

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 21, 2021



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

11/24, Doug & Jeanne Cober, 61 years.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Youth are collecting Christmas Cards to distribute, within the congregation, over the holiday. A mailbox will be placed in the annex lobby from November 28 - December 19, in which cards can be placed for members of the congregation.

CHILDREN'S BELL CHOIR

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 - CHRISTMAS ANGEL GIFT PROJECT

Once again, St. Francis Sharing and Caring is asking for sponsors for our annual Christmas Angel Gift Project. Applications for Christmas gift requests were given to Food Pantry families in the October Food Boxes. As the applications are returned, Kim Showalter, will coordinate the sponsors and request applications. If you, or anyone in your church would like to be a sponsor, please contact Kim Showalter at 814-479-3131.

CHURCH WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday – 11/21

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.

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 today, November 21st.***

5:30 - 6:00 pm: Children's Bell Choir's Practice, open to children ages 4+.

6:00 – 7:30 pm: Awana Club's meeting.

6:00 – 7:30 pm: Youth Meeting.

Tuesday – 11/23

9:00 am: Humble Hands

Wednesday – 11/24

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

7:00 pm: Choir Practice

Thursday – 11/25

Happy Thanksgiving!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun., 11/28: Children's Bell Choir will perform, during morning worship.

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., 12/5, 6:00 – 7:30 pm: Youth Meeting.

Sun., 12/19: Christmas Cantata - Our choir will present a Christmas Cantata, during the morning worship service. We are always looking for new voices. Please join us for practices on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Sun., 12/19, 6:00 – 7:30 pm: Youth Meeting.

Fri., 12/24, 8:00 pm: Christmas Eve Service

Sun., 12/26: Bread & Cup Communion, during morning worship service.

Sun., 12/26: Children's Bell Choir will perform during morning worship.

(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

The Christian Education Commission is hosting the Annual Maple Spring Christmas Fellowship Meal, Sunday, Dec. 5, 2021. 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.

LIVE NATIVITY, "THE FIRST NOEL"

The Conemaugh Township Area Ministries will be sponsoring the Live Nativity, "The First Noel", on Friday, Dec. 10th from 5-8 pm and Saturday, Dec. 11th from 2-8 pm at Davidsville Community Church located at 198 Pender Road. This is an inside and outside presentation. We are collecting canned goods again for the food pantry, as your "taxes" for entry into Bethlehem. We are encouraging masks be used for the inside tour. We would like to ask the congregations of Conemaugh Township to participate by donating baked goods for the Market Place. Cookies and baked goods are appreciated and will be offered to all who attend. Cookies and baked goods may be delivered to the Kaufman Church foyer on Thursday, Dec. 9th between the hours of 2-4 pm, or contact Trish at 814-288-2425 for other arrangements. Please leave a message, if there is no answer. We thank you in advance for your help to make this another successful year of helping the Conemaugh Township community and beyond.

