

# Newsletter

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.

Robert W. Krouse, Senior Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

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## Nigerian Brethren request continued prayer

Samuel Dali, president of the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria (Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria or EYN), sent an e-mail on May 20 of a new attack by Boko Haram in which several EYN members were killed. Boko Haram is an extremist sect in Nigeria violently seeking a "pure" Islamic state. They are responsible for the abduction of hundreds of schoolgirls from the village of Chibok.

Dali was interviewed by the BBC World Service on May 14. He talked about the feelings of the parents of the missing Chibok schoolgirls, most of whom are Brethren girls, and the fact that the families have received no help from the Nigerian government, as well as suspicions that Boko Haram may have infiltrated the Nigerian army and other government bodies.

Dali shared news from Shawa village that "the village was attacked by Boko Haram last night and nine people were killed. Five of the nine people are members of EYN. Also, 49 houses belonging to our members have been burnt down and our local church has been burnt down completely."

Rebecca Dali, wife of EYN president Samuel Dali, also sent an e-mail asking for continued prayers and support. Her nonprofit organization CCEPI (Center for Caring, Empowerment, and Peace Initiatives) has focused on work with women and children affected by the violence, orphans, and refugees who have been fleeing to neighboring countries and those displaced within Nigeria.

"We need your prayers," she wrote, "now there is virtually no security in Borno State, especially outside Maiduguri. Many have fled to Cameroon. In refugee camps in Cameroon and [for] some who are displaced there was no food, medical, or other kinds of help."

To give to the EYN Compassion Fund, which provides aid to Nigerian Brethren affected by the violence, go to [www.brethren.org/eyncompassion](http://www.brethren.org/eyncompassion) (Information gathered from Brethren Newline)

Please continue to pray for Tessa Gerberich and our other brothers and sisters in Nigeria.

*Pastor Bob*

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

-Mary, Gary Bashore, and family - Stacy, Josh, Eric, Emilie, on the death of Erma Speicher, mother and grandmother, who died May 1, 2014.

**CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BIRTH OF:** Remmy Marie Wengert, daughter of Stephanie and Norman, Jr. Wengert, born May 5, 2014. Grandparents are Debbie and Norman Wengert; great-grandmother, Lois Keeney.

**RECOGNITION** – Marlene Blatt, our organist for 50 years, was recognized in the Reading Eagle Newspaper in “Faces of Faith” on Saturday, May 9, 2014. **Congratulations, Marlene** on your dedication in serving Christ and our congregation for many years.

**THANK YOU** – Offering Plates were donated to the church in memory of Richard Blatt.

## GRADUATES – 2014:

**High School:** Tulpehocken – Ashley Corbin, Rebecca Emerich, Carl M. Kauffman,

Amanda Rhoads, Kali Wentling; Warwick – Savannah Myers

**College:** Ashley Bohn, Lock Haven; Jared Franklin, Cabrini in Radnor;  
Tyler Rose Frantz, York College of Pennsylvania; Tyler Riegel, Dickinson;  
Dustin Seifrit, U. of Western Ohio; Tyler Snyder, WYC Tech;  
Sarah Wise, Lebanon Valley; Jacqueline Ziegler, Emerson

**Congratulations  
Graduates!**



## Members Birthdays for June:

Rodney Lebo 2  
Eric Sholley 2  
Bonnie Sholl 3  
Dorothy Merkey 4  
Dale Haupt 5  
Jayne Seifrit 5  
Tyler Riegel 6  
Earl (Buddy) Seigfried 6  
James Rockett 7  
Norman Wenger, Jr. 7  
William Brightbill 8  
Dennis Bross 8  
Ray Keeney 8  
Connie Manbeck 9  
Krystal (Lebo) Grecco 10

Norman Nolt 10  
Arlene Rebman 11  
Matthew Sanchez 11  
Lester Bashore, Sr. 12  
Sheila Raup 12  
Scott Sweigart 12  
Spencer Kelly 13  
Glenna Lebo 13  
Anita Hoffa 13  
Kelly Stertzal 13  
Michele Decosta 14  
Joann Yenser 14  
Kaitlyn (Boswick) 15  
Boehmer

Jenna Gagliano 16  
Jenny Luckenbill 17  
Gerald Houser 19  
Tyler Snyder 20  
Chelsea Brubaker 22  
Christopher Duell 23  
Patricia Stupp 24  
Michael Frantz 27  
Louise Schwartz 27  
Pastor Bob Krouse 27  
Mae Claman 29  
Timothy Reinhard 29  
Miles Weinhold 30



**CoB Night at the  
Harrisburg Senators  
Saturday, August 23  
Contact Nolan Keeney for details**



## PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE NEWS

The pastoral search process has moved into the interviewing stage. The search team completed the Little Swatara church profile in February. In March and April we prepared interview questions as we received and reviewed a good number of pastoral profiles.

We selected five candidates of interest and held four phone or web video conferences and scheduled two face to face interviews. It is exciting to see several good candidates and consider which will be the best match for Little Swatara. By the beginning of June we will likely have wrapped up the interview stage and will move forward with making a selection and working through the process to present the best candidate to the congregation.

The search team appreciates your prayer support through the time of discernment as we seek to choose the best fit for our congregation.



### CHILDREN'S DAY Sunday, June 8, 2014



The Children's Day Program will be held on Sunday June 8, at the 10:30 a.m. Service. **(One Service Only at 10:30 a.m.)** Sunday School will be in session at 9:30 a.m.

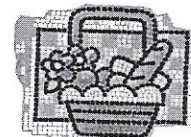
"Tiggar" a comedy magic show with a message focused for the children, will be presented. Of course, adults will benefit as well and are invited to attend.

### ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC June 8, 2014

The Annual Church picnic will be held on Sunday, June 8, 2014 after the 10:30 a.m. Children's Day Service, to which all attendees are invited.

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, beverage, soft Ice Cream will be supplied, but you are asked to bring a Covered Dish for lunch, also your place setting.

**COME AND ENJOY A  
PICNIC WITH GOOD FOOD  
AND FRIENDS!**



### JUNE MISSION OF THE MONTH Church World Service

When we hear Church World Service we often think of the Service Kits including Emergency Cleanup Kits, School Kits, Baby Care Kits and Hygiene Kits. Church World Service includes these and more.

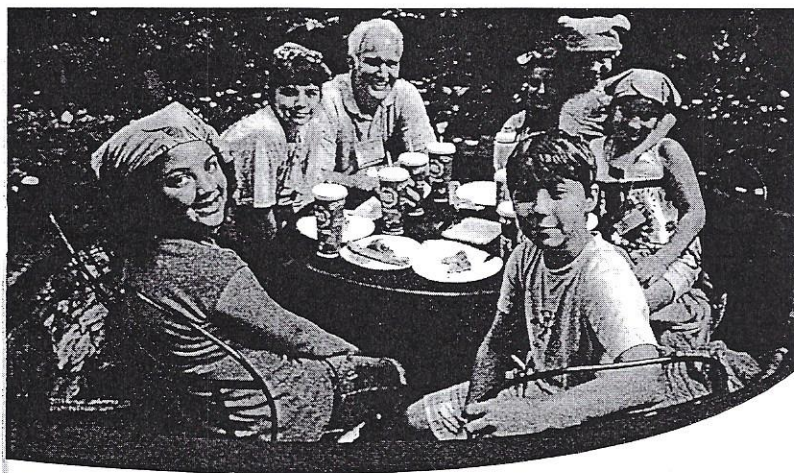
Church World Service was born in 1946, in the aftermath of World War II. Seventeen denominations came together to form an agency "to do in partnership what none of us could hope to do as well alone." The mission: Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, heal the sick, comfort the aged, shelter the homeless.

In 1946-47, U.S. churches opened their hearts and provided more than 11 million pounds of food, clothing, and medical supplies to war-torn Europe and Asia. Protestants and Catholics pooled talent and resources to meet a staggering refugee crisis. More than 65 years later the mission remains, though where and how they accomplish it has changed dramatically.

Today Church World Service continues to follow the mandate to stand with and for the world's most vulnerable people. It continues its mission with programs throughout the world that continue to focus on feeding the hungry, that deal with emergency response, refugee resettlement, service to immigrants, service to children and access to safer drinking water in developing countries. For more information see

<http://www.cwsglobal.org/>





# Annual Conference

July 2-6, 2014 • Columbus, Ohio

## Why should you come?

- Special Bible Study Opportunities each morning
- Saturday Evening Music Festival featuring Mutual Kumquat, Blue Bird Revival, and Community of Song
- Special Intergenerational Event on Saturday night focused on families with children
- Five meaningful, inspiring worship services
- Amazing music as 3,000 Brethren sing together
- Activities for children and youth each day

[www.brethren.org/ac](http://www.brethren.org/ac)

Delegates from Little Swatara congregation are:  
Carol Krouse and Alane Riegel  
Keep Conference and our  
Delegates in your prayers.

*"We could really feel the Spirit of God moving in our midst at our tables, in the Exhibit Hall and in everything that happened."*

—Todd Eastis

*"...joining other brothers and sisters in Christ who are in this denomination to worship and grow to live together, and to realize we're not alone in our various locations but we are one body in Christ."*

—Marcus Harden

Can't make it for all of Annual Conference?

# Come for the **weekend!**

Annual Conference is July 2-6, 2014, in Columbus, Ohio.

Select from any or all of these activities:

- Come listen to some family-friendly music on Saturday night. Three groups, Blue Bird Revival, Community of Song, and Mutual Kumquat will provide something for everyone to enjoy.
- Visit the intergenerational event Saturday evening featuring biblical and modern-day stories of courageous disciples. Choose from games, arts and crafts, a sing-a-long, the book nook, nature exploration, personal challenges, dramatic storytelling, word puzzles, movies, and more!
- Check out the Exhibit Hall featuring the Church of the Brethren, Brethren Press bookstore, SERRV store, and much more!

Live  
as  
**Courageous  
Disciples**

Go to  
[www.brethren.org/ac](http://www.brethren.org/ac)

for registration for Delegates and Non-Delegates, Hotel Information, Conference Schedule, Volunteer Opportunities, Meal Events, Children's and Youth Activities, and More!

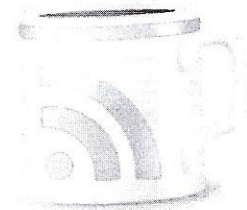
Online registration ends June 3, 2014 • Onsite registration begins July 1, 2014

Questions? Email [annualconference@brethren.org](mailto:annualconference@brethren.org) or call 800-323-8039 ext. 365 or 366.

See you in **Columbus!**

Church of the Brethren

THE GATHERING PLACE  
I heard it at the café...



*It's a small world.*

*During a business meeting at which future advertising options were being discussed, the discussion lead to nice places to meet and have coffee in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere and both parties mentioned the Gathering Place Café. Neither party had ever seen each other there but found that they both enjoyed their visits there and how wonderful the food, coffee, and volunteers are that work at the café.*



*One of our volunteers*

*had surgery recently. We will dearly miss Paul and wish him a speedy recovery! Thank you, Paul for all you do.*

**Church isn't where you meet,  
Church isn't a building,  
Church is what you do.  
Church is who you are.  
Church is the human outworking  
of the person of Jesus Christ.  
Let's not go to Church,  
Let's be the Church.**

—Bridget Willard

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You are invited to  
SonTreasure Island!  
July 14-18

BIBLE STUDY

At

SINGING

LITTLE SWATARA  
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

SonTreasure Island creates a fun and exciting island atmosphere where children will discover the treasure of God's amazing love. We look forward to sharing this exciting event with the children in our neighborhood. We hope you will join us at SonTreasure Island.

CRAFTS

GAMES

Help is needed – Contact the following if you and help:

**STAFF:** Sue Hartranft, Sandra Manbeck, Jennifer Emerich, Dorinda Kkauffman, Charlene Keeney

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

A "Thank You" to all who made the Mother and Daughter Banquet a success. It was a fun evening.

Volunteers are needed for the Chicken BBQ and Auction at the Lebanon Valley Brethren Home on July 26. Cookie bakers are needed - Contact Becky Rebman 933-8810 if interested.

Thank You to those who donated baked goods, helped in various ways, and attended the Yard Sale and Tractor Show on May 24. There was a good turn-out.

The next meeting will be on June 2, at 7:00 p.m.

## LEBANON VALLEY BRETHREN HOME - CHICKEN BBQ

July 26, 2014

Pre-sale discount chicken BBQ tickets are on sale now through the end of June. The pre-sale tickets are available at the Lebanon Valley Brethren Home

Community Center reception desk for \$8.00 each. A limited number of "chicken only" tickets are available for \$6.00 each. To purchase tickets, call Amy at 717-838-5406 ext.3052 to ensure your tickets are ready when you arrive.

Tickets are also available online at [www.LVBH.org](http://www.LVBH.org) for \$9.00 and select the chicken



BBQ & Auction link under the News and Events section. Anyone interested in volunteering during this event should contact Becky Rebman. Bakers are needed to bake cookies to be served with the dinner so again contact Becky if you will bake, for details.



## National Youth Conference 2014

Date: July 19-24, 2014

Location: Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO

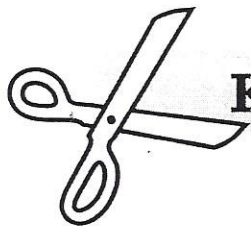
Registration: Open now @ [www.brethren.org/nyc](http://www.brethren.org/nyc)

**Cost:** The registration fee is \$450. A non-refundable deposit of \$225 is due at the time of registration. The balance is due by April 30. The registration fee will increase to \$500 for any late registrations (beginning May 1).

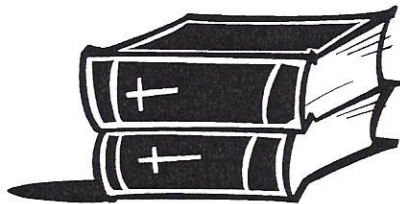
**Details:** NYC is a week-long faith formation extravaganza for high school youth and their advisors. All youth who have completed ninth grade through one year of college (at the time of NYC) are eligible to attend. For many more details, go to [www.brethren.org/nyc](http://www.brethren.org/nyc).

The winners of the National Youth Conference (NYC) Music Contest and Speech Contest have been announced by the Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office. One of the winners for the NYC Speech Contest is **Katelyn Young** from the Ephrata CoB. Speech Contest winners will share their speeches during the Sunday morning worship service at NYC.





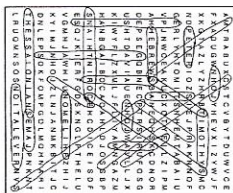
K I D S K L I P S



## Books, Books, Books!

Find the books of the New Testament in this word find puzzle. (For books with more than one part, such as 1 and 2 Timothy, you will find Timothy listed only once.)

Matthew	1 Timothy
Mark	2 Timothy
Luke	Titus
John	Philemon
Acts	Hebrews
Romans	James
1 Corinthians	1 Peter
2 Corinthians	2 Peter
Galatians	1 John
Ephesians	2 John
Philippians	3 John
Colossians	Jude
1 Thessalonians	Revelation
2 Thessalonians	



Answers

AMTRABUXCSTCVBYTDUWVCE  
FXADUGWNHOJYHEVXIZYWJF  
XKGTALYZHRBTIMOTHYSMC  
NDPETERIOZSIEJPRAKNNQF  
GERLYHTOMITSNHEMTABAIU  
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DNLEPSOKFOMPGOLMQHNARI  
THESSALONIANSEMAJPNKNT  
LRUQMNSOSNOITALEVERNVS

## Books of the Bible Cards

Look inside your Bible for a list of the books in the Bible. Use note cards to make a total of 66 cards. Write the name of one book of the Bible on each card. Then mix them up and use them to play games.

- Draw a card and put it in a New Testament or an Old Testament pile. Check the table of contents in a Bible to see how many you have right. (If you are playing with more than one person, take turns drawing a card from the center and have each player make a pile of Old and New Testament cards.) Put any wrong guesses back in the pile in the center and keep playing until all the cards have been used.
- Draw five cards and put them in order from Old Testament books to New. Draw five more and keep filling in the spaces until you have drawn all the cards and put them all in order.
- Separate the cards into Old and New Testaments piles. Then see if you can put the books in order.
- Use your imagination and make up other games on your own!






## 2014 COMING EVENTS



- 1, 9:30-5:30pm Conf. Rm, FC Nursing Program  
Sr. High/Youth Sunday  
5pm O, Scout Leader Meeting  
7pm S, Baccalaureate Program
- 2, 7pm LAR, WF Business Meeting  
7:30PM Steward & Property Meet
- 3, 7pm FH, Leadership Team meeting
- 5, 8am quilting  
7pm FH, 50 Plus meet
- 7, Annual Conference Delegate Briefing, Hempfield CoB
- 8, PENTECOST  
10:30am, One Service/Children's Program  
7 yr. old Bible Presentation  
Noon Pav, All Church Picnic
- 10, 12:30-5pm FH, 50 Plus meet  
7pm PO, Mission & Evangelism meet  
7pm O, Christian Ed meet
- 11, 7:30am-6:30pm 50 Plus Bus Trip  
6pm, Den Meeting
- 12, 8am Quilting
- 14, 6pm BDRA Kick-off Dinner-Yoder's
- 15, FATHER'S DAY  
Broadcast Sunday  
Graduation & Bible Presentation
- 19, 8am Quilting  
7am-8:30pm, 50 Plus Bus Trip
- 20, 2-6pm Bethel Food Pantry  
6pm, Wedding Rehearsal
- 21, SUMMER BEGINS  
3pm, Wedding - Noll/Martin
- 22, 8:15am Annual Conf. Delegate Consecration  
NYC Consecration  
Noon, Spiritual Nurture Meets  
Newsletter Deadline
- 24, 12:30-5pm FH, 50 Plus meet  
All Ministry Team Minutes Due
- 26, 8am FH, Quilting
- 29, 8:15 & 10:30am Guest speaker, Pastor Bill Longenecker
- 1, 7pm, Leadership meeting
- 2, Annual Conference week July 2-6  
Columbus, OH
- 3, 8am, Quilting  
7pm FH, 50 Plus meets
- 4, Independence Day, office closed
- 6, Last day of Annual Conference  
6pm O, Scout Leader Meeting
- 7, 7pm Women's Fellowship meet
- 8, 12:30-5pm, FH 50 Plus meet
- 9, 6pm Den Meeting
- 10, 8am, Quilting
- 12, VBS Setting up
- 13, VBS Kick-off Sunday
- 14, 8:30-11am, Bible School starts  
Pavilion and church use all week
- 15, 8:30-11am, Bible School
- 16, 8:30-11am, Bible School
- 17, 7:45am, 50 Plus bus trip/return 8:30pm  
8:30-11am, Bible School
- 18, 8:30-11am, Bible School  
2-6pm, Bethel Food Pantry  
6:30pm, Bible School Program
- 19, the 24<sup>th</sup> National Youth Conference starts in Fort Collins, Colorado
- 22, 12:30-5pm FH, 50 plus meets
- 24, Last day for Nat'l Youth Conf. at Ft. Collins, CO
- 25, 5-7pm, LVBH Chicken BBQ & Auction Event
- 26, Scouts Yard Sale at Pavilion  
7am-3pm, LVBH Chicken BBQ & Bazaar
- 27, 8:15 & 10:30am, Bread & Cup Communion  
Newsletter Deadline
- 28, Bear pack meets
- 29, Ministry team minutes due
- 31, 8am, Quilting

**PRACTICE RANDOM KINDNESS  
AND SENSELESS ACTS  
OF BEAUTY**







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**June 2014**

During a recent ecumenical gathering, a secretary rushed into the meeting shouting, "The building is on fire!"

The Baptists cried, "Where is the water?"

The Quakers quietly praised God for the blessings that fire brings.

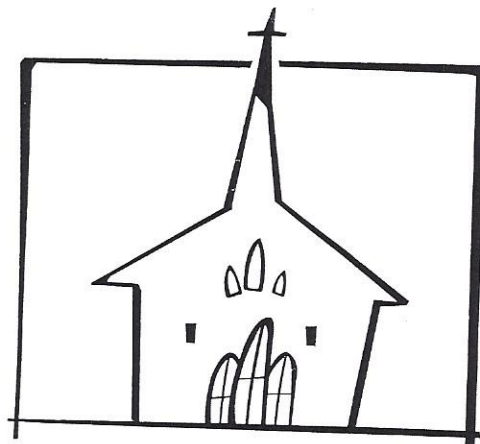
The Lutherans posted a notice on the door, declaring the fire was evil.

The Jews posted symbols on the doors, hoping the fire would pass.

The Congregationalists shouted, "Everyone for themselves!"

The Episcopalians formed a procession and marched out.

The Presbyterians appointed a committee to look into the matter and submit a written report.



The secretary grabbed the fire extinguisher and put the fire out.

-Logos Publications

*"My father didn't tell me how to live, he lived, and let me watch him do it."*

-Clarence Budington Kelland