MAPLE SPRING

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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

DEW DROPS

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

December 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent – Love

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Our 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.

Our 2021 Prayer Partner Church is Moxham COB.

This Morning's Worship Team

9:30 am	Sunday School Supt	.Pat Shaffer
10:35 am	Worship Service	Pastor David
	Worship Leader	Cathy McDonald
	Organist	Arbutus Blough
	Pianist	Patty Shaffer
	Acolyte	Noah Stultz

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

12/24, Betty Shaffer, 86 years.

CHURCH WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday - 12/19

Preschool and Junior Church children will remain in the sanctuary this morning to enjoy the Christmas Cantata!

Christmas Cantata, *Good News From Home*, will be performed during the morning worship service! This is a joyous combination of festive original songs and beloved Christmas carols, which celebrate the birth of King Jesus!

Christmas Gift Giving - 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. Thank you.

The Youth Meeting scheduled for this evening has been postponed, until a later date.

Wednesday - 12/22

9:00 am: Meet for Prayer in the Prayer Room. Everyone is welcome!

Friday - 12/24

8:00 pm: Christmas Eve Service!

<u>Saturday – 12/25</u>

Christmas Day! Happy birthday, Jesus! Our Savior is born!

Sunday - 12/26

Bread & Cup Communion, during morning worship service.

Children's Bell Choir will perform, during morning worship.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Sun., 1/9/22, directly after morning worship: Deacon Training. Please bring your Deacon Manuals. Deacon covered dish brunch, preceding training session. Contact Nancy Dunmyer, 814-242-8412, to put your dish on the sign-up sheet.

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

Sun., 1/9/22, 6:00 pm: Awana Club meeting resumes!

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

THANK YOU

Thank you, Maple Spring Church Family for praying for Bill, me, and our families. Many of you knew and loved Bill too, and we were grateful to have you unite with us in prayer. Also, thank you for the many card, notes, prayers, and support for our mother, Emma Thomas.

~God bless you all, Beverly Thomas Parks

FYI

The 2022 Offering Envelopes are available in the annex lobby. Please pick them up at your earliest convenience. If you would like to use Offering Envelopes in the future, please contact Mike Seganos, Financial Secretary,

IN SEARCH OF

The trustees are in search of church members interested/willing to clean/salt the sidewalks this winter season. If you are interested, please contact Ron Punako

Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas Cards collected for the congregation are available on the table in the annex lobby. When you pick-up your cards, please check to see if there are cards there for someone for whom you could deliver.

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!

<u>HERALD & JANE (RUMMEL) GRIFFITH</u> <u>MEMORIAL MAPLE SPRING COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND</u>

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.

'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the Lord of hosts. ~Zechariah 4:6b NKJV **Sermon Notes:**