

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

February 5, 2023

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mon., 2/6, Emma Thomas, 98 years.

Fri., 2/10, Elsie Michael, 91 years.

Fri., 2/10, Bill Watkins, 79 years.

CARD SHOWER

Please shower my mom with joyous cards for her 98th (02.06.1925) birthday. As you know, mom's ministry is sending cards and I know she would love to hear from you!!

Emma Thomas, 822 Fisher Rd., Boswell, PA 15531

Thank you in advance, Connie

GUEST SPEAKERS

2/5 – Bernie Fuska

2/12 – Chris Forry

2/19 – Bernie Fuska

Rev. Bernie Fuska has served as an ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren, since 1975. In the W. PA District, he pastored Pleasant Hill, Johnstown and Scalp Level, Windber. In 1992, Bernie and his wife, Debbie, moved to the Shenandoah District of Virginia. While there, Bernie accepted a call to serve as full-time pastor of the Timberville Congregation, and Debbie taught at "Morning With My Friends Preschool" sponsored by the church. In August 2022, after 30 years in Timberville, they both retired from their positions and moved back to Johnstown. Bernie and Debbie are glad to be back "home," where they were born and raised. They are enjoying time with their blended family, including 6 children and 13 grandchildren. Since retirement, Bernie has accepted invitations to provide pulpit supply in Presbyterian, United Methodist, and Church of the Brethren congregations in this area. Please welcome Pastor Bernie and Debbie to worship with us!

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Sunday – 2/5

10:15 am: Morning Prayer, in the church sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Tuesday – 2/7

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

Upcoming Events

Tue., 2/14: Valentine's Day

Fri., 2/17: Church office will be open 12:00 – 4:00 pm.

Sun., 2/19: Transfiguration Sunday

Mon., 2/20: Presidents' Day

Wed., 2/22: Ash Wednesday. Lent begins.

Sun., 2/26: First Sunday of Lent. Fellowship Meal, directly after morning worship!

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

FYI

Year End Giving Statements for 2022 are available in the annex. Some of the statements were mailed. If you did not receive one and you would like one, please contact Mike Seganos, Financial Secretary.

The February *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.

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.

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

MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP MEALS

The last Sunday of every month, the Maple Spring Church Family is having a fellowship meal! Please bring a covered dish. The church will provide beverages and place settings. ALL are welcome to attend!

Acts 2:42 NLT - The Believers Form a Community

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

KEYSTONE FAMILY ALLIANCE

Tue., February 21, 2023

Invites you to their Fundraiser and Awareness Event at Bakersville Banquet Hall. The event begins at 6:30 pm with doors opening at 6:00. Come to see how God is using the local church to be an agent of change in the child welfare system, and how you can take a next step in making a difference. A variety of delectable desserts will be served. This is a free event. However, a financial appeal will be made. To register for this event, go to www.keyfam.org/events and click on Somerset County. Contact lydia@keyfam.org for more information.

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.

HELP US TAKE A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION!

Here is a quick, low-cost way to benefit the work
at El Hogar de Niños Enmanuel!

It's really easy to do:

1. Clean out your shoe closets, saving gently worn shoes you no longer wear for our project.
2. Place a rubber band around each pair of shoes.
3. Ask your friends and family to do the same.
4. Collect the shoes and place them in the box in the annex.
5. El Hogar will receive \$ for the shoes collected.

