

MAPLE SPRING
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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

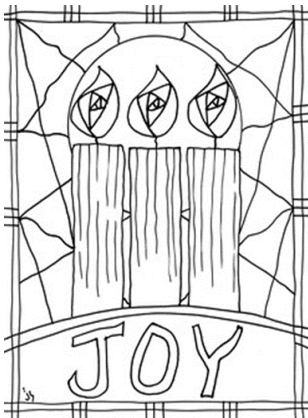
DEW DROPS

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

December 11, 2022
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - JOY

GUEST SPEAKERS

December 11 – Rodney Hatfield
The Month of January 2023 – Frank Young



CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Today, 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 joyfully celebrate the impending arrival of our savior, Christ Jesus! The church will provide the meal and beverages! Everyone is welcome!

FOUND

A KJV Holy Bible was found in our parking lot a few months ago. It has gone unclaimed and needs your help to find its way back home to its owner. The Bible also contains some photos. If the Bible is yours you can claim it in the office. Otherwise, some of our church's sleuths might want to look at the photos in the Bible and identify the people pictured in them to lead us to the owner. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Sunday – 12/11

3rd Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of Joy!

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

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Our Christmas Fellowship Meal is immediately following the morning worship service. Everyone is welcome!

Tuesday – 12/13

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

Thursday – 12/15

Submission deadline for the January issue of *Water Cup*.

Fri. & Sat., 12/16-17

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm: Harmony Light Fest at Camp Harmony. \$10/car, \$20/bus. Drive-up concessions available.

Upcoming Events

Sun., 12/18: 4th Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of Love!

Sat., 12/24: Christmas Eve! Advent ends! Our wait is over; the Savior comes! The last Candle of Advent, the Christ Candle, acknowledges our Savior's arrival! (NO Christmas Eve service at Maple Spring.)

Sun., 12/25: Merry Christmas! Happy birthday, Jesus!

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

FYI

The District Office will be closed from Fri., 12/23 through Mon., 1/2. The office will be reopen Tue., 1/3 at 8:30.

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 December *Water Cup* and *Our Daily Bread* devotionals (Dec.-Jan.-Feb.) are available at both entrances. The congregation is encouraged to take copies to share with friends, neighbors, family, or anyone else they think would enjoy one.

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

CAMP HARMONY COOKIE TRAYS

Cookie tray **orders are due by Tue., Dec. 12.** Trays are \$25/1, or \$45/2 . **Pick-up for cookies is Dec. 21 & 22, 9 am – 4 pm.** We also have frozen apple dumplings left over from the sale in November, \$3 each, or \$17/6 (while supplies last). Please call or email Camp to place your orders, 814-798-5885. Leave your phone number with the order, in case we need to contact you.

LUELLA KRIEGER'S BIBLICAL PORTRAYAL OF RUTH

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.

THE FOOD PANTRY AT ST. FRANCIS SHARING & CARING

Our suggested pantry donation items are applesauce 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.

