

Did you know that while shopping online, you can also help to support New Day? Please see annex bulletin board for more details.

Humble Hands meets every Wednesday from 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. We are in need of new members, please join us! We sew, cut patches, crochet, make school kit bags and so much more. Bring a sack lunch, we eat our lunch together and enjoy a devotion as well. If you have questions for this group, please call Connie Zaroni @ 629-6738.

The Food Pantry at St. Francis Sharing & Caring needs volunteers to check in clients, pack boxes, stock shelves, and load vehicles with groceries. If you are interested in volunteering for one 3-hour shift each month please contact Michelle Mock @ 814-242-5829.

Donations of non-perishable food items may be contributed for the St. Francis Sharing & Caring Food Pantry. Please place donations in the box in the annex. Our suggested food pantry items are applesauce & pancake mix. Thank you!

Please keep Carole Horner in your thoughts & prayers this holiday season. If you would like to send her a card, you can mail it to
Carole Horner C/O Bethlen Home
66 Carey School Road Ligonier, PA 15658

The church constitution has been updated. Copies are available for anyone who wants one in the rack in the annex lobby.

LAST SUNDAY

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| 59 | Worship Service |
| \$ 125.00 | Total cash offering |
| 2,109.50 | Total envelope/check offerings |
| 2,234.50 | Unified Budget |
| 28 | Number of envelopes/checks |
| 2,234.50 | Total Unified Budget (\$4,975 needed) |
| 250.00 | Helping Hands |
| 80.25 | Poinsettias |
| 45.00 | Parking Lot Fund |
| 250.00 | Disaster Fund |

*May God give dew from
 Heaven ~ Genesis 27:28*

DEW DROPS
 December 6, 2020

To encourage companionship
 with Jesus Christ and
 participate in the life and
 work of the Church

MAPLE SPRING CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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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 discipling one another through the Holy Spirit and by reaching out to our neighbors.*

9:30 a.m. Sunday School Supt.....Pat Shaffer
 10:35 a.m. Worship Service.....Pastor David Bennett
 Worship Leader.....Nancy Gindlesperger
 Acolyte.....Brayden Beahr
 Pianist.....Patty Shaffer
 Organist.....Arbutus Blough

Pastor will be in the office Tuesday & Wednesday, & Thursday,
 9 a.m.- 12 p.m.
 (Schedule may vary)

Temporary Secretary Connie will be in the office Monday –
 Friday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. (Schedule may vary)
 2020 Prayer Partner church: Shade Creek/Ridge

TODAY

The Search committee has extended the call for permanent Pastor to Pastor David Bennett and today he will bring us the Morning Message. There will be a congregational meeting after the Morning Worship with a vote of the membership. All members are encouraged to stay and vote. You must be a member to vote. During the counting of the ballots there will be a congregational hymn sing. May God lead us as we make this very important decision.

WEDNESDAY

9am.....Meet for Prayer
(in the Prayer Room outside of the sanctuary)

9am.....Humble Hands ~ The PA Department
of Health guidelines must be followed when attending.

Special Birthdays

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| 6 th | Arbutus Blough | 84 |
| 6 th | Sally Stutzman | 87 |

Secretary Needed: The ministry commission is now accepting applicants for the secretary position. Please see John Unger or Nancy Gindlesperger if interested for more information.

The Mission and Service Commission will be collecting **Christmas cards** for members of the congregation. A mailbox is set up in the annex lobby in which to place the cards. This is a way that you can send cards to your church family without the expense of postage. The cards will be sorted and distributed later this month.

The price of altar flowers will be increasing to \$40 starting January 1, 2021. The cost is for 2 vases.

Christmas Eve Service

We will have a Christmas Eve Service on Thursday, December 24, 2020 at 9 p.m. Anyone wanting to participate with a reading or a song, please see any member of the Music & Worship Commission.

Preschool and Junior Church are offered to children from 3 years old through 6th grade. The children are dismissed from the service and meet the leaders in the back of the sanctuary. After the service, the children are to be picked up in the Junior Church room after the service which is located up the stairs of the Education Wing and down the hall to the left. Zoom is offered for Junior Church children at home and takes place at 11:00 coinciding with the regular Junior Church service. . It is by invitation only and requires a password. If you are interested contact Diane Bridge.

St. Francis Sharing and Caring is sponsoring a gift giving program for families of the Food Pantry. Families in need, in our community, have completed a survey of gift ideas for their children. We are reaching out to our Church families to see if members of the congregation would like to sponsor a family. If anyone is interested please contact Kim Showalter or Michelle Mock at 479-3131 or 479-2192.

Reminder: Orders are due for Christmas cookies by 12/16 with pickup on 12/21 & 22 and Nut Roll orders are due 12/14 with pickup on 12/21 & 22. Please call the camp office to place orders or for questions.

At the November 15 Council Meeting, it was decided that we will proceed with the Pastoral Candidate Weekend and all Christmas activities with a reminder to practice mask wearing and to social distance when possible. Please be aware that should attendance increase it may become difficult to social distance inside the church building which is why we are emphasizing the wearing of masks. Those who are uncomfortable worshipping inside the church building on Sunday mornings can listen to the service from their vehicle in the parking lot on FM 99.9 on the radio. Also, if you would like a bulletin or newsletter mailed to you or know someone who would like one, please call the church office. We ask God’s blessing on each of you as we continue to serve Him.

Due to staff quarantines and an uptick in Covid-19 cases, as well as camp having no water due to water main break. We are planning on having the village open to walk through the last two Fridays. Cars will still be able to drive by our village and wave at Santa and the kids can roll down the windows and say “Hi”.

Updates on Hurricane Eta can be found on the bulletin board in the annex. Our two missions in Honduras were devastated by the hurricanes. If you would like to help **Hogar de Ninos Enmanuel** send donations to Western PA District Church of the Brethren, Mission Program Flood Relief, 115 Spring Rd., Hollsopple, PA 15935 and for **Project Global Village** send to: Amigos de Honduras, P.O. Box 98293, Seattle, WA 98198-0293.