



MAPLE SPRING CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN, HOLLSOPPLE, PA 15935  
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## **Ephesians 4:1-6 NLT**

### **Unity in the Body**

Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. <sup>2</sup> Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. <sup>3</sup> Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. <sup>4</sup> For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. <sup>5</sup> There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all, in all, and living through all.

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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*Please have all bulletin announcements  
in by 11 a.m. on Thursdays.*

**WATER CUP DEADLINE  
for September 2021 issue  
is August 23, 2021.**

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### **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 with one another, by disciplining one another through the Holy Spirit, and by reaching out to our neighbors.*

## **PRAYER PARTNERS THIS MONTH**

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



...Pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. ~ James 5:16b KJV

The **Moxham Church of the Brethren** is our prayer partner church for the year 2021. Let us, at Maple Spring, keep them in our prayers.

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### **NEW MEMBER**

Jeremy Stultz was received into membership of the Church, by baptism on Sunday, July 18, 2021.

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### **AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS**

8/4, Wed., 6:30-8:30 pm: Youth Outing to Molly's Ice Cream & Jake's Mini-Golf in Somerset. Any youth, who needs a ride, can meet at the church at 6:00, and will return around 9:00. Please contact an advisor with names of youths who will be attending. Youth advisors are Molly & Jeremy Stultz and Tom & Diane Bridge.

8/21, Sat., 8:00 am: Men's Breakfast at Coal Miner's Café

8/22, 10:00 am: Outdoor Worship, "Grace at the Grove" with Covered Dish Meal to follow.

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✠ Hebrews 10:24-25 NLT ✠

<sup>24</sup> Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. <sup>25</sup> And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near.

***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 (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 Air Force

**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 Remember Those On Our Visitation List**

Jim Moran            1056 Soap Hollow Rd  
                             Hollsopple, PA 15935

Betty Shaffer        Richland Woods  
                             3324 Elton Rd  
                             Johnstown, PA 15904

John & Patsy        PO Box 247  
Shaffer                Jerome, PA 15937

Gale Shipley         51 Akers Street , Apt. 306  
                             Johnstown, PA 15905

Ray & Ruth          1223 Moonlite Park Rd.  
Stevens                Hollsopple, PA 15935

Cliff & Sally         1404 Hay St.  
Stutzman             Room 328  
                             Berlin, PA 15530

Don Stutzman        1404 Hay St.  
                             Room 105-B,  
                             Berlin, PA 15530

Phyllis Thomas     Laurel View Village, Rm 522  
                             2000 Cambridge Rd  
                             Davidsville, PA 15928

Marilyn Ullery        588 Woodstown Hwy.  
                             Hollsopple, PA 15935

## LIGHT

**For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:6**

One of the ways in which the glory of God is made manifest is light. When the earth was without form; void, and darkness was on the face of the deep. The Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God spoke, and said **“Let there be light”**. Instantly light appeared out of thick darkness where light had never been. God did not speak to form or shape that which was void, He spoke to drive out darkness. The word of God produced light which was radiant and exposed things not seen in darkness. That is what the glory of God does in our lives, when we walk in the light of His glory.

Light radiates its most intense brightness in darkness. So that the glory of the light pushes back the darkness, until the space where light has entered, illuminates brighter and brighter. **Proverbs 4:18-19** illustrates the contrast between light and darkness in the life of the just, as opposed to the life of the wicked — **But the path of the just is like the shining sun, That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day. The way of the wicked is like darkness; They do not know what makes them stumble.** While light exposes, darkness hides, and the one who walks in darkness cannot see what makes them stumble. This is the meaning of spiritual blindness. The prophet Isaiah gives a vivid picture of this condition in chapter 59 and verse 10 of the book of Isaiah — **We grope for the wall like the blind, And we grope as if we had no eyes; We stumble at noonday as at twilight; We are as dead men in desolate places.** Although light is all around them, as expressed by noonday, they stumble as if it were twilight when the light is receding. Notice how many times the prophet says “we” in the verse. To whom is this prophesy directed? What is the remedy for the people of God who could not comprehend the light?

**The God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.** Thanks be to God who has caused light to shine in our hearts, in order to give us the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. We have an indwelling knowledge that the Children of Israel lacked. Whatever we lack the Lord Jesus is full of, so we are well able to walk in the light by an act of our will. Jesus has come to be the light of the world, so that we will no longer walk in darkness. This is how John the beloved says it in **1 John 1:5-7** — **This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

God our Father shines the light of His glory in the face of Jesus Christ, so that we can walk in the light and not stumble. The Lord is our light, and our salvation, whom shall we fear? We push back the darkness, and overcome evil because of the great light that shines in our heart. Just as God spoke and commanded the light to shine, the darkness was cast out, as the light sprung forth. Oh that God would cast out darkness wherever it is found in and around us, so that His light can shine brighter in us. So that we can truly be the light of the world, as His light radiates in our lives.

John the Baptist testified that he was not the light, and he pointed to Jesus and declared that He is the true light. While John the beloved disciple proclaimed: **In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.** Beloved, please know that we are here at such a time as this, to help those who walk in darkness to comprehend the light. Jesus is the true light that brings light to everyone coming into the world.

May the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ shine bright in your heart today. And may it be released to those who walk in darkness so they can walk and not stumble any longer. I pray that you would speak a word in season that imparts light, so that they who sit in darkness will see a great light because you showed up. The entrance of His word gives light and it makes wise the simple. Let your light shine today! **Written by Rev. Bob Oliver**

## PASTOR'S PAGE

### Pastor's 2021 Vision

#### ALL FOR OUR KING

Best fed & best loved flock.

Unity in progress (His will, not ours)

An Agape fellowship movement.

Not looking back, but moving forward.

Jerusalem/Samaria/World

Widows Help Ministry

Proactive, not procrastinate.

Walk by faith, not past failures.

Ladies and children served first.

Safety first, protect the little ones and senior ones.

Jesus Christ is a relationship, a movement, but not a religion.

Focus on the spiritual growth, not the number growth.

Leaders lead by example (respond, not react).

Servant leaders, not lead servants.

Physical upkeep of God's house a priority, so He is not mocked.

May God grant the salvation of new souls.

Fight the good fight spiritually, not with your tongue.

Inspiration works greater than perspiration in ministry.

Be Berean believers (search the scriptures daily).

Faith will move mountains, if God is in it!

## TAKING UP THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD

Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm (Ephesians 6:12-13 *NASB*).

- 1 A spiritual battle for the souls of men is ongoing in the heavens. Pray that Christians will be prayerfully alert to the spiritual enemies assaulting the church in these days (Ephesians 6:12).
  - 2 It is not uncommon to find churches divided by conflict within and pressured by worldly ideology from without. Pray that Christians will realize that our struggles are not against other people, but with the spiritual rulers and forces of darkness found in the heavenly places (Ephesians 6:12).
  - 3 Pray that the church will come to understand the spiritual authority and power it has in Christ Jesus when it learns to daily "take up the full armor of God" (Ephesians 6:13).
  - 4 Pray that Christians in your community will stand united in confronting and resisting the various forms of spiritual darkness invading our communities and homes (Ephesians 6:12-13).
  - 5 In Ephesians 2:5-6, Paul tells us that when we were dead in our sins, God made us alive with Jesus and raised us up with Him. Pray that your church family will come alive with the reality that they have been raised with Jesus and can now walk in His glorious victory over sin.
  - 6 Take a moment today to praise God for His great love for us in raising us from the dead and seating us with Him in the heavenly places (Ephesians 2:4, 6-7). Thank Him for showing us the surpassing riches of His grace.
  - 7 Pray for people in your community to understand that salvation is not a result of our good works, but is a gift of God's grace as we put our faith and trust in Christ alone (Ephesians 2:8-9).
  - 8 The devil loves to oppress us when we open our lives to him through sin. Pray that your Christian friends will be careful not to give the devil an opportunity as they serve Jesus (Ephesians 4:27).
- Belt of Truth**
- 9 Ask God to give the Christians in your community great discernment in distinguishing truth from lies. Pray that they will remove all deceit from their lives (Ephesians 6:14).
  - 10 Ask God to help Christians in your community daily cover their lives with truth from God's Word. Pray that every day their minds will be renewed by the truth that sets them free (John 8:32).
  - 11 Jesus said that true worshipers worship the Father in spirit and truth (John 4:23-24). Ask God to teach your church how to worship Him in spirit and truth.
  - 12 Jesus said in John 14:6 that He is the way, the truth, and the life. Since no one comes to the Father except through Jesus, pray that multitudes of people in your community will respond to the truth about Jesus with faith and enter into a relationship with the Father.
  - 13 Jesus told Pilate in John 18:37 that everyone who is of the truth hears His voice. Since we so desperately need to hear God's direction for these days, pray that everyone in your church will walk in the truth and rightly know what Jesus is communicating to them.



### **Breastplate of Righteousness**

**14** Ask God to shield our hearts with the righteousness that only comes from being justified by faith in Jesus (Ephesians 6:14).

**15** The Holy Spirit convicts the world "concerning sin and righteousness and judgment." Pray that in your community, the Holy Spirit will bring the kind of conviction that draws people to Jesus and moves them to receive God's gift of eternal life (John 16:8).

**16** Some people practice their righteousness before men in order to be noticed by them. Pray that the people in your church will practice righteousness for God's glory alone (Matthew 6:1).

### **Shield of Faith**

**17** Many followers of Jesus will admit that sharing their faith is intimidating. Ask God to give Christians in your community great boldness and faith to step out in "the preparation of the gospel of peace" (Ephesians 6:15).

**18** Pray that the people of your church will see themselves as Christ's ambassadors. Pray that all throughout your community, your church family will share the gospel this week, appealing to family members, neighbors, and fellow workers to be reconciled to God (2 Corinthians 5:20).

**19** Jesus told us in Matthew 9:37-38 that the harvest is plentiful. Let's pray that God will indeed send out more and more of us as workers to share the gospel of peace with those who are lost.

**20** Knowing that the devil's ensnaring schemes are real and often come our way, pray that Christians in your community will take up the shield of faith to extinguish the flaming arrows of the evil one (Ephesians 6:16).

**21** As the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith (Luke 17:5), pray that the church's faith in God and His Word will rise, enabling Christians to face the mounting waves of persecution beginning to pound against the doors of churches where Jesus is exalted and His Word honored.

**22** When we take our eyes off of Jesus, doubt inevitably creeps in. Pray that your church will keep their eyes on Jesus and walk in great faith as they follow Him (Matthew 14:31).

### **Helmet of Salvation**

**23** Pray that Christians in your community will take the helmet of salvation to shield their minds against the false teachings so prevalent today (Ephesians 6:17).

**24** Pray that Christians in your community will not put their hope in earthly things, but will hope in the resurrection of Jesus and the eternal gift of salvation He has promised them (1 Peter 1:3-5).

**25** Pray specifically today for the salvation of someone you know who does not have eternal life in Jesus (1 John 5:11-12).

### **Sword of the Spirit**

**26** Pray that Christians in your church family will learn how to use God's Word, the "sword of the Spirit" (Ephesians 6:17). Pray that they will be so familiar with the Word, that the Spirit living in them can easily use it in their spiritual growth and service to God.

**27** Pray that as the Word of God is proclaimed in your city, the Holy Spirit will powerfully use it to judge the thoughts and intentions of every heart. Pray that every sin will be exposed and that genuine repentance will follow (Hebrews 4:12).

**28** Pray that the Holy Spirit will help your church clearly understand and apply what God is communicating to them in these times (John 16:13).

**29** As we meditate on the full armor of God, don't miss Paul's instruction to pray for all the saints (Ephesians 6:18). Let the Spirit guide you even now in praying for your pastors and Christian friends, that they will experience the anointed presence of God and fresh, obedient love for Him.

**30** Pray that during these days of cultural unrest and spiritual opposition, the church will come alive with a fresh hunger for God and His abiding presence. Pray that we will be strong in the Lord and will operate in the strength of His might (Ephesians 6:10).

**31** Please ask God to send a great spiritual awakening across our nation. Pray that every Christian will be used by God "to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel" (Ephesians 6:19).

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

**Saturday Breakfasts**  
**With Pastor David**

Place: Coal Miner's Café

Time: 8:00 am

Date: August 21<sup>st</sup>

*Deadline to sign-up is August 18<sup>th</sup>.*

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✠ Proverbs 24:5-6 NLT ✠

The wise are mightier than the strong, and those with knowledge grow stronger and stronger. <sup>6</sup> So don't go to war without wise guidance; victory depends on having many advisers.

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**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**  
**Monday Evenings @ 7:00 pm**

Teachers: Pastor David, Mike Stevens, & Will Hershberger

Time: 7:00 pm Tentatively planning to be outdoors (weather permitting)

August:      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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**Church Mobile Directory**

Due to the impact of Covid-19 on their business, Lifetouch Church Photography has permanently stopped their operations. As a result, the church mobile directory is no longer available.



**R E V I V A L**

8/28-29, Sat. & Sun.

**“In God We Trust”**  
**Revival**

Hosted by Maple Spring Church's  
*Sisters In Christ*  
at Hopewell United Methodist Church Grove.

Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 pm, Free Picnic  
7:00 pm, Guest Pastor

Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 pm, Speaker: Pastor David Bennett

Everyone welcome!

For “In GOD We Trust”

So be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the Lord your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you. ~Deuteronomy 31:6 NLT



# August 2021

## Maple Spring Church Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Piper Pahel	2 Kallie Lysic	3	4 Matthew & Kate Bridge	5 Mr. & Mrs. Rick Shaffer	6 Danielle Gary	7
8 Deanna Fisher Amy Soha Eden Watkins Brian & Connie Zanoni	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Dale Holder Mike Stevens Robert & Deanna Fisher	18	19 Connie Zanoni	20 Jonathan & Jill Dunmyer	21 Darla Moran Cole Shaffer John & Sue Unger
22 Jen Hauser Tucker Pahel	23	24	25 Dwight & Deirdre Keim	26	27 Janet Good Bob & Sherrie Wojtaszek	28
29 Ron Beachley Sue Unger	30	31	1	2	3	4

# August 2021

## Maple Spring Church Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 am Sunday School 10:35 am Morning Worship	2 7 pm Men's Bible Study	3 9 am Humble Hands	4 9:00 am Prayer 6:30-8:30 pm Youth Outing to Molly's Ice Cream & Jake's Mini-Golf	5	6	7
8 9:30 am Sunday School 10:35 am Morning Worship	9 7 pm Men's Bible Study	10 9 am Humble Hands	11 9:00 am Prayer	12 7:00 pm Community Day Planning Committee Meeting	13	14
15 9:30 am Sunday School 10:35 am Morning Worship	16 7 pm Men's Bible Study	17 9 am Humble Hands	18 9:00 am Prayer	19	20	21 8 am Men's Breakfast
22 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Grace at the Grove & Church Picnic	23 7 pm Men's Bible Study	24 9 am Humble Hands	25 9:00 am Prayer	26	27	28 3:00 pm "In God We Trust" Revival, hosted by our Sisters In Christ
29 9:30 am Sunday School 10:35 am Morning Worship 7:00 pm "In God We Trust" Revival	30 7 pm Men's Bible Study	31 9 am Humble Hands	1	2	3	4