

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.
Volume XLIX

Matthew S. Christ, Pastor
September, 2015

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Number 9

Deep Thirst



Author C.S. Lewis once argued that if we find within ourselves desires that nothing in this world can satisfy, the only conclusion we can draw is that we were created for another world. It's this profound truth that causes the restless lives of those around us. Solomon described it when he spoke of God planting "eternity in the human heart." We can't really settle here because we weren't created to stay here.

The verse in Ecclesiastes 3: 11 goes on to say "but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end." Solomon may have been on to something as he more or less states enjoy the good things we have in life. God's given them to us for that very reason.

However we are all very much aware there are limitations to the good times and the disaster pending when we allow the things of this world to replace God. In my finite thinking, it seems moderation is the word. We can live the good life as long as the main thing remains the main thing. And that main thing is God.

As the One who created us, Jesus understands this deep thirst we have. He knows the human condition to want to enjoy and be merry. He gets the fact we are bored easily yet apart from we can truly cannot be anything. He is the only one who completes our lives. Within Him, we live and move and have our being. God has a perfect time for everything.

With that deep thirst consuming our lives, He offers to quench it and to give us the most satisfying life possible. What will it take for us to learn that nothing on earth can fulfill us except the presence of Christ?

As the seasons begin to change, may we find a change in our patterns of living for Christ. May we really enjoy life with Him as the center and all areas of our lives surrounding His grand purpose for us. May we look at one another and sense the presence of Christ. To Him be all glory.

Pastor Matt ☺

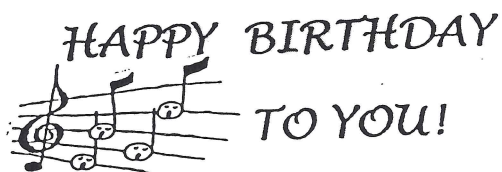
CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF...

-Carl Brightbill, brother, Dianne Younker, half-sister, on the death of June Weaver, who died July 29, 2015.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BIRTH OF...

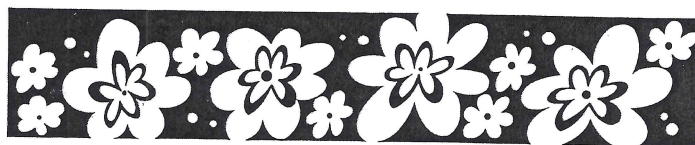
-Dashiehl Thomas, son of Pete and Jill Thomas, born July 6, 2015. He has a brother Wells, and is the grandson of Eugene and Carole Siegrist.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Michelle Rebman – 950 High School Wav. Apt. #3211
Mountain View, CA 94041



Members Birthdays for September:

Lisa Hetrick	2	Kenneth Line	14	Brian Hess	24
Clayton Bashore	4	Randy Fisher	14	Jean Myers	25
Linda Bowman	4	Ronald Wanner	14	Ricki Bashore, Sr.	25
Charlene Muckle	5	Karen Sanchez	16	Bruce Reed	25
Noreen Gross	5	Wendy Fisher	17	Douglas Soliday	26
James Bowman	6	Ashley Smith	17	Linda Ziegler	26
Macanna Miller	7	Andrew Foesig	18	Gregory Ziegler	27
Janette Lebo	7	Aida Behler	19	Tara Ebling	27
Jason Manbeck	8	Sandra Shalters	19	Herman Manbeck	27
Joann Ebling	8	Greg Emerich	20	Karen Bashore	28
Dwayne Foesig	9	Rosalie Denardo	20	Louise Bashore	28
Penny Neff	9	Connie Hershey	20	Ruthe Conover	28
Gary Emerich, Sr.	10	Dianne Younker	20	Carol Ann Bashore	29
Todd Wentling	10	Dorothy Gensemer	21	Paul Sweigart	29
Louise Graby	11	Rita Kipp	21	Ricki Bashore, Jr.	29
Paul Heisey	12	Blaine Fessler	22	Randy Heltzinger	29
Kristina Hoey	12	Matthew Rogers	22	Joseph Brubaker	29
Russell Wenger	12	Sandra Kauffman	23		
Corey Leedom	13				



THE GATHERING PLACE

I heard it at the café...

New customers stopped by when they saw the café. They were from New York on their way to visit family. They loved it! It will become a regular stop when in the area.

ALL CHOIRS BEGIN IN FALL

Choir season begins on Wednesday, September 9. All choirs will rehearse in the Sanctuary.



Jubilee: - 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.

JOY: - 7:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Senior: - 8:00- 9:00 p.m.

Jubilee Choir is for children in Kindergarten thru 5th grade. If your child is in Pre-K and interested in singing with the choir,

he/she is also welcome. Jubilee sing the 4th Sunday of the month at 10:30. Any questions about choir may be directed to Pam Gerberich.

JOY choir is for children in 6th grade thru High School. This year JOY choir will have a new flair. Plans are underway to have this group use their talents, being their own accompaniment. They sing 1st Sunday of the month at 8:15 a.m. service.

Senior Choir is for anyone who enjoys singing in harmony. It is open to High School thru adults. This group sings at 10:30 services the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Saturday, September 19, 2015

8:30-12 Noon

Wyomissing Church of the Brethren

2200 State Hill Rd., Wyomissing

This is a free event and is open to all women of any age. Sharon Mast, founder of Spark Solutions & Support Training and Facilitation, will be the Speaker. She is an international speaker and the time together will be fun, inspiring and thought provoking celebration of women.

ALL MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL RESULTS

At the August Council Meeting the following was presented:

*Preschool report by Rebecca Rebman

*2nd Quarter Financial report

* "Gathering Place" report – doing well

*Deacon Call – Those elected will be announced after being contacted.

*"Call Slate" will be announced when filled

*Memorial Garden Policy – guidelines presented/ and may be viewed by contacting the church clerk, Denise Bohn.

**Next Every Member Council Meeting –
November 9, 7:30 p.m .**

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Coming Events for Women's projects:

September 9, 4:00 p.m. "Sub" preparation

September 10, 6:00 a.m. Making Subs

September 19, 7-10 a.m. Buffet Breakfast

September 23 & 30, 8:00 a.m. Make chow-chow.

Sign up now to order - \$6, qt.; \$3, pt.

Help is needed at all of these projects.

Women's Fellowship spent over \$1800 to have the floors re-waxed and polished on the basement floors. We thank you for your support of our projects, which has made paying possible.

The next meeting is held September 1 – Note change of date due to Labor Day.

Autumn

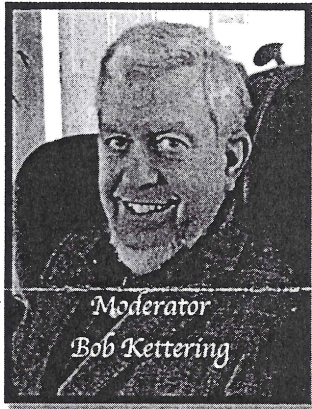


EXERCISE CLASS BEGINS SEPTEMBER 21

Are you interested in improving your balance, being more flexible or gaining strength? If so, please come and be part of an exercise class here at church. The class is open to everyone in our church and in the community. It will be held on Monday and Wednesday mornings at 8:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall beginning September 21st. If you are interested in exercising with others, please consider being a part of this class where we will strengthen our bodies with a variety of seated and standing exercises. These exercises can be adapted to any fitness level. If you are interested in participating in the class or have any questions or ideas to share, please call Jamie Wise at 933-4868.

District Conference: "Come to the Water"

Leffler Chapel, Elizabethtown College - October 3, 2015



- Led by Moderator Bob Kettering
- Registration & Continental Breakfast 7:00-8:15
- Bible Study by Moderator-Elect Dennis Garrison 7:30
- Roll Call of Congregations and Fellowships at 8:30
- Worship Service (Message by Thomas Zeurcher) 1:30
no registration required
- Inspirational Music
- Information Sharing
- Child Care Provided (see p. 2)
- All members of our churches are welcome to attend!

Let all who thirst come to the water. Isaiah 55:1

>Moderator-Elect Dennis Garrison will lead a Bible study on the theme of the conference at 7:30 AM prior to the official start of the conference.

>The Ridgeway Brass will provide gathering music as we assemble in the auditorium at 8:15 AM.

>Tom Zeurcher, pastor of the Dickey Church of the Brethren in Ashland, Ohio and a former District Executive of Northern Ohio, will provide an inspirational message at 1:30 PM.

I am envisioning the conference as a time of information and inspiration which will be in the context of worshipful work. Worship with inspirational singing and prayers for our pastors, our district ministries, and agencies, will be part of the agenda throughout the day. Our gathering on October 3 can be a time of renewal for all who attend.

So....won't you come to the water? I am hoping every district congregation will be represented and that the invitation to attend will be extended beyond delegates to all the members of our churches. Help spread the word!

The gathering will conclude at 4:15 PM with the passing of a basin and towel to Moderator-Elect Dennis Garrison. This will be a time to celebrate the work of the Lord among us, but more importantly, to worship the Lord of the work.

District Senior Adult Fall Banquet

Wednesday, October 21, noon

Yoder's Restaurant

(14 South Tower Road, New Holland, PA)

Program: Don Fitzkee

Menu: Choice of Broasted Chicken or Hamloaf

Cost: \$17.50 Reservation Deadline: October 8

Registration details will be sent to congregations.



Camp Swatara News



Food Service Manager Position Opening

Camp Swatara is seeking a new Food Service Manager. This is a full-time, year-round, salaried position based on an average of 40 hours per week with many hours during the summer season, less hours in the fall and spring, and more limited hours in the winter. From Memorial Day to Labor Day, Camp Swatara is primarily a summer camp for children and youth. From Labor Day to Memorial Day, Camp Swatara is primarily a retreat facility with frequent weekend use and occasional midweek groups, including school groups. The Food Service Manager is responsible to plan, coordinate, and carry out camp food service for all scheduled groups, activities, and events throughout the year. This includes hiring and scheduling part-time staff, as well as frequently serving as the "Head" of the kitchen. Candidates should have training, education, and/or experience in food service management, culinary arts, quantity food service, and staff supervision, as well as the passion to serve in a Christian camp/retreat setting. Benefits include a salary based on experience and within the context of our non-profit environment, employee insurance, a pension plan, and professional growth funds. Applications are due by September 1, 2015 but will continue to be accepted until the position is filled. For more information and application materials, please visit www.campswatara.org or call 1-717-933-8510.

Family Camping Center Auction – September 5

Come enjoy a day at Camp Swatara on Saturday, September 5 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 9:30am 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, September 4. Auction items will be available for preview on Friday night.

Fall Birding Trip to Cape May, NJ – September 18-20

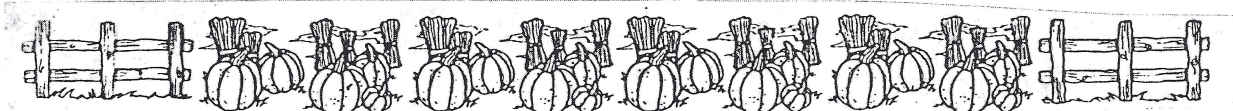
Attention bird watchers! Doug and Sally Ruby will be leading a trip to Cape May, NJ for the 2015 Fall Birding Weekend September 18-20. Points of interest will include Brigantine National Wildlife Refuge on Friday and then Cape May on Saturday and Sunday. The group will leave (7am Friday) from and return (mid-afternoon Sunday) to Camp Swatara. Cost for the trip is \$130 and includes transportation, food, lodging, and leadership. Registration forms and more information are available online (www.campswatara.org) or by contacting the camp office.

Fall Fun Night – September 19

Join new and old camp friends for a Fall Fun Night at Camp Swatara on Saturday, September 19 starting at 4:00pm! Persons of all ages can enjoy games and activities from 4:00-5:30. Then we'll gather for a hot dog cookout followed by a fun campfire with songs, skits, and stories to close the evening around 7:30pm. Camp will provide hot and cold drinks, hot dogs (including buns and condiments), and s'mores. Participants are invited to bring along a covered dish to share with the group or share \$5 per person (family max of \$20) to help cover costs. See you around the East Area Campfire Circle!

Annual Contributor's Dinner – November 6

Join us for Camp Swatara's Annual Contributor's Dinner on Friday, November 6 at 6:00pm in the East Lodge! This is the perfect chance to interact with camp staff, enjoy a delicious meal and evening entertainment, hear a report on camp's ministry, get an update on the Building Bridges Capital Campaign, congratulate the volunteer of the year, and celebrate staff milestones. We are happy to welcome professional concert pianist H. William Moyer as this year's entertainment! Tickets are \$700 per table of 8 or \$50 per person with a challenge donation of \$72 (in honor of camp's 72 years!). Contact the camp office (717-933-8510 or administrator@campswatara.org) or a member of the Board of Trustees to get your ticket today!



COBYS FAMILY SERVICES - BIKE AND HIKE

September 13th 2015

COBYS Family Services, motivated by Christian Faith, educates, supports, and empowers children and adults to reach their full potential by providing adoption and foster care services, leading family life education courses, and making available counseling by trained therapists.

COBYS signature fund raising event, the annual Bike and Hike, has a feeling of celebration, as many people come together to support this all-important ministry to children and families.

Persons participate in several events. There is a three mile walk, two bicycle rides, and a 60 mile scenic motorcycle ride through PA Dutch country. More than 300 participants raised more than \$110,000 last year in support of COBYS ministries.

For many years, the Little Swatara Youth were the leading fund raising group obtaining sponsorship from many individuals. In 2014, Chiques took the number one position. Let's get behind our youth in 2015 and restore them to their customary #1 position by sponsoring them generously



The 2015 BIKE AND HIKE WILL TAKE PLACE SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH. Little Swatara has gained a motorcycle rider since last year and it is rumored that he may participate.

LEBANON VALLEY BRETHREN HOME *1200 Grubb Street, Palmyra, PA* FALL HARVEST AND CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



OCTOBER 24, 2015
8:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.
HAM AND EGG BREAKFAST
7:30 AM- 10:00 AM
TICKETS :\$7.00

OUR FOOD STAND WILL BE SERVING
SOUP, SANDWICH AND DESSERT FOR LUNCH.

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN!
WE WILL BE NEEDING BAKED ITEMS, HOME
CANNED ITEMS, PRODUCE AND PLANTS.
WE REALLY NEED CRAFT ITEMS TO SELL. IF YOU
MAKE ANY KIND OF CRAFTS PLEASE CONSIDER
DONATING SOME OF YOUR HANDY WORK TO THE
BAZAAR THIS YEAR.

WE HAVE A "COOKIES BY THE POUND" ROOM, SO
ALL KINDS OF HOMEMADE COOKIES ARE
NEEDED.

THE AUXILIARY WILL BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY
THING YOU WISH TO DONATE.
LIST ITEMS YOU WILL BE DONATING AND RETURN
TO YOUR LEBANON VALLEY BRETHREN HOME

KEY LADY -

Becky Rebman - 933-8810



THE THRIFT SHOP WILL BE OPEN



Little Swatara Preschool

September 2015



Dear Friends,

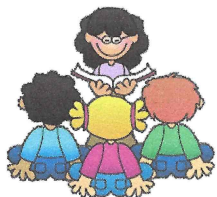
Welcome to the Little Swatara Preschool family. We're excited about beginning our twenty-first year of fun filled classes at Little Swatara. And we're *delighted* to have your child as a member of our program. We are looking forward to the many activities that will encourage and help your child to ready themselves for life. We are forming friendships that could last a lifetime.



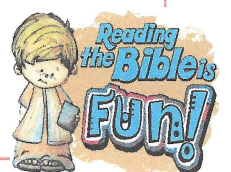
I would like to review parent notification and program tuition costs with you. At the beginning of each month your student will bring home a Preschool newsletter accompanied by a classroom calendar. This information will briefly tell of activities the classroom teachers have planned for your child to participate in while at Little Swatara Preschool. Please feel free to talk with either your child's teacher or myself, Miss Cindy, any time during the school year. We are willing to schedule conferences at your convenience. We conduct telephone and onsite conferences. We care about your child, their social, spiritual and academic growth.



When paying tuition you are paying for a years worth of classes your child is scheduled to attend. The Preschool classes have 70 sessions, while Pre Kindergarten classes have 105 sessions. The tuition amount is divided by nine to equal the monthly tuition. Preschool classes monthly tuition is \$75 and Pre Kindergarten classes are \$100. The Pre Kindergarten 1 class has additional cost to cover the extended days scheduled in March, April (\$145) and May(\$116). Tuitions payments are accepted monthly unless other arrangements have been made with me. **Please use the tuition payment book provided and include the appropriate stub with your payment.** Please know the staff at Little Swatara Preschool is interested in your ideas and concerns that could help improve our program. If you have an idea to share, please don't hesitate to speak to a staff member. We want the learning process to be enjoyable and fun for your child and their classmates We look forward to hearing from you. I can be reached at the Church (717)933-4723 or at my home (717)274-9875. Let's have a great year growing and learning about God, others and ourselves. God's blessings to you and your family, Miss Cindy



Biblical Studies During Circle Time we will be presenting stories of God's creation of the world from curriculum by Gospel Light Publishing Co. entitled "Bright Beginnings, Exploring God's World". The Bible concepts will be presented through Bible stories and verses, music and action rhymes, interactive prayer and conversation with the children. A variety of presentation styles are used to help each child understand the concept being taught. Our goal is to help your child build a foundation of spiritual understanding. We want to apply Bible concepts in a way that relate to a child's everyday life. ~Adapted from 2003 Gospel Light Exploring God's World Curriculum Guide. The lessons will be presented to the children using beautifully colored flannel board pieces and the Pre K children will be involved low budget plays, acting out the Bible stories on a weekly basis.



Kindergarten Readiness Skills



Name writing and recognition

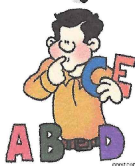
will be the first kindergarten readiness skills emphasized in our classrooms this fall. All students are asked to be recognizing their printed name and to start writing or tracing their first name. The children will be asked to use the Zaner-Bloser style of writing. An example of the Zaner-Bloser alphabet will be sent home the first week of class. All students are asked to write their name with pencil using upper and lower case letters. Example: Miss Cindy is acceptable, not, MISS CINDY. Pre-K students will start writing referring to a house diagram, "Where do your letters live?" This is a technique to help the children learn correct letter placement and form. Please encourage your child to do their best.

Color recognition

will be studied by all students. The Preschoolers are invited to wear an item of clothing representing the color of the week. The item could be a shirt, socks, belt or ponytail band. This is a fun way to reinforce the color of the week. The Pre K students will be blending primary colors to create secondary colors.

Alphabet letters

will be introduced in a variety of ways. The Preschoolers will have the alphabet letters presented in alphabetical order. The Pre K students will have letters presented in an order that promote small word formation. Consult your child's class calendar for specific information.



Field Trips



The Pre K classes will be taking a trips to Over Home Alpaca Farm on October 12. There is no cost involved. Please watch for a permission slip with more detailed information to follow in October.

The Preschool classes will visit Wheel Crest Farm this fall. The Mon/Wed class will visit on Wed, September 30. The Tues/Thurs class will visit Thurs, October 1. There is no cost involved.



Transportation for field trips occur by car pooling to the sites. One adult may accompany each student. Siblings are not invited to attend the field trips. More information to follow.

Class Pictures



Are scheduled to be taken the beginning of October. Outback Photography of Lebanon will be taking individual and class photos. Information on cost and dates will be sent home later this month.

Show and Tell



All classes will have Show and Tell each week. The item your child brings to show and tell about is to begin with the Letter of the Week. If the letter is D, d the item to show might be a dog, dollar, daisy, a toy duck, or a picture of Uncle Dave. Be creative, but if it is not an obvious item, please tell one of the teachers or write a note about how the item represents the Letter of the Week. **Preschool classes** will have Show and Tell on Wednesdays and Thursdays **beginning September 16 and 17**. The **Pre K classes** will have Show and Tell on Thursdays **starting September 3**.

Ways to Contact us: Little Swatara Preschool is a ministry of Little Swatara Church of the Brethren.

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FB: Little Swatara Preschool





2015 COMING EVENTS




- 1, 7pm, Leadership Team Meeting
- 7pm Women's Business Meeting
- 3, 6pm Café, Feeding Trough Bible Study
- 7pm, 50 Plus Meeting
- 6, Promotion Sunday
- 9:30am Annual Conference Report
- Combined SS Classes
- 6pm Scout Leader Meeting
- 7pm Café, Christian Poetry Fellowship
- 7, LABOR DAY—office closed
- 8, 12:30pm 50 Plus meeting
- 6:30pm Den meeting
- 9, 4pm, Sup Preparation
- 7pm, Christian Ed Mtg
- 7pm Choir Practice starts
- 10, 6am, WF Sub Sandwich Sale
- 6pm Café, Feeding Trough Bible Study
- 12, FH, RES, Christian Ed preparations
- 13, 8:30am Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
- 10:30AM ONE SERVICE
- Food Pantry Collection
- Mission Emphasis Sunday
- PAV Res. Sandy Kauffman
- 12:45pm, COBY'S Bike & Hike
- 15, 7pm, Ministry Team Meetings
- 16, 9:45am 50 Plus Bus Trip
- 17, 1pm, LVBH Golf Tournament
- 6pm Café, Feeding Trough Bible Study
- 18, 2pm, Bethel Food Pantry
- 19, 7am Women's Fellowship Breakfast
- 6pm Young Family Fellowship
- 20, Noon FH,K—Soup & Sandwich Fundraiser
- 7pm Triple J @ Café (3rd of month)
- 21, PEACE DAY
- 22, Ministry Team Minutes Due
- 12:30pm 50 Plus Meets
- 6:30pm Den Meeting
- 23, 8am K, Chow-Chow making
- 24, 6pm Café Bible Study
- 25, Lebanon Fairgrounds, DISASTER RELIEF AUCTION
- 26, DISASTER RELIEF AUCTION
- 27, Youth-Skillet Concert, Bloomsburg
- Newsletter Deadline
- Sub Orders Due (for Oct 8 sale)
- 30, 8am K Chow-Chow making

- 1, 6pm Café "Feeding Trough" Bible Study
- 2, Youth Fall Festival
- 3, District Conference, Elizabethtown
- 8am K prepare for Love Feast
- Senior High Barn Party, Becker Farm
- 4, World Communion Sunday
- 9:30am Youth Yummies
- 11:45am Love Feast
- 6pm Scout Leader meeting
- 7pm Café Christian Poetry Fellowship
- 5, 7pm Women's Business Meeting
- 6, 7pm, Leadership Team Meeting
- 7, 7am 50 Plus Bus Trip
- 4pm FH, Sub preparation
- 8, 6am Sub Sale
- 6pm Café, "Feeding Trough" Bible Study
- 9, 5:30pm 50 Plus Bus Trip return
- 11, Food Pantry Collection
- Mission Emphasis Sunday
- 13, LVBH Good Sam Fundraiser Dinner
- 12:30pm 50 Plus meets
- 6:30pm Den Meeting
- 14, 7pm Choir Practice
- 15, 8am, Quilting & Knotting
- 6pm Café, "Feeding Trough" Bible Study
- 16, 2-6pm, Bethel Food Pantry
- 17, 6pm Young Family Fellowship
- 18, 6pm Triple J @ Café
- 20, 7pm Ministry Team Meetings
- 21, Sr. Adult Fall Banquet, Yoder's Restaurant
- 22, 6pm Café "Feeding Trough" Bible Study
- 23-25, 7pm Jr. High Retreat, Camp Swatara
- 24, 7-10am FH, WF Fundraiser Breakfast
- 8am-1pm, LVBH Fall Harvest & Christmas Bazaar, Palmyra
- 25, Newsletter Deadline
- 11:45am FH, Golden Age Dinner
- 27, Ministry Team Minutes Due
- 12:30pm 50 Plus Meets
- 6:30pm Den Meeting
- 29, 8am Quilting & Knotting
- 10:30am 50 Plus Bus Trip
- 6pm Café "Feeding Trough" Bible Study

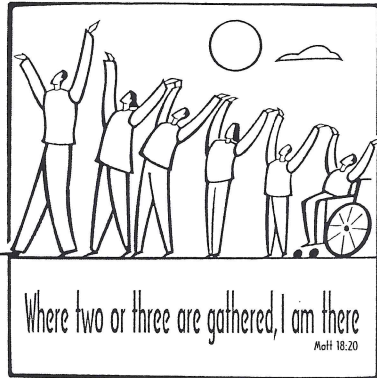
 **EXERCISE CLASS**
Meets every week
Monday and Wednesday
8:45-9:45 a.m.

 **CHOIR REHEARSALS**
EVERY WEDNESDAY
Jubilee - 7:00-7:30 p.m.
JOY - 7:30-8:00 p.m.
Senior - 8:00-9:00 p.m.

 **QUILTING AND COMFORTERS**
Meet every week
Thursday, 8 a.m.



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SEPTEMBER 2015

WANTED...

People who will attend Sunday School, read the lessons (occasionally, at least), participate in discussions, and stay for the morning worship service. Salary is negotiable with our Maker, but immediate rewards are inevitable. No discrimination due to age, sex, occupation, physical condition. No experience necessary. For information and enrollment, call 1-800-HEAVEN, or contact your Bible for details.

-From Newsletter Newsletter



"Call it a clan, call it a network, call it a tribe, call it a family. Whatever you call it, whoever you are, you need one." -Jane Howard