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Matthew 21:1-11 NIV
Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King

21 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵ "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹⁰ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

¹¹ The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

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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Sunday Morning Prayer....10:15 am
Worship Service.....10:35 am

In emergencies, in the pastor’s absence, call
Tim McDonald, Board Chairperson,
or that week’s Deacons On-Call,
who are posted weekly in the *Dew Drops*.

ONE CALL/PRAYER CHAIN

To make a prayer request through our One Call system, please make all prayer requests to Arbutus Blough.

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**Please submit all bulletin items
and *Dew Drops* announcements
to the office by 11 a.m. on Thursdays.**

***WATER CUP* DEADLINE
for the May 2023 issue
is April 15, 2023.**

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

Sally Kaufman and Arbutus Blough
Deanna Fisher and Elsie Michael
Marlin Ott and Jordan Shroyer
Pat Koba and Sandy Watkins
Nancy Gindlesperger and Bill Watkins



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



The **Way of Hope Christian Fellowship** of Hollsopple, PA is our prayer partner church for the year 2023. Please keep our prayer partner church and Pastor Rob Rummel in your prayers.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at 7:00 pm

In accordance with the congregational meeting in early March, Tim McDonald, Board Chair, representing the congregation, and Ron Punako, representing the Cemetery Association, met with Attorney Colt McKelvey to discuss the legal issues related to separating from the Church of the Brethren. Given the complexity and number of issues discussed, our Board Chair feels it necessary to have Attorney McKelvey meet with the congregation, in order to make the information available to all parties. To that end, we will gather in the church sanctuary on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at 7:00 pm. We hope you will attend.

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



SGT Adam Veres, Army Specialist (Whitney Weimer)
Jonathan Zaroni, 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.

**A conscientious objector is one who is opposed to serving in the armed forces and/or bearing arms on the grounds of moral or religious principles. Conscientious objectors opposed to serving in the military are still required to register with the Selective Service System and will be placed in the Selective Service Alternative Service Program. Length of service in the program will equal the amount of time a man would have served in the military, usually 24 months.*

***Please remember those
on our Visitation List...***

Reta Alwine	767 Soap Hollow Rd. Hollsopple, PA 15935
Howard & Helen Hildebrand	Laurel View Village 2000 Cambridge Dr. Davidsville, PA 15928
Jim Moran	1056 Soap Hollow Rd Hollsopple, PA 15935
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Ruth Stevens	125 W. Main Street Stoystown, PA 15563
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Emma Thomas	822 Fisher Rd. Boswell, PA 15531
Phyllis Thomas	Laurel View Village 2000 Cambridge Rd., Rm 522 Davidsville, PA 15928



ITEMS FOR PRAYER FOR OUR CONGREGATION IN 2023

1. That we would be confident in the knowledge we are complete in Christ – we are redeemed through Christ's blood, accepted by God, secure in God's love, and significant as co-workers with Him in His kingdom.
~Colossians 2:9
2. That we would seek God's strength and wisdom for all things and not rely on ourselves.
~II Corinthians 4:5-15
3. That God would shield us and deliver us from all of Satan's attacks.
~Revelation 12:10-11
4. That God would use us to lead many new people to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.
~Philippians 2:15-16
5. That we would regularly be inviting persons who don't have a church to join us for worship.
~John 1:41-42
6. That the spiritual gifts we each have would be unleashed by the Holy Spirit for the upbuilding of our church and our mission.
~I Corinthians 12:4-7
7. That we would be equipped and able to disciple one another and all new believers unto maturity in Christ.
~Ephesians 4:12-13, Colossians 3:16
8. That our new congregational Evangelism, Worship, and Discipleship Ministry Teams would be used by the LORD to nurture us and equip us for service to the Lord.
~Romans 12:8
9. That we would host one another and unsaved persons in our homes, or at restaurants, to share in witness, fellowship, and spiritual nurture.
~Romans 12:13, Hebrews 13:2
10. That we would have the love and boldness we need so to share our faith with unsaved persons and help them to Christ.
~Matthew 9:35-36, Ephesians 6:19-20
11. That we would put off any mean-spiritedness or self-righteousness we have in our hearts and put on a spirit of humility and understanding.
~Matthew 7:3-5, Ephesians 4:2-3
12. That God would reveal to us His divine glory in worship each week and we would look each day for how He is at work in our lives by His grace.
~II Chronicles 7:1-3



Acknowledging Our Corporate Sins

Blow a trumpet in Zion, consecrate a fast, proclaim a solemn assembly, gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children and the nursing infants. Let the bridegroom come out of his room and the bride out of her bridal chamber. Let the priests, the LORD'S ministers, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, "Spare Your people, O LORD, and do not make Your inheritance a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they among the peoples say, 'Where is their God?'" (Joel 2:15-17 NASB).

- 1** Many Christians have forgotten the biblical truth that God holds churches, cities, and nations accountable for their corporate sins. Pray that spiritual and political leaders all over the country will lead their people to examine their ways and repentantly cry out to God for forgiveness of any revealed sins (Joel 2:15-17).
- 2** Jesus denounced the cities where His miracles took place when they did not repent (Matthew 11:20). Pray that your city will take note of the supernatural work of God and will repentantly turn to Him.
- 3** Jerusalem was a city that killed the prophets and stoned those who were sent to her by God (Matthew 23:37). Pray that cities all over the country will be willing to gather around Jesus and respond in faith to His message of salvation.
- 4** Pray that churches will not hypocritically maintain a form or appearance of godliness while denying the power of Christ to change lives (2 Timothy 3:5).
- 5** Pray that churches and Christian organizations will be careful not to make idols out of their leaders, traditions, buildings, or methods (Exodus 20:3-4).
- 6** Pray that the current generation of believers will turn away from the sins of their parents and grandparents, being careful to reject any sinful or self-righteous ways and deeds of those who have gone before them (Exodus 20:5).
- 7** When the nation of Israel defiled their land by their sinful ways and deeds, God poured out His wrath upon them (Ezekiel 36:17-18). As God holds our nation accountable for our corporate sins, pray that our spiritual and political leaders will make the connection and lead us to repent.
- 8** Pray that churches will not allow their members to become lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God (2 Timothy 3:2-4).
- 9** Ask God to protect your church family from false prophets and teachers who would "secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them" (2 Peter 2:1).
- 10** Pray that everyone within your church will turn from sensuality and, in doing so, will keep the way of the truth from becoming maligned (2 Peter 2:2).
- 11** Ask God to protect your church family from those who allow their greed for money and power to influence them to exploit the church with false words (2 Peter 2:3).
- 12** Pray that your congregation will be sensitive to not grieve the Holy Spirit and be careful to put away bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and slander (Ephesians 4:30-31).
- 13** Pray that your church family will be "kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven" each of them (Ephesians 4:32).
- 14** Pray that everyone in your church who is a child of God will seek to imitate the character and nature of their Heavenly Father (Ephesians 5:1).
- 15** Pray that the members of your church will walk in love, laying down their lives for one another just as Christ did when He "gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God" (Ephesians 5:2).

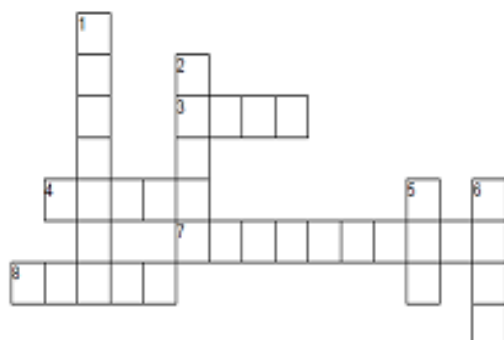


- 16** Pray that every person in your church will repentantly lay aside immorality, impurity, greed, filthiness, silly talk, and coarse jesting (Ephesians 5:3-4).
- 17** Living under the influence of today's culture, it is very easy for churches to seek social acceptance in line with humanistic philosophy. Pray that churches will honor God by fearing Him more than man (Proverbs 29:25; Matthew 10:28).
- 18** Pray that churches in your city will not solely rely on their denominational leaders and programs for guidance, but will seek direction from the Holy Spirit while being careful not to quench His leading (1 Thessalonians 5:19-20).
- 19** Pray that your church will not become proud or selfishly boast when God works among them and through them (Proverbs 11:2; James 4:6).
- 20** Pray that your church family will follow the example of Jesus by letting God initiate and direct everything you do as individuals and as a congregation (John 5:19, 30).
- 21** Some churches have been teaching the right thing to do for years but have not applied the Word to their ministry and daily activity. Pray that churches living with this type of apathetic, rebellious mindset will see the sinfulness of their ways and repent (James 4:17).
- 22** Pray that church members who honor God with their lips but do not have hearts that are close to His heart will repent of their hypocritical ways (Mark 7:6).
- 23** Pray that your church family will be careful not to teach as doctrine the precepts and traditions of men while neglecting the true, biblical mandates of God (Mark 7:7-8).
- 24** Since "God is spirit," pray that churches will repent of promoting and maintaining any type of service that does not focus on worshipping "the Father in spirit and truth" (John 4:23-24).
- 25** Pray that church and Christian ministry leaders will be careful to consistently study, interpret, and apply the whole counsel of God to their preaching and teaching (2 Timothy 2:15).
- 26** On any given Sunday, many church memberships are missing one-half to two-thirds of their members. Pray that your church family will not forsake assembling together but will learn even better how "to stimulate one another to love and good deeds" (Hebrews 10:24-25).
- 27** Pray that churches will learn how to execute God's plan of discipline toward members who refuse to repent of open sins (Galatians 6:1-2; Matthew 18:15-17).
- 28** Pray that your church will prioritize discipling new followers of Jesus who are being added to your church's membership (Matthew 28:19-20; 2 Timothy 2:2).
- 29** When people leave a congregation, they are often forgotten with no one going to seek them out or checking to see what prompted their departure. Pray that your congregation will do well in ministering to those who have stopped participating (Ezekiel 34:6).
- 30** Pray that your church family will be committed to praying for and seeking the lost, intentionally looking for opportunities to minister to them and share with them the good news of Jesus (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8).



THE PUZZLE PAGE

An Easter Surprise



ACROSS

3. A place where someone is buried
4. "He is not here; he has _____, just as he said." Matthew 28:6
7. A shaking or trembling of the the earth
8. A heavenly being that serves as a messenger for God

DOWN

1. The first or early part of a day
2. A hard solid substance found in the ground which is often used for building
5. A period of twenty-four hours
6. A period of seven days

STONE	MORNING	WEEK	EARTHQUAKE
RISEN	ANGEL	DAY	TOMB

"He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.
Come and see the place where he lay."
Matthew 28:6 (NIV)



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TOMB	ANGEL	RISEN	RISEN	STONE
SHOCK	WEEK	FIRST	DAWN	HEAVEN
EARTHQUAKE	ROLLED	JESUS	AFRAID	DAY

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Maple Spring Church Activities, Birthdays, & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Fifth Sunday in Lent 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Morning Prayer 10:35 Morning Worship Fellowship Meal	27 Deadline to order Nut & Apricot Rolls from Camp! Ruth Mishler 88	28 9:00 am Humble Hands Lucas Shaffer	29 Congregational Meeting 7:00 pm in the Church Sanctuary	30	31 Conemaugh Township Volunteer Fire Dept. Fish Fry 4-7 pm	1
2 Palm Sunday 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Morning Prayer 10:35 Morning Worship	3	4 9:00 am Humble Hands Adrienne Punako	5	6 Maundy Thursday	7 Good Friday Conemaugh Township Volunteer Fire Dept. Fish Fry 4-7 pm Calvin Hostetler	8 Ryan Beahr
9 Easter Sunday 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Morning Prayer 10:35 Morning Worship	10 Connie Martin	11 9:00 am Humble Hands 7:00 pm Deacons' Meeting	12 Nancy Dunmyer Janet Miller Phyllis Thomas 94	13	14	15 Deadline for May Water Cup submissions.
16 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Morning Prayer 10:35 Morning Worship	17	18 9:00 am Humble Hands	19	20 7:00 pm Board Meeting	21	22 Jim Moran Sandy Watkins
23 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Morning Prayer 10:35 Morning Worship	24	25 9:00 am Humble Hands	26	27 7:00 pm Council Meeting	28	29
30 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Morning Prayer 10:35 Morning Worship Fellowship Meal	1	Notes PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO: If you had a change in address, phone number, or e-mail address, please contact the Church Secretary, Melody, by phone or e-mail, 814-479-7062 or MapleSpringCOB@atlanticbb.net. We are trying to use e-mail more often than the USPS to keep down costs.				