

Newsletter

Little Swatara Church of the Brethren
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"Little Swatara is a Christ-centered Community of caring and serving people committed to peace and following Jesus Christ to: Grow Spiritually, Build Christian Community, and Share the Good News"

Worship Services 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.

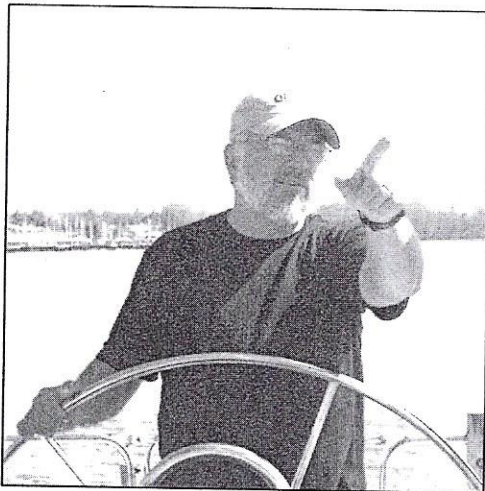
Robert W. Krouse, Senior Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

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The Course Will Be Clear If We Keep Our Eyes On Jesus

Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us fixing our eyes on Jesus... Hebrews 12:1-2

As Carol and I set sail and head off into the sunset, we leave you with a favorite passage from Thomas Kelly's "Testament of Devotion."

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Let me talk very intimately and very earnestly with you about Him who is dearer than life. Do you really want to live your lives, every moment of your lives, in His Presence? Do you long for Him, crave Him? Do you love His Presence? Does every drop of blood in your body love Him? Does every breath you draw breathe a prayer, a praise to Him? Do you sing and dance within yourselves, as you glory in His love? Have you set yourselves to be His, and only His, walking every moment in holy obedience?

There is a way of life so hid with Christ in God that in the midst of the day's business one is inwardly lifting brief prayers, short ejaculations of praise, subdued whispers of adoration and of tender love to the Beyond that is within.

Life from this Center is a life of unhurried peace and power. It is simple. It is serene. It is amazing. It is triumphant. It is radiant. It takes no time, but it occupies all our time. And it makes our life programs new and overcoming. We need not get frantic. He is at the helm. And when our little day is done we lie down quietly in peace, for all is well.

May the Peace of Jesus be with you and the light of Jesus guide you!

Bob & Carol

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

-Lauretta Walborn, on the death of her mother, Romaine Walborn, who died June 28, 2014

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Jeremy and Melanie Platchek, on the birth of a son, Reed Mathias, born June 23, 2014. Reed has a big brother Graham.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Grace and Earl Miller who celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary on June 24, 2014. They are the parents of Linda Houser, Vick Miller, and the late Bruce Miller.

PERSONS WHO ATTENDED YOUTH CONFERENCE – July 19-24, 2014:

Advisors and Staff: Mark, Karen Myers; Glenn, Alane Riegel; Richard, Michelle Yenser

Students: Ashley Corbin	Savannah Myers	Aaron Riegel
Devon Emerich	Emma Stupp	Alexis Yenser
Rebecca Emerich	Amanda Rhoads	Derek Yenser
Jack Myers	Lindsay Rhoads	Jonathan Yenser

BAPTISM July 27, 2014: Emma Stupp, Lydia Stupp

The Pastoral Search Committee presented Matthew S. Christ, as Senior Pastor for the Little Swatara congregation, for a vote on Sunday, June 29, 2014. The Vote was a 97% "Yes", and will begin his pastorate in September, 2014. The family consists of his wife, Denise, children Abigail, Malachi, Leshane, and will live in the Church Parsonage.

ROOM CHANGES: There are several changes in the use of the rooms in the church office area: Present Nursery to Preschool Director; Copy, Sunday School Office, Conference Room will be combined. Some of these changes are completed and others will be finished in the next few months. Please be patient until all renovations are done. These changes were approved at Every Member Council Meeting several years ago.

-Christian Education Ministry Commission, Karen Sanchez, chairperson

Members Birthdays for

August:

Christopher Merkey	1
Herbert Miller	1
Denise Bohn	2
Andrew Brubaker	2
Dane Haupt	2
Deneen Ebling	4
Donna Reber	6
Jeffrey Frantz	6
Wanda Townsend	8
Jennifer Emerich	8
John Kelly	8
Dorinda Kauffman	9
Laura Stevens	9
Kenneth Ziegler	9
Martin Bashore	10
Dakota Himmelberger	11
Sharon Hoke	11
Carl M. Kauffman	12

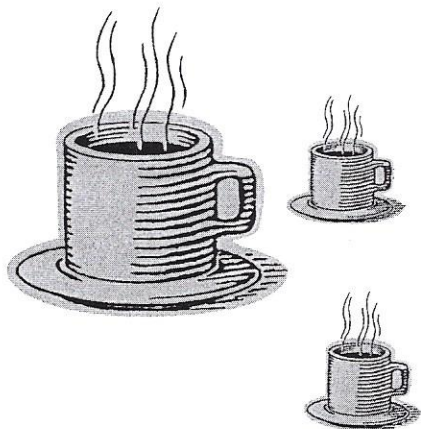
Wenda Dinatae	12
James Manbeck	13
Anna Mary Myer	13
Scot Snyder	13
Randy Corbin	14
Pamela Gerberich	16
Randy Zimmerman	16
Michael Dosch	20
Tessa Gerberich	21
Ronald Lebo	22
Lydia Stupp	22
Arlene Sweitzer	22
Brenda Hershey	24
Jenna (Wengert) Bender	24
Linda Wanner	24

JoAnn Arnold	25
Kathryn Ziegler	25
Mae Zimmermann	25
Louanne Boltz	26
Diane Feathers	26
Eugene Yenser	27
Thelma Keeney	28
Carl Myers	28
Donna Schwalm	28
Jean Wise-Eberly	28
Elizabeth Laubenstein	29
Lois Keeney	30
Dale Bechtold	31
Gregory Mill	31
Randall Yenser	31



THE GATHERING PLACE

I heard it at the Café...



Our bakers do a great joy! With experience over time, the bakery items are consistent and delicious. However, they are always excited about trying new items.

What's really nice for the men who come with the women shoppers to Bethel, is that the men found the café as a place to relax and enjoy good food, coffee, and conversation while the ladies shop.

BETHEL-TULPEHOCKEN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES COUNTRY FAIR 2014 August 23, 2014

The Bethel-Tulpehocken Council of Churches will again sponsor "Country Fair 2014" on August 23, to be held at the Rehersburg Lions Club Grounds, to raise funds for C.R.O.P. (Christian Rural Overseas Program), a division of Church World Services and also for the many ministries of the area Council of Churches.

The fun starts at 5 p.m. for fellowship at an Old Time Country Fair and a great deal to be gained for World Hunger. There will be fun booths of all kinds – food-a-plenty with soups, hot dogs, sausages, bologna, haddock sandwiches, barbecues, ice cream, pastries, french fries.

Music will be provided by the "Faithful Men" from Little Swatara congregation.

Contests with prizes – 1st, \$5; 2nd \$3; 3rd \$2:

Baking: – ages 8 and including 12 – cookies; ages 13 and including 16 – cup cakes; 17 and older adults – sheet and layer cakes. There will be a category for fruit pies and shoo fly pies. Bring your entries in containers that do not need to be returned. Crafts: 3 categories – woodworking, textiles, miscellaneous. There is no division of ages for the crafts. It is VERY IMPORTANT to have all entries registered by 5 p.m. Registration begins at 4 p.m. with the auction beginning at 7 p.m.

Again, there will be the Merchants Bonanza, where local merchants freely give their merchandise to be auctioned. Plans are to have a Chinese Auction and a "Cake Walk".

There is so much need everywhere so let us all respond to have a wonderful 28th year of "Country Fair" to benefit World Hunger. **Keep August 23, 2014 on your calendar for "Country Fair 2014"**

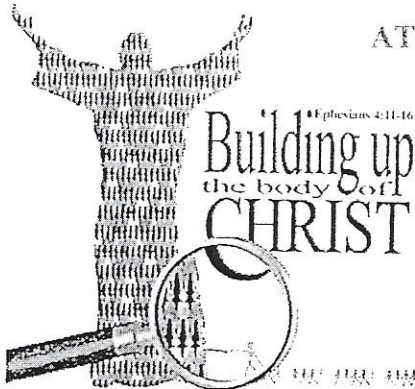
TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND MY NEIGHBORS GOOD –Bethel/Tulpehocken Council of Churches

ALL MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL METTING Monday, August 11, 2014

The quarterly Council Meeting of the church will be held August 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The agenda includes:

- *2nd quarter Financial report
- *approval Call Slate, 2014
- *Call Slate 2015 (if ready)
- *Preschool
- *other
- * "What's Happening"

Please give any changes of your family (addresses, marriages, births, college and college address) to the Church Secretary to be included in the 2015 Church Directory.



ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT CONFERENCE

October 4, 2014 – Elizabethtown College

Each year, District Conference provides opportunities to learn about district ministries, to hear district updates, to connect with others, to make decisions and call leadership and be challenged and encouraged. This year, Conference will be a one-day event, Saturday, October 4, 2014. Registration at 7:00 a.m. and concludes approximately 4:00 p.m. A worship service will be held after lunch with Paul Munday, speaker.

A Sectional Meeting at Lancaster, September 9, at 7:00 p.m.

The Theme of the conference is **"Building up the Body of Christ"**.

Look forward to: Reports from the District Board and other district ministries; Group singing; Times of Worship, learning, fellowship, and decision-making; Voting on by-law change, and calling persons to serve as district leaders. Be in Prayer for this conference.

Delegates from our congregation: Linda Ziegler, Lois Reinhard, Beryl Wanner.

ATTENTION WOMEN:

Remember to attend the District Women's Camp at Camp Swatara, August 17-19, 2014. "Inside Outside Upside Downside" is the theme of the speaker, Misty Wintsch, Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren. Many activities are available for your enjoyment plus fun and fellowship with your sisters in Christ. **Plan to attend!**

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Dates to put on your calendar:

September 11 - Sub Sale. All orders must be in by September 2, 2014.



September 20 - Breakfast Buffet

September 24 and October 1 – Make chow chow
If you have extra vegetables from your garden that we can use for chow chow, contact Brenda Brubaker, Wendy Lingle, or Beatrice Frantz.

The next meeting for Women's Fellowship is August 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ladies Aid Room.

HAPPY RETIREMENT

FAREWELL DINNER

Everyone is invited to attend the "Farewell" Dinner for Pastor Bob and Carol Krouse on Sunday, August 10, 2014, after the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

After the meal, a short program is scheduled to send off the Krouse's on a well deserved retirement.

There will be two services that day – 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. However, a combined adult Sunday School Class will be held in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m.



Exercise Class to begin in September!

Come one, come all! Come and be part of an exercise class here at church. The class is open to everyone in our church and in the community. It will be held on Monday and Wednesday mornings in the Fellowship Hall beginning September 22nd. Please come and join us as we exercise together to gain strength, flexibility and improve balance through a variety of seated and standing exercises. These exercises can be adapted to any fitness level. If you are interested in exercising with others, please consider being a part of this class. If you are interested in participating in a class or have any questions, please call Jamie Wise at 933-4868.

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Disaster Relief Auction

September 26 & 27, 2014

Friday, September 26

- 9:00 AM - Baked Goods • Farmers' Market
- 9:00 AM - Share-A-Meal
- 11:00 AM - Heifer Auction • Arts & Crafts
- 2:00 PM - "Gift of the Heart" Kit Building
- 3:00 PM - Chicken BAR-B-QUE Dinner
- 5:00 PM - Auction - Main Hall
- 6:30 PM - Theme Baskets - Southeast Hall

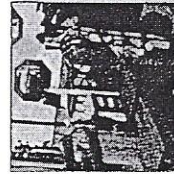
Saturday, September 27

- 7:00 AM - Breakfast
- 8:00 AM - Baked Goods • Farmers' Market
- 8:00 AM - Share-A-Meal
- 8:30 AM - Main Hall - Opening Devotions and Congregational Singing
- 8:50 AM - Auction - Main Hall
- 9:00 AM - Arts & Crafts - Arena • Food Stands
- 9:30 AM - Pole Barn Auction
- 10:00 AM - 2:00 pm - Free Child Care
- 10:00 AM - Quilt Auction - Main Hall
- 10:00 AM - Coin Auction - Center Hall
- 11:00 AM - Children's Auction - Southeast Hall

Arts & Crafts

Craft stands are available.

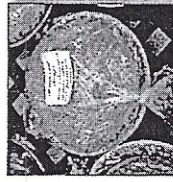
To reserve a space call Julie Miller 717-665-6396.



Baked Goods

Do you love to bake? We would appreciate your donation of pies, cookies, cakes, bread, etc.

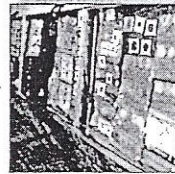
Contact Ruth Ann Barr 717-625-4918.



Coins

Do you have a coin collection you would like to donate for Disaster Relief?

Contact Dale Fahnstock 717-757-4312.

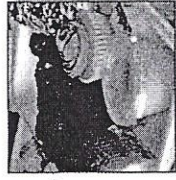


Farmers Market

When planting your garden this year, plant some extra vegetables to bring to this year's farmers market stand at the auction. Contact Dave Krape 717-757-2842.



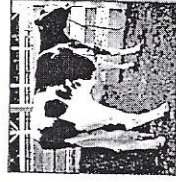
Food



Do you like to eat all the good food at the BDRA? Your help is needed at the food stands as cashiers, for filling orders, frying hamburgers, etc. Contact Dave Lennon 717-278-3271.

Heifer Auction

Do you have any heifers for this year's auction? Contact Robert Lentz 717-933-8211.



Pole Barn Auction

Good used items wanted: lawn & garden tools, hand tools, sports equipment, good quality furniture, etc. Contact Dean Fahnstock 717-766-4860.



Quilts

Top quality quilts and wallhangings needed. If you or your group want to donate a quilt, call Becky Eisenbise 717-367-4610 to have it listed in the quilt booklet.



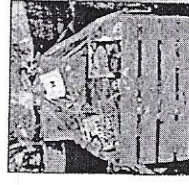
Share A Meal

Donate meals by being a host/hostess for your surprise guests or purchase meal tickets for you and your friends. Tickets are available both days of the auction. To donate a meal contact Nancy Fahnstock 717-665-4798.



Theme Baskets

Theme baskets contain items pertaining to one certain theme, packaged in any container or basket, and wrapped in clear (non-colored) cellophane. Your imagination is the limit. Please contact Amy Keller 717-279-7389



www.BrethrenAuction.org

AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH

COBYS FAMILY SERVICES

COBYS Family Services was selected as this month's Mission of the Month so that the offerings received for COBYS may be donated to coincide with the upcoming COBYS Bike & Hike.

COBYS Family Services is a Christian agency, affiliated with the Atlantic Northeast District of the Church of the Brethren. Founded in 1979 as a teen foster care program, it was originally named Church of the Brethren Youth Services (COBYS). Over more than a quarter century of service, they have grown into a comprehensive family ministry that now includes adoption and foster care services, counseling, family life education, and a permanency program.

Their mission is motivated by Christian faith. COBYS Family Services educates, supports, and empowers children and adults to reach their full potential.

To find out more about COBYS you can visit their website at <http://www.cobys.org/>.

3rd Annual Strausstown Community



Saturday, September 13

10 am – 4 pm

FREE Admission

Join us at the **Strausstown Lion's Club Park** for a day of food, family, fun and activities for all ages!

CHILI COOK OFF

Start preparing those secret recipes and enter your "famous" chili.
Call 610-488-7361 for registration and guidelines.

OLD FASHION CARNIVAL GAMES • CHINESE AUCTION
FACE PAINTING • JEWELRY • CRAFTERS • PETTING ZOO
BAKE SALE • BOOK SALE • SPECIALTY COFFEE & DRINKS
CHILDREN'S CRAFTS • FOOD, FOOD, FOOD!

CHILI TASTING FROM 12:30 – 2:30 PM OR AS LONG AS THE CHILI LASTS

Entertainment courtesy of the Acoustic Roadshow!

Need more information? Want to be a vendor or participate in the Chili Cook Off?
Contact Zion Blue Mountain Church @ 610-488-7361

Chili Cook Off Registration Form

Come and enjoy chili at Strausstown Community Fall Festival as individuals compete for cash prizes and bragging rights for the best chili in town!

September 13, 2014

Public chili tasting from 12:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. or as long as the chili lasts.

REGISTRATION DUE AUGUST 16, 2014

Name(s): _____

Phone Number: _____

Additional Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

I understand and agree to the rules: _____
Please sign and return with payment.

Registration fee per entry \$10 (You may enter more than once if you wish.)

Please make Check or Money Order payable to Zion Blue Mountain UCC

Please mail registration form with check enclosed to:

Zion Blue Mountain UCC
Attn: Karen Miller "Chili Cook Off"
PO Box 98
Strausstown, PA 19559

For more information: Phone: 610-488-7361 or LShupp@zionbluemountainucc.org



2014 COMING EVENTS



- 1, S, Wedding Rehearsal
- 2, 2pm S, Wedding – Diem/Brown
PAV reserved
- 3, 6pm O, Scout Leader Meeting
- 4, 7pm Women's Fellowship Meeting
- 5, 7pm Leadership Team Meeting
- 7, 8am Quilting
- 9, PAV reserved
- 10, Noon, *Farewell Luncheon for Krouse*
Family
Food Pantry Collection
Mission Sunday
PAV reserved/FH reserved
- 11, 7:30pm FH, Every Member Council
Meeting
- 12, 12:30-5pm FH, 50 Plus meeting
7pm O, Christian Ed meeting
- 15, 2-6pm Bethel Food Pantry
- 17, 8:15 & 10:30am Richard Frantz, speaker
PAV reserved
- 17-19, at Camp Swatara/Women's Fellowship
Camp event
- 19, Music & Worship meet 7pm
- 20, 8:30am FH, 50 Plus Bus Trip/Return 6pm
- 23, 5pm Country Fair, Rehersburg Lions
Grounds
- 24, Newsletter Deadline
PAV reserved
- 25, 7:30-pm, Steward & Property meeting
- 26, 12:30-5pm FH, 50 Plus Meet
Ministry Team minutes due
- 27, Preschool "Meet the Teacher Night"
- 28, Preschool "Meet the Teacher Night"
- 31, 8:15 & 10:30am, Pastor Matt Christ begins

- 1, **LABOR DAY**, office closed
- 2, 7pm Leadership Meeting
7pm, Women's Fellowship meet
- 3, Pre-school begins
- 4, 7pm FH, 50 Plus Meeting
- 7, **ONE SERVICE**/Grandparents Day
Promotion Sunday (classes change)
1pm COBY's Bike & Hike
6pm Scout Leader Meeting
- 9, 12:30-5pm FH, 50 Plus meeting
7pm, Christian Education meeting
- 10, 9:45am, 50 Plus bus trip/return 5pm
4pm Sub Sandwich Preparations
6pm Scouts Den Meeting
- 11, 6am FH, SUB SALE DAY
- 13, FH K, Set up for Teacher Appreciation
Breakfast
- 14, 8am FH,K, Christian Ed Emphasis
Sunday/Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
Noon, Spiritual Nurture meeting
4pm FH, Scouts Welcome Gathering
PAV reserved
- 19, 2-6pm FOOD PANTRY at Bethel
- 20, 7-10am FH, Women's Fellowship
Fundraiser BREAKFAST
- 21, International Day of Peace
- 22, Exercise Class to begin
- 23, 12:30-5pm FH, 50 Plus Meeting
6:30pm FH, Farm Women #2 Meet
- 24, Exercise Class
- 24, Women's Fellowship make Chow-Chow
- 26, BRETHREN DISASTER RELIEF
AUCTION at Lebanon Valley Expo
- 27, BRETHREN DISASTER RELIEF
AUCTION
- 28, Newsletter deadline
PAV reserved
- 30, ministry team minutes due



~QUILTING~

*Held every Thursday
at 8am*

in the Women's Fellowship Room.

Wednesday Weekly Choir Practice

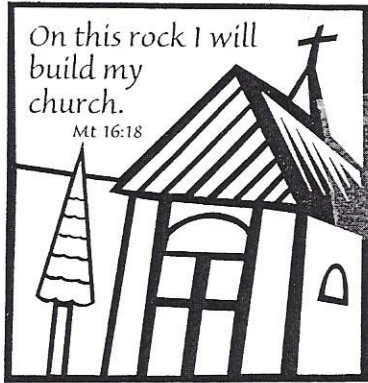
JOY 7-7:30PM, Sanctuary
SENIOR 7:30-8:30pm, Sanctuary
JUBILEE now meets Sunday at 9am



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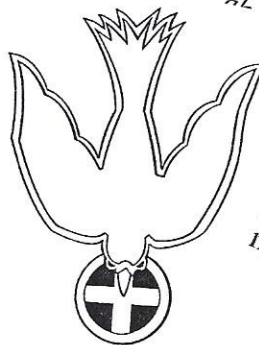
CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



AUGUST 2014

"The number one problem in our world is alienation, rich versus poor, black versus white, labor versus management, conservative versus liberal, East versus West...But Christ came to bring about reconciliation and peace."
-Billy Graham

"If having a soul means being able to feel love and loyalty and gratitude, then animals are better off than a lot of humans."
-James Herriot



"Grace is available for each of us every day - our spiritual daily bread - but we've got to remember to ask for it with a grateful heart and not worry about whether there will be enough for tomorrow."
-Sarah Ban Breathnach

"Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual power. We have guided missiles and misguided men."
-Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Everything has its wonders, even darkness and silence, and I learn whatever state I am in, therein to be content."

-Helen Keller