

**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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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019**

We just finished out a week "In The Wild" during VBS 2019 here at Little Swatara C.O.B. The children had fun seeking out animals in rain forests, frozen tundra, grasslands and even the Rocky Mountains. We were blessed with 79 children and 43 helpers exploring different locales while on the lookout for wildlife, as well as, study eyewitness accounts of Jesus from the Gospels -- stories to help us zoom in and focus on Christ! Each day the students learned the days lesson through Music, video skit, Bible Lesson, Craft and Games. I believe all had a WILD time on our VBS Adventure. Our main verse was John 20:31. Our motto for week was "Zoom in and Focus on JESUS! Our mission was collecting for the World Wildlife Foundation. By weeks end - including the closing program we collected \$936. This meant we could adopt 16 Animals! WOW! Thank you to all for your donations! Also - Thank you to all the Teachers, Volunteers, Christian Board of ED, VBS Picnic Committee and Congregation for for your Prayers and Support throughout this week!

2019 VBS Committee ~ Diana Kintzer, Holly Manbeck, Tammy Richie, Ashley Koch and Sarah Kolbe

It's that time of year again, please make sure all new addresses and college student addresses are up to date. You can send them to the church secretary secretary@littleswatara.org

How far will you go?

Many of us will go great lengths to ensure our loved ones are cared for. We buy elaborate gifts, go to exotic places, share intimate meals together and express our love wholeheartedly. Our families know the feeling of kindness and generosity.

But how far will go to welcome a “neighbor”? What acts of loving kindness will we show them? We’ve heard Jesus say love your neighbor as yourself or whatever you do for the least of these, you do for me. Even the disciples were confused as to who these people were.

So as summer winds down, let’s pause to consider how far we can go. We have a voice to say hello, a hand to extend a handshake or pat on their back. We can go behind the scenes and serve in practical ways. The ways are endless. Let’s be creative and reach the world with God’s love. It’s another way we can walk the talk.

Blessings,

~Pastor Matt



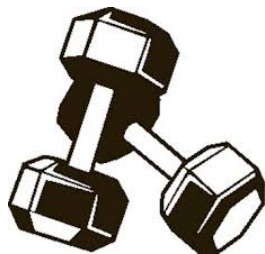
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Get Plugged In!

Do you ever wonder what the young people of the church are up to? Be a part of their lives first-hand! There are opportunities to help children grow their spiritual lives through teaching/helping with Sunday School, getting involved in VBS, and providing loving care in the nursery. Contact a Christian Ed. team member to get plugged in!

Exercise Classes to begin again on September 9th

Do you like to exercise with a group and would you like to have better strength and flexibility? Then maybe you would enjoy coming to one of the exercise classes here at church. If you would like to be able to get up off of a chair or sofa more easily or improve your balance, why not check out one of the classes this fall. We meet in the church fellowship hall every Monday and Wednesday, where we begin each class with devotions, followed by exercises, and there is always time for fellowship before and after class. The Women's Exercise Class begins at 8:45 a.m. with an active warm-up while standing, followed by a variety of strengthening, postural, and balance exercises while standing and sitting, and finishes with gentle stretching as a cool down. If that class doesn't sound just right for you, there is also the Seated Exercise Class that begins at 10:00 a.m., open to both men and women, in which the warm-up, strengthening and postural exercises are primarily performed while sitting. A small portion of this exercise class is performed standing to allow the participants to improve balance. However, all the exercises can be



modified to be performed while sitting, as needed. Please come join us and invite your friends! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call me at Ph# 717-933-4868.

Thank you, Jamie Wise.

Hope to see you there!

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible -- Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the verse. Little Bobby was excited about the task, but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Bobby was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my shepherd . . . and that's all I need to know!"

A three-year-old put his shoes on by himself. His mother noticed the left was on the right foot. She said, "Son, your shoes are on the wrong feet." He looked up at her with a raised brow and said, "Don't kid me, Mom. I KNOW they're my feet."

Womens Fellowship News

Our Womens Fellowship Meetings will be Monday, August 5 and Tuesday, September 3 at 7:00 p.m. All women of our Church are invited to attend.

The Bethel Township Police National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6, 2019 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. It will be held at the Bethel Fire Company grounds. There will be lots of games, food and activities. Please stop by our table to say hello and help yourself to a cookie courtesy of The Gathering Place Café.

The Crafter's Group will be taking a break in August. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 10.

Country Fair will be held at the Lions Club grounds in Rehrersburg on August 24, 2019 from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. This is an annual event organized by the Bethel-Tulpehocken Council of Churches. All proceeds benefit the Bethel-Tulpehocken Food Bank and CROP. This is a fun event for the whole family and, of course, there is lots of food available for sale and to be auctioned. **Please consider donating homemade baked goods for the auction, the cake walk or to be sold by the piece. Baked items should be delivered to the Lions Club grounds between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m., and please deliver your baked items at 5:00 if you want them to be judged.**

New date for our next Sub Sale. Mark your calendar! Our next Sub Sale will be Thursday, September 12 with preparation Wednesday, September 11. We will need help Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. and Thursday at 6:00 a.m. Look for the signup sheet later in August. The proceeds from this Sub Sale will be donated to Brethren Disaster Relief.

Does anyone have vegetables to donate for chow chow? Please let Beatrice or Brenda know so that we can plan accordingly. We will be making our chow chow in September.

*"Coming together is a
beginning, staying together
is progress, and working
together is success."*

-Henry Ford

Widows Luncheon

Tuesday August 13th
at 11:30am at the
Country Fair
Restaurant

Women's Fellowship

Atlantic Northeast District

Women's Camp at Camp Swatara

August 18-20, 2019

Susan Eikenberry, Speaker. Ordained Pastor recently retired from the Mt. Wilson Church of the Brethren in Lebanon Pa

Every woman is invited to attend. Opportunities for worship, bible study, hiking, swimming, crafts, meditation walks, a service group project and other interest groups. If interested in attending, please see our representative Arlene Rebman to fill out forms before July 22. Or the Atlantic Northeast District Office at 717-367-4730, or Karen Hackett at 302-998-6449

Members Birthdays for August

Christopher Merkey	1	Pamela Gerberich	16
Herbert Miller	1	Randy Zimmerman	16
Denise Bohn	2	Michael Dosch	20
Andrew Brubaker	2	Tessa Hershberger	21
Dane Haupt	2	Debra Yordy	21
Deneen Ebling	4	Ronald Lebo	22
Melanie Platchek	4	Lydia Stupp	22
Donna Weber	6	Arlene Sweitzer	22
Jeffrey Frantz	6	Brenda Hershey	24
Donald (Bud) Larimer	6	Jenna (Wengert) Bender	24
Wanda Townsend	8	Linda Wanner	24
Jennifer Emerich	8	JoAnn Arnold	25
John Kelly	8	Kathryn Ziegler	25
Michael Kolbe	8	Mae Zimmerman	25
Dorinda Kauffman	9	Louanne Boltz	26
Laura Stevens	9	Diane Feathers	26
Kenneth Ziegler	9	Enos Loump	26
Martin Bashore	10	Eugene Yenser	27
Dakota Himmelberger	11	Thelma Keeney	28
Sharon Hoke	11	Donna Schwalm	28
Carl M. Kauffman	12	Jean Wise-Eberly	28
Wenda Dinatale	12	Elizabeth Laubenstein	29
James Manbeck	13	Lois Keeney	30
Anna Mary Myer	13	Abigail Christ	31
Scott Snyder	13	Gregory R. Mill	31
Randy Corbin	14	Randall E. Yenser	31

Annual Family Camp Auction, Aug. 31.

Please be sure to get your ideas going for donations to the Camp Auction. This event will be starting at 9:30am at the Family Camping Center. August 30th you may come see what is going to be sold. There will be lots going on that day! See the flyer in the hallway for more information. Call Sandy Hughes at 717-679-1995 or Ryan Arndt at 717-926-1939 with questions or to arrange pick up of your donation.



Baptism Recognition for this summer - Janelle Rebman, Aydin and Ava Blatt, Brooke Bicksler, Aidan, Macey and Cooper Schwalm.

New Sunday school Elective Coming this Fall

"Navigating Your Finances God's Way" will be an elective Sunday School class this fall. The class will be based on a workbook by the same title written by Howard Dayton. The lessons will address topics like the ownership of our money and possessions, debt, generosity, budgeting, saving and investing, and more. We will explore finances from God's perspective and tools to help us navigate finances God's way. Personal financial information need not be shared. The class will be held from 9:00 -10:15 a.m., beginning Sunday, September 8 through Sunday November 3. Please sign-up by August 25th, so that an appropriate number of books can be ordered. The sign-up sheet is located on the table in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Jamie Wise, Ph# 717-933-4868.

2 Common-Sense Reasons why Committing to a regular date night can revolutionize your marriage: (excerpt from

"Take the Date Night Challenge" written by Dr. Greg & Erin Smalley)

1. Date nights are critical for the health of your relationship. Marriage relationships are dynamic; they are alive and always changing. And just like any relationship, marriages need to be fed and stimulated to stay alive and grow.
2. Date nights help you get reacquainted. The notion that you already know all there is to know about your spouse is a myth. There's always something new to learn about your spouse, because we all change. Dating is a great way to update and deepen your knowledge of your beloved. It's vital that you keep that curiosity and interest in your mate flourishing.

Coming Up...

August Mission of the Month

COBY's

Every Sunday in August

9am church service

10:15 Sunday school

August 12th

Every member council meeting at 7:30pm

August 18th - 20th

Women's Fellowship at Camp Swatara

August 31st


Annual Family Camp Auction at Camp Swatara

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Be who you needed when you were younger.

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AUGUST 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:00 AM BREAD & CUP Communion 9:00 AM SUMMER WORSHIP 10:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 3:00 PM Schwalm BAPTISMS @ Residence	29	30	31 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	1 NO 50 Plus 8:00 AM Quilting	2	3
4 9:00 AM SUMMER WORSHIP 10:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 5:30 PM Scout Den Meeting	5 7:00 PM Women's Fellowship Mtg	6 7:00 PM LEADERSHIP TEAM Mtg	7 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	8 8-10 Global Leadership Summit 8:00 AM Quilting 6:30 PM Bethel 4-H Club Meets	9	10 PavRes/J&D High
11 Food Pantry Collection PavRes/T Edris 9:00 AM ANOINTING SVC 9:00 AM SUMMER WORSHIP 10:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 12:00 PM Spiritual Nurture Mtg	12 7:30 PM EVERY MEMBER COUNCIL MTG	13 9:00 AM Crafters Meet 11:30 AM Widows Luncheon/Ctry Fare 6:30 PM Den Meeting 7:00 PM Christian Ed Mtg 7:00 PM Mission & Evangelism Mtg	14 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	15 8:00 AM Quilting	16  2:00 PM Bethel Food Pantry	17 1:00 PM Pav Res/L. Gagliano
18 18-20 Women's Fellowship @ Camp Swatara 9:00 AM SUMMER WORSHIP 10:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 AM Pav Res/S. Manbeck	19 18-20 Women's Fellowship @ Camp Swatara	20 18-20 Women's Fellowship @ Camp Swatara 7:00 PM Music & Worship Mtg	21 Newsletter Deadline PS Meet the Teacher Night 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	22 8:00 AM Quilting	23	24 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:00 PM COUNTRY FAIR @ Rehrlsbg Lions Club
25 Jr High Bible Presentation PavRes/R. Keeney 9:00 AM SUMMER WORSHIP 10:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL	26 Preschool in session	27 Ministry Team Minutes Due 6:00 PM PAV Res/F/Women#2 6:30 PM Den Meeting	28 10:30 AM 50+ Bus Trip 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	29 8:00 AM Quilting	30	31 Annual Family Camp Auction @ Camp Swatara

“Let your smile change the world, but don't let the world change your smile.”

August Newsletter 2019



Good News!

Thank you! To all who contributed to the newsletter for the month of August. The deadline for the September edition is Wednesday August 14th. Email ashlylynn21@gmail.com

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Did you know?

The “Windy City” name has nothing to do with Chicago weather. Chicago’s nickname was **coined by 19th-century journalists** who were referring to the fact that its residents were “windbags” and “full of hot air.”

“For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.”

~John 3:17

Why is it important to date in marriage?

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