

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

December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent – Peace



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

12/5, Alan Baraniak, 70 years.

12/6, Arbutus Blough, 85 years.

12/6, Sally Stutzman, 88 years.

THANK YOU

The Missions and Service Commission would like to thank all those who participated in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. We collected 37 boxes and \$459. Through your generosity, children around the world will feel the love of Christ, through their shoeboxes. Also, thank you to the Youth, who set up the display, assembled boxes, and helped in any way! May God bless each one of you!

FYI

The new *Daily Bread Devotionals* (Dec-Feb) and the December issue of *Water Cup* are available at both entrances.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Youth are collecting Christmas Cards to distribute, within the congregation over the holiday. A mailbox will be in the annex lobby from Nov. 28 – Dec. 19, to put your cards in 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 may go directly from practice to Awana Club. The bell choir is open to all children ages 4 and up. Hope to see you there!

CHURCH WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday – 12/5

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.

Annual Maple Spring Christmas Fellowship Meal with the Children's Bell Choir performing!

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 – 12/7

9:00 am: Humble Hands

7:00 pm: Choir Practice

Wednesday – 12/8

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun., 12/12, 5:30 pm: Children's Bell Choir Practice, last practice until 1/9

Sun., 12/19: Christmas Cantata. We are always looking for new voices. Please join us for practices, as listed in *Dew Drops*.

Sun., 12/19: Christmas Gift Giving (more info to follow, as it becomes available)

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.

Sun., 1/2/22: World Prophecy Update by Pastor David.

Sun., 1/9/22, 5:30 pm: Children's Bell Choir Practice, practice resumes!

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

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

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The choir will present the Cantata, *Good News From Home*, during the morning worship service on December 19th. This is a joyous combination of festive original songs and beloved Christmas carols, which celebrate the birth of King Jesus. You don't want to miss it!

CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING

On Sunday, December 19, the Women's Fellowship will be handing out the Christmas gifts to those in the church family, who are shut-in or elderly. We will once again need helpers to assist in the delivery of these gifts. Watch the Dew Drops for additional information. Thank you.

LIVE NATIVITY, "THE FIRST NOEL"

The Conemaugh Township Area Ministries will be sponsoring the Live Nativity, "The First Noel", on Fri., Dec. 10th from 5-8 pm and Sat., 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. Masks are encouraged for the inside tour. We are asking the congregations of Conemaugh Township to please 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 Thu., Dec. 9th from 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.

HERALD & JANE (RUMMEL) GRIFFITH

MEMORIAL MAPLE SPRING COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Applications for the scholarship 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.

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.

