

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.

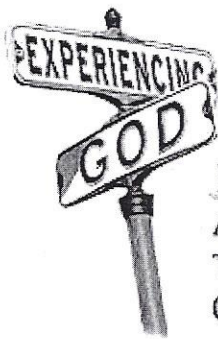
Robert W. Krouse, Senior Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

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KNOWING
AND DOING
THE WILL OF
GOD

It has been more than 15 years since Henry Blackaby wrote his enormously popular book, "Experiencing God" The subtitle is "Knowing and Doing the Will of God" If you haven't read the book, you probably know someone who has. If you haven't read it, borrow a copy and give it a read. The book has a simple, yet challenging message: Find out where God is at work and join Him there. Simple, yet so very important.

Fifteen years after its release, it has sold more than 4 million copies and has been licensed in 62 languages, from Chinese and Mongolian to Hebrew and Arabic.

Blackaby was pastor at Faith Baptist Church in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, for 12 years and then served as director of missions in Vancouver for two years before moving to the United States to become director of prayer and spiritual awakening at the North American Mission Board. "Experiencing God is my life's message," he says. "It's how I have always understood and walked with God."

Here are the "Seven Realities of Experiencing God" described within the book

1. God is always at work around you
2. God continually pursues a love relationship with you
3. God invites you to join Him in His work
4. God speaks to you
5. God's invitation will lead to a crisis of belief that requires faith in action
6. You must adjust your life in order to join God in what He is doing.
7. You come to know and experience God by doing His will and accomplishing His work

Since the beginning of time, God has wanted to have an intimate relationship with his children. Intimacy with God is the heart and soul of all that we are and all that we do as followers of Christ.

Pastor Bob

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

- Jeff and Connie Copp, former pastor, and family on the death of their son, Joshua Copp, April 14, 2014.
- Robert and Glenna Lebo on the death of Robert's mother, Mildred Hartman, April 25, 2014.
- Russell Lutz, whose mother, Edna Lutz, died April 25, 2014

Thank You from Jeff and Connie Copp - To all our friends at Little Swatara:

We can't thank all of you at Little Swatara enough for the blessed years you gave us in Pennsylvania. You were a wonderful extended family for Joshua, and for all of our children. They benefited greatly from the love you extended to them as they grew up in Berks County, and in the Bethel-Rehlersburg area. Their lives have all been greatly enriched because of it.

Joshua's death at the young age of 35 has of course been a terrible shock to us, and there is no way around that. A huge hole has been torn in our hearts. A joyous presence in our lives has been taken from us. But faith, family, and friends are helping us get through the pain, as well as helping us to find ways to press on with life constructively, in a manner that honors God, and Joshua's memory, and best assists Joshua's beloved son, Jeffrey, and wife, Anna.

The cards, best wishes, memorial gifts, and personal encouragement we have received from our friends at Little Swatara has been a key component in this. It has provided us with a well-spring of strength, comfort, and hope in the midst of the trauma. You have all been so wonderful!

Among Joshua's most treasured times in life were the occasions you made it possible for him to come back to Little Swatara with the Bluebird Revival. They were clearly high points in life for him. He cherished the moments. You all meant so much to him, and to all of us. Let us leave you with some words quoted at Joshua's funeral that he wrote just 7 days before his death; words to a chorus he intended to turn into a song.

Closer to the cross, closer to You , Lord.

Closer to Jesus, and His sacrifice.

Draw me closer, ever closer.

Draw me nearer, each day.

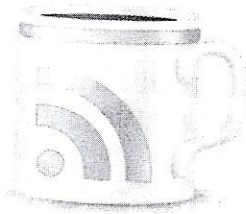
Closer to the cross, draw me nearer I pray...

Thank you for helping Joshua find a faith so deep in the wonderful years he enjoyed at Little Swatara! Love to you all! From: Jeff, Connie Copp, Mimi, Charles and Peter and their spouses and children.



News from Jorge Motta: (from Carl Myers) Jorge called excitedly about 11:30 this morning (April 11, 2014) from the United States Court House in Philadelphia. He asked me to let the church know that he has passed his final test and interview for US citizenship. A ceremony will follow at a future date. Jorge and his mother Maria are now US citizens. Both are deeply grateful for Little Swatara's (they call us Tulpehocken) financial and prayer support during this 20 year odyssey. (Maria says that she prays for our church every day.) His address: Jorge Motta, 327 Chestnut St., West Reading, PA 19611

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



Entered in the journal at the café a visitor commented, "I always get your bagels, and pastry. I love to come here. This place makes me feel comfortable, especially when I can sit and drink a nice cup of coffee."

Member Birthdays for May:



Lois Reinhard	1
Heather Claman	3
Andrew Donkel	3
Sally Emerich	3
Richard Bechtold	4
Jill Amspacher	5
Doris Keeney	5
Roberta Bashore	6
Ashley Mill	6
Jason Bashore	7
Larry Hartranft, Sr.	11
Brenda Kelly	11
Valerie Bashore	12

Earl Ebling	13
Craig Ziegler	14
Alane Riegel	16
Darlene Rockett	16
Lauren Cass	17
Nicole Emerich	17
Verna Gibble	17
Dianne High	18
Ruth Hoover	18
Ann Hock	20
Ronald Snyder	21

Curtis Wanner	21
Earl Miller	22
Daniel Bostwick	24
Nancy Brightbill	24
Patricia Bross	24
Alonzo Brown	26
Wendy Lingle	26
Reta J. Frantz	27
Ruth E. Frantz	28
Thelma Nelson	28
Lindsay Hetrick	31
Todd Sauber	31

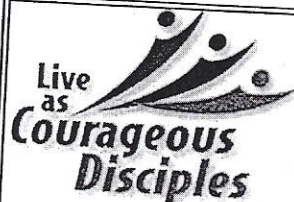
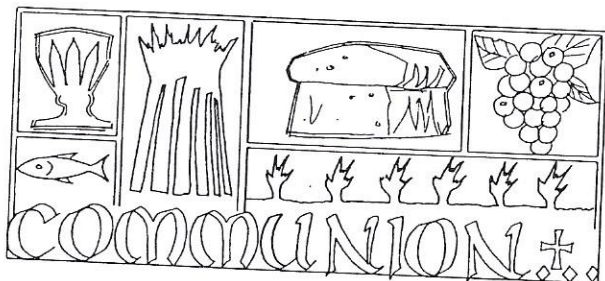
LOVE FEAST AND COMMUNION

May 4, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

Come and join fellow Christians for the semi-annual Love Feast and Communion service on Sunday, May 4, 6:00 p.m. at Little Swatara Church of the Brethren. All Christians are invited to participate in the Lord's Supper and Communion in the Fellowship Room of the church.

Child care will be available. If you have need for this service, please contact Mike Peace, 933-8495.

This do in remembrance of Me!



You are invited!

Atlantic Northeast District
Church of the Brethren

2014 Annual Conference Briefing

with

Moderator Nancy Sollenberger Heishman

Saturday, June 7

9 to 11 AM, with coffee available at 8:30

Hempfield Church of the Brethren

1186 Stevens Street, Manheim, PA

All are welcome. No registration needed.

WESTERN BERKS SHEPHERDING MINISTRY

This will be our last training for new Shepherding volunteers until the fall. With many of our volunteers going on vacation during the summer months, it can sometimes be a challenge to find people to help our clients. Please consider joining us for a 45 minute new volunteer training session on Wednesday, May 7 at 10:00 at St. John's (Hain's) UCC, Wernersville. If you have any questions about volunteering or the services we provide, please call Cheryl Young 610-670-5945.

Private training for individuals or groups can be done at your convenience if you are unable to come on this date.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET

Saturday, May 10, 2014
Little Swatara Fellowship Hall

"Hats Off to Women and Girls"

In honor of Mother's Day

*All women and girls are
invited to attend and
encouraged to wear a hat.*



The doors open at 5:30 with the meal at 6:00 p.m.



Please sign-up on the sheet in the
Narthex



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Upcoming Events: Mother/Daughter Banquet, Saturday, May 10, 6:00 p.m. This is open to all women of the congregation, even if you are not a mother, you are a daughter. Please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex if you will attend, so the kitchen committee can prepare food for the banquet.

Yard Sale; Car, Truck, Tractor Show – Saturday, May 24, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. If you have items to sell and want a table, contact Sally Emerich.

Baked goods are needed – bakers take note and bring to the kitchen the day of the sale.

When planting your garden, keep us in mind for vegetables needed to make chow-chow. Needed are: green and yellow beans; lime beans, carrots, peppers, cucumbers.

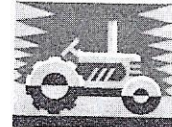
The next Women's Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Women's Fellowship Room at the church.

FLEA MARKET ANTIQUE TRACTOR, TRUCK AND CAR SHOW

May 24, 2014 (Rain or Shine)
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Little Swatara Church of the Brethren
Pavilion

Plan to set aside the date for Saturday, May 24, for the annual Women's Flea Market and the Men's Antique Truck and Car Show. good deals, games, and fellowship.



Tractor,
Join us for
food, fun
Popular

vendors as Tupperware, Pampered Chef, Scentsy, etc. will again be available to purchase these popular items.

Anyone interested in reserving a table (\$10) for yard sale articles should contact Sally Emerich 933-8576 or Michelle Snyder 933-4856.



Flea Market items are needed, so look through your cupboards to donate things you no longer use. Your Baking skills are also welcome, so bring baked goods of any kind to sell that day!

KICKOFF DINNER - 2014 DISASTER RELIEF AUCTION

You are invited to a great experience of fellowship, entertainment, and food at the Kickoff Dinner of the Disaster Relief Auction, June 14, 6:00 p.m., Family Style Dinner at Yoder's Restaurant in New Holland.

\$25 per person – Purchase tickets from:

Landis and Candy Myer, 717-354-0179 or
Sally Bingaman, 717-581-5651

A free-will offering will be received

Entertainment by – **LAUREN TALLEY ALVEY**

Lauren has become one of the most versatile artists in Christian music. From age 2, she was a staple in the Talley's concerts and grew up listening to many styles of music. She has been a voice/performance coach for the Steve Hurst School of Music for 10 years and has worked with many up-and-coming artists.

We look forward to seeing you!

MAY MISSION OF THE MONTH

BRETHREN HOUSING ASSOCIATION is a Christian ministry in the city of Harrisburg providing housing and supportive services to homeless and low-income families. Their goal is to help these families transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency through loving, faith-based, housing and mentoring in order to help them achieve their God-given potential. Brethren Housing Association (BHA) was originally founded in 1989 by two Church of the Brethren congregations that wanted to answer God's call to help the poor, particularly the homeless. Today it has grown to include 11 partner congregations. Brethren Housing Association operates three programs:

Transitions: A transitional housing program for homeless women and children

Fast Track: A four month rapid re-housing program for homeless families

Next Steps: A permanent housing program providing case management support, and in some case rental assistance, to formerly homeless families living in the community, many graduates of the *Transitions* or *Fast Track* programs.

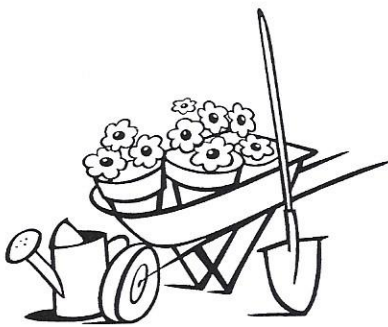
For further information view their website at <http://bha-pa.org>.

ALL MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING

May 12, 2014 -7:00 p.m.

The quarterly Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. Agenda includes:

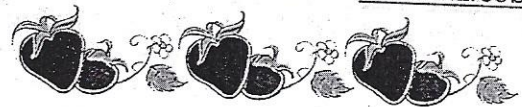
- *1st quarterly 2014 Financial Report
- *Call Slate addition for approval
- *"What's Happening"



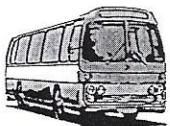
Strawberry Fest

The Mount Zion Road CoB, Lebanon, PA, will hold a Strawberry Fest in their Word of Life Center (WOLC). Delicious homemade strawberry shortcake, chocolate-coated strawberries, strawberry sundaes, strawberry milkshakes, and strawberry soup will be for sale **Saturday, June 7th starting at 3:00 pm and ending at 7:00 pm.** In addition, hot sandwiches, soup, nachos, homemade baked goods, and other food items will be available.

Congregation members and friends will provide free musical entertainment and face painting. To go containers are available for take-out. For more information, contact MZR COB, 2087 Mount Zion Road, Lebanon, PA 17046 or through the church website at www.mzrcob.org.



Senior Adult Trips

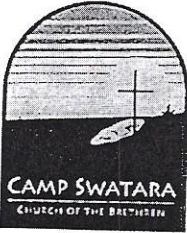


- **Monday, June 16 – Thursday, June 19 – CAPE COD & AREA ATTRACTIONS.** Cost: \$649 pp. Includes Elite Coach transportation, 3 nights lodging dbl. occ., 6 meals, including a lobster dinner, admission fees.

- **Wednesday, July 2 – Sunday, July 6 – COB ANNUAL CONFERENCE** in Columbus, Ohio. \$549 pp. incl. Elite Coach trans., 4 nights lodging, 2 buffet meals enroute.

- **Monday, July 14 to Friday, July 25 – PACIFIC NORTHWEST TOUR** from Seattle to San Francisco, including several National Parks with Ted Winder, an excellent guide. Cost: \$4,598 pp. dbl. occ., all admission fees, round trip air fare & bus transportation, all breakfasts, 6 dinners, 3 lunches, gratuities.

Brochures available for all tours. **Everyone welcome.** Avoid disappointment by registering early. Questions? Call Earl Ziegler, 717-560-6488 or email eziegler29@gmail.com



Camp Swatara News

GET REAL this year at Camp Swatara!
Summer Camp and Family Camping Is In Full Swing!

Summer Camp and the Family Camping Center seasons are here! Campers in 1st-12th grade are packing their bags for half-week and week-long camping programs featuring crafts, Bible study, nature, hiking, and swimming. Special program options like canoeing on and off-site, cookouts, a trip camp to West Virginia, and creative arts and musical camps are also available. Space is still available in most of our camp programs, so grab your spot today! Children, youth, and adults of all ages can join us at camp for an overnight stay in a Family Camp cabin or site for tent or RV camping. Enjoy special activities like hiking, movie nights, the barrel train, craft and nature options, Sunday morning worship, and so much more! Come out to Family Camp for the day during the midweek for just \$5 per adult and \$2 per child. You get your own site for the day and can experience all the fun of boating and fishing at the lake, swimming at the pool, playing miniature golf or GAGA ball, and recreation like basketball, volleyball, playgrounds, and the ball field! Don't forget the new opportunity for Day Camp July 22-24 in Family Camp. Campers and families can come in just for the day or plan to stay overnight at Family Camp. Staff-led activities will be provided for registered campers during the day for 1st-6th grade campers. Find out more, reserve your site, or get registered for camp by contacting camp at 717-933-8510 or online at www.campswatara.org!

Memorial Garden Dedication – May 18th

Located just behind the directional sign after crossing the bridge into Camp Swatara is the Camp Swatara Memorial Garden. Funds to establish this garden were given in memory of Grace Heisey who served with her husband, Adam, as Family Camp Managers. Additional funds were given in more recent years in memory of Ron Mellinger. This beautiful garden provides a special spot for gentle strolls or quiet reflection. In addition, persons connected to camp can request permission to use the garden for depositing ashes following cremation. Please join us on Sunday, May 18th at 3:00pm as we hold the Memorial Garden Dedication. We will gather near the garden entrance for the dedication and then enjoy light refreshments together.

Golf Fore Camp – July 16th

Camp Swatara will hold its 25th Annual Golf Benefit Tournament on Wednesday, July 16th! The tournament will be held at the Blue Mountain Golf Course in Fredericksburg, PA with an 8am start time. Proceeds from the tournament and sponsorships benefit the ministry and ongoing vehicle equipment needs at camp. Golfers can play for \$70 per person, which includes greens fee, cart, refreshments, banquet, and prizes. In honor of the 25th anniversary, golfers are challenged to contribute an additional \$25 donation. Play is limited to the first 30 foursomes, on a first-come basis. Sponsors at the Hole (\$100) and Tournament (\$250) levels are also needed, as well as prize donations. Additional gifts in honor of the 25th anniversary are welcome too. Golfer registration forms and sponsorship forms are available by contacting the camp office or on the web at www.campswatara.org.

Family Camping Center Auction – August 30th

Come enjoy a day at Camp Swatara on Saturday, August 30th to benefit the Family Camping Center! Great items and gift certificates will be available for auction with all funds benefitting the ministry and facility needs at camp. Delicious foods, creative crafts, and fun family fellowship will be available all day! The children's auction will begin at 10am followed by the main auction. If you have items you would like to donate, please contact the Family Camp Office (717-933-5244) or deliver them to the East Lodge by Friday, August 29th. Auction items will be available for preview on Friday night.



Do good stewards live longer?

I have a theory about good stewards. It's probably just a supposition. My supposition is this: That Christians who are faithful managers of their accumulated possessions live longer.

Now, of course, I can't document this. I have no hard data. I have no figures to prove this. But for many years I have made some interesting observations.

A strange tranquility seems to settle over people after they get their financial houses in order. And the converse also seems to be true. An untidy financial house can be a source of anxiety.

People seem to relax—and maybe live a little longer—when they get their wills up to date, when they make provisions for their families, when they let go for God's work.

If I were a doctor perhaps I could relate these financial matters to psychosomatic illnesses. Maybe feelings of guilt from not having a will affects one's health. Maybe it's turmoil over legal complexities, worry about taxes, fear of inadequate retirement income.

But I don't have to be a doctor to notice the joy, the satisfaction, and the fulfillment—even the excitement—when people quit procrastinating. When they complete their estate planning. When they start getting secure income from a gift annuity. When they are relieved of management burdens by way of a charitable remainder trust. When they minimize their tax liabilities. When they participate in the mission of the church.

I don't want to be misunderstood. I am not talking about life after death. Sure, there is eternal life for Christians. Sure, possessions can be used to extend our usefulness long after our work on earth is done.

No, I am suggesting that as good stewards we may live longer, right here and now, if we get our affairs in order. If we plan carefully for the needs of our families and for the work of the church.

Then we can relax and enjoy the fulfillment. And live!



“CARE FOR THE CAREGIVERS”

Brethren Village hosts “Care for the Caregiver” Series. Join other caregivers at a free session on Tuesday, May 13th at 6:00 p.m. at Brethren Village. The speaker will be author Dr. McCullough, author of My Mother, Your Mother. He will be sharing helpful strategies to caregivers as they navigate through the care decisions of Late Life and on how to help your loved ones avoid health crises as they age. Reservations are needed. To register, call 717-581-4438.



Little Swatara Preschool

May 2014



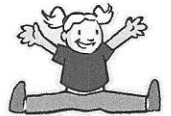
Dear Friends,

Hello from the preschool staff on this bright sunny day. May is a month of growth, the trees and flowers are blooming. Everything is growing with the warm sunny weather of May. The children are very excited about the warm weather too. They are ready to get outside and stretch their muscles. They are ready to let go of the energy they kept inside their bodies during the "looonnng" winter. Plus, the warmth of the sun sure feels good.



Many of our students have completed eight months of preschool. They have not only learned academic skills, they have learned of the love, kindness and forgiveness that God through Jesus offers each of us. During our sharing times, many of the children are now willing to share their thoughts and opinions with their classmates and teachers. It is a real joy to see and hear the children, and to realize the growth that has occurred this past year.

The classroom teachers are beginning the process of individual student observations. The observation reports will be sent home at the end of the year. Thank you for allowing us to help ready your child for life. We are excited about the progress each student has made this year. Have a safe and fun summer.



With Love, Miss Cindy

2014- 2015 Preschool Year

Applications for enrollment for next year are available. Classes are filling. We are making plans for three Pre Kindergarten classes. Please make your requests early. If you have friends that are interested in a preschool program, please recommend Little Swatara Preschool to them. Call Miss Cindy at either (717)933-4723 or (717)274-9875. I would enjoy sharing our program with them and setting up a time for a classroom visit.

Great Job!

Thank you to all the families and friends for showing your support to the Preschool children that came to Little Swatara Church on Preschool Sunday. There were 30 children that participated in the program on April 27th. It was a fantastic day! The children sang wonderfully and behaved very well. Thank you for practicing singing the songs at home. I heard many compliments about what a great job the children did. And, that the songs sung were good reminders to the congregation that Jesus wants to be our friend and is with us all times. Thank you to everyone that helped make our day special.

Class Picnics

Each of the four classes will have an end of the year gathering at **Camp Swatara**.

Mon/Wed class will attend on Wednesday, May 21.

Tues/ Thurs class will attend on Thursday, May 22.

Pre K 1 will attend on Monday, May 19.

Pre K 3 will attend Monday, May 19.

Each class will carpool to Camp. We will take a small hike and sing songs at the Outdoor Cathedral. Then we will return to the Family Camp Fellowship Hall. Each child is to bring a small packed lunch to eat at Camp. Dress your child for a day of outside play. Sneakers, no sandals. Shorts or long pants would be best. Parents and siblings are invited to attend the outing with their preschooler. A permission slip will be sent home the week before the trips. Please note how many people will be attending with your preschooler.



Parent Evaluations

The members of the Preschool Board are asking you to let them know how Little Swatara Preschool has influenced your child/ren. A short evaluation will be sent home in your child's book bag. Please take a few minutes to answer the questions and send it back to Preschool. Thank you in advance for telling us what you like and where you feel we could do better. Little Swatara's Preschool Program appreciates your feedback.



Last Days Of Preschool

The last days of Preschool are as follows:

Mon/Wed class—Wednesday, May 28.

Tues/Thurs class—Thursday, May 29.

Pre K 1 class—Thursday, May 29.

Pre K 3 class—Wednesday, May 28.

Check your calendars for special last day activities.

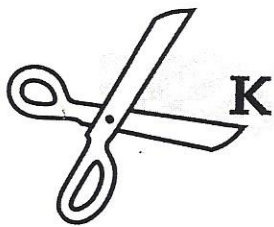
Have a great summer. Remember to spend time with your child. Reading and having prayer together is a great way to end the day. Also remember to review numbers, ABCs, colors, shapes and name writing over the summer. Be creative when reviewing, write in the sand with a popsicle stick or draw with sidewalk chalk.



Recognition Night

Friday, May 30, 2014 at 7p.m. a program is planned to recognize the children that are moving on to a kindergarten program. The program will be held in the Church Sanctuary. The program will include the children singing favorite songs and recognition of each child's participation at Little Swatara Preschool with a gift. Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall after the program. Invitations will be sent to families whose child will be leaving the Preschool to begin a Kindergarten program. If you have any questions, please talk with Miss Cindy





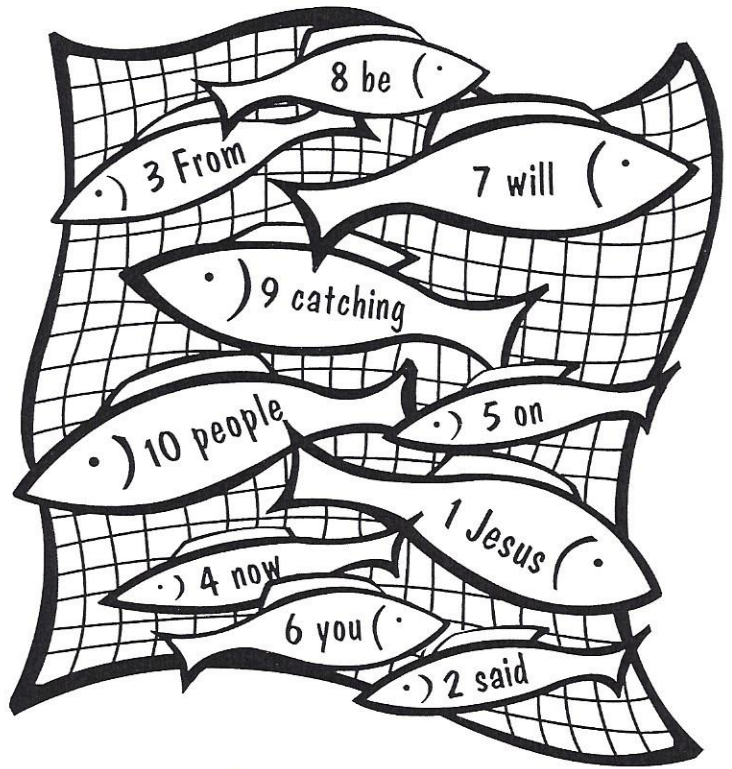
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A Fish Story

In Luke 5:1-11, Jesus teaches people about God while he sits in a boat. Then he went fishing with his disciples. Read the story. Then choose words from the fish in the net that will fill each blank below. Then you can read what Jesus told his disciples.

_____ 1 _____ 2 _____
 " _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____
 _____ 6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____
 _____ 9 _____
 _____ 10 _____ "

Answer: Jesus said, "From now on you will be catching people." Luke 5:10



How Big Is Your Faith?

Cross out every other letter (the first one is done for you). Then write the remaining letters in the space provided to find out how Jesus described heaven.

B	T	I	H	G	E	B	K	I	I	G	N	B	G	I	D	G	O
B	M	I	O	G	F	B	H	I	E	G	A	B	V	I	E	G	N
B	I	I	S	G	L	B	I	I	K	G	E	B	A	I	M	G	U
B	S	I	T	G	A	B	R	I	D	G	S	B	E	I	E	G	D
B	I	I	T	G	I	B	S	I	T	G	H	B	E	I	S	G	M
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Answer: The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed. It is the smallest of seeds, but grows to be the greatest of trees. Matthew 13:31-32.



2014 COMING EVENTS



- 1, 8am FH, Quilting
National Day of Prayer
- 7pm FH, 50 Plus meet
- 3, 9am FH, K-prepare for Love Feast
- 4, 1pm O, Scout Leader Meeting
20th Annual COBYS Fun Walk, Harleysville CoB
- 6pm FH, S LOVE FEAST
- 5, 8:45am FH, Exercise Class
7pm LAR, WF Business Meeting
- 6:30pm O, Bears meet
- 6, 7pm FH, Leadership Team Meeting
- 7, 8:45am FH, Exercise Class
7pm, LVBH Worship
- 6pm O, Tiger/Wolf pack meet
- 10, 6pm FH, S, Mother/Daughter Banquet
- 11, MOTHER'S DAY
- 12, 8:45am FH, Exercise Class
7:30pm FH, Every Member Council Meeting
- 13, 12:30-5pm FH, 50 Plus meet
- 14, 8:45am FH, Exercise Class
6pm Den Meeting
- 15, 8am 50 Plus Bus Trip (departure)
- 16, 2-6pm Bethel Food Pantry
9am-6pm Conf Rm, Faith Community Nursing
Training Program (day 1)
- 17, 9:30-5:30pm Conf Rm, Nurse Trng (day 2)
3:30pm, 50 Plus Bus Trip (returning)
PAV - reserved (Wise)
- 18, 9:30-3pm Conf Rm, FC Nursing Training (day 3)
4pm PAV, Pack Meeting fly-ups
- 19, 8:45am FH, Exercise Class
6:30pm O, Bears meet
- 20, 7-7:30pm FH, Ministry Teams meet
- 21, 8:45am FH, Exercise Class
6pm O, Tiger/Wolf
- 24, 8am-1pm, PAV-WF Spring Flea Mkt & Yard Sale
with Antique Tractor, Truck & Car Show
- 25, Noon FH, Youth Soup and Sandwich
Newsletter Deadline
- 26, MEMORIAL DAY (office closed)
- 27, 12:30-5pm FH, 50 Plus meet
6-8:30pm PAV, Girls Scouts
6-9:30pm FH, Farm Women meet
All ministry team minutes due
- 28, 8:45am FH, Exercise Class
7pm FH, VBS Teach Orientation
- 29, ASCENSION DAY
PS decorates S & FH
- 30, 9:30-5:30pm Conf Rm, Faith Community Nursing
Program (3 day program)
1:30-2:30pm FH, S, Baccalaureate Practice
7pm FH, Preschool Recognition Night
- 31, 9:30-5:30pm Conf. Rm, FC Nursing Program



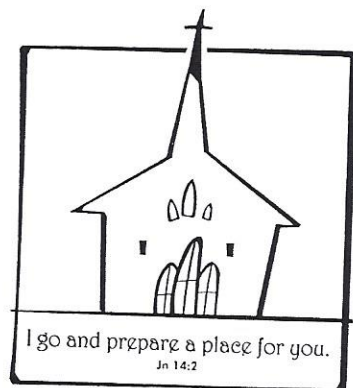
- 1, 9:30-5:30pm Conf. Rm, FC Nursing Program
Sr. High/Youth Sunday
5pm O, Scout Leader Meeting
7pm S, Baccalaureate Program
- 2, 7pm LAR, WF Business Meeting
- 3, 7pm FH, Leadership Team meeting
- 5, 8am quilting
7pm FH, 50 Plus meet
- 7, Annual Conference Delegate Briefing, Hempfield CoB
- 8, PENTECOST
One Combined Service/Children's Program
7 yr. old Bible Presentation
Noon PAV, All Church Congregation 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
- 15, FATHER'S DAY
Broadcast Sunday
Graduation & Bible Presentation Sunday
- 19, 8am Quilting only
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
Noon, Soup & Sandwich
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



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The fish and loaves occur consistently in the very frequent early Christian portrayals of a meal. Unquestionably the early Christians celebrated a meal together that was based on the multiplication of the loaves. The nature of that meal has been much debated. Because the same elements, fish and loaves, continues into even the post-Constantinian iconography of the Last Supper, many have supposed the meal found so frequently in early Christian art was indeed the Eucharist, or even an attenuated version of the New Testament Lord's Supper.

-Graydon F. Snyder, Ante-Pacem Archaeological Evidence of Church Life before Constantine



"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson