

**Little Swatara Church of the Brethren**

Matthew S. Christ, Pastor

Sunday Worship: 8:15 & 10:30 AM

Sunday school 9:30AM

Good News!

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"Carrying On with Jesus"

What else is there that we can say? Friends, if our God is for us, who or what can stand against. Certainly not some pandemic. Nor wearing a mask. Not any limitations. These are all earthly matters. The eternal that lasts forever is what needs to consume our minds. Is what I'm offering God in my act of worship, bringing him glory and praise. If not, might we make the turn toward him and drop off all the junk on our way at the cross.

If God knows the number of hairs on your head. If he knows the number of grains of sand. If he has a name for the countless number of stars and galaxies. How can we not help but to think he knows what he's doing, even amidst a pandemic that many question why this and why that. Let's not forget who's God and who's not. We don't have the answers but don't think for one second he doesn't. Just keep your prayers vibrant and directed toward his plans for your life in this time. Everything else will simply fall into place. Start replacing what you can't control with what you can. And friend that is your words and actions and might I add social media posts. Let's be more fruit bearers; spreading love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, gentleness and self control.

Some days we barely get out of neutral. Other days it feels like we're going in reverse. But when the Spirit is on the move, we're shifting gears and moving ahead. The race called life has many stop signs to yield, green lights to pass through and plenty of scenery and opportunities along the way. The roads not always smooth but the twists and bumps keep us focused and alert to our travels. Let's journey to the pace God calls us to. It's finishing well that matters most. Blessings on your journey.

Pastor Matt

***Statement from Leadership on reopening the church.
IN PERSON SERVICES scheduled to resume June 28th***

Greetings Little Swatara Church of the Brethren Congregation;

We are eager to come together in person for worship and the Leadership Team is prayerfully working towards creating a plan to meet together. This will continue to be a work in progress. We are aware not everyone will be comfortable meeting at church, and this is okay. We will continue to offer live streaming and have CD's available by request.

We have established suggested guidelines for reopening in the hope to offer physical safety for at-risk members of the congregation while providing opportunity to meet together. We desire to continue to observe recommendations from the government on safety measures out of respect for one another.

Procedures for attending:

- We request you wear masks when entering and exiting the building. Please enter the church from the North and South side at the carport --- doors will be propped open. Please proceed to the sanctuary via the elevator if necessary or use of the tower stairwell. (Doors on East side and at kitchen entrance will remain locked)
- Please proceed directly to the sanctuary and find a seat in the marked pews. Families should arrive together and sit together. If you have questions about where to sit, there will be ushers available to offer assistance. Please seat yourself 6 feet from other family groups as possible.
- The nursery will not be staffed, but it is available for diaper changes.
- There will not initially be extended session.
- We request you wear masks while singing, and sing softly. All hymnals and Bibles have been removed from the pews and words will be projected on the screen. Please feel free to bring your own Bible and hymnal to worship.
- Offering plates will be located in the rear of the sanctuary.
- Following the service, ushers will dismiss the congregation starting at the back of the sanctuary.
- Children's Sunday School packets will be available for pick up in the back of the sanctuary.
- Water Fountains will not be available. The bathrooms will be available for use - doors will be propped open.
- If you are sick, please do not come to services in person, but join us online.
- Please practice social distancing and do not linger inside the church.

At this time Leadership has decided to allow small groups of less than 25 to meet at church for meetings, quilting, etc. We ask that you contact Pam Gerberich or Gary Bashore if you are planning to meet at the church. Anyone meeting at church is asked to observe social distancing, clean areas prior to leaving, wear face masks.

Sincerely,
Your Leadership Team

Members Birthdays for August

Christopher Merkey	1	Lydia Stupp	22
Herbert Miller	1	Arlene Sweitzer	22
Denise Bohn	2	Brenda Hershey	24
Andrew Brubaker	2	Jenna Baez	24
Dane Haupt	2	Linda Wanner	24
Deneen Ebling	4	JoAnn Arnold	25
Donna Reber	6	Mae Zimmerman	25
Jeffrey Frantz	6	Ava Blatt	26
Wanda Townsend	8	Louanne Boltz	26
John Kelly	8	Enos Loump	26
Jennifer Manbeck	8	Eugene Yenser	27
Dorinda Kauffman	9	Thelma Keeney	28
Laura Kline	9	Donna Schwalm	28
Kenneth Ziegler	9	Jean Wise-Eberly	28
Martin Bashore	10	Lois Keeney	30
Dakota Himmelberger	11	Dale Bechtold	31
Sharon Hoke	11	Gregory R. Mill	31
Michelle Kissinger	11	Randall E. Yenser	31
Wenda Dinatale	12		
James Manbeck	13		
Scott Snyder	13		
Randy Corbin	14		
Pamela Gerberich	16		
Randy Zimmerman	16		
Tessa Hershberger	21		
Ronald Lebo	22		

Congrats

to Chase and Wendi, on the birth of Aiden Noah Weinhold on July 16. All are well and healthy.

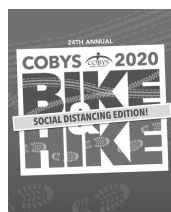
Upcoming Sermon Series

"World VS God"

In this series, we will take a look at what the world wants and what God wants. We'll investigate the differences between the 7 deadly sins and the fruits of the Spirit. While we continue living amidst the pandemic, let's refine ourselves to the best version of Jesus in our lives.

COBY's Bike and Hike September 13th 2020

Go to <https://cobys.org/bike-and-hike/> for all the details and information



The Gathering Place is has RE OPENED!!

Enough volunteers have come forward, so that we can reopen the Gathering Place for curbside service!

We are open from 6-10 M-F and from 7-10 Sat. for take out only. Please call order in (717-933-5958) so we can have the ready for pickup.

Please wear mask and practice social distancing when picking up. As always, we can use more volunteers. If you're interested Mike Peace.

Just a reminder on the August 12 council meeting

We will holding it in the sanctuary in order to maintain proper social distancing. We will also be once again offering the ability to join by live stream, or "Zoom." That information will be emailed out the week before the meeting, or you can contact the Secretary and request it. We're taking that step to help avoid the chances of "Zoom Bombing" which is when persons unrelated to the meeting get ahold of the credentials and join the meeting for the sole purpose of being abusive and disruptive. This frequently takes the form of profanity, and even pornography. Anyone who would like to is encouraged to join the meeting via computer, or a telephone call in, but they must get the credentials to do so directly from the church.

AGENDA

The agenda for this meeting:

1. 2nd Quarter financial report
2. Pastor Matt's report
3. Gathering Place report
4. Second vote on Vision/Mission Statement
5. Ministry Team updates

Wednesday Night Prayer and Devotional Meeting

Join us on line via ZOOM for our Wednesday night prayer and devotional meeting.

Time: Jul 8, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Meeting ID: 458 733 696

Password: 334289

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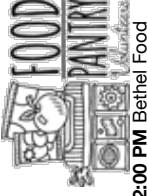
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Bread & Cup Communion	27	28 Ministry Team Minutes Due	29 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	30 8:30 AM Quilting	31	1
2 12:00 PM Spiritual Nurture Mtg	3 7:00 PM Women's Fellowship Meeting	4 7:00 PM LEADERSHIP TEAM Mtg	5 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	6 NO 50+ mtg	7	8 Pav Res/J&D High
9 ANointing Food Pantry Collection 10:30 AM Praise Team	10 6:30 PM Preschool Parents Meeting/sanctuary	11	12 7:30 PM EVERY MEMBER COUNCIL MTG (in sanctuary) 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	13 6:30 PM Bethel 4-H Club Meets/FH	14	15 PA Gourd Society/Pav
16 11:00 AM Pav/Reserved Sandy Manbeck	17	18	19 Newsletter Deadline 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	20	21  2:00 PM Bethel Food Pantry	22  7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
23 Jr. High Bible Presentation Pav Res/Ray Keeney	24	25 Ministry Team Minutes Due	26 6:30 PM PreSchool Meet the Teacher Night #1 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	27 6:30 PM Preschool Meet the Teacher night #2	28	29
30	31 Preschool Classes Start	1 7:00 PM LEADERSHIP TEAM Mtg	2 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	3 8:30 AM Quilting 9:00 AM Women Fellowship Mtg 7:00 PM 50+ Mtg	4 6:30 PM Den Meeting	5

“Feed your faith and your doubts will starve”

August Newsletter 2020



Good News!

Thank you! To all who contributed to the newsletter for the month of July. The deadline for the August edition is Wednesday July 17th. Email ashlylynn21@gmail.com

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Did you know?

On August 1, 1876 - Colorado became the 38th state.

August 7, 1782 - George Washington created the Purple Heart.

On August 24, 1932 - Amelia Earhart was the first woman to fly across the United States.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever "

~Psalm 118:29

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