	1056 Soap Hollow Rd Hollsopple, PA 15935	Cliff & Sally Stutzman	Room 328, 1404 Hay St. Berlin, PA 15530
Betty Shaffer	Richland Woods 3324 Elton Rd Johnstown, PA 15904	Don Stutzman	Room 105B, 1404 Hay St Berlin, PA 15530
John & Patsy Shaffer	P.O Box 247 Jerome, PA 15937	Phyllis Thomas	Laurel View Village, Rm 522 2000 Cambridge Rd Davidsville, PA 15928
Gale Shipley	51 Akers Street , Apt. 306 Johnstown, PA 15905	Marilyn Ullery	588 Woodstown Hwy. Hollsopple, PA 15935
Ray & Ruth Stevens	1223 Moonlite Park Rd. Hollsopple, PA 15935		

DEACON MINISTRY

...Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

Do you seek?

That's a funny question. That is like asking if you drive. Drive what, drive where what are you asking me? To understand the question lets explore the definition of seek. The Oxford dictionary defines seek as – try to obtain, pursue, go after, strive for, go for, push towards, work towards, be intent on, aim at, aim for, have as a goal, have as an objective. Wow, that's a lot of definition. We seek many things, some are daily things, some are longer time periods and some are lifelong. We set goals, we pursue things in our life, we chase dreams. We seek relationships, we seek family, we seek friendship, we seek status, we seek wealth, we seek (fill in the blank).

The list could go on and on, you get the point and for each one of us it's a different list or a different seek. Whatever our seek is, we pursue, we go after, we do what we need to make it happen and get that 'seek'.

Matthew 6:25 (NIV) reminds us 'do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes'. In the next versus we are told that we are more important than the flowers and the grass of the field.

Jesus tells us in verse 33 that we need to: 'But SEEK first his Kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well'

What does it mean to seek first the Kingdom of God? It means putting Christ first in our lives. Daily we are faced with choices and opportunities that take our time and energy that have no lasting spiritual value or are not related to the Kingdom. There are only so many hours in a day or week, how many of those hours are spent on spiritual activities. How much time is spent on advancing the 'cause of Christ' to others.

Now obviously, we have responsibilities with family, work, other commitments and activities, these can all be included in seeking the Kingdom. What we need to be wary of is allowing these things to take us away from the Kingdom work. If I am too busy trying to make money or gain status or get ahead than I am neglecting the Kingdom work. If we are honest we have all at one time or another put way too much time and energy into something that will mean nothing in the end. This can be our check and balance, just ask yourself, the things that I do, is it eternal or temporal.

What are you seeking?

Submitted by Mike Stevens

Mission Moment

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



Brethren Mission Fund

In September 1998, Brethren Revival Fellowship launched the Brethren Mission Fund. This decision came after several years of discussion and prayer regarding the direction of the mission program of the General Board of the Church of the Brethren.

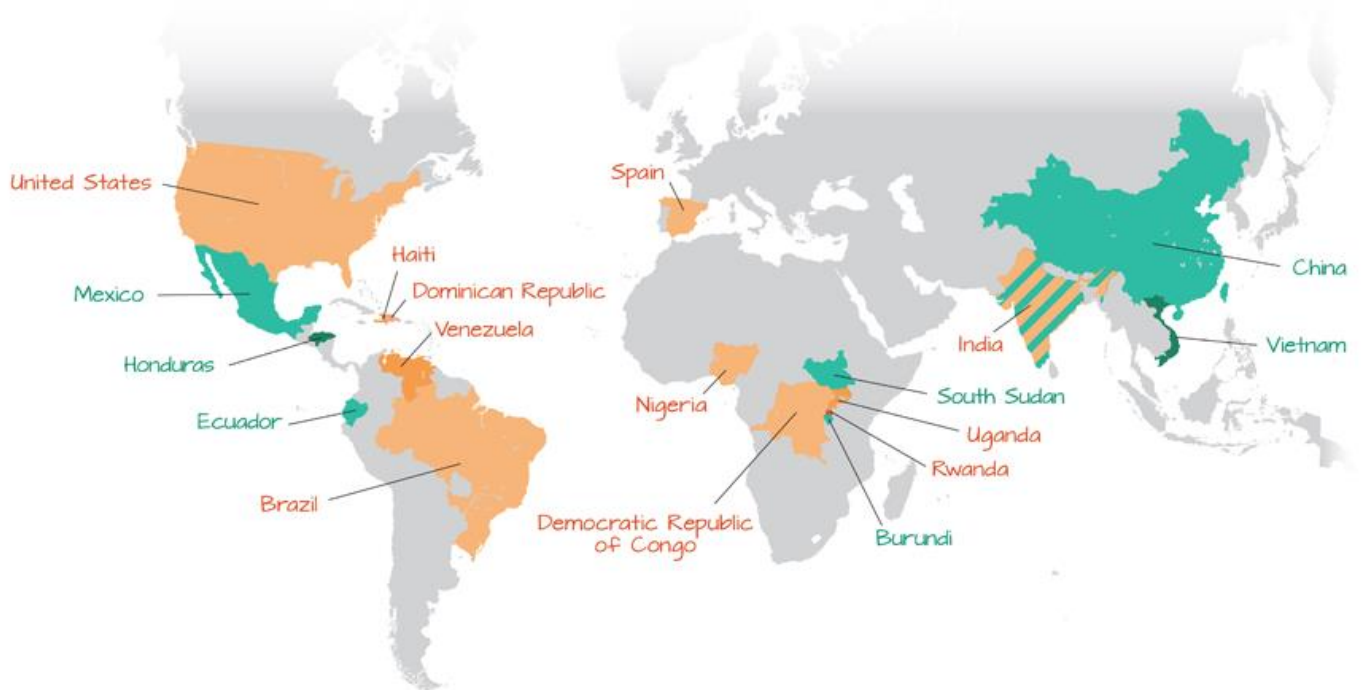
The purpose is to provide a channel through the Brethren Revival Fellowship organization to help resource sound Brethren mission work or Brethren workers where the gospel of Jesus Christ is being presented for the salvation of souls.

For more information visit <http://www.brfvitness.org/brethren-mission-fund/>

Global Mission of the Church of the Brethren USA

The 11 countries where there are registered Church of the Brethren denominations as of Sept. 2020 are in orange.

The 8 countries where the Global Mission office has partnerships are in green.



Some Church of the Brethren congregations in the United States have additional International contacts. International placements by Brethren Volunteer Service (BVS) contribute to the work of Global Mission. The Global Food Initiative is also part of Global Mission. Over the past year, GFI responded to requests for assistance from 27 partner organizations in 10 countries in addition to the US.

LOVING GOD MORE THAN THE WORLD

"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets" (Matthew 22:36-40 NASB).

Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him (1 John 2:15).

- 1 Pray that Christians will prioritize God's commands to love Him and to love others and will strive to obey Him in this by the power of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 22:36-40).
- 2 Where churches have lost their love for Jesus, pray that God will clearly call them back to Himself (Revelation 2:4).
- 3 As church families gather to worship, ask God to expose the things that have crept into the hearts of His people that compete with a simple and pure devotion to Him (2 Corinthians 11:3).
- 4 Ask God to give His children the supernatural power to love their neighbors selflessly (Matthew 22:39).
- 5 Knowing what a love relationship with God should look like is difficult for a generation that has walked away from God's biblical view of marriage (Ephesians 5:22-33). Since God intended the relationship a man has with his wife to portray God's love relationship with us, pray that the marriages within your church family will become all that God designed them to be.
- 6 It is not uncommon for people to quickly assert that they love God. Pray that Christians will understand, however, that the love of God will not be within them as long as they love the world and the things that are in it (1 John 2:15).
- 7 When a Christian loves the things of the world, they are in a very dangerous place. Ask God to send the kind of revival that moves believers to love Him above the world and its sinful ways (1 John 2:15).
- 8 In 1 John 4:8, we learn that "the one who does not love does not know God, for God is love." Pray today for the genuine salvation of people who profess to be Christians but fail to truly manifest the selfless love of God in their lives.
- 9 Pray that Christians in your country will love their enemies and pray for those who persecute them (Matthew 5:44).
- 10 As churches gather, pray that your pastor will preach motivated by a sincere love for God and His people (Philippians 1:15).
- 11 In the last days, when lawlessness increases, the Bible tells us that most people's love will grow cold (Matthew 24:12). Pray for the members of your church family to never lose the passion and warmth of their love for Jesus and others.
- 12 Pray that Christians in your community will love their neighbors by carrying their burdens and helping them through life's difficult times (Galatians 6:2).
- 13 Jesus said that there is no real reward in only loving people who love us (Matthew 5:46). Pray that as Christians, we will learn how to genuinely and practically love those from whom we have never received love.
- 14 Since no one can serve two masters without loving and being devoted to one more than the other, pray that your church family will love God far above wealth or possessions (Matthew 6:24).



- 15** Jesus pronounced woe on the Pharisees because they were being diligent with their religious activities but neglecting justice and the love of God (Luke 11:42). Pray that Christians in your community will never forget that loving God always takes precedence over merely performing one's religious duties.
- 16** Jesus told His disciples that they were to love one another even as He had loved them (John 13:34). Pray that we can do the same, allowing the love of Jesus to touch our church families and others through us.
- 17** As churches gather for corporate worship and fellowship, pray for there to be a unique sense of love and unity in the Spirit through the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:3).
- 18** Jesus said that all men would recognize us as His followers when we faithfully love one another (John 13:35). Therefore, in order to see our witness for Christ grow among the lost, pray that our love for one another will become visibly real.
- 19** Pray that your church family will consistently demonstrate their love for Jesus by wholeheartedly keeping His commandments (John 14:15).
- 20** To abide in Christ literally means "to set up your tent" where He is. It means to live with Him, continually acknowledging and submitting to His presence and rule in your life. Ask God to teach Christians in your community how to abide in His love for them (John 15:9).
- 21** Knowing that His death was imminent, Jesus lovingly told His disciples in John 14:1, "Do not let your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me." As hearts are troubled by sin and doubt today, pray that more and more people will believe in Jesus and be saved.
- 22** Pray that the people living in your community will understand God's love for them, believe in the resurrected Jesus, and follow Him as Lord of their lives (Romans 10:9).
- 23** Pray that the love we experience in our walk with Christ will be without hypocrisy on our part; that we will hate what is evil and cling to what is good (Romans 12:9).
- 24** As churches prepare to gather and fellowship, ask God to expose any corporate sins that need to be confessed and repented of by the entire church (Revelation 2:5).
- 25** Pray that more and more, your church family will be devoted to one another in brotherly love, looking for ways to outdo the others in showing honor (Romans 12:10).
- 26** Pray that Christians in your community will demonstrate God's love by doing no wrong to their neighbors (Romans 13:10).
- 27** Paul articulates the biblical principle that if we are doing something that spiritually hurts our Christian brother, we are no longer walking according to love (Romans 14:15). Pray that the members of your church will lay down anything in their personal lives that could negatively influence others by causing them to sin.
- 28** In 1 Corinthians 8:1, Paul makes the statement that "knowledge makes arrogant, but love edifies." Pray that Christians all over the country will build up one another through love instead of tearing others down in pride.
- 29** Pray that as your Christian friends become more like Jesus, their lives will demonstrate the love described in 1 Corinthians 13.
- 30** Pray that your Christian friends will be rooted and grounded in love and will be able to comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of all that Christ's love means for them (Ephesians 3:17-19).
- 31** Paul said that the goal of his instruction was "love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith" (1 Timothy 1:5). Pray that God will send a great revival among His people, moving us to love Him and each other with pure hearts.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
SUMMER SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY BREAKFASTS WITH PASTOR
DAVID:

Place: Coal Miner's Café

Time: 8 a.m.

July 17, 2021 Deadline to sign-up – July 14th

August 21, 2021 Deadline to sign-up – August 18th

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY –
MONDAY EVENINGS @ 7:00 pm:

Teachers: Pastor David, Mike Stevens,
Will Hershberger

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

<u>July</u>	5 th	12 th	19 th	26 th	
<u>August</u>	2 nd	9 th	16 th	23 rd	30 th

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)

Upcoming Election
at July's Council Meeting

The Nominating Committee is in need of names from
each commission for the upcoming election at July's
Council Meeting.

The ballot must be posted 2 weeks prior to the
election.

Please give all names to Blaine Leverknight.

Common Grounds Serve Day

It's that time of year! If you, your kids in grades 7th
- 12th, or family, are interested in serving with
Common Grounds Outreach, we are having a
Backyard Serve Day on Saturday, July 24th! Our day
will begin & end at Davidsville Community Church
(197 Pender Lane).

Your contribution of \$10 per person will include
breakfast, lunch, snacks, & a t-shirt. Families need to
sign-up each individual member separately, please.
Deadline to sign up is JULY 7th!

Visit our Facebook page at Common Grounds
Outreach for the link to sign up, or email us at
commongroundsoutreach@gmail.com and we will
send it to you. Join us for a day of laughter, hard
work, and love for our community!

Our Prayer Partner

Moxham Church of the Brethren, invites our
congregation to a video presentation of "MOSES"
from Sight & Sound. It will be held July 11, 2021 at
6:30 p.m. Their address is 536 Grove Avenue,
Johnstown, PA.

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Hebrews 2:14-15 (NIV)

14 Since the children have flesh and blood, he
too shared in their humanity so that by his
death he might break the power of him who
holds the power of death—that is, the devil—
15 and free those who all their lives were held
in slavery by their fear of death.

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1 Doug Baraniak Hattie Mostoller	2	3
4 Linda Tresnicky	5 Adda Lisbon Suzanne Moss	6 Noah Stultz Tim & Robyn Blanset	7	8	9 Lois Spory Kathy Bailie	10
11	12	13	14 Levi Hostetler Brian & Marge Bittner Bill & Heather Fisher David & Kathy Patterson	15 Brayden Bearh Bill & Patty Miller	16 John & Patsy Shaffer	17 Colton Lisbon
18 Paul Hershberger Sue Stevens	19 Rebecca Lichvar Dax McDannell	20	21 Sally Kaufman	22 Tim McDonald Annie Pahel	23 Randy & Suzanne Gary	24
25 Ralph Napotnik Tim & Cathy McDonald	26 Adda Stultz Sharon Toth	27	28 Marlin Ott	29 Gary Martin Pat Shaffer	30	31 Jacob Desort

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27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:35 a.m. Morning Worship	5 7 p.m. Men's Bible Study.	6 9 a.m. Humble Hands	7 9 a.m. Prayer	8	9	10
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18 Worship Outdoors	19 7 p.m. Men's Bible Study.	20 9 a.m. Humble Hands	21 9 a.m. Prayer	22 7 p.m. Board Meeting	23	24
25 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:35 a.m. Morning Worship	26 7 p.m. Men's Bible Study.	27 9 a.m. Humble Hands	28 9 a.m. Prayer	29 7 p.m. COUNCIL MEETING	30	31
