

# Maple Spring

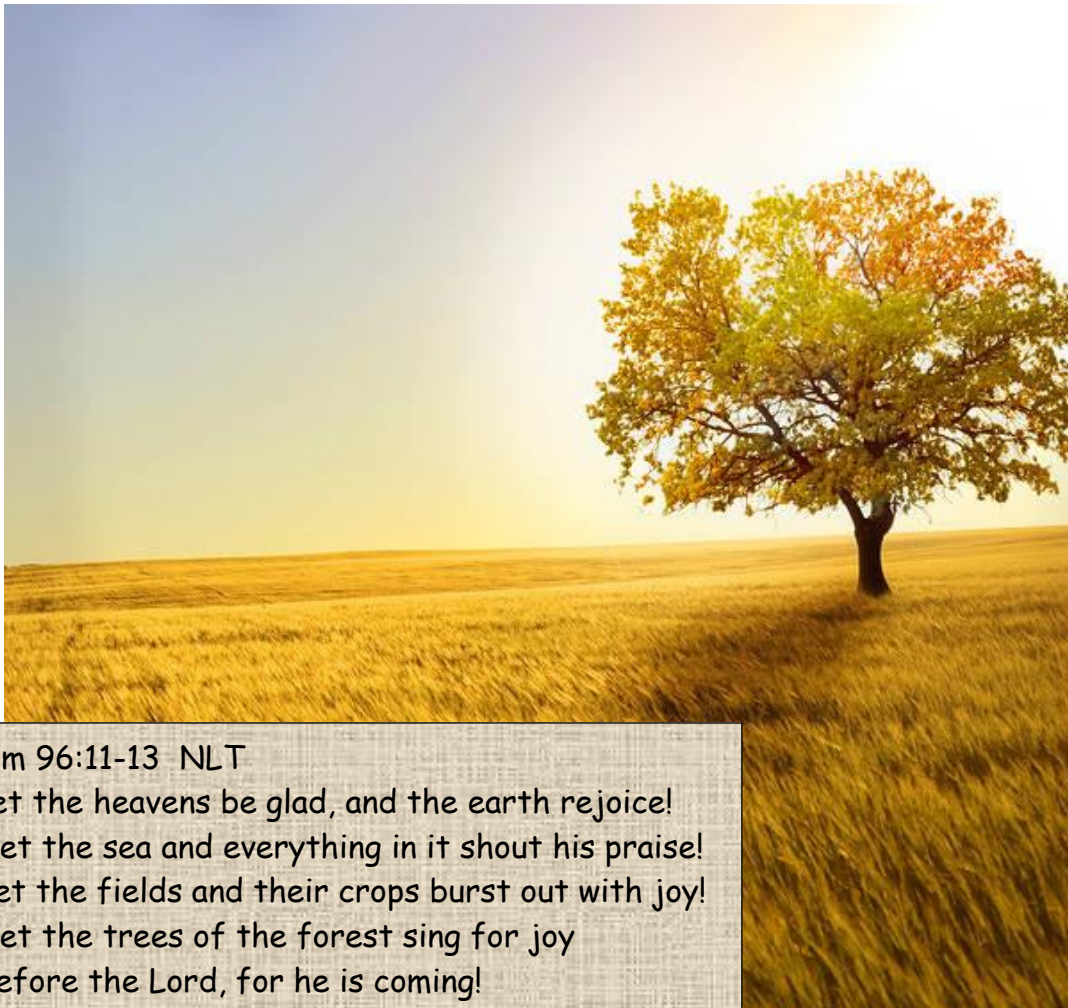
# Water Cup



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As the fields yield their crops,  
and the leaves change to their autumn colors,  
let us also sing for joy!  
Sing for joy in the Lord,  
for He is coming!



Psalm 96:11-13 NLT

<sup>11</sup> Let the heavens be glad, and the earth rejoice!  
Let the sea and everything in it shout his praise!  
<sup>12</sup> Let the fields and their crops burst out with joy!  
Let the trees of the forest sing for joy  
<sup>13</sup> before the Lord, for he is coming!  
He is coming to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with justice,  
and the nations with his truth.

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 the November 2021 issue**  
is October 18, 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**

Jordan Shroyer  
Christine Shroyer  
Diane Bridge  
Elsie Michael  
Patty Shaffer  
Connie Martin  
Arbutus Blough  
Sally Kaufman



and Sandy Watkins  
and Bill Watkins  
and Nancy Gindlesperger  
and Pat Koba  
and Molly Stultz  
and Karen Nagyvathy  
and Marlin Ott  
and Deanna Fisher

...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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### WORLD COMMUNION DAY

The Deacon Commission has decided to celebrate World Wide Communion, in remembrance of our Lord, Jesus Christ, Sunday on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> with a Bread & Cup Communion, during morning worship service. The Communion Bread & Cup will be in a baggie and distributed as you walk into the sanctuary.

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✠ Mark 14:22-25 NLT ✠

<sup>22</sup> As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take it, for this is my body."

<sup>23</sup> And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. <sup>24</sup> And he said to them, "This is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice for many. <sup>25</sup> I tell you the truth, I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it new in the Kingdom of God."

***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  
Ssgt 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



**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         125 W. Main Street  
Stevens                Stoystown, PA 15563

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

**Sunday October 17, 2021 – All Day Fundraiser**

**Hoss's in Johnstown**



**Dear Friend of Camp Harmony:**

We are excited to team up with Hoss's Steak and Sea House to raise money for a very worthy cause. Please consider visiting the Hoss's location listed below on 10/17/2021 to aid us in raising money to benefit Camp Harmony.

Print this email and present it on 10/17/2021 at Hoss's in Richland Township, Johnstown and Hoss's will donate 20%\* or 25%\*\* of your total check paid to Camp Harmony.

\*To qualify for the 20% payout, our group must have a minimum of \$300.00 in total pre-tax food and beverage sales.

\*\*To qualify for the 25% payout, our group must have a minimum of \$1,200.00 in total pre-tax food and beverage sales.

This applies to a one-day, single location, pre-scheduled event. The purchase of gift cards is not included as part of your organization's community fundraising totals.

**DISTRIBUTING INVITATIONS ON HOSS'S PROPERTY IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED AND WILL DISQUALIFY OUR ORGANIZATION!**

Thank you for your cooperation!

**Group #125023**

Please print and present this paper when ordering.



**HELP SUPPORT**

**Camp Harmony**

(Non-Profit Organization)



**Boscov's**

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**25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

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**SHOP 8AM - 11PM**

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At every Boscov's store

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For Shopping Passes or information, contact:

**Ginny Babal – 814-243-4540**

**Deb Bambling – 814-798-5885**

For more details visit [boscovs.com/friendshelpingfriends](http://boscovs.com/friendshelpingfriends)

The following excerpt from "Hope for Each Morning" by Joanna Teigen, was submitted by Nancy Dunmyer.

### **Our Heavenly GPS**

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path, ~Psalm 119:105

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." ~John 8:12

A GPS can navigate the route to new places. Its illuminated screen provides step-by-step instructions to reach your destination. By its guidance, you can travel with confidence you'll get where you need to go.

God knows we need help on our journey through life as well. Tough questions and problems make us feel as if we're walking in darkness. We wonder, How can I make good friends? Should I join a club or start volunteering? Which career move is right for me? How can I feel brave? What if I make a big mistake? How do I handle temptation? Who can I trust? What does it mean to follow Jesus? Questions and struggles can stop us in our tracks.

God gave his Word to help us find our way through life. Its wisdom shows us what to do. It calms our fears and gives us courage to do what's right. The Bible is like a light shining on our path, so we can walk without stumbling. If we live by the Word, we can follow God wherever he leads.

Lord let us trust your Word as our light, our guide, and our help every step of the way. Amen.

### **FROM THE PASTOR...**

#### **Holy Spirit**

People have often asked questions about the Holy Spirit to further reason He is the most unknown person of the God Head. We actually know very little about Him. There is a reason for that and God designed it, so we don't focus on Him. We may miss what Jesus has done, because God gave Christ all authority in heaven and earth. Looking at the attributes of God, He, the Holy Spirit is obvious. Let's look deeper.

When you have felt the sunshine, the fog, or even wind, it is always moving and unstoppable. Our flesh senses the outward manifestation, while our intellect responds or reacts. Is it too hot, too windy, or too wet fog. We take action to resist, or enjoy, these three blessings that may at times become a common directive.

So, it is with this life in the flesh, while we live that Satan may rule this world. Yet, the Holy Spirit is very active and working all over the planet. Depending on who you choose to follow, you sense within YOUR spirit, mind, even soul, who to respond proper too. You and I often don't recognize is it good or bad, so we just stand in the midst of fog or hot sun, only to get burned. We chose wrong and it cost us, because we thought things would get better, but didn't. We couldn't see through the fog. We didn't know we would get burnt.

The Holy Spirit is like the wind, Jesus tells us. We don't know which way, or how powerful, it can blow to influence our lives. If caught, it can move you its direction. So in life, the Holy Spirit from the throne of God may direct you, IF you're willing. He is always willing in our spirit, but our flesh is weak. He is greater power, than the devil. Yet, people reject His direction in their lives. We want it our way. It appears we make our own decisions, but the devil is the motivation in our actions. So, I want to kick the dog, when I'm mad. I'm going to yell, until I get my way, like a child. Nobody tells me that it's self-centeredness from the devil.

So, we really don't know the Holy Spirit do we? We do know that He often directs us, if we yield to His prompting. His way is gentle, when the thought of good action comes to mind. Something selfless, uplifting, so powerful in His motivation. He never draws attention to Himself, only to God, or Jesus Christ. He is our Comforter, whom Jesus sent before He rose to heaven, to prepare a place for you and me. The Spirit is meek with power, but waits for us to respond to Him. He is full of love, totally unselfish in giving. He does not seek for Himself. Patient in long suffering. Kindness beyond our flesh. He gives freely to us power over our enemy Satan. His Spirit gently directs us without deception. He moves out of black, white, or red letter Bibles. His power is great in prayers of people, who know their Jesus. We need Holy Spirit action in us today. Surrender.



**Sponsored by the Maple Spring Youth Group**

Sunday, October 17, 2021

Immediately following the Worship Service

In the Fellowship Hall



*Prizes awarded for:  
Spiciest  
Most Original  
People's Choice*



If you aren't a chili maker please feel free to bring another soup, side dish, bread, or a dessert.

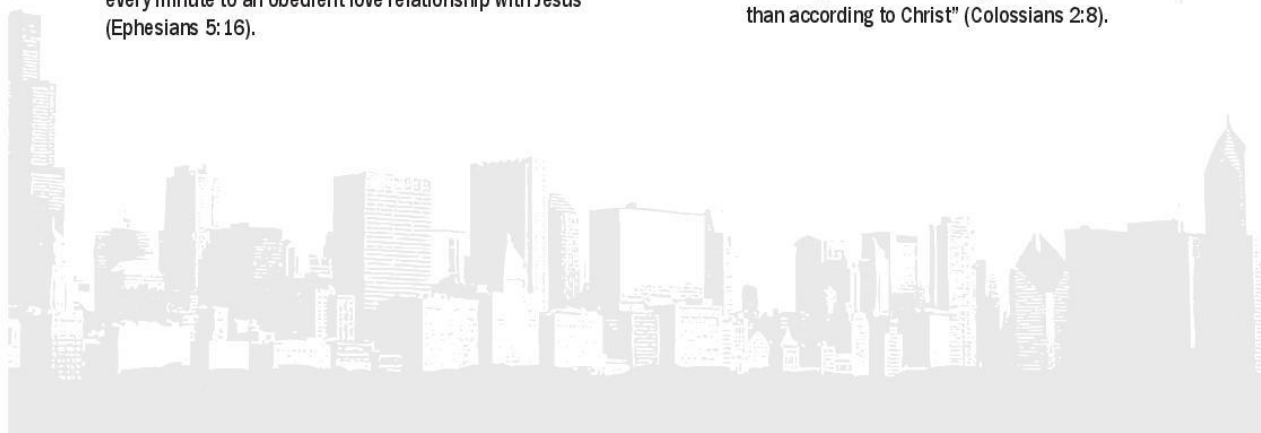
**Everyone is invited!**



## EXPOSING DARKNESS AND WALKING CAREFULLY IN THE LIGHT

**Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them; for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret. But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light. For this reason it says, "Awake, sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil (Ephesians 5:11-16 NASB).**

- 1** Our culture and the world system in which we live make it easy for Christians to passively get caught up in the spiritually dark ways of the world. Pray that Christians will recognize these ways and refuse to participate in any unfruitful deeds of darkness (Ephesians 5:11).
- 2** As you look toward gathering with the body of Christ locally, ask God to expose and correct any falsehood or deceit being propagated within the churches in your community (Proverbs 30:8a).
- 3** Over the past few decades, the truths found in the Bible seem to have lost their place as the standard for morality in our nation. Pray that church leaders and believers from all over our country will boldly use God's Word to expose sin and uphold righteousness (Ephesians 5:12-13).
- 4** The lost in our country and many backslidden Christians seem to be asleep when it comes to living according to the will and ways of God. Pray that a powerful revival and spiritual awakening will come to our land, shaking worldliness out of believers and drawing the lost to Jesus (Ephesians 5:14).
- 5** Pray that Christians will be careful how they live out their Christianity. Pray that they will long for and seek the wisdom that comes from above, that can shape and guide a person to live like Jesus (Ephesians 5:15).
- 6** As the sinful allurements and temptations of the world become more subtly pervasive, pray that Christians will not waste their time on sinful pursuits, but will instead give every minute to an obedient love relationship with Jesus (Ephesians 5:16).
- 7** The foolish man consistently fails to acknowledge God or to live according to the principles of His Word. Pray that the members of your church family will lay aside foolishness and will continually seek to understand the will of the Lord (Ephesians 5:17).
- 8** Pray that every member of your congregation will find victory over the desires of the flesh by walking according to the Spirit (Galatians 5:16).
- 9** As your church gathers, ask God to give your pastor unique discernment of the Holy Spirit's activity among you (Galatians 5:25).
- 10** Pray that your church family will walk in love, just as Christ also loved us and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma (Ephesians 5:2).
- 11** The Bible tells us that everyone who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed (John 3:20). Pray that the lost in your city will humbly recognize that because of their sins, they need a Savior. Pray that they will be drawn to the light of Jesus.
- 12** People often try to hide their sins from others. Pray that your church family will eagerly confess their sins publicly and pray for each other, especially when that sin has resulted in sickness (James 5:16).
- 13** Pray that "no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ" (Colossians 2:8).



- 14** Pray that the members of your congregation will be careful to not become a stumbling block to others. Ask God to give them the grace to do everything for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31-32).
- 15** It is easy for those in the world to “love what is worthless and aim at deception” (Psalm 4:2). Pray that the Christians in your community will genuinely love Jesus and lay aside any worthless and deceptive ways.
- 16** As in days of old, there are some preachers today who are speaking falsehood—teachings that have not come from God or His Word (Jeremiah 14:14). Pray that these “false prophets” will be exposed and that God will lead those under their care into the truth.
- 17** When the Hebrews obeyed God’s commands, He promised that it would be well with them and with their children (Deuteronomy 12:28). Pray that Christians within our nation will be careful to obey everything God has commanded us to do as His children.
- 18** When someone refuses to love the truth that leads to salvation, they become susceptible to the deception of wickedness (2 Thessalonians 2:10). Pray that the lost in your community will be delivered from this deception and will be able to love the truth about Jesus and be saved.
- 19** Pray that Christians in your community will be careful to keep God’s commands, not careless in their ways to live however seems best to them (Proverbs 19:16).
- 20** Pray that your church family will be protected from those who “cause dissensions and hindrances” by departing from the sound teaching of God’s Word. Pray that their wrong reasoning will be exposed in order to protect “the hearts of the unsuspecting” (Romans 16:17-18).
- 21** Being careful to lay no foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ, pray that each person within your church family will be careful how he builds on it (1 Corinthians 3:10-11).
- 22** The Bible warns us that many will follow the depravity of false prophets. Pray that your church will be known throughout the community as a place where truth is valued and unashamedly proclaimed (2 Peter 2:2).
- 23** Pray that your church family will honor what is spoken to them in God’s name, examine it carefully, hold fast to what is good, and abstain from every form of evil (1 Thessalonians 5:21-22).
- 24** Pray that your church family will be careful to not let sexual immorality or any impurity or greed be found among you, but will rather act properly as God’s children (Ephesians 5:3).
- 25** Pray that your church family will be careful to avoid participating in obscene conversations and dirty jokes, but will rather use their words to give thanks to God (Ephesians 5:4).
- 26** Pray that your church family will not be deceived but hold to the truth that “the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God.” Pray that your church will accept the unpopular truth of 1 Corinthians 6:9-10.
- 27** Pray that more and more people in your community will be washed, sanctified, and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God (1 Corinthians 6:11).
- 28** Pray that your church family will engage in good deeds and avoid contentious and controversial arguments that accomplish nothing (Titus 3:8-9).
- 29** Pray that your congregation and its leaders will recognize divisive individuals and dismiss them if they continue to sow dissension after being warned and corrected (Titus 3:10-11).
- 30** Pray for your Christian friends to live in submission to authority, to be obedient and ready for every good work, to malign no one, and to be peaceable and gentle, showing consideration for everyone (Titus 3:1-2).
- 31** Pray that God will move on your congregation today, searching and trying every heart, revealing any anxious thoughts or hurtful ways. Pray that repentance will take place and that genuine revival will be experienced by the people of your church family (Psalm 139:23-24).





# October 2021

## Maple Spring Church Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1 Howard Hildebrand	2 Kathleen Luprek
3 Donna Graham	4	5 Wendy Lysic	6	7	8 Dorothy Peterson Frank & Mona Blough	9
10 Brian Zanoni	11 Doug Cober	12 Marilyn Ullery	13 Ruth Hostetler	14 Lizzeth Thomas Dave & Wonda Piskuric	15 Marjorie Bittner Connie Miller	16 Bob Nagyvathy
17 Tom Bridge	18	19	20	21	22 Courtney Keim Howard & Helen Hildebrand Jacob & Laurel Rosenbaum	23 Melvin Cable
24 Jeff & Amy Soha	25 Lucas & Krista Shaffer	26	27	28	29 Helen Hildebrand Josh & Jen Hauser	30 Emalyne Rosenbaum
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## Maple Spring Church Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:30 Sunday School 10:35 Morning Worship 2:00 Hope -N- Harmony	27	28 9 am Humble Hands	29 9:00 am Prayer	30	1	2
3 9:30 Sunday School 10:35 Morning Worship World Communion Sunday 2:00 Hope -N- Harmony	4	5 9 am Humble Hands	6 9:00 am Prayer 7pm Q&A CoB Information Meeting with Pastor David	7	8	9
10 Pastor Appreciation Sunday 9:30 Sunday School 10:35 Morning Worship 2:00 Hope -N- Harmony	11 Columbus Day	12 9 am Humble Hands 7:00 pm Deacon Meeting	13 9:00 am Prayer	14	15	16 9 am District Conference at Camp Harmony
17 9:30 Sunday School 10:35 Morning Worship Chili Cook-Off Hoss' Camp Harmony Day	18	19 9 am Humble Hands	20 9:00 am Prayer Boscov's Shopping Day 7pm Q&A CoB Information Meeting with Pastor David	21 7:00 pm Board Meeting	22	23
24 9:30 Sunday School 10:35 Morning Worship 2:00 Hope -N- Harmony	25	26 9 am Humble Hands	27 9:00 am Prayer	28 7:00 pm Council Meeting	29	30
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