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WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

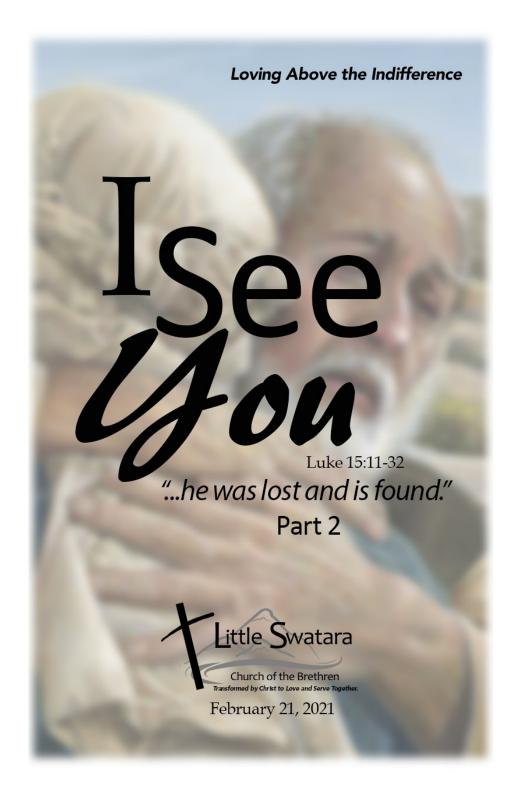
<u>VIDEO PROJECTION</u> Glenn Riegel & Mark Myers—CVLI#502613280; CCLI#157691 **ORGANIST** Marlene Blatt

<u>CHURCH SIGN</u> Changer: Feb. - Diane Long March - Patricia Timmins April - Tony Fazio

| CHODISTED | Wk 3 Feb 21 | Wk 4 Feb 28 | Wk 1 March 7 |
|-------------------------|--|---|--|
| CHORISTER 10:30 am | Allen Rebman | Praise Team | Dianne High |
| WORSHIP LDR 10:30 am | John Wise | Praise Team | Gary Bashore |
| CHILD STORY 10:30 am | Ashley Koch | Savannah Metzler | Mickael & Sarah Kolb |
| <u>PIANIST</u> | Sarah Brubaker | Praise Team | Diane Duell |
| AUDIO | Todd Rebman | Todd Rebman | Todd Rebman |
| WORSHIP CTR | Jennifer Speraw | Jennifer Speraw | Tanya Feathers |
| WELCOME CTR 10:30 am | Dorothy Gensemer | | Patricia Timmins |
| USHERS 10:30 am | Rebecca & Allen Rebman Deb Yordy / Diane Long | Becky & Allen Rebman Deneen Ebling/Debra Yordy | Robert & Wendy Lingle Samuel Forry & Matt Blatt |

NOTICE: We are currently running a Livestream ministry. If you cannot join us on Sunday morning in person, you can join us "online" by visiting our Facebook page. Our 10:30 service is streamed every week.

PLEASE BE ADVISED: If you do not want you or your child to appear on this Social Media Stream, please contact the camera operator in the back of the sanctuary to make sure your are avoided.



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Outreach: **The Gathering Place Café**, 8490 Lancaster Ave, Bethel Contact: gatheringplacecafe.com / Phone:717-933-5958
Café Hours: **Mon-Fri 6-11am & Sat 7-11am**



Prayer Concerns

Let us remember the shut-ins and elderly not able to be with us today.

Carl Balsbaugh Ricki Bashore, Jr. Robert Christ Ruth Hoover Sandra Kauffman Nolan Keeney Dorothy Merkey Lois Reinhard Carol Scholl David Wagner

Suzanne Wichert



(Please contact the secretary if anyone should be added or removed from the Prayer List.)



Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Emmanuel Ziegler who passed away on February 18th

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As a Church family we extend our sincere sympathy and Christian love to the family and friends of Rufus Bashore, who passed away on February 15th, 2021. Funeral Services will be at 11:00 am here at Little Swatara on Monday, February 22nd with visitation 10:00 - 11:00 am. Followed by graveside services.

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

| General Fund | \$ | 4,796.00 |
|-----------------------|----|-----------|
| Building Fund | \$ | 140.00 |
| Family Assistance | | 1,020.00 |
| Maintenance | \$ | 160.00 |
| Sunday School | \$ | 40.00 |
| Global Food Initative | \$ | 2,000.00 |
| Nigerian EYN | \$ | 1,000.00 |
| Disaster Relief | | 150.00 |
| Mission of the Month | | 100.00 |
| Gathering Place | | - |
| Food Pantry | | 1,150.00 |
| Total | | 10,556.00 |
| | | |

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2021 \$ \$317,944

Last Sunday's Attendance
Worship 32
Online Worship 57



Violet Frantz's birthday is Feb. 26th. Cards may be mailed to:

6295 Four Point Road Bethel, PA 19507

Little Swatara Church of the Brethren Transformed by Christ to Love and Serve Together

February 21, 2021

10: 30 Worship Service

Congregation is requested to keep face masks on throughout worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader - We come to sing of your redeeming grace.

All - A grace freely given we receive this day.

Leader - Teach us Lord to love above the indifference.

All - To love without restriction, to love as you have loved.

Opening Hymn "O, for a thousand tongues to sing" #110

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Senior Choir "Here I am to Worship"

Offertory Thought & Prayer

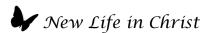
Hymn "I will sing of my Redeemer" #344

Sermon Series - "Loving above the. indifference"

Scripture - Luke 15: 11-32 Today's Message - "I see you"

Closing Hymn "For Christ and the Church" #416

Benediction - Senior Choir "Go in Love"



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Denomination-wide online worship gathering titled 'Venturing Forth Boldly as a Faith Family' is set for Feb. 27

The Program and Arrangements Committee of the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference has announced a denomination-wide online worship gathering titled "Venturing Forth Boldly as a Faith Family," scheduled for **Saturday**, **Feb. 27**, **at 8 p.m.** (**Eastern time**). In a season of disruption and despair, the service will assure us of what "God has prepared for those who love him" (1 Corinthians 2:9) and how we can faithfully respond.



The Senior High Youth would like to thank everyone for their support on Souper Bowl Sunday.

Don't miss out! Write it down! SPIRITUAL RENEWAL SERVICES March 14 - 17

Spiritual Renewal Services for Little Swatara are Sunday - Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm with Pastor Robert DiSalvio as the speaker. More information will be available in the near future.

ALL FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Sunday, March 14th

All Fellowship Luncheon will be available as a "To-Go" meal following 10:30 worship service. This meal will be provided by the Youth Group as a fundraiser.





News From Camp Swatara

Volunteers needed to cut firewood for the camping season at our annual Paul Bunyan Day, March 13th, 8am - 3 pm For questions or to RSVP Contact:

UDO@campswatara.org
Or

(717) 933-8510



FAMILY SPECIALS



Have cabin fever? Come stay in our cabins and enjoy the outdoors with our February, March and April specials! Enjoy some outdoor bird watching, hiking or a campfire. Bring your sleds, snowshoes or Xcross country skis for some outdoor fun. No need to cook!! East Lodge Café is open Saturday & Sunday for meals and snacks.

More information at:

https://www.campswatara.org/retreat-winter-specials



New Church Logo

At Every Member Council meeting in February, three logos were submitted

for consideration. Leadership suggested one, and council voted to approve. The selected logo contains a three peaked mountain, representing the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and the cross. The mountains also represent the Blue Mountains, which are such an integral part of our community. Behind the words "Little Swatara" is a creek representing both living water and the Swatara Creek from which our church takes its name. The tagline at the bottom is taken from our recent vision and mission statement, "Transformed by Christ to Love and Serve Together." Treatments are being developed for new business cards, letterhead and other related documents, and the logo is available for use on t-shirts and more.

Thursday, March 4, 2021 • 7:00 pm Responding with Compassion to the Crisis in Northeastern Nigeria Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies at Elizabethtown College Kreider and Snowden Lectures via Zoom

Kreider Fellow Samuel Dali and Snowden Fellow Rebecca Dali will share stories of pain and hope from the Boko Haram crisis and the church's response. Samuel Dali will offer an update on the situation of the Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (CoB in Nigeria) in the context of ongoing violence in northeastern Nigeria and reflect on the church's constructive engagement around sociopolitical, economic, and environmental issues that contribute to the possibility of peace in the region. Rebecca Dali will review the recent humanitarian work of the Centre for Caring, Empowerment, and Peace Initiatives and discuss the suffering and resilience of women in situations of war and related trauma as refugees and internally displaced persons.

Samuel Dali led Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria during the years of greatest insurgency violence in northeastern Nigeria. He works at peacebuilding and advocacy with ecumenical, interfaith, and political entities in northeastern Nigeria. Rebecca Dali is the founder and executive director of the Centre for Caring, Empowerment, and Peace Initiatives. For further details and link to Zoom visit www.etown.edu/youngctr/events

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP SPRING GATHERING 2021

The ANE District Women's Cabinet is excited to announce our Women's Spring Fellowship Event. Please plan to join us for this online event! The date is Saturday, March 20, 2021 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Our Speaker this year is Audrey Wagner Finkbiner. Audrey is an enthusiastic and inspiring Speaker who combines her passion for gardening with lessons of faith. The Program this year is "Consider the Gardens – Gardens and Spirituality".

Please plan to join us! Registration will open on February 8, 2021. The Registration fee is \$10.00. Our offering this year will be Brethren Disaster Relief Ministries. (After our event expenses are met, the remaining monies will be sent to BDM)

You may register online at the ANE District Website www.ane-cob.org or by sending your information in to the District Office. We hope to see you on March 20th!



February Mission of the Month

__ "Global Food Initiative "



What's Happening in:

February

- 23 Ministry Team Minutes due
- 24 Exercise Classes—8:45 am Women's Group 10:00 am The Seated Group



26 6:30 pm Scout Troop meeting/FH



March

- 2 7:00 pm Leadership Team Meeting
- 3 Exercise Classes—8:45 am Women's Group 10:00 am The Seated Group



4 8:30 am Quilting



5 World Day of Prayer



- 6 Church Workday 50+ Meeting CANCELLED
- 7 12 noon Spiritual Nurture Team Meeting
- 10 Exercise Classes—8:45 am Women's Group 10:00 am The Seated Group



11 8:30 am Quilting



Note: Groups that wish to meet in the church should contact:

Pam Gerberich, Moderator (717) 222-1094 or
Gary Bashore, Asst. Moderator (484) 332-0295

Users MUST wipe down and sanitize any rooms used, or objects touched during their meeting.