



## Little Swatara Church of the Brethren

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Sunday Worship: 8:15 & 10:30 AM

Sunday school 9:30AM

# Good News!

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Photo of the Jr. High Youth during Jr. High youth conference in Elizabethtown Pa.

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### SOME FUN FACTS ABOUT OUR NATIONS HISTORY IN JULY

1776...The Continental Congress adopts [The Declaration of Independence](#), which proclaims the Independence of The United States from Great Britain.

1826...The 2nd and 3rd Presidents, [John Adams](#) and [Thomas Jefferson](#), die on the same day (the 4th of July), exactly 50 years after the signing of the [Declaration of Independence](#).

On July 5th

1865...Revivalist preacher William Booth and his wife Catherine establish the Christian Mission known later as The Salvation Army.

On July 6th

1942...Thirteen year old Anne Frank wrote in her [diary](#) the she and her family were forced to take refuge in a secret loft of a warehouse in Nazi-occupied Holland.

## **Free indeed!!**

Many have gone to war and given their lives in the name of freedom. That freedom came at a cost. "Of the past 3,400 years, humans have been entirely at peace for 268 of them, or just 8 percent of recorded history. At least 108 million people were killed in wars in the twentieth century. Estimates for the total number killed in wars throughout all of human history range from 150 million to 1 billion. This statistic is from Jul 6, 2003. Since this time, ongoing wars and conflicts continue and more lives have been lost.

Yet what is freedom? Is it simply free from conflict? The dictionary defines freedom as "the power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants without hindrance or restraint."

The greatest freedom we can have though is in Christ. To be free in Christ means freedom from sin.

*Romans 6: 6-7 reads "We know that the person we used to be was crucified with him to put an end to sin in our bodies. Because of this we are no longer slaves to sin. The person who has died has been freed from sin."*

Friends, as we look to Independence Day, let us remember this freedom Christ offers. Have we been washed by the blood? Is the peace of Christ over us? Do we know what it means to be free in Christ?

Let us pray.

Lord help us know your peace. Set us free from our sin in the name of your Son. Lead us to the cross where your love and forgiveness was given for all. Thank you for giving us what we need in all times. Amen.

Blessings one and all.

*~Pastor Matt*



**G a l a t i a n s**

**5:13-14** You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

**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!

**Encouraging News**

Following the Renewal Services with Bob Kettering, the Deacons discussed ways to put his messages into action. One of which was to "Encourage each other." Turning to scripture, below are only a few passages that speak about encouragement.

*Galations 6:2 Carry each others burdens....*

*1 Peter 4:8 Love each other deeply..*

*1 Peter: 4:10 Serve one another with whatever gifts you received...*

*James 5:16 Pray for one another....*

*Ephesians 4:32 Be kind to one another....*

*Acts 18:27 ....the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciple!*

How can we do this? How can we add one more thing to our already full plates?

Simply by **going to the church mailboxes**. There you will find pens and a plastic holder with repurposed post cards. (We have hundreds). Taking a card, write a quick note and place it in the appropriate mailbox. You may make someones day.

**Examples:** "The music was so inspiring this morning."

"Thank You" to the projection persons, the sound system people, ushers...

"I'm praying for you." "I'm thinking of you." to someone having a rough time/

"Have a great week."

"Great to see you this morning."

*The ways to encourage and serve others are endless. Lets see how many of those postcards we can put to a good use.*

***Every Member Council made a decision to have one worship service over the summer months from June 16 - August 25 at 9 AM and Sunday School from 10:15 - 11 AM.***

## **Kids, get ready for an adventure in the wild**

with elephants, egrets, polar bears, penguins, cockatoos and crocodiles. As you seek out exotic animals you'll also find snapshots of real-life encounters with Jesus in Scripture. Grownups, consider helping with VBS 2019 where the kids will witness **AMAZING ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS** John 20:31.

Families, mark your calendars!



## **Vacation Bible School 2019**

July 15-19 from 8:30am-11:00am

For more information, call 717-933-4723.

Register online in advance at <http://www.myvbs.org/littleswataracob/> or bring a completed registration form the first day your child attends

(forms available in the narthex).

If you would like to help with VBS 2019 Please contact the church office 717-933-4723 or Diana Kintzer 610-589-2145 Thank you!

## **We are also looking for the following Large Stuffed Animals to borrow for "in The Wild" VBS Week**

### **Polar Bear - Peacock- Zebra - Meerkat**

If have please contact Diana Kintzer 610-589-2145 or email [dlkintzer@gmail.com](mailto:dlkintzer@gmail.com)  
Thank you!

## **Items in need for VBS 2019** **(boxes will be located in upper and lower vestibules)**

### **Snacks**

-Homemade Cookies (various varieties)

- pretzels

-animal cookies

### **Craft materials**

-toilet paper tubes

-assorted (DRY) small sticks and twigs (enough to fill 3 buckets)

-PLASTIC Parmesan cheese containers (45 -50)

- plastic **"ICE"** beverage bottles - (45 -50)

## **Thank you for your donations and support!**



## Children's Day

Four children received bibles this year. These bibles are presented to the children that attend Sunday School and/or Church on a regular basis and turn 7 in the current calendar year.

Madison Erb - is the daughter of Robert and Stephanie Erb. She lives in Ft. Henry with her parents and her 3 big brothers, Brett, Bryson and Braydn. Maddie completed first grade at Bethel Elementary this year. She enjoys camping and dance. Her favorite color is Purple and she loves playing with animals, anything from farm animals to snakes.

Chloe Brown – is the daughter of David and Renee Brown. She lives on Brown road with her parents and big sister, Naomi. Chloe completed Kindergarten this year at Bethel Elementary. Chloe loves to play cat. So, don't be surprised if you say good morning to Chloe and she says Meow. Chloe also likes snakes. She likes snakes because they eat mice.

Blake Flammer – lives with his mother Tara and his grandparents in Shoemakersville. He comes to church with his Mimi, Suzanne Whickert. Blake finished 2<sup>nd</sup> grade this year. His favorite color is Green. Blake loves to be with people and is looking forward to going to camp this summer.

Anthony Hoffa – is the son of Beau and Anita Hoffa. He lives on School road near Womelsdorf, with his parents and his big sister Julianna. Anthony completed First Grade at Conrad Weiser West elementary school this year. His favorite color is red or blue. Anthony enjoys wrestling, riding bike, driving RC cars and video games.

Following the bible presentation, This Way Up provided the bible message in a way different from what we are used to. This Way Up was very well received.

The Lord provide an awesome day for the fellowship. The church picnic was a GREAT success, no rain, Yeah! Thank you to the 100+ people that attended. Thank you to everyone that helped make this event a success. A special thank you to all that provide a delicious covered dish.

## **Womens Fellowship News**

Thank you to everyone who comes out to support our many functions throughout the year. Your help and support are greatly appreciated.

The Crafters Group will meet Tuesday, July 9 at 9:00 a.m.

The Londonderry Village Chicken BBQ and Auction will be held July 26 and 27, 2019. They have their Chicken BBQ, bake sale, Car & Tractor Show, Auction and an evening concert.

Our next Womens Fellowship Meeting will be Monday, August 5 at 7:00 p.m. All women of our Church are invited to attend.

National Night Out is Tuesday, August 6 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. It will be held at the Bethel Fire Company grounds. Most of our communities will be hosting this crime prevention event to promote police-community partnerships; crime, drug and violence prevention; safety; and neighborhood unity. It is an opportunity to show our support for the people who keep us safe and there are lots of fun activities for the kids.

### **Widows Luncheon**

Tuesday June 11th at  
11:30am at the  
Country Fair  
Restaurant

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**LITTLE SWATARA  
CHURCH SECRETARIAL  
POSITION AVAILABLE  
STARTING IN JUNE.** call  
Rich Yenser at  
717-933-0468.

### **Women's Fellowship**

Atlantic Northeast District

### **Women's Camp**

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 June

ANDREW WISE	2	RHODA WENTLING	17
SHARON DOSCH	2	MARY BASHORE (GARY)	18
ERIC ADAMS	5	CHAD HENNING	18
R. JOANNE BASHORE	5	MARION HASS	20
BRENDA BRUBAKER	5	JOHN D. KAUFFMAN	20
VERA GROSS	5	BRENDAN LINE	21
NOLAN KEENEY	5	DIANE DUELL	22
JAMES J. FRANTZ	6	KATRINA DVORZNAK	24
KAREN MASON	7	JILL THOMAS	24
MARY ANN FAKE	8	JAMIE WISE	24
RYAN SNYDER	8	STANLEY HERSHEY	26
CHRISTINE DEMILLE	9	GLANN RIEGEL	27
KENNETH A. BASHORE	14	RONALD BLATT	28
KENNETH SNYDER	14	RALPH WANNER	28
ETHAN STUPP	14	DANIEL DEMILLE	29
BEATRICE FRANTZ	15	KAREN WEINHOLD	29
MARY (FORRY) MARCH	16	RONALD HERSHEY	30
KEN COOTS	17		
SUSAN HARTRANFT	17		

### **Exercise Class**

On vacation until the fall.  
Enjoy your summer!

### **Baptism Reconition -**

Some to welcome and  
some to look forward to.

Janelle Rebman - June  
27 - 6:30pm at Camp  
Swatara with campfire to  
follow

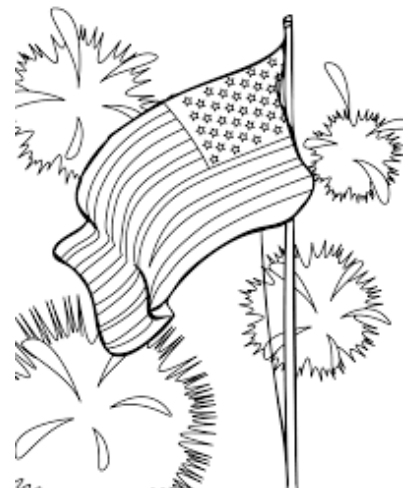
Aydin and Ava Blatt,  
Brooke Bicksler - June  
30 - 1pm at Willow  
Springs Park, 199  
Millardsville Rd Richland  
PA, meet at the gate

Aidan, Macey and  
Cooper Schwalm - 3pm,  
family pool, 34 Little  
Swatara Church Rd

## **This July 4th lets express appreciation to our Lord for a nation at peace.**

Despite significant violence within the United States, the nation remains free of war within its own borders. Most of us take this peace for granted, yet millions worldwide long for a single night of rest without fear of attack in their communities.

We can at least take a moment to thank God for the peace He has provided for our family, our community, and nation. As [Jeremiah 29:7](#) teaches, we can seek the good of the city where we live and work to impact those around us with the love of Christ.



## Some Upcoming Youth activities...

Youth Mission Trip with BDM to the Carolina's is June 30th thru July 6th. Please keep them in your prayers.

July 14th - Senior High Picnic

## New Sermon Series

Walk the Talk

walk with us through the book of James one chapter at a time, over the summer.

**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.

**GOLF FOR CAMP** July 17-8am tee time, any questions call 717-933-8510 or see Camp bulletin board in church hallway.

## Coming Up...

### **July's Mission of the Month**

*Is Vacation Bible School. See page 5 for more information*

### **July 3rd thru 7th**

*Annual Conference in Greensboro, NC*

### **July 7th**

*9am service. Annual Conference telecast.*

### **July 15th - 19th**

*"IN THE WILD" VBS from 8:30am to 11am*

### **All Summer**

*New summer schedule. Church will be at 9:00 followed by Sunday school at 10:15*

“Your word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”  
~Psalms 119:105



# JULY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> YOUTH BDM Mission-Carolina's 9:00 AM <b>SUMMER WORSHIP</b> 10:15 AM <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> 12:00 PM Spiritual Nurture Mtg 1:00 PM BAPTISMS, Blatts, Bickster, Wicherth @ Willow Springs, Millardsville	<b>1</b> YOUTH BDM Mission-Carolina's	<b>2</b> YOUTH BDM Mission-Carolina's 7:00 PM <b>LEADERSHIP TEAM Mtg</b>	<b>3</b> ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Greensboro, NC YOUTH BDM Mission-Carolina's 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	<b>4</b> ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Greensboro, NC YOUTH BDM Mission-Carolina's 8:00 AM Quilting	<b>5</b> ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Greensboro, NC YOUTH BDM Mission-Carolina's	<b>6</b> ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Greensboro, NC YOUTH BDM Mission-Carolina's
<b>7</b> ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Greensboro, NC 9:00 AM <b>SUMMER WORSHIP</b> 10:15 AM <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> 5:30 PM Scout Den Meeting	<b>8</b> 7:00 PM Preschool Board Mtg	<b>9</b> 9:00 AM <b>Crafters Meet</b> 11:30 AM <b>Widows Luncheon/Ctry Fare</b> 6:30 PM Den Meeting	<b>10</b> 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	<b>11</b> 8:00 AM Quilting 6:30 PM Bethel 4-H Club Meets 7:00 PM FH, 50 Plus Program	<b>12</b> 3:45 PM 50+ Bus Trip	<b>13</b> 7:00 AM FH Res/Fire Co. Luncheon
<b>14</b>  Food Pantry Collection VBS Kickoff Sunday 9:00 AM <b>SUMMER WORSHIP</b> 10:15 AM <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>	<b>15</b>  8:30-11am/VBS	<b>16</b>  8:30-11am/VBS	<b>17</b>  8:30-11am/VBS Newsletter Deadline 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	<b>18</b>  8:30-11am/VBS 8:00 AM Quilting	<b>19</b>  8:30-11am/VBS 2:00 PM Bethel FOOD PANTRY	<b>20</b> 12:00 PM Pav Res/Bashore Reunion
<b>21</b>  Pav Res/Keeney Reunion 9:00 AM Guest Speaker, R.Frantz 9:00 AM <b>SUMMER WORSHIP</b> 10:15 AM <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>	<b>22</b> Possibly Carpet Cleaning week at church	<b>23</b> 6:30 PM <b>Den Meeting</b>	<b>24</b> 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	<b>25</b> 8:00 AM Quilting	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Chicken BBQ Fundraiser @ Camp Swatara 7:00 AM <b>Men's Prayer Breakfast</b> 12:00 PM PAV RES/Ray Keeney
<b>28</b> 9:00 AM BREAD & CUP Communion 9:00 AM <b>SUMMER WORSHIP</b> 10:15 AM <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> 3:00 PM Schwalm BAPTISMS @ Residence	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	<b>1</b> NO 50 Plus 8:00 AM Quilting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

“Where liberty dwells,  
there is my country  
~Benjamin Franklin

## July Newsletter 2019



### Good News!

**Thank you!** To all who contributed to the newsletter for the month of July. The deadline for the June edition is Wednesday July 17th. Email [ashlylynn21@gmail.com](mailto:ashlylynn21@gmail.com)

**New church service hours for the summer**

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**Learn about our children's day bible recipients**

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### Did you know?

July 15th 1903...The newly formed Ford Motor Company takes its first order for a two-cylinder Model T [automobile](#) for \$850.00

July 26th 1931...The Midwest is overcome with grasshoppers which destroys millions of acres and added to The Great Depression.

“For **God** so *loved* the world, that He gave His *only* Son, that whoever believes in **Him** shall **not** perish, but have EVERLASTING LIFE. ”

~John 3:16

**Why is it important to encourage one another?**

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