MAPLE SPRING CHURCH

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

November 12, 2023

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sun., 11/12, Reta Alwine, 87 years. Sun., 11/12, Tim Lehman, 70 years.

If you would like to help Reta celebrate her 87th birthday, You may send a card to her at, 767 Soap Hollow Rd.
Hollsopple, PA 15935

If you would like to help Tim celebrate his 70th birthday, You may send a card to him at, 316 Lost Valley Rd.
Hollsopple, PA 15935

THANK YOU

Connie Miller telephoned to tell everyone, "Thank you for the cards, acts of kindness, and prayers for her during her surgery and recovery. They were very much appreciated."

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Christmas poinsettia order information. The cost per poinsettia is \$8.75. **Orders are due by Sunday, November 19**th. Envelopes will be available at both entrances next Sunday.

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Sunday - 11/12

ALL are welcome to join us for...

9:15-10:15 am: Adult & Children's Sunday School

10:15-10:35 am: Morning Prayer 10:35 am: Morning Worship Service

Operation Christmas Shoeboxes due date.

<u>Tuesday – 11/14</u>

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

Wednesday - 11/15

6:00 pm: Song Service

6:30 pm: Adult Bible Study

Upcoming Church Events

Sun., 11/26: Business Meeting after worship.

Sun., 12/10: Christmas Fellowship Meal. Anyone who attends is

welcome to bring a dozen cookies.

Sun., 12/31: There will be NO Business Meeting after worship.

Fri., 12/1, 5-9 pm: Christmas Joy Event!

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

FYI

The November *Water Cup* and *Our Daily Bread* devotionals (Sept.-Oct.-Nov.) are available at both entrances. Take one to share!

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

Water Cup deadline for the December 2023 issue is November 20th.

THE FOOD PANTRY AT ST. FRANCIS SHARING & CARING

Our suggested pantry donation items are appleasuce 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.

We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about his power and his mighty wonders.

~Psalm 78:4 NLT

2023 COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER Fri., 11/17, 5-7 pm, in the Fellowship Hall

to "Serve the Community"

Please sign-up on the clipboard at the back of the sanctuary, if you would like to make any of the dinner items: Turkey, Stuffing, Gravy, Sweet Potatoes/Yams, Green Bean Casserole, Veggie Tray We also need volunteers to pass out flyers in our community, do prep work for the meal, serve the meal, and clean-up after the meal. If you would like to volunteer to help, please sign-up on the clipboard at the back of the sanctuary. The time slots which need to be filled are:

Thursday, 11/16, 10 am - 2 pm, to do prep work. Friday, 11/17, 12 noon - 4 pm, to do prep work. Friday, 11/17, 4 pm - 8 pm, to serve the meal & clean-up. For questions or more information, please see Patty Monroe.

*Please consider donating your extra baskets, apples, gourds, pumpkins, and any other Autumn decorations you are not using, to help decorate our Fellowship Hall for the Thanksgiving Dinner.

<u>CHRISTMAS JOY EVENT!</u> Fri., Dec. 1, 5-9 pm, at the Jerome Fire Hall

Who: Children ages 4-12 years old Cost: Free What: Children will experience the true joy of Christmas! Parents will receive the gift of 4 hours of child care! Hosted by Maple Spring Church

Children will be served a spaghetti dinner and experience the true joy and meaning of Christmas through story, songs, crafts, and games!

Parents will have 4 hours to shop, wrap gifts, clean, organize and prep for this busy time of year!

Space is limited. Register today! Call the Maple Spring Church secretary at 814.479.7062, W-TH-F, 9 am-4 pm to Register!

LIVE NATIVITY

FRIENDS - We are so excited to announce the LIVE Nativity will be returning this year, Fri., 12/8, 5-8 pm and Sat., 12/9, 2-8 pm. We would like to ask you to begin planning what goodies you could make for our Market Place Foods table. No packaging is needed, we will handle that! We will be especially in need of your delicious cookies, gobs, candies, breads, beautiful cakes & pies...and even snack mixes!

People love our homemade goodies, so please contact Trish Leverknight with any questions or to let her know what you can contribute!! E-mail: patricialeverknight@gmail.com or Phone: 814-288-2425. May we use our talents wisely for the Glory of the Lord. Donations may be dropped off Thu., 12/7, 2-5 pm at Kaufman Mennonite Church OR Fri., 12/8, 9 am - noon at Davidsville Community Church.

And speaking of talents, if you would like to participate in the Live Nativity, please let us know. We are always looking for actors to help portray this Christmas message and we are always in need of guides to lead our visitors through the story. If interested, please call Pastor Nila Cogan at 814-483-0296.

Sermon Notes:					