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Romans 8:38-39 NLT

And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love.

*Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,
neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—
not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love.*

No power in the sky above or in the earth below—

*indeed, nothing in all creation will ever
be able to separate us from the love of God
that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.*



Our monthly newsletter *Water Cup* is distributed gratis to members and friends of the congregation to encourage vital Christian living and to promote participation in the life and work of the Church.

We hope you find this issue of the *Water Cup* informative and helpful. We welcome your contributions and comments.

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in by 11 a.m. on Thursdays.*

**WATER CUP DEADLINE
for the March 2022 issue**
is February 18, 2022.



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.

PRAYER PARTNERS THIS MONTH

| | |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Patty Shaffer | and Elsie Michael |
| Connie Martin | and Diane Bridge |
| Arbutus Blough | and Christine Shroyer |
| Sally Kaufman | and Jordan Shroyer |
| Deanna Fisher | and Sandy Watkins |
| Marlin Ott | and Bill Watkins |
| Karen Nagyvathy | and Nancy Gindlesperger |
| Molly Stultz | and Pat Koba |



...Pray one for another, that ye may be healed.
The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. ~ James 5:16b



The **Rummel Church of the Brethren**, Windber, PA
is our prayer partner church for the year 2022.



† 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 NIV †

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

**Please remember the following,
who are actively serving our country...**



George M. Adams IV has retired from the Army after serving 23 years. He and his wife, Lisa, Sons – Quentin & Tristin are living in Georgia.

SGT Adam Veres, Army Specialist
(Whitney Weimer)

Jonathan Zanoni, US Coast Guard (Cayla Roberts)

MAJOR Mark Bedrin, Army (Katie McDonald)

SPECIALIST Sierra Alwine, Army

Ssgt Nathan Pahel, Air Force (Annie Bridge)

Police Officer Matthew Bridge, Richland PD

AB Jenna A. Hauser, US Air Force

PRAYER FLAG

We are thankful for those who do God's work to protect us. Please pray for our peacekeepers. The Missions and Service Commission has a prayer flag displayed in support of active duty military personnel, 1st responders, EMS, firefighters, police officers, and conscientious objectors, presently serving from our congregation. If you have a loved one you would like to add, please give the name, office, or type of duty, along with a picture to the church office. If you prefer not to submit a picture, we can simply post the name.



**THE FINANCE COMMISSION IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE
A NEW SCHOLARSHIP FUND AVAILABLE TO
MAPLE SPRING CHURCH OF THE BRETHERN
FAMILY MEMBERS**

In 2020, upon the passing of Jane (Rummel) Griffith, her children, Bill Griffith and Barbara Griffith-Balzer, as per Jane's bequest, donated \$25,000 to Maple Spring COB to be used as a perpetual yearly scholarship in the amount of \$1000. Jane formerly attended here and grew up along the Maple Springs Road. This award is available to Maple Spring members, their children, grandchildren and other family members. The name of that scholarship fund is the Herald and Jane (Rummel) Griffith Memorial Maple Spring College Scholarship Fund.

Upon further discussion with the Griffith family, it was decided to invest that money with the Community Foundation of the Alleghenies (CFA) to manage the fund as they have a well-established scholarship program. After scholarship candidates are identified, the MSCOB Finance Commission will verify that the applicants are members of MSCOB or their family members, after which the Community Foundation of the Alleghenies Scholarship committee will handle the scholarship recipient selection process based on their:

1. Acceptance to an accredited program with a university, college, trade school or similar institute
2. Financial need, as a primary consideration
3. Academics
4. Extracurricular activities, community and church involvement, character and work experience, if applicable

The application period is **now open** for this scholarship for the 2022-23 academic year. Applications are being accepted on the website cfalleghenies.org. Award will be made in the spring of 2022. **The deadline to submit applications is Feb. 28, 2022.**

Once a candidate is selected by the CFA, they will contact the student, the MSCOB Finance Commission and the Griffith family. They will ensure that the student completes the required paperwork. They will also apply to see if this student qualifies for a matching grant through the PHEAAA/PATH and if so will handle the necessary paperwork on behalf of the student. Award money is sent directly to the college or school on that student's behalf.



**PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE
ON OUR VISITATION LIST**

| | |
|---------------------------|--|
| Jim Moran | 1056 Soap Hollow Rd Hollsopple, PA 15935 |
| Betty Shaffer | Richland Woods 3324 Elton Rd Johnstown, PA 15904 |
| John Shaffer | PO Box 247 Jerome, PA 15937 |
| Gale Shipley | 51 Akers Street, Apt. 306 Johnstown, PA 15905 |
| Ruth Stevens | 125 W. Main Street Stoystown, PA 15563 |
| Cliff & Sally Stutzman | Meadow View Nursing Center 1404 Hay St., Rm 328 Berlin, PA 15530 |
| Phyllis Thomas | Laurel View Village 2000 Cambridge Rd., Rm 522 Davidsville, PA 15928 |
| Marilyn Ullery | 588 Woodstown Hwy. Hollsopple, PA 15935 |

DEACON MINISTRY

...Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

People with a Calling

The third excerpt in a series taken from the pamphlet, “People with a Calling,” published by the Church of The Brethren.

Joining the Church of the Brethren is an exciting and momentous step. More than the end of a journey, it is the beginning of a new life of adventure and responsibility. It is also a step to be taken after study and prayerful meditation. Here, briefly, is what it means.

It is living a faith:

While tradition is important, membership means a good deal more. Brethren have emphasized that Christian faith begins with receiving Christ, but that the process continues. A maturing faith means discipleship. It means following Christ. It is being transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit into new persons who live lives directed by Christ. One newcomer to the Brethren explained the difference this way: “People in the church ... try to live in a Christ like manner daily – not just on Sundays.”

This way of life will mean new directions. Integrity, compassion and faithfulness will increasingly guide the believer’s choices. Christ’s ways of loving, giving and serving will often lead to a stand clearly apart from the popular values of modern society. It will also mean living as responsible stewards of God’s good creation.

submitted by Michael Stevens

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February...the shortest number of days in month, month. The month we all have to ask ourselves, is this a leap year or not. Typically, the worst winter month. The month that tells us if we have six more weeks of winter or if spring is right around the corner (that is if you believe a groundhog named Phil). It’s also the month we think of love with Valentine’s Day. We even celebrate two of our past presidents’ birthdays.

The Romans called this month Februarius named after the Latin term Februum, which means purification. It was thought that this month was set aside to Purify oneself after the many celebrations that had just concluded. One definition of purification is “the process of making something spiritually or ceremonially clean.” We have just concluded the fast paced, and at times harrowing celebrations of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s. We sit back and collectively catch our breath for what we have just gone through. Is it not fitting that we take time during this month to purify our heart and mind, as we prepare for the ultimate purification of Easter?

I would challenge each of us to examine our heart and mind during this month and perform our own purification, be that spending more time in the word, more time in prayer, more time in quiet reflection, or whatever gets you to your “purification” as we prepare for Easter.

Psalms 51:10 ... Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

submitted by Michael Stevens



SCRIPTURE ABOUT LOVE

John 3:16 NIV

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Proverbs 21:21 NIV

Whoever pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity and honor.

Romans 5:8 NIV

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

1 John 3:1 NIV

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Romans 13:8 NIV

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.

Ephesians 4:1-4 NIV

¹ As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called;

Psalms 63:3 NIV

Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

Proverbs 10:12 NIV

Hatred stirs up conflict, but love covers over all wrongs.

Proverbs 17:17 NIV

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.

1 Corinthians 16:14 NIV

Do everything in love.

1 Peter 4:8 NIV

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

Romans 13:10 NIV

Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.



PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make me a channel of thy peace,

that where there is hatred, I may bring love;

that where there is wrong,

I may bring the spirit of forgiveness;

that where there is discord, I may bring harmony;

that where there is error, I may bring truth;

that where there is doubt, I may bring faith;

that where there is despair, I may bring hope;

that where there are shadows, I may bring light;

that where there is sadness, I may bring joy.

Lord, grant that I may seek rather to

comfort than to be comforted;

to understand, than to be understood;

to love, than to be loved.

For it is by self-forgetting that one finds.

It is by forgiving that one is forgiven.

It is by dying that one awakens to Eternal Life.



MISSION MOMENT

2022 CWS Blanket Fundraiser Missions & Ministry Quarter Collection

During the month of February, the Missions and Service Commission is sponsoring a fundraiser for Church World Service blankets.

It's easy to donate a blanket to someone who's cold!
A blanket costs \$10, which an M&M Minis container holds in quarters!

Make Valentine's Day a little sweeter this year!

How you may participate:

1. Sundays, beginning February 6th, filled containers of M&M Minis will be distributed.
2. Enjoy the chocolatey treat!
3. Fill the empty container with \$10 in quarters.
4. Return the filled container by Sunday, February 27th.

Checks and all forms of cash are acceptable too.
Checks should be made payable to Maple Spring Church of the Brethren
and marked for CWS Blanket Fund.

Change the world with your love this Valentine's Day!

More information available at www.cwsblankets.org

PRAYING TOWARD THE COLLEGIATE DAY OF PRAYER ON FEBRUARY 24

Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe (1 Timothy 4:12 NASB).

Though youths grow weary and tired, and vigorous young men stumble badly, yet those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary (Isaiah 40:30-31).

- 1** College students have had a special place in many of America's great revivals. Pray that today's churches will not despise or look down on this younger generation, but will encourage Christian students to boldly model a genuine faith in Christ (1 Timothy 4:12).
- 2** In a culture that promotes abusive, angry, and unwholesome talk, pray that today's Christian college students will exemplify the kind of speech that builds up and edifies those around them (Ephesians 4:29).
- 3** Pray that Christian college students across the nation will be consistent in their walk and excellent in their speech, living lives that are free from deception (Proverbs 17:7).
- 4** Pray that Christian college students will not be careless when it comes to their conduct or ways, but will be diligent in learning and obeying the commandments and ways of God (Proverbs 19:16).
- 5** Most children who grow up in church leave the faith during their college years. This weekend, ask God to guide wayward students back into the fellowship of the local church (Hebrews 10:25).
- 6** Pray that Christian college students will distinguish themselves before others, not by mastering the ways of the world, but by consistently living according to the pure and righteous principles of God (Proverbs 20:11).
- 7** Pray that on college campuses, Christian students will conduct themselves "in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ" and will stand firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel (Philippians 1:27).
- 8** Pray for God to raise up individuals on college campuses who, like Daniel, would be set apart for God's purposes and would fast and pray for breakthrough on their campus (Daniel 10:2-3).
- 9** With so many vain philosophies being thrown at them by their peers, teachers, and culture, pray that Christian college students will not be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ (2 Corinthians 11:3).
- 10** Pray that Christian students will not forsake wisdom, but will acquire and love the wisdom that comes from above (Proverbs 4:6-7).
- 11** Pray that Christian college students will demonstrate through their daily lives that they love God with all their heart, soul, and mind (Matthew 22:37).
- 12** Pray that God will especially equip your church to minister to the college-aged members of your community. Ask Him to raise up couples and individuals who will mentor and walk beside these young adults (2 Timothy 2:2).
- 13** Pray that Christian college students both on and off campus will demonstrate their love for others by interceding specifically and consistently for the salvation and spiritual well-being of every person they consider a neighbor (Matthew 22:39).
- 14** As Christian college students are touched by increasing degrees of lawlessness within our culture, pray that their love for Christ will not grow cold, but will actually burn more passionately as they commit themselves to faithfully walk in the ways of God (Matthew 24:12).



- 15** Pray that no root of bitterness or competition would hinder the Lord's work in campus ministries, but that they would freely forgive and see one another as God sees (Matthew 18:21-22).
- 16** As Christian students pray and minister together on their campuses, pray that they will be encouraged to press on in their obedience to Christ, being strengthened by each other's faith (Romans 1:12).
- 17** Pray for God to raise up leaders on campus who have the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of God (Ephesians 1:17).
- 18** Pray that Christian students will see themselves as servants of God and will reflect His presence within them in purity, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in genuine love, in the word of truth, and in the power of God (2 Corinthians 6:4, 6-7).
- 19** As Christian college students seek God's will and receive direction for ministry from Him, pray that they will have mountain-moving faith, the kind through which God accomplishes the impossible (Matthew 17:20).
- 20** Pray that spiritually lost college students will no longer have their minds blinded into unbelief by the god of this world, but will have their hearts opened by the one true God to see "the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ" (2 Corinthians 4:4).
- 21** Pray that this generation of college students will hold marriage in honor and keep the marriage bed undefiled (Hebrews 13:4).
- 22** Pray that every young adult living in America will understand that "wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler, and whoever is intoxicated by it is not wise" (Proverbs 20:1).
- 23** Knowing that God "tests the righteous and the wicked" and hates "the one who loves violence," pray that this generation of college students will turn away from watching the violence found in much of today's media and entertainment (Psalm 11:5).
- 24** As each college campus in America is adopted in prayer today, ask God to send a great spiritual awakening that draws millions of college students into a vibrant relationship with Himself!
- 25** Pray that on every campus across America, worship and prayer would begin to arise day and night, and laborers be sent forth into the vineyards, until God's name is made great among the nations (Malachi 1:11).
- 26** Pray that this weekend, lost college students would be inexplicably drawn by the Spirit of God to join local church services. Pray that they will hear the gospel and respond in faith that leads to salvation (John 6:44).
- 27** Pray for a divine visitation of the glory of God on college campuses that will cause even the hardest of hearts to surrender to Him and declare that there is a God (Habakkuk 2:14)!
- 28** In coming to know Jesus, pray that this generation of college students will wait for the Lord, gain new strength, mount up with wings like eagles, run and not get tired, and walk in the Spirit of Christ so as not to become weary in loving and serving their mighty God (Isaiah 40:31).



February 2022

Maple Spring Church Birthdays & Anniversaries

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 Cliff & Sally Stutzman - 72 George White | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 Emma Thomas - 97 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Elsie Michael Bill Watkins | 11 Lila Hershberger | 12 |
| 13 Gloria Holder Barb Korber | 14 Happy Valentine's Day | 15 | 16 | 17 Ron Punako | 18 Dan Sinclair | 19 |
| 20 | 21 Presidents' Day | 22 Ron Weible | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Tracey Seganos |
| 27 | 28 | 1 | 2 Ash Wednesday | 3 | 4 | 5 |

February 2022

Maple Spring Church Activities

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 30 | 31 | 1 9:00 am Humble Hands | 2 9:00 am Prayer | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 9:30 Sunday School 10:35 Morning Worship Blanket Fundraiser begins 5:30 Bell Choir Practice 6:00 Awana Club | 7 | 8 9:00 am Humble Hands | 9 9:00 am Prayer | 10 | 11 | 12 |
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