

**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*

**April 23, 2023**

**GUEST SPEAKER**

4/16, 23, & 30 – Rev. Oyango Burney

Today's guest speaker, Rev. Oyango "Burney" Burney, is a member of the Church of the Brethren, a licensed pastor with the Church of the Brethren, and is chairperson of our district's Outreach & Service Team. Currently, Rev. Burney is a Masters of Divinity student at Clarks Summit University, and is a graduate of Ohio Christian University. He is also a volunteer chaplain at Allegheny Valley Hospital and a member of the Evangelical Association of the Reformed Congregational Church. Please welcome Pastor Burney!

**ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE MINISTRY COMMISSION**

**4/27/23 COUNCIL MEETING**

At this meeting, important decisions will be made regarding our church's continued affiliation with the Church of the Brethren denomination. It is important that all parties have their voices heard in regard to this issue. All interested parties, members, and non-members, alike, are invited to and urged to attend our upcoming Council Meeting on 4/27/23. Our meeting will take place at the church sanctuary and will begin at 7:00 pm. While comments from all interested parties are welcome, please remember that only church members are entitled to vote at council meetings.

## CHURCH SCHEDULE

### Sunday – 4/23

**ALL are welcome to attend Sunday School, Morning Prayer,  
and 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.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ~Romans 12:12

10:35 am: Morning Worship

### **Camp Harmony All-Day Fundraiser @ Hoss's J-town**

Any meal is eligible for the fundraiser at the Hoss's in Johnstown. If someone wants to help towards the fundraiser and they don't have the paper with the group number, they can just tell the hostess that they want their meal to count towards the Camp Harmony Fundraiser and Hoss's will make sure the meal counts.

Camp Harmony Group #127822.

### Tuesday – 4/25

9:00 am: Humble Hands. Bring a lunch and join us!

### Thursday, 4/27

**7:00 pm: Quarterly Council Meeting**

### Upcoming Events

Sun., 4/30: Fellowship Meal, immediately following worship.

Sat., 5/6, 9 am - 2 pm: Camp Clean Up Day at Camp Harmony

Sun., 5/14: Mother's Day

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

### FYI

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

The **April Water Cup** and *Our Daily Bread* devotionals (**Mar.-Apr.-May**) are available at both entrances. Take one to share!

If you had a change in address, phone number, or e-mail address, please contact the Church Secretary, Melody, by phone or e-mail.

## **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.

## **LAUREL VIEW VILLAGE BASKET PARTY**

to Benefit Benevolent Care Fund

Tickets are on sale now!

**Davidsville, PA - May 3, 4, 5, 6**

Laurel View Village Basket Party is taking place at Fresh Harvest Banquet rooms at Laurel View Village, and is featuring over 100 baskets and fun themes such as cash prizes, Bath and Body Works, cooking appliances, designer bags, and more!

Wed., 5/3 - Fri., 5/5, baskets will be on view from 11 am - 7 pm and on Sat., 5/6, 10 am - 1 pm. Ticket drawing starts at 2 pm, and participants can view winning numbers via Facebook Live.

All are welcome to participate in the event or donate to the cause.

To donate, please call Barb Cotchen at (814) 208-4015

## **KEYSTONE FAMILY ALLIANCE**

Keystone Family Alliance is hosting Show Hope's "Hope for the Journey Conference" on Saturday, May 6, 9 am – 5 pm at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 1845 N. Center Ave. Somerset. This conference is designed to encourage and equip parents and caregivers meeting the everyday needs of children impacted by adoption and/or foster care. It is also a much-needed resource for churches, agencies, teachers, and organizations in their care and support of the families and communities they serve. Register at <https://form-usa.keela.co/hope-for-the-journey-somerset> or email [lydia@keyfam.org](mailto:lydia@keyfam.org) with questions or for more info.

