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

November 27, 2022 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - HOPE



The flowers gracing the altar today, were given in memory of loved ones by Janet Good.

SHOEBOX COLLECTION

We collected 27 shoeboxes! Thank you for sharing Christian love with children around the world, so they may receive the good news of Jesus!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Wed., 11/30, Don & Linda Tresnicky, 59 years.

GUEST SPEAKERS

November 27 – Rodney Hatfield



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

The cost per poinsettia is \$8.75. Orders are due today. Envelopes are available at both entrances. They may be placed in the collection plates.

CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Sunday, December 11th

Immediately following the morning worship service, we will have our Christmas Fellowship Meal. Please bring a dozen cookies to share with our church family, as we fellowship and celebrate the impending arrival of our savior, Christ Jesus! The church will provide the meal and beverages! Everyone is welcome!

CHURCH SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL CAREGIVER MONTH & MEALS-ON-WHEELS MONTH

Sunday - 11/27

Advent begins! We light the candle of Hope!

9:30 am -10:15 am: Morning Prayer, in the church sanctuary.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Poinsettia orders are due.

<u>Tuesday – 11/29</u>

9:00 am: Humble Hands. Everyone is welcome to come join us for fun, fellowship, and service! Bring a lunch!

Fri. & Sat., 12/2-3

6 pm - 8:30 pm: Harmony Light Fest at Camp Harmony. \$10/car, \$20/bus. Drive-up concessions available.

Upcoming Events

Sun., 12/4: Second Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of Peace!

Wed., 12/7: Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

Fri. & Sat., 12/9-10, 6 pm - 8:30 pm: Harmony Light Fest at Camp Harmony. \$10/car, \$20/bus. Drive-up concessions available.

Sun., 12/11: Christmas Fellowship Meal, immediately following the morning worship service.

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

FYI

The District Office will be closed at noon on Wed., 11/23 - Mon., 11/28 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Humble Hands ladies have adult bibs made from hand towels. If you know someone who could use one, contact Linda Baraniak. Also, there are still prayer shawls available to give away. They are located in the Prayer Room/Library at the back of the sanctuary.

The November *Water Cup* and *Our Daily Bread* devotionals (Dec.-Jan.-Feb.) are available at both entrances. Everyone is encouraged to take copies to share with anyone they think would enjoy one.

New boxes of greeting cards are available in the office. Prices are marked on the boxes.

THE FOOD PANTRY AT ST. FRANCIS SHARING & CARING

Our suggested pantry donation items are appleasuce and pancake mix. There is a collection box located in the annex. Volunteers are needed for the Pantry and the Thrift Store. If interested, or for more information, contact Kim Showalter, 814-479-3131.

<u>CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP AREA MINISTRIES LIVE NATIVITY</u> Fri., 12/9 5:00 – 8:00 pm & Sat., 12/10 2:00 – 8:00 pm

The CTAM Live Nativity Group is asking for your help preparing for this year's production of "The Rescue Plan." We are looking for baked goods to sell in our Market Place again this year. We have been very blessed, not only with donations in the past years, but also with our visitors buying all the donated delicious goodies. If you are able to bake (in nonreturnable pans) cookies, gobs, pies, specialty cakes, sweet breads, or candies, we greatly appreciate your help. Cookies do not need to be packaged, we will plate them. Drop-off for baked goods is Thu., 12/8 2-4 pm at Kaufman Church, or contact Trish Leverknight at 814-288-2425, or email at patricialeverknight@gmail.com for more information.

We are also looking for some extra hands in setting up and tearing down of our sets. Many hands make light work and we will be setting up on Mon. & Tues. evening, 12/5-6 at the Davidsville Community Church at 6:00 pm. Tear-down will be immediately following the closing on Sat., 12/10 at 8:15 pm. Help is greatly appreciated to have the church ready for Sunday morning worship. For more info on helping, you may contact Pastor Wes Yoder at 814-254-8247, or Pastor Nila Cogan, 814-483-0286.

<u>Luella Krieger's Biblical Portrayal of Ruth</u> Thu., 12/15 at 7:00 pm

Sisters-in-Christ invites you to Luella Krieger's Biblical Portrayal of Ruth. Everyone is invited to attend! Please join us in the Fellowship Hall of St. David's Lutheran Church located at 401 Main St., Davidsville.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL GIFT PROJECT

One 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.

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." ~Psalm 122:1 NLT Sermon Notes: