

MAPLE SPRING
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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

DEW DROPS

(Maple Spring Church's weekly mini-newsletter.)

May God give you heaven's dew and earth's richness ~ Genesis 27:28a NIV

November 14, 2021



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

11/18, Tom Korber, 71 years.
11/19, Linda Baraniak, 71 years.

The flowers gracing the organ are to the Glory of God, and in honor of the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Tom and Diane Bridge, presented by their family.



POINSETTIAS

Envelopes are available, beside the offering plates at both entrances, for Christmas Poinsettias to be placed in the sanctuary in memory, or in honor, of a loved one. The cost is \$8.75 each. Make checks payable to Maple Spring CoB. Please put your completed envelopes in the offering plate. *Orders are due by November 21st.*

CHILDREN'S BELL CHOIR

Sunday, November 14, 2021

Today, the children's bell choir will be starting up again! We will have practice on Sunday evenings at 5:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Children can go directly from practice to Awana Club. The bell choir is open to all children ages 4 and up. Hope to see you there!

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 – 11/14

Preschool and Junior Church are offered to children 3 years old through 6th grade. Zoom is offered for Junior Church children at home, and takes place at 10:45 am, the start time of the regular Junior Church service. It is by invitation only and requires a password. If you are interested, contact Diane Bridge.

The Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are due today. If you forgot yours, please bring it by Wednesday evening and put it under the tree in the Annex Lobby. Thank you to everyone who supported this project.

5:30 - 6:00 pm: Children's Bell Choir's first practice! (See announcement)

6:00 – 7:30 pm: Awana Club's meeting.

6:00 pm: Fellowship Quartet Concert

Tuesday – 11/16

9:00 am: Humble Hands

1:00 pm: Women's Fellowship meeting to make arrangements for our Christmas giving.

Wednesday – 11/17

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

7:00 pm: Choir Practice

Friday – 11/19

10:00 am: Maple Spring Fellowship Brunch at Panera Bread. Deadline to sign-up is Sunday, 11/14. A sign-up sheet is on the annex bulletin board.

7:00 pm: Covenant Brethren Church Informational Presentation by Grover Duling, Chair of CBC Executive Board. Questions will be answered after the presentation. Please submit your questions to the church office by 11:00 am, Wed., November 17th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun., 11/28, 6:30 pm: Sight & Sound Video of "Ruth" at Moxham COB.

Sun., 12/5, D.A.M.W.: Annual Maple Spring Christmas Fellowship Meal.

Sun., 12/19: Christmas Cantata - Our choir is going to present a Christmas Cantata on December 19th. 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.)

(D.A.M.W. = directly after morning worship)

UNITY COMMITTEE

The Unity Committee was formed at the October Board Meeting, with the purpose of gathering facts concerning the Church of the Brethren denomination's practices and the denomination's direction. Shortly, you will receive a survey by mail. We ask each member of the Maple Spring Church of the Brethren to complete this survey, and return it in the enclosed postage paid envelope, or return it Sunday morning. *Please return all surveys by Sunday, November 28th.* This is NOT a vote to remain in, or to leave, the Church of the Brethren. It is for the sole purpose of gathering data for the committee to use in its research. **Your responses are anonymous and completely confidential.**

Thank you for taking time to help us, by completing our survey and especially for your love, concern, and prayers for our church.

Committee Members: Jacob Rosenbaum (chairman), Blaine Leverknight, Ron Weible, Jeremy Stultz, Ron Punako, Rebecca Lichvar, and Marge Bittner.

Annual Maple Spring Christmas Fellowship Meal

Sunday, December 5, 2021

The Christian Education Commission is hosting the Annual Maple Spring Christmas Fellowship Meal. We will provide hot dogs, sloppy joes, chips, vegetables, and drinks. Each family is asked to bring a dozen cookies to share with the church family, and a dozen cookies to share with the soup kitchen in Johnstown. We will pass out the Cradle Roll gifts and the Children's Sunday School gifts. We hope to see everyone there, to kick-off the Christmas season.

WANTED, HAND-PUPPETS!

Do you have hand-puppets that are no longer being enjoyed by children? The Awana Cubbies Team is seeking donations of hand-puppets. If you would like your puppets to be enjoyed by children again, and for them to be Kingdom workers, please see Sandy Watkins.

HERALD & JANE (RUMMEL) GRIFFITH

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 2022-23 academic school year at www.cfalleghenies.org. If you would like more information, please take a flyer from the annex bench.

