

# 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.

Matthew S. Christ, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

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This month I read a devotional that has made a major difference in my personal and spiritual life and I'd like to share it with each of you. Blessings as you glean insights from it. When was the last time you had a bad day? I bet it wasn't long ago.

Maybe you had an argument with your spouse, spilled your coffee, lost your keys, or forgot an appointment. Have you ever wondered how to turn those days around?

Bad days happen, but they don't have to undo us.

No matter how difficult our day, we can always end it on a better note with God. The Examen is a powerful prayer tool to help you find glimmers of God even on your worst days. You might be surprised to learn that it comes from Ignatius of Loyola, who taught his Jesuit followers to look back over each day using five steps. You don't have to be a monk to pray like this. Amazingly, this 500-year-old spiritual practice remains relevant today.

1. Remember God's presence.

"My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest." (Exodus 33:14)

Even after a trying day, God will quiet your soul as you remember His presence and intentionally seek to enter into it. Percember Ho's with your Invite Him to make Himse

intentionally seek to enter into it. Remember He's with you. Invite Him to make Himself present to you.

**2. Respond** to Him with thanks.

"Those who sacrifice thank offerings honor me." (Psalm 50:23) Giving thanks gives God glory and helps us look on the bright side of a bad day. What small blessings can you thank God for?

3. Reflect on how God showed Himself to you.

"For God does speak--now one way, now another-- though no one perceives it..." (Job 33:14) God reveals himself through scripture, but we also see glimpses of him in nature, events, and people. Sometimes He shows up loudly through miraculous, divine intervention. Other times He shows Himself quietly through the beauty of a flower or an earnest conversation.

4. Repent of your failings.

"Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord." (Acts 3:19)

I don't like recognizing my own sin, but repentance is key to continual renewal in our relationship with God. We fail God every day, but bad days have a way of making sin spew out of us. We vent our frustrations. We fret and worry instead of trusting. We open the door to addiction. In the heat of a difficult moment, we react in anger.

5. Resolve to grow.

"He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:6)

God is in the business of changing us, so don't let your failings discourage or define you. His mercies are always new. Accept His forgiveness. Ask Him for grace to change. Is there anything you need to make right or anyone you need to apologize to? What can you do differently tomorrow?

Bad days don't have to undo us.

We can make even a bad day better when we look for glimpses of God and ways to grow. -Written by Betsy de Cruz  $-\textit{Pastor Matt} \bigcirc$ 

#### CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF ...

- -Christine and Martin Bashore and family on the death of Christine's sister, Earla Strause who died June 3. 2016.
  - -Norman Nolt family on the death of his wife, Alma Nott, who died June 8, 2016.
  - -Kevin and Louanne Boltz family on the death of Kevin's mother, Marian Boltz, who died June 8, 2016.
- -Maeanna Miller family and Susan and Larry Hartranft family on the death of Robert Miller, Sr., husband, father and grandfather, who died June 23, 2016.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

-Ryan Fisher who graduated Cum Laude from Pennsylvania College of Technology, Williamsport, with a Bachelor of Science, Engineering Design Technology Degree.

-Aimee Wanner, graduated with a BA degree from Temple University, Japan. She majored in East Asia Studies with a minor in Japanese.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO JUNE, 2016 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

\*Devin Emerich

\*Kristen Ziegler, both from Tulpehocken High School

#### RECEIVED BY BAPTISM – June 5, 2016:

\*Greg Bryant

\*Mia Hussmann

\*Marlin Ritchie

\*Chad Henning

\*Jacob Straw

\*Tammy Ritchie

\*Dylan Himmelberger

\*Nathan Wengert

\*Debra Yordy



#### RECEIVED BY TRANSFER OF LETTER -

\*Scot Zeller and \*Rebecca Zeller - June 5, 2016

\*Dan Landis and \*Ashly Landis \*Jason Schwalm and \*Sarah Schwalm - June 19, 2016

# SEVEN YEAR OLD CHILDREN RECEIVING BIBLES - June 12, 2016

Elijah Bicksler

Daniel Bryant

Mason Hartranft

Megan Manbeck

Ava Blatt

Leshane Christ

Julianna Hoffa

Gavin Speraw

Josiah Blouch

Julianne Forry

Emma Landis

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#### CONGRATULATIONS ON THE MARRIAGE OF:

Aaron Stupp and Laura Beissel, who were married June 25, 2016.

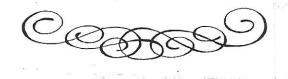


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I heard it at the cafe....

The new sidewalk at the café is beautiful! The improvements look great and are much appreciated.

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Member Birthdays	for July:	of the Moint	1	Brendan Line	21
Andrew Wise	2	Trioni	n	Diane Duell	22
Sharon Dosch	2			Katrina Dvorznak	24
Eric Adams	5	Shirley Bashore	14	Jill (Siegrist) Thomas	s 24
R. Joanne Bashore	5	Kenneth Snyder	14	Jamie Wise	24
Brenda Brubaker	5	Ethan Stupp	14	Stanley Hershey	26
Vera Gross	5	Beatrice Frantz	15	Glenn Riegel	27
Nolan Keeney	5	Mary (Forry)March	16	Ronald Blatt	28
James J. Frantz	6	Ken Coots	17	Ralph Wanner	28
Karen Mason	7	Susan Hartranft	17	Daniel DeMille	29
Mary Ann Fake	8	Chad Henning	17	Karen Weinhold	29
Ryan Snyder	8	Rhoda Wentling	17	Ronald Hershey	30
Christine DeMille	9	Mary Bashore (Gary)	18	•	
Martha Klahr	11	Marion Hass	20		
Kenneth A. Bashore	14	John D. Kauffman	20		



# LEBANON VALLEY BRETHREN HOME Chicken BBQ and Auction July 23, 2016

Plan to attend the LVBH Chicken BBQ and Auction on July 23, 2016, at the Home in Palmyra. To purchase tickets (\$9.00 each), call 717-838-5406 Ext. 3052. Tickets are also available online at www/lvbh.org. More information is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Snickerdoodle cookies are needed. Contact Becky Rebman if you are willing to bake cookies.

Proceeds to benefit the Home's Good Samaritan Fund.

# WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

CAMP Camp Swatara August 21-23, 2016

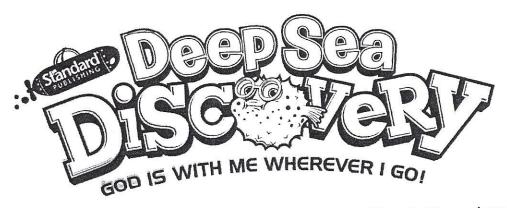


All women are invited to attend the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Fellowship Camp August 2-23, at Camp Swatara. Rosie Weary will be speaking on the theme *Living With Shadows: Walking by Faith*. Registration deadline is July 11, (contact the Camp). Many activities await attendees!

About the Speaker: Rosie Weary hails from Jackson, MS and has been involved in Christian ministry since her youth. She worked with her husband Dolphus for 27 years with Mendenhall Ministries, a Christ centered community development organization. Rosie is a graduate of Los Angeles Baptist College and she and her husband have 3 children: Danita is a pediatrician in MS and Ryan works with the R.E.A.L. Foundation. Their other son, Reggie went to be with the Lord in 2004.

Rosie's hobbies include traveling, gardening, and fishing. She authored the book *Stepping Out from the Shadows*.





Join us for Vacation Bible School July 11 to 15 from 8:30am to 11am where kids will know that God is always with them! Children, we hope to see you there and don't forget to invite your friends. Staff, thank you for your willingness to help make this week possible. Congregation, ioin us in braver for the week as we learn and grow in relationship with Jesus Christ.

Get ready to dive into a life-changing adventure that leads kids deeper into God's love! Throughout the week, kids will explore the depths of the Bible using five dive markers to guide them. Through Deep Sea Discovery, they will resurface knowing that God is with them wherever they go!

Our Service Project is Child Disaster Services, a Church of the Brethren ministry that provides care for children following disasters. Specially trained volunteers provide a calm, safe, and reassuring presence in the midst of chaos caused by tornadoes, floods, hurricanes, wildfires, any natural or human caused disaster. As most may remember the famous Suitcase that Jean Myers carried to so many places for 30 years! With the disasters all around impacting so many children, we felt that this would be good for the children at VBS to understand and know that there is help and caring for children. The children here at our Bible School, can help those in disaster areas, even if they may never meet these children. Jean will be sharing with the children some of her experiences during Bible School here at Little Swatara.

A Picnic and Program is scheduled for Friday, July 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the pavilion for all who attended Bible School.



# WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

What a fantastic day June 18<sup>th</sup> was for the Truck, Car, Tractor, and Motorcycle Show! We would like to thank everyone who participated in this event. We had good weather, good attendance – you made this event a huge success.

In a few months, it will be time to make chow chow. Keep Women's Fellowship in mind if you have extra vegetables such as green beans, lima beans, pickles, carrots, peppers, in your garden that you would like to donate to make chow chow this year.

The women will not be meeting in July, therefore the next meeting will be on August 1, at 7:00 p.m. All women are welcome to attend.

# Senior Adult Ministries

# TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ATLANTIC NORTHEAST SENIORS

August 1 to 5 – Five days and four nights: Indiana Quilt Gardens and Ohio Amish. View planted quilt gardens in four different areas, spend one night at Ohio's Carlisle Inn in Sugar Creek, visit the Warther Knife and Sailing Ship museum and much more. Cost per person double occupancy is \$763.

September 15 – Newseum one-day trip to Washington, D.C. Each of the seven floors is packed with interactive exhibits such as Pulitzer Price photographs, Berlin Wall, our presidents, spectacular view of our nation's capital and many more. Cost is \$75 per person.

October 17 to 20 – Noah's Ark and Creation Museum -a walk through the 70,000 sq. ft. Creation Museum, enjoy a 2-hr. gospel music cruise and a tour on Noah's Ark which will open around August 1. A stop at Flight 93 site is planned on the way home. Cost per person is \$634.

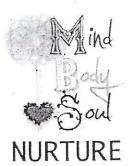
November 14 to 18 – Branson Christmas Shows Four nights and five days, staying in same hotel and experiencing 12 musical and comedy shows. We will fly to and from Philadelphia Airport to Springfield, Missouri. Cost per person double occupancy is \$1,525.

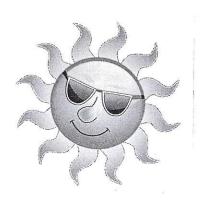
For more information on any of these trips, contact Earl Ziegler at 717-560-6488 or email at <a href="evzieg@gmail.com">evzieg@gmail.com</a>, Detailed itineraries are available upon request.

# Camp Swatara Educational Gift

- Do you plan to attend one of the five Brethren Colleges or Bethany Seminary in the fall?
- Are you a member of a Church of the Brethren within the Atlantic Northeast (ANE) District?
- Do you plan to work the summer at Camp Swatara?

If you answered yes to all of those questions, contact me about the Camp Swatara Educational Gift and ask about what funds might be available to you! Check out the Youth section under Our Ministries on the District website for more details on all events and, as always, feel free to email me with questions. <a href="mailto:iross@ane-cob.org">iross@ane-cob.org</a>





### COMING EVENTS -AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2016



AUGUST 27 – Country Fair Rehrersburg Fair Grounds

SEPTEMBER 23-24 – District Relief Auction Lebanon Valley Expo Center

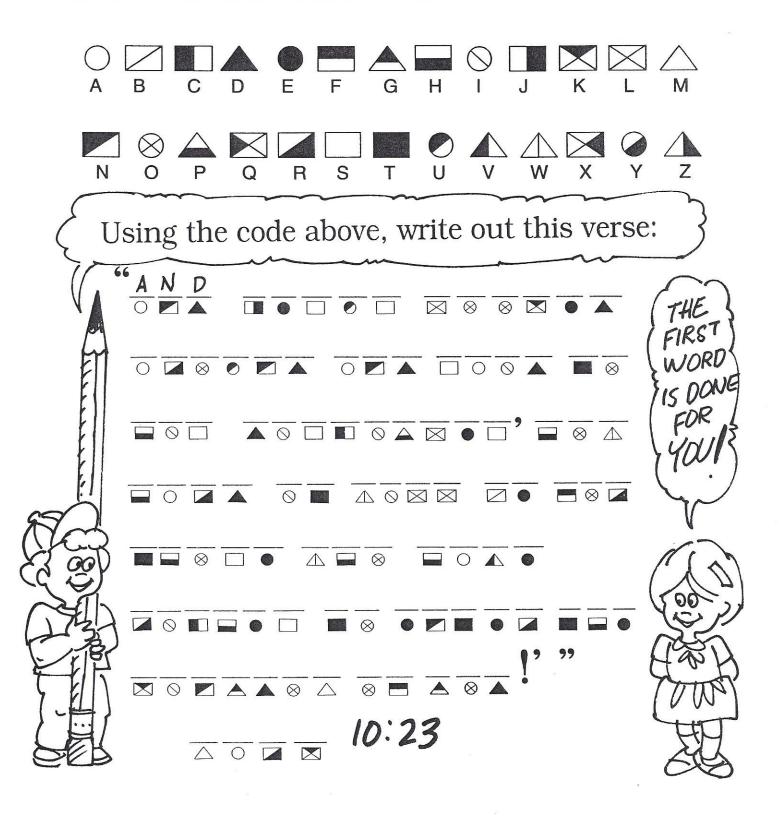
Plan now to attend these events. More information about these activities will be published in the upcoming Church Newsletter.





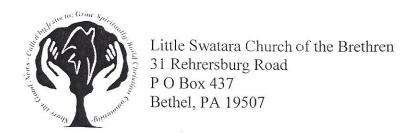
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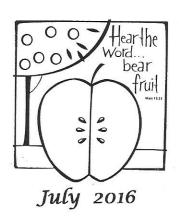
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# JULY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> Newsletter Deadline Pav Res-Sam Forry PRAISE TEAM @8:15am 12:00 PM Spiritual Nurture Meeting	<b>27</b> 9:00 AM Ladies Bible Study	28 Ministry Team Minutes Due 12:30 PM 50 Plus Meets 6:30 PM Den Meeting	29 Annual Conference in Greensboro, NC 7:00 PM Praise Team Practice	30 Greensboro, NC 5:00 PM TOPS Meets	Annual Conference in Greensboro, NC 6:00 PM Tiger Scouts meet	2 CONTRINCT Annual Conference in Greensboro, NC
ANNUAL Annual Conference in Greensboro, NC NO Youth Yummies Youth Mission Trip 8:15 AM Guest Speaker, Richard Frantz 10:30 AM Annual Conference Worship Service 6:00 PM Christian Poetry Fellowship 6:00 PM Scout Leader Meeting	4 Independence Day Youth Mission Trip	<b>5</b> NO Leadership Mtg Youth Mission Trip	<b>6</b> Youth Mission Trip 7:00 PM Praise Team Practice	7 Youth Mission Trip 5:00 PM TOPS Meets 7:00 PM 50+ program	8 Youth Mission Trip	9 Youth Mission Trip 8:00 AM VBS Setup Day 12:00 PM Trinity UCC, Rehrersburg Fun Festival
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<b>17</b> 8:15 & 10:30am Faithful Men 12:00 PM PAV Res. W.Lingle	<b>18</b> 8: <b>45 AM</b> 50 Plus Bus Trip	<b>19</b> 7:00 PM Ministry Teams Meet	<b>20</b> 7:0 <b>0 PM</b> Praise Team Practice	<b>21</b> 5:00 <b>PM</b> TOPS Meets	22	<b>23</b> 7:00 AM Men's Ministry Prayer Breakfast
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31 8:15 AM WLBR Broadcast Sunday	1 7:00 PM Women's Business Meeting	2 7:00 PM Leadership Team Meeting	3 7:00 PM Praise Team Practice	4 5:00 PM TOPS Meets	5 Camp Group "Camping out" 6:00 PM Tiger Scouts meet	6 Camp Group "Camping out" 4:00 PM PAV RES FW Grp #2





# We, the people...

"We, the people..." Those are the opening words of one of the greatest documents ever written, the Constitution of the United States. What responsibility do we, the people, have to history? The Bible, that book whose wisdom is endless, puts it to each of us in words that have never been equaled: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself" (Luke 10:27). If each of us will just do his or her best to live up to that majestic utterance, our responsibility to history will be fulfilled and our nation will prosper.

-Norman Vincent Peale



"Belief is a truth held in the mind. Faith is a fire in the heart."

-Joseph Newton