LAST SUNDAY

Worship Service – 118 \$ 590.00 Total cash offering 2,797.00 Total envelope/check offerings 3,387.00 **Unified Budget** Number of envelopes/checks 39 100.00 Church Usage Total Unified Budget (\$5,113 needed) 3,487.00 300.00 Helping Hands Youth 40.00 75.00 **Building Fund** Parking Lot Fund 85.00

PRAYER CHEST

(Located at the top of stairs in annex)
The Serenity Prayer
God grant me the serenity to accept the things
I cannot change;
Courage to change the things I can; and

Courage to change the things I can; and Wisdom to know the difference.

We invite you to leave your concerns and prayers at the foot of the cross by filling out a card at the table and placing it in the **Prayer Chest.**

Prayer Ministry Partners next Sunday: Carol Leverknight & Deanna Fisher. We meet in the Prayer Room from 8:45 to 9:10 am. Anyone is welcome to participate in this important ministry. Shout for joy, you heavens! Mountain break into joyful shouts! For the Lord has comforted His people and will have compassion on His afflicted ones. Isaiah 49:13 HCSB

St Francis Sharing & Caring Food Pantry: We added hours to better serve our community. First Monday of the month: 9:00-6:00; First Wednesday of the month: 9:00-3:00. **Please note:** our food pantry items are apple sauce and pancake mix. Place donations in the box in the annex. Thank you!

READERS: Be sure to stop in our church library and check out all the new titles available! Also, be sure to check out upcoming Water Cups to find recommendations and updates!

May God give dew from Heaven Genesis 27:28

DEW DROPS

December 22, 2019

To encourage companionship with Jesus Christ and participate in the life and work of the Church

MAPLE SPRING CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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Mission Statement: The living water of Christ wells up within us and overflows! It is our mission to be obedient to Christ by living in unity with one another, by discipling one another through the Holy Spirit and by reaching out to our neighbors.

	Pastor – Chris Heinlein 814-414-7902
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School SuptCarol Leverknight
10:35 a.m.	Worship ServicePastor Chris Heinlein
	Worship LeaderKaren Nagyvathy
	PianistPat Shaffer
	OrganistPatty Shaffer
	AcolyteCaven Miller
	NurseryEmma Fisher & Twila Blanset

Preschool and Junior Church have been discontinued over the holidays so that the children can remain in the church service to participate in the messages

Pastor Chris will be in the office 9 a.m. -12 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Secretary Rachel will be in the office 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday – Tuesday, Thursday – Friday

*The Church Office will be closed on Wednesday for Christmas Day

2019 Prayer Partner churches: Walnut Grove and Arbutus 2020 Prayer Partner church: Shade Creek/Ridge

Christmas Eve Service: 7pm, allow the youth to introduce you to some special people who were awaiting the birth of the Messiah!

A time of refreshment will follow.

Humble Hands will be taking a brief Christmas vacation. We will resume Wednesday January 8, 2020 at 9:00am.

<u>WEDNESDAY</u> Merry Christmas!

Baby Congratulations...

The rose gracing the altar today is in honor of Ryan Lee, son of Ray and Vickie Sachs, born November 30. Proud grandparents are Gary and Connie Martin

In the hospital... Bob Wojtaszek was in Conemaugh

Thank you...

To Pastor Chris, the Women's Fellowship, and everyone who sent cards and offered prayers for Bob since he has been in the hospital. It is very much appreciated. —Sherry Wojtaszek

Christmas Cards: Be sure to stop at the table in the annex to collect your Christmas cards!

There will not be a youth meeting on Dec. 25th or Jan. 1st.

Attn: Youth members – please gather at the card table after the service and plan to stay for our Christmas party and Christmas eve practice!

Prayer Flag: We are thankful for those who do God's work to protect us. Please pray for our peacekeepers. The Missions and Service Commission has a prayer flag displayed in support of active duty military personnel, 1st responders, EMS, firefighters, police officers, and conscientious objectors presently serving from our congregation. If you have a loved one you would like to add, please give the name, office, or type of duty, along with a picture to the church office. If you prefer not to submit a picture, we can simply post the name.

One Call Requests: You can continue to contact Pastor Chris or you can contact Karen Nagyvathy. Please do not leave a voicemail on the church phone after office hours as it will be not be retrieved until the next scheduled day – we want to ensure a timely response!

January 5th at 7pm the Garrett UM church choir will present the Christmas cantata "Messiah, Heaven's Glory"

Looking ahead.....

Youth dinner: Jan. 12th after the morning service. Join us for a taco feast with all your favorite toppings!

Men's Prayer Breakfast: Jan. 18, 2020 at 7:30am. Sign up sheets are on both bulletin boards now! It is very important that you bring your Bible with you.

Youth Lock in: January 24 (8pm) – 25 (10am)

Important note for January Water Cup submissions: With the Christmas and New Year holidays, the January Water Cup will come out January 5th, rather than December 29th. Please have any submissions to the church office BEFORE December 27th. Thank you!

Rentals for 2020 have already begun! So if you are planning to reserve the Grove for a special event, check the calendar behind the door and fill out a green paper available on the filing cabinet in the church office.

The Sunday School class in the fellowship hall will be starting the book "Victory Over the Darkness" the beginning of January. This book is about who we are in Christ. There is a sign up sheet on the annex bulletin board.

After office hours, it is best to call the church office and leave a message rather than the secretary's personal cell phone. Thank you!

Christmas is a time of promise, the meaning of which man has never fully grasped; the joy of it too deep for our small hearts; the message too simple and enormous to be simply believed... except by children.

-Jane Tyson Clement