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 26, 2023 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sun., 2/26, Tracey Seganos Sat., 3/4, Zac Todaro

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Thu., 3/2, Ron & Adrienne Punako

GUEST SPEAKERS

3/5 – Bernie Fuska 3/12 – (TBA) 3/19 – Bernie Fuska (tentative) 3/26 – (TBA) 4/2 – Bernie Fuska

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.

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Sunday - 2/26

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

9:15-10:15 am: Adult Sunday School, in the back of the sanctuary.

10:15-10:35 am: Morning Prayer, in the church sanctuary.

ALL are welcome to attend Sunday School, Morning Prayer, and/or the Fellowship Meal!

Tuesday - 2/28

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

Upcoming Events

Fri., 3/3: World Day of Prayer Sun., 3/5: Second Sunday of Lent Sun., 3/12: Third Sunday of Lent

Sun., 3/12: Daylight Savings Time begins. Spring forward 1 hour!

Sun., 3/19: Fourth Sunday of Lent Sun., 3/26: Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

FYI

The March *Water Cup* and *Our Daily Bread* devotionals (**Mar.-Apr.-May**) are available at both entrances. You are encouraged to take copies to share with anyone you 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.

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.

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP FISH FRY

The Conemaugh Township Volunteer Fire Department is hosting a fish dinner from **4-7 p.m. on Fridays through April 7** at the John Bracken Hall, 1942 Kring St. in Tire Hill. Choices include a baked haddock, fried haddock or shrimp dinner, served with two sides and a dessert. Side choices are French fries, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, haluski, and applesauce. Meals are available to eat-in or take-out. Customers who want meals for take-out are asked to drive around to the rear of the building to order. Orders are accepted until the food is sold out.

CAMP HARMONY NUT & APRICOT ROLL FUNDRAISER

Put your orders in for a traditional and delicious treat that will also benefit Camp! The funds collected for each roll will go directly to support the ministry of Camp Harmony.

Nut Rolls - \$12 each or 2 for \$20 Apricot Rolls - \$15 each or 2 for \$25

Note: There is no discount for purchasing 1 nut roll and 1 apricot roll. Since last year, the price of apricot filling doubled.

Deadline to order is March 27th!

You may pick them up at Camp on April 5 & 6 from 9-4 each day.
Rolls will be ready just in time for Easter!
814-798-5885

GOOD NEWS AND GREAT JOY FROM 2022!

God did incredible things through Operation Christmas Child this past year. Over 9.3 million shoebox gifts were collected in the U.S. during National Collection Week—the most ever! Our worldwide total was over 10.5 million boxes, which included the 200 millionth shoebox packed since the project began in 1993. That special gift was lovingly placed in the hands of an 8-year-old orphan girl in Ukraine. This remarkable year wouldn't have been possible without partners like you who packed the shoeboxes. Thank you for your generosity, faithfulness, and especially for your prayers.

One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts. ~Psalm 145:4

Many sorrows come to the wicked, but unfailing love surrounds those who trust the Lord. ~Psalm 32:10 NLT

Sermon Notes:	