



## Little Swatara Church of the Brethren

Matthew S. Christ, Pastor

Sunday Worship: 8:15 & 10:30 AM

Sunday school 9:30AM

# Good News!

Church's Office Phone (717)933-4723 Church's Office Fax (717)933-9223

Volume LIII

July 2020

Number 7

### A Note from Our Pastor

No NOT Norm - Page 1

### Letter from Leadership

page 2

### COBY'S Bike and Hike info

Page 3

### Birthday's for July

Page 3

### Londonderry Chicken BBQ

Page 4

### Calendar

Page 5

### "No NOT Norm"

I keep hearing people say I really wish everything would go back to normal. But when I think about that, the prior norm didn't have the church rising up and reaching. The prior norm wasn't active in saving souls. The prior norm didn't take life so seriously. Just maybe the prior norm isn't what we want. After all the norm now has us closer than ever though we're screens apart. Imagine what's its going to be like when we can be together again. I've never taken anything for granted more than being able to gather. While I know there's distancing and safety to error on the cautious side, just to see your faces live is going to be epic. I wonder if that's how even the disciples felt when Jesus left them for his home and returned a final time. I can bet their faces lit up and they were overflowing with joy. My prayer as we work toward a renewed norm, we keep pace with missing each other week to week. We're family and families are for each other. While I know we couldn't reach out to everybody, I pray you sensed the prayers being lifted daily. I know my life will never be the same. We are thankful for Gods provisions. We are turning to him for our spiritual needs to be fed and once this all passes, my prayer is the church is on fire and ready for a reformation to be one, to be geared toward service and to love one another. My heart has hurt for too long not being with my flock. I'm thrilled to be able to see you again very soon. Blessings.

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.

We will be initially starting with one service on Sunday, June 28 at 10:30 AM, no Sunday School.

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 July**

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		

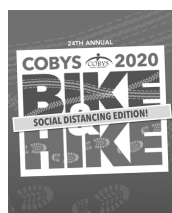
### **Our Sympathies to**

The family of Ruth Keeney on her passing June 16th.

**Zoom Bible study  
on Wednesday  
will continue at  
7pm even after  
the church  
reopens.**

### **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.

We'll be glad to see you again!

# 2020 CHICKEN BBQ & AUCTION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Londonderry Village

Londonderry Village provides 625 seniors with a place to call home. We believe our community offers an exceptional place to live and the highest quality care for those who need it. We welcome you to this wonderful event. We do hope this year's BBQ & Auction event, even in its modified state, will offer an occasion of "some normalcy" this summer. So we encourage one and all to enjoy their chicken dinners, to bid generously at our online auction, or simply make a donation to the event. In doing so you'll be helping to support the care of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

*We thank you for making a positive difference in the lives of our elders!*

## FRIDAY, JULY 24

9:00 AM

Full preview of online auction offerings  
Viewable at:  
WWW.LONDONDERRYVILLAGE.ORG  
Pre-Register online for a bidder number or  
Call 717.838.5406 ext. 1000 for assistance

## SATURDAY, JULY 25

9:00 AM

Online auction bidding begins  
Register online for a bidder number  
Bidding Closes August 8 at noon

11:00AM -1:00 PM

Drive Thru Pick Up Chicken Dinners Available  
1200 Grubb Road, Palmyra PA  
Pre-orders must be picked up by 12:30 pm  
Please remain in your vehicle!

## ADDITIONAL DETAILS:

- There will be no dine in areas
- There will be no BBQ tickets
- Pre-ordered chicken dinners will be confirmed at pick up
- Suggested donation of \$10 per chicken dinner

## THANKS TO OUR EVENT SPONSORS:



## HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE EVENT INCLUDES:

**BBQ Chicken Dinners**... featuring Kauffman's Chicken will be available for drive-thru pick up from 11 a.m. to 1p.m. on Saturday, July 25. Pre-order your dinner(s) using an order form or visit Londonderry Village's website at WWW.LONDONDERRYVILLAGE.ORG. Click on "events" and then click on the Chicken BBQ image. Chicken BBQ dinners will also be available the day of the event while supplies last. For LV residents: pre-order and Chicken BBQ dinner(s) will be delivered right to your door.


**Homemade Baked Goods**... Londonderry Village events always offer something to satisfy your sweet tooth! The LV Auxiliary will have homemade whoopie pies, cakes and pies available for a donation.

**Summer Fun Packs for Kids**...take home a pail filled with treats such as sidewalk chalk, bubbles, candy, and more to youngster(s) in your family. Compliments of Shope Gardens Construction, Inc. Summer fun packs will be available at the drive thru while supplies last.

**Charity Auction**...Keeping with measures to protect the health and safety of our community, our auction event will transition from an in-person auction to an online one! Our BBQ event booklet and event website feature details about our online auction, how to participate, and samples of some of the items that will be available.

**Car and Tractor Show**... enjoy a "virtual" show of antique cars and tractors featured on our website and social media pages as well as highlighted in our auction event catalog. You may even learn a few fun facts while seeing some familiar faces!

# JULY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30 7:00 PM Spiritual Nurture Ministry Team Meeting/Fellowship Hall	1 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	2 8:30 AM Quilting	3	4
5 ANNUAL CONFERENCE - One Service	6	7 7:00 PM LEADERSHIP TEAM Mtg	8 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	9 8:30 AM Quilting	10	11
12 Food Pantry Collection 10:30 AM Praise Team	13 8:30 AM VBS	14 8:30 AM VBS	15 Newsletter Deadline 8:30 AM VBS 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	16 8:30 AM Quilting 8:30 AM VBS	17  8:30 AM VBS 2:00 PM Bethel Food Pantry	18 Pav Res/Bashore Reunion (W. Lingle)
19 Pav Res/Keeney Reunion (D.High)	20	21	22 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	23 8:30 AM Quilting	24	25
26 Bread & Cup Communion 4:00 PM Tulpehocken Baccalaureate/sanct.	27	28 Ministry Team Minutes Due	29 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	30 8:30 AM Quilting	31	1

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

## July 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](mailto:ashlylynn21@gmail.com)

#### Birthday list

Page 3

#### Church Calendar

Page 5

#### 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

#### COBY'S Bike and Hike

Page 3