May God give dew from Heaven ~ Genesis 27:28 To encourage companionship with Jesus Christ and participate in the life and work of the Church

# MAPLE SPRING CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

# DEW DROPS

October 24, 2021

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Our 2021 Prayer Partner Church is Moxham COB.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

10/29, Helen Hildebrand, 85 years.

# **GREETING CARDS**

Boxes of new greeting cards are now available for purchase. The cards are located on a shelf in the church office. The price is marked on each box.

# A Very Sincere Thank You...

to all of you for your prayers, cards, phone calls, and many acts of kindness for me during my recent hip surgery! <u>GOD IS SO GOOD</u>! Blaine and I would not know how to get along without our FAITHFUL GOD and our many loving church family friends! We'd appreciate your continued prayers, during my recovery.

# **GOD BLESS YOU ALL!**

Carol & Blaine Leverknight

# FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry, at St. Francis Sharing & Caring, needs volunteers for the Pantry (and the Thrift Store). For pantry donations, our suggested food items are applesauce and pancake mix, which can be placed in the box, located in the annex. Thank you!

#### CHURCH WEEKLY SCHEDULE

#### Sunday -10/24

Preschool and Junior Church are offered to children from 3 years old through 6th grade. The children are dismissed from worship service to meet the leaders in the back of the sanctuary. After the service, the children are to be picked up in the Junior Church room, which is located upstairs in the Education Wing, down the hall to the left. Zoom is offered for Junior Church children at home and takes place at 10:45 coinciding with the regular Junior Church service. It is by invitation only and requires a password. If you are interested, contact Diane Bridge.

2-4:30 pm: Hope -N- Harmony Youth Choir

### **Tuesday – 10/26**

9:00 am: Humble Hands

#### Wednesday - 10/27

9:00 am: Meet for Prayer in the Prayer Room.

6:00-7:30 pm: Youth Meeting

7:00 pm: Choir Practice for the Christmas Cantata.

#### Thursday - 10/28

7:00 pm: Council Meeting

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Wed., 11/3, 7:00 pm: Congregational Meeting with David Steele, Church of the Brethren General Secretary, on the direction of our denomination.

Sun., 11/7, 6:00 – 7:30 pm: AWANA Club's first meeting!

Tue., 11/9, 9:00 am: Shoe Project Work Day at the ICA Building.

Sun., 11/14, 6:00 pm: Fellowship Quartet Concert

Sun., 12/19: Christmas Cantata - Our choir is going to present a Christmas Cantata on December 19. We are always looking for new voices. Please join us for practices on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

(All meetings/events are at the church, unless otherwise noted.)

# Congregational Meeting with David Steele, COB General Secretary

On Wednesday, November 3 at 7:00 p.m., the congregation is invited to a meeting with David Steele, the Church of the Brethren General Secretary, to answer questions about the direction of the Church of the Brethren. Questions for Mr. Steele may be submitted to the church office, and will be compiled and printed for all attendees. There will also be a question and answer period from the floor, as time allows.

#### **AWANA CLUB**

Sunday, November  $7^{th}$  at 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Maple Spring Church is starting an AWANA Club! Beginning November 7<sup>th</sup> with weekly Sunday evening meetings! Sign-up sheets for adult volunteers and child participants are located on our bulletin boards. Registration forms are located on the bench in the annex lobby.

## SHOE PROJECT WORK DAY FOR EMANUEL CHILDREN'S HOME

Tuesday, November 9th, 9:00 am at the ICA Building.

Volunteers are most welcome! Also, please continue to donate clean, gently, used shoes and place them in the wooden crate by the elevator. You may contact Karen Nagyvathy with any questions, 814-244-6977.

#### 2020/21 MAPLE SPRING CHILI COOK-OFF

Thank you to everyone who came, and helped make it a success again this year! The winners are, Most Original - Christiane Blough, Spiciest - Noah Stultz, and People's Choice - Nevada Stutzman! Congratulations!

# **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX COLLECTION**

The Missions and Service Commission is sponsoring Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child again this year. Next Sunday, a table will be set up in the annex/lobby with information and shoeboxes to be filled. The last day for collection will be November 14.

# <u>Herald & Jane (Rummel) Griffith</u> Memorial Maple Spring College Scholarship Fund

Applications for the Herald and Jane (Rummel) Griffith Memorial Maple Spring College Scholarship Fund are now being accepted online for the 2021-22 academic school year at the cfalleghenies.org.

#### Candidates must be:

- 1. Active members of the congregation at Maple Spring COB, or children, grandchildren, and other family members of the congregation, as screened and qualified by the Finance Commission.
- 2. Accepted to an accredited program with a university, college, trade school, or other similar institute.

Once they have met the initial two requirements, candidates will then be judged by the Community Foundation of the Alleghenies Scholarship committee based on financial need as the primary consideration, then academics, extracurricular activities, community and church involvement, character and work experience, if applicable.

# **Information for Council Meeting**

Thursday, October 28 at 7:00 pm

The 2022 Annual Conference will be held on July 10-14 in Omaha, Nebraska. If you would be interested in going as a church delegate, please submit your name to Blaine Leverknight. Annual Conference delegates are to be elected at the October Council Meeting.

At this Thursday's Council meeting we will be calling four Deacons, filling an unexpired term on the Ministry and Evangelism Commission, electing Annual Conference delegates, and voting on the 2022 proposed budget.

Sermon Notes:				