

# Maple Spring

# Water Cup

June 2023



Vol. 56, No. 9

MAPLE SPRING CHURCH, HOLLSOPPLE, PA 15935  
814-479-7062

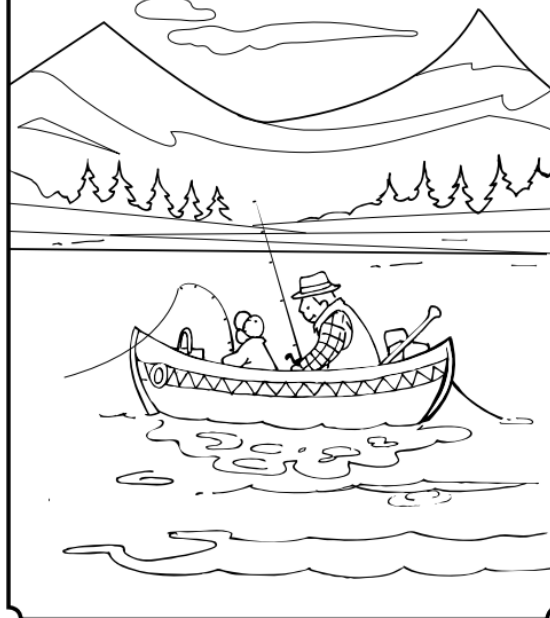


### Deuteronomy 6:6-7 NIV

<sup>6</sup> These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.  
<sup>7</sup> Impress them on your children.  
Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road,  
when you lie down and when you get up.

Listen to your father.

Proverbs 23:22a



Copyright © 2015 SundaySchoolZone.com. All Rights Reserved. Free to duplicate for church or home use. Visit <http://SundaySchoolZone.com>

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.

Published by:

**MAPLE SPRING CHURCH**

106 Spring Rd  
Hollsopple, PA 15935  
814-479-7062

Web Page: [MapleSpringCOB.org](http://MapleSpringCOB.org)

Sunday School.....9:15 am  
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*.



Secretary/Editor: Melody Pletzer

Office Hours: Wed. & Thu. 9 am – 4 pm, Fri. 9 am – 3 pm

E-mail: [MapleSpringCOB@atlanticbb.net](mailto:MapleSpringCOB@atlanticbb.net)

Editor's Telephone: 814-479-7062

[www.facebook.com/MapleSpringChurch](http://www.facebook.com/MapleSpringChurch)



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

***WATER CUP* DEADLINE  
for the July 2023 issue  
is June 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 disciplining one another through the Holy Spirit, and by reaching out to our neighbors.



**PRAYER PARTNERS THIS MONTH**

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



...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.



**Summer is here! Time for Outdoor Worship!**

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP MEALS**

**June 25, July 30, August 27, & September 24**

This summer, the last Sunday of every month, we will have Outdoor Worship & Fellowship Meals at the church grove!

Please bring a covered dish. The church provides beverages and place settings. ALL are welcome to attend!

We have picnic tables at the grove, but you are welcome to bring a lawn chair to be more comfortable.

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



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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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
Marlin Ott	Laurel View Village Vista Apt. #813 2000 Cambridge Dr. Davidsville, PA 15928
Betty Shaffer	Richland Woods 3324 Elton Rd Johnstown, PA 15904
Gale Shipley	51 Akers Street, Apt. 306 Johnstown, PA 15905
Owen Stevens	2000 Cambridge Dr., Rm. 508 Davidsville, PA 15928
Ruth Stevens	125 W. Main Street Stoystown, PA 15563
Cliff & Sally Stutzman	Meadow View Nursing Center 1404 Hay St., Rm 328 Berlin, PA 15530
Emma Thomas	822 Fisher Rd. Boswell, PA 15531
Phyllis Thomas	Laurel View Village 2000 Cambridge Rd., Rm 522 Davidsville, PA 15928

# DEACON MINISTRY

...Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

All Glory to God

Not to us, Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.

~Psalm 115:1

We woke up this morning with breath in our lungs because God gave the gift of life. He gives strength to move us through our day – learning, working, and growing. Every victory, whether showing kindness to a difficult person or finishing a tough job, is made possible by God. He equips us with talent and skill. Wisdom, compassion, and love are gifts from his Spirit. Every good thing we have and do is from our God.

Even so, we're tempted to crave attention and applause. We like to hear, "Excellent work! Good job! You're the best!" We soak in the praise for ourselves without praising the Source. We get in the way of the light of God's glory shining for all to see.

Let's use our achievements to make God's name great. We can tell everyone how faithful he is to give what we need. In prayer, we can thank him for helping us succeed. Let's give him the credit whenever we're generous and kind. As we obey him and the great things he's planned for us to do, we can give him the glory for it all.

Lord, You are faithful to do wonderful work in our lives.

May we give you all the glory, always. Amen.

(An excerpt from *365 Devotions Hope for Each Morning* by Joanna Teigen.)

Submitted by Nancy Dunmyer



## Abiding In Christ

**“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing” (John 15:4-5 NASB).**

- 1 What a privilege it is getting to be branches connected to the “true vine.” Let us take a few minutes and praise God for being a wonderful “vinedresser,” the One who sent His only Son into this world so we could become fruit-bearing branches (John 1:1-2).
- 2 Pray for those in your church family who profess to be Christians but are bearing no fruit in their character and actions (John 15:2). Pray that the Holy Spirit will convict them of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and that they will become genuine branches (John 16:8).
- 3 Pray that the “branches” in your church who are producing fruit will joyfully submit to the pruning work of Christ. Pray that the outcome of the pruning will be an abundance of mature, spiritual fruit being produced in their lives (John 15:2).
- 4 Just as Jesus’ first disciples were made clean because of the word which Jesus spoke to them, pray that your church family will submit to the Word of God, a pruning tool God still uses in cleansing His branches from sin (John 15:3).
- 5 Pray that everyone who is a part of your church family will make the commitment to consistently abide in Christ, consciously purposing to daily dwell in Christ’s holy presence (John 15:4).
- 6 Pray that churches in your community will be awakened to the spiritual reality that the only way to bear fruit for Jesus is to abide in Him (John 15:4). Pray that those who are “doing church” without a personal relationship with Jesus will be awakened to the eternal futility of having an impersonal religion.
- 7 Pray that the nature of the vine will be clearly evidenced through the character and actions of your entire church family as Jesus abides in them (John 15:5). Pray that the fruitfulness of Jesus’ life will appear in your church family in such abundance that everyone who sees them will know they are connected to Him.
- 8 There are many people in churches today who are just going through the motions in maintaining the traditions, programs, and ministries of their churches. Pray that they will awaken to the truth that all their effort amounts to nothing before God if He is not the one leading and empowering the work through them (John 15:5).
- 9 Since abiding in Christ is evidence of one’s true relationship with God, pray that those without this type of personal intimacy will recognize the fact that their soul’s eternal destiny includes being thrown away, drying up, and then being burned like a branch that is not connected to the vine (John 15:6).
- 10 Pray that those who are abiding in Christ will purpose to have the words of Christ, His “rhema” or spoken words, abiding in their lives even as they read, memorize, and meditate on God’s written Word (John 15:7).
- 11 Pray that your Christian friends will increasingly pray with confidence as they commit themselves to abiding in Christ and His words (John 15:7).
- 12 Pray that your church family will glorify God by bearing much fruit as they abide in Christ and demonstrate to a lost, yet watching world, that they are truly His disciples (John 15:8).
- 13 Pray that your church family will purpose to abide in Christ’s ongoing love – the same kind of selfless love the Father always demonstrates in His love relationship with the Son (John 15:9).
- 14 In the same way that Jesus always kept the Father’s commandments and experienced His abiding love, pray that your church family will persevere in keeping Christ’s commandments and experiencing Jesus’ abiding love (John 15:10).
- 15 Pray that your church family will know the abundant fullness of Christ’s joy as they purpose to abide in Him and in His love (John 15:11).



- 16** Pray that Christians around the world will love one another just like Christ has loved each one of us (John 15:12).
- 17** The “greater love” of Jesus caused Him to lay down His life for His friends. Pray that we can demonstrate our friendship with Jesus by obeying His commands (John 15:13-14).
- 18** Because Jesus was faithful in passing on to us that which the Father had given Him to say, we can now experience a relationship with God that frees us from simply being slaves to someone we do not know. Pray that we will always be grateful for the liberating work Christ did on our behalf (John 15:15).
- 19** Since God chose us to be in an abiding relationship with Him and appointed us to bear lasting fruit, pray that our prayers will always be in line with His heart, purposes, and will (John 15:16).
- 20** Since God is love and His Spirit lives within us, pray that out of our abiding relationship with Him, we will be committed to love others just like Jesus loves them (John 15:17).
- 21** For those Christians who are abiding in Christ while being persecuted and hated by the world, pray that they will be encouraged today by remembering that Jesus often was and still is hated by those devoid of His abiding presence (John 15:18).
- 22** Since Christians have been chosen by God to no longer walk according to the ways of the world, pray that they will remain faithful to their new walk when those who remain in the world hate them (John 15:19).
- 23** In the midst of persecution, pray that believers abiding in Christ will remember and find comfort in what Jesus said, “If they persecute Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also” (John 15:20).
- 24** Pray that those who are actively persecuting Christians will themselves come to know Jesus and the One who sent Him (John 15:21).
- 25** There are many in the world today who have no excuse for their sinful disobedience to God because He has in some form or fashion communicated to them the truths of the gospel. Pray that the spiritual blinders keeping them bound will be torn away, their hearts will be softened to the Spirit’s voice, and they will respond the gospel with understanding and faith (John 15:22).
- 26** Pray for the spiritual deliverance of those in your community who hate Jesus, knowing that their hatred is also extended to God the Father (John 15:23).
- 27** Just as there were people in Jesus’ day who encountered Him, saw His works, and yet still did not respond by following Him, even so there are people today who fail to respond to Him as they should. Pray for the salvation of any you know who fit this description (John 15:24).
- 28** Jesus said there were people in His day who fulfilled God’s Word by hating Him without a cause (John 15:25). Pray for those today who, while abiding in Christ, encounter this type of opposition. Pray that they will not lose heart but will become even bolder in obeying Christ’s commands.
- 29** Pray for your friends who are abiding in Christ to rely daily on the Spirit’s guidance. Pray that they will be bold and courageous in sharing their salvation testimonies with a lost and dying world (John 15:26-27).
- 30** Just as the Father abiding in Jesus did powerful works through Him, pray that the Spirit of Christ will accomplish even greater things through the lives of those abiding in Him today (John 14:10-12).





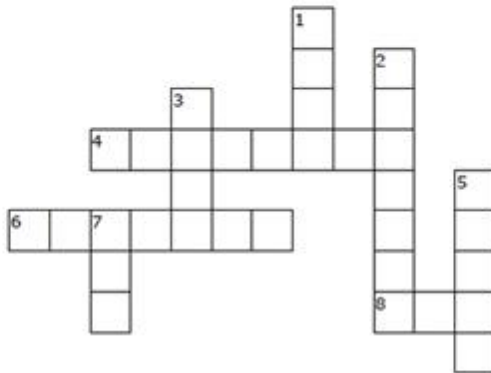
# THE PUZZLE PAGE



Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction;  
pay attention and gain understanding.  
Proverbs 4:1



## Crossword Puzzle



## Word Search Puzzle

J I S K R Y T A E U L X S O G  
R G O S D F H J R P Q K Z M D  
U I A D I X L O U S Y J Z F L  
E C A G M V K K F X K H N U T  
Q D L O V E Y E J U J J O R M  
S I W X F I S H I N G R B M B  
J O Q T Y D B C C G F G Z W E  
Z K N P I T I A H I I W S L Z  
A X G K B E T B N U S M L A F  
G O L F E Q H K E B G U I U P  
C L W S X M C H Q E D S P G P  
H A Q W A A G U M Z A X P H B  
F O R Z H D B O X T Y J E T Y  
Q F H L U R C P D A J A R A G  
J F A T H E R J G B O Z S X S

### ACROSS

4. Comfortable shoes that dad wears around the house.
6. A gift that father wears around his neck.
8. Our Heavenly Father.

### DOWN

1. Dad tells these to make us laugh.
2. What dad likes to do at the lake.
3. Something you give to dad to show him you love him.
5. Another word for father.
7. What your dad drives.

FISHING	LOVE	DADDY	LAUGH	FATHER
TIE	DAY	HUGS	CAR	HOME
GIFT	GOLF	JOKE	SLIPPERS	GOD

DADDY	FISHING	JOKE	GIFT
NECKTIE	CAR	SLIPPERS	GOD

Copyright © Sermons4Kids, Inc.  
May be reproduced for Ministry Use

# June 2023



## Maple Spring Church Activities, Birthdays, & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 <b>Pentecost</b> 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Morning Prayer 10:35 Morning Worship Fellowship Meal Rick & Janet Good	29 <b>Memorial Day</b>	30 9:00 am Humble Hands	31	1	2	3
4 <b>Trinity Sunday</b> 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Morning Prayer 10:35 Morning Worship	5	6 9:00 am Humble Hands	7 Nathan & Annie Pahel	8	9	10
11 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Morning Prayer 10:35 Morning Worship	12 Jayda Pahel	13 9:00 am Humble Hands	14 <b>Flag Day</b> 7:00 pm Choir Practice	15 Claudia Shaffer Jim & Connie Miller	16	17 David Koba
18 <b>Father's Day</b> 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Morning Prayer 10:35 Morning Worship	19 David & Patty Koba	20 9:00 am Humble Hands	21 <b>Summer begins</b> 7:00 pm Choir Practice	22	23	24
25 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Morning Prayer 10:35 Morning Worship Outdoor Worship & Fellowship Meal	26 Tom & Barb Korber	27 9:00 am Humble Hands	28 7:00 pm Choir Practice Megan Hostetler	29 Karen Nagyvathy Cody Todaro	30	1
2 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Morning Prayer 10:35 Morning Worship	3	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 and be more environmentally-friendly.				