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

December 3, 2023 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – HOPE

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY

Sun., 11/19, Linda Baraniak Wed., 11/29, Jake Rosenbaum

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tue., 12/5, Alan Baraniak

HAPPY BELATED ANNIVERSARY

Thu., 11/30, Don & Linda Tresnicky, 60 years.

CHRISTMAS ANGELS

St. Francis is once again helping local families with Christmas presents through our Christmas Angels program. If you would like to shop for a child this year, please call St. Francis at 814-479-3131 and speak to Kim Showalter.

CAMP HARMONY LIGHT FEST

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm, Dec. 1-3, 8-10, 15-17, 22-23

Walk-Thru on Fridays! Sat. & Sun. Drive-Thru!
Drive-Up Concessions including:
Hot Chocolate, Cookies, Hot Apple Cider
Wave to Santa & Judge the Lights!

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Sunday - 12/3

ALL are welcome to join us for...

The First Sunday of Advent – Hope

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

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

<u>Tuesday – 12/5</u>

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

Wednesday -12/6

6:00 pm: Song Service

6:30 pm: Adult Bible Study

Thursday -12/7

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Upcoming Church Events

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.

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

<u>FYI</u>

The December *Water Cup* and the **new** *Our Daily Bread* devotionals (Dec.-Jan.-Feb.) 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 January 2024 issue is December 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.

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.

CAMP HARMONY CHRISTMAS COOKIE FUNDRAISER Order by December 11th!

4 dozen cookies/platter, 1 = \$25 or 2 = \$45

Each platter will contain a mixture of the following cookies:
Chocolate Chip, Snicker Doodle, M&M, Peanut Butter Meltaways,
Sugar, Peanut Butter Blossom, Oatmeal, and Thumbprint
Cookie pick-up at Camp on Dec. 20 & 21, 9-4 each day.
To order, call 814-798-5885.

<u>CAMP HARMONY NEW YEARS ALL-NIGHTER!</u> Sun., Dec. 31, 2023, 9:00 pm - Mon, Jan. 1, 2024, 8:00 am

Looking for a safe place for your teen on New Years Eve? Our all-nighter for grades 7-12 is just the place. Enjoy Bible teaching, late night worship, games, food, entertainment, competitions, and much more! Register as a youth group or as an individual.

Register here for this FREE event! Call 814-798-5885.

Turn us again to yourself, O Lord God of Heaven's Armies. Make your face shine down upon us. Only then will we be saved.

~Psalm 80:19 NLT

Sermon Notes: