

# Newsletter

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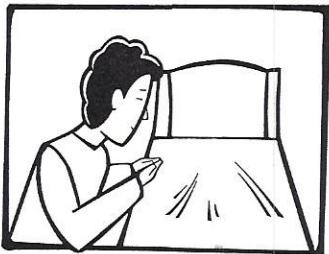
*"Little Swatara is a Christ-centered Community of caring and serving people committed to peace and following Jesus Christ to: Grow Spiritually, Build Christian Community, and Share the Good News"*

Worship Services 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.  
Volume XLVIII

Matt Christ, Pastor  
September 2014

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Number 9

## THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER



Amid the beautiful rolling terrain just outside Bardstown, Kentucky, sits the Abbey of Gethsemani in which resides a community of Trappist monks. All who enter the Trappist Monastic Order take vows of poverty, work, and silence in order to discipline themselves for a life of prayer.

On my first visit to Gethsemani, I took with me a suspicion that these hooded figures were running from the world. After a day in this community of prayer, I quickly changed my mind.

Selected monks are allowed to break their vow of silence in order to speak with visitors to the monastery. Conversing with our host for the day, the question was asked, "How do you justify living so completely apart from the world?" No defensiveness marked the monk's answer, only firm resolve. After acknowledging that God calls people to many different tasks, the man said, "Our ministry is prayer. We pray for the world. We pray for the success of the gospel in the world. We pray for people in all areas of life. Our ministry of prayer is as important as other functions in life, more important than most." Never before had I heard such a moving statement about the importance of prayer.

I thought of the regularity with which Jesus went alone to pray and of the eagerness of the disciples to learn how to pray. The gift of prayer is an extension of God's action in creation and redemption; an indication of God's desire for fellowship with that part of creation shaped in the divine image.

When we pray, we make a contribution to God. Persons serious about prayer praise God's name, extol God's wisdom, express delight in God's presence, marvel at God's might, and bow in awe before God's love and grace. Even when requests dominate our prayers, we affirm God by our effort to commune with God. Offering prayers to God allows us to give to God a part of what God seeks from us. What could be more important than an action that brings pleasure to God?

Prayer is one important way we identify ourselves as human. When we honestly open our lives to God in prayer we realistically face who we are – neither self-made nor self-sufficient persons, but creatures who will never outgrow a need for our Creator. We are sinners in search of a forgiveness that is beyond our ability to earn or achieve. We are social beings longing for the kind of love and relationship that is available only from a God-sent Savior.

Jesus prayed regularly. The earliest disciples of Jesus recognized the importance of prayer and requested, as well as received, help for their praying. **Nothing is more important than prayer.**

-By C. Welton Gaddy, excerpted with permission from *The Minister's Annual Manual*, Logos Productions



## Members Birthdays for September:

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

The Brethren Disaster Relief Auction will be held September 26, and 27, at Lebanon Expo Center. The Mission of the Month for September is donations to the Auction. **THANKS!**

## CPR TRAINING

Are you interested in getting trained in CPR for adults, children and on the AED? The Missions and Evangelism Team is willing to set up training for those who are interested in taking CPR for the first time or who are interested in renewing their certifications. We have been in contact with individuals who are certified to provide CPR training and would like to know if there is an interest or need for this training. If you would be interested in this training, please call Jamie Wise at 933-4868.

Thanks to all who helped us move into the Parsonage. It was greatly appreciated! Pastor Matt and family.

The Little Swatara congregation welcomes our new pastor, Matt Christ and family. He begins serving as our Pastor on August 25, 2014, as we start a new chapter in Little Swatara History. District Executive, Craig Smith will lead the installation for Pastor Matt September 7, at 10:30 a.m. (one service that day).

## WELCOME PASTOR MATT AND FAMILY

*Will You Pray this Peace Day, September 21?*

Theme: "Visions and Dreams of Building Peace"

"Your young people will see visions, and your elders will dream dreams." -- Joel 2:28 | Acts 2:17

Congregations are invited to include special prayers for peace as part of Sunday services, September 21. Will you join all those around the world whose hearts are broken and lives are shattered by violence, by praying and acting for peace that day? This can be a time for your congregation to lift up concerns about violence and brokenness, and to ask God for a vision about how you can respond. Some congregations also plan public events or prayer services to connect with the broader community. Resources: [www.peacedaypray.org](http://www.peacedaypray.org). Contact campaign staff with questions [peaceday@onearthpeace.org](mailto:peaceday@onearthpeace.org).

# THE GATHERING PLACE

*I heard it at the Café...*



*When a local minister inquired about opening a Christian Coffee Shop in a nearby town he was directed to the Gathering Place Café. He took his baker with him and visited the Café. They found the Café very welcoming, comfortable, and friendly. All of the café's volunteers answered their questions and offered advice. They thoroughly enjoyed their visit and left very excited to get back and open their Café!*



*One day a volunteer who was working the register was asked, how Pastor Bob is doing. The customer mentioned how much Bob will be missed when he goes to Florida. The customer was also a minister from another congregation. He mentioned how much he enjoyed his visit to the Café, especially when Pastor Bob was volunteering. "He is a Blessing and Wonderful Man of God."*

## CAFÉ ANNOUNCEMENTS

The café needs volunteers, especially Tuesdays, especially cooks. All volunteers are welcome no matter what gifts you have to offer. Contact Mike Peace, Debbie Seigfried, or Pat Timmins.

Gathering Place Café Bicentennial Travel Mugs are available for purchase. A Pre-order signup sheet is at the café. There is a sample mug at the café and on the table in the Narthex at church. The cost is \$7 each. For each mug sold, \$1 will be donated to the Bethel Bicentennial Committee. The mugs will be available after September 5, 2014. If you do not have the opportunity to sign up at the café, please leave a note with your name and how many you would like in Debbie Seigfried's mailbox #189.

### I Heard It At The Café

On July 25<sup>th</sup> Pastor Bob and Carol hosted a volunteer appreciation picnic at their home on the mountain. It was a lovely time for all - great weather, fellowship, and food! Thanks to Bob and Carol for hosting. All were grateful to be a part of Pastor Bob's vision. We will miss you, Bob and Carol. And the vision lives on.

It has been said that the café has no boss (other than God, of course) and is a miracle as it runs with faithful volunteers that step up every day to provide service, food, fellowship, and outreach to the community all by working together to make it happen. Thank you and continued blessings to one and all.

How many times has the café and all who go there helped each other without even knowing it. It is a silent symphony – the strings, brass, and woodwinds play together, yet we are unaware of the symphony, but it is there.

Everyone that has gone to the café as a volunteer or customer has a story of how they experienced something that made them aware of God's presence. It is like when a child plays "I Spy" and is asked to say "I Spy" when they saw something happen that might have the fingerprint of God on it.

One volunteer observed on the day she worked, that four separate sets of customers came into the café and each commented how they had been meaning to get to the café sooner. They were so glad they finally did! The food and coffee was delicious. Several of those customers stayed at the café for 2 hours or more and thoroughly enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere.

**Notice:** Volunteers may turn in their coupons and pick up their travel mug at the café. Please check with Pat Timmins, Mike Peace, Debbie Siegfried or one of the staff at the cafe. They will get your mug for you.

**Thank You,** again to all of the café volunteers. The café would not be without you!

(Call Debbie @717-933-5419 if you did not get your volunteer coupon.)



## CHOIR REHEARSALS TO BEGIN September 3, 2014

Summer is almost past and time to begin the fall season of choir rehearsals to prepare voices for worship services again. If you enjoy singing and can help the choirs participate on a Sunday morning, attend the practice which fits your category. All meet on a Wednesday evening:

**Jubilee** – 7:00-7:30 p.m., grades, K-5<sup>th</sup>

Sing, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 10:30 service

Karen Sanchez, Director

**JOY** - 7:00 -7:30 p.m., grades, 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>

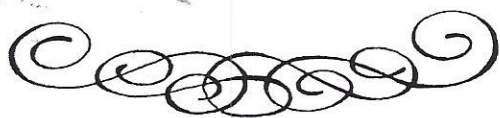
Sing, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, 8:15 service

Pam Gerberich, Director

**Senior** – 7:30-8:30 p.m., adults

Sing, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 10:30 service

Dianne High, Director



Lebanon Valley Brethren Home  
1200 Grubb St., Palmyra, PA 17078

## FALL HARVEST AND CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

OCTOBER 25, 2014

8:00 AM-1:00 PM

HAM AND EGG BREAKFAST

7:30 AM- 10:00 AM

TICKETS :\$7.00

(Purchase tickets from Becky Rebman

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

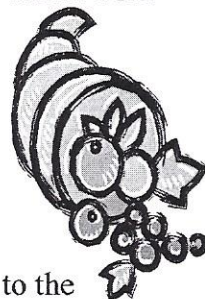
Baked items are needed, home canned items, crafts,  
produce and plants.

There will be "Cookies by the pound" – all kinds  
Contact Becky Rebman, 933-8810 for your donations

Volunteers are needed to assist with the Bazaar or  
the Breakfast

THE AUXILIARY WILL BE VERY GRATEFUL FOR  
ANY THING YOU WISH TO DONATE

## HARVEST HOME SERVICE October 12, 2014



You may bring your  
"Harvest" donations to the  
church for Harvest Home  
Sunday on October 12. These  
items will be displayed on the  
Worship Table and then given to the  
Bethel/Tulpehocken Food Panty.

God has given many blessings in this harvest  
season, for which we are so thankful, and now can  
share with those folks needing food assistance.

**THANKS FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!**

## GOLDEN AGE DINNER October 26, 2014

Annually, a meal is planned to express "Thanks"  
to the senior members of the congregation for the  
contribution they give to serving the church in  
various capacities. All who are 60 years of age or  
older are invited to attend on Sunday, October 26,  
after the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

## BETHEL/TULPEHOCKEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Board of Directors of the Bethel/Tulpehocken  
Public Library will again have their Seventh  
Annual Benefit Auction on September 20, 2014,  
beginning at 10:00 a.m. Last year's auction was  
again a success, thanks to support from the  
community and the help of organizations.

Please support this effort with your attendance  
and purchase of many items for sale.

If you have questions or would like to donate  
something for the auction, please contact:

Rita Geesaman 717-933-8631.

**THANK YOU!**

## EXERCISE CLASSES

Exercise class will begin September 22 every  
Monday and Wednesday at 8:45 a.m. in the  
Fellowship Hall. Exercises can be adapted for  
those of all fitness levels with goals of  
strengthening the body and balance for improved  
health. Come join us! Questions to Jamie Wise,  
933-4868

## 2015 "CALL SLATE" RESULTS

### Ministry Teams:

**Christian Education** – Debra Yordy, 2015-2017

**Missions and Evangelism** –

Connie Manbeck, 2015-2016

Anita Hoffa, 2015-2017

Pat Timmins, 2015-2017

**Music and Worship** - Allen Rebman, 2015-2017

**Stewardship and Property** -

Carl Myers, 2015-2017

### Other Church Positions:

**Auditor** - Sam Forry, 2015-2017

**District Conference Delegates** –

Jean Myers, 2015-2016

Nolan Keeney, 2015-2016

**Annual Conference Delegates** –

John and Dianne High, 2015

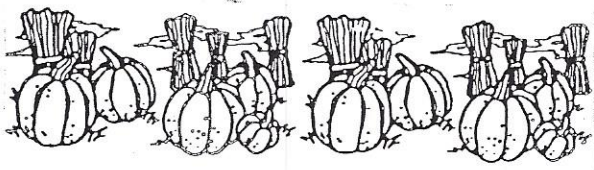
**Area Council of Churches** –

Carol Peace, 2015-2016

**Gifts Discernment** –

Kara Henning, 2015-2017

Beryl Wanner, 2015-2017



### LITTLE SWATARA 50 YEAR CELEBRATION OCTOBER 11, 12, 2014

There will be a celebration of worshiping for the last 50 years in this "new" facility, on Saturday evening **October 11**. There will be a picnic in the Fellowship Hall. (The congregation is asked to bring picnic food.)

**Sunday, October 12**, there will be one worship service with most of our former pastors coming to be a part of the celebration. Each will be given a few minutes to reminisce with us.

**Mark your calendars and plan to attend this eventful time!**

This poem was written by Ralph Wanner and read by him at the "Farewell Dinner" for Pastor Bob and Carol, on August 10, 2014.

### FAREWELL BOB AND CAROL

-by Ralph Wanner

'Twas about a half decade or so ago  
At a time when Little Swatara was searching high  
and low  
For someone to fill our pastoral position need  
That our prayers were finally answered indeed,  
When our call to service Pastor Bob Krouse did  
then heed.

It soon became apparent with all his vast  
experience and skill  
That he wouldn't have any problem filling the bill.  
His down to earth inspired sermons and  
enthusiastic style  
Along with a great sense of humor and a ready  
smile  
Made church services here much edifying and  
most worthwhile.

When someone had trouble needing comforting or  
special care  
If at all possible you could depend on Bob soon  
being there.  
While Bob and Carol's departure might elicit many  
tears,  
We here will have many happy memories of these  
past few years.  
And Pastor Bob and Carol's legacy will live on at  
Bethel's Town Square  
Where as a community outreach project they  
encouraged  
The establishment of the coffee house there.

Keep in mind whatever your future may hold or  
wherever you may be,  
Whether on the beach, in the everglades or out  
on the sea,  
Your service and dedication will always be fondly  
remembered  
By the brothers and sisters of the Little Swatara  
Church Family.

Greater Philadelphia Area Brethren/Anabaptist Heritage Tour

Saturday, September 13

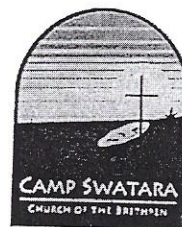
Registration form is available online ([ane-cob.org](http://ane-cob.org)). For more details, contact Ken Kreider at 717-367-7622 or [kreiderk@etown.edu](mailto:kreiderk@etown.edu)

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** – "Subs" will be made on September 11, beginning at 6:00 a.m. Preparation on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. Help is needed both times. The first making of chow chow is scheduled for September 24, and again your help is needed and appreciated.

## **CAMP SWATARA HAPPENINGS**

### **Family Camping Center Auction – August 30<sup>th</sup>**

Come enjoy a day at Camp Swatara on Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup>. Auction items will be available for preview on Friday night.



### **Camp Bridge Groundbreaking Ceremony – August 31<sup>st</sup>**

Join us on Sunday afternoon, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 3:00pm for a Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Camp Bridge! This project is part of the Building Bridges Capital Campaign and the new bridge will be installed in mid-November of this year. The ceremony will include sharing about the history of the old bridge, appreciation for those who provided it, and gratitude for the many decades it has served camp well. There will also be time for sharing about the new bridge and the work that will be taking place to install it later this year. Information will be provided for those interested in learning more about the campaign and giving support to fund this project and the others in the West Area. Light refreshments will be enjoyed following the ceremony.

### **Fall is the Perfect Season for Family Camping!**

Beautiful fall colors and cooler evenings by the fire make fall the perfect season for Family Camping! 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, boating (through the end of September), splash pad, movie nights, fishing, mini-golf, 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 camp but head home to sleep in your own bed! Find out more, reserve your site, or get registered for camp by contacting the Family Camp office at 717-933-5244 or online at [www.campswatara.org](http://www.campswatara.org)!

### **Challenge Course Day – September 20<sup>th</sup>**

Are you up to the challenge?! Persons age 13 and up are invited to join our trained challenge course instructors for an afternoon on the ropes course from 1:00-4:00pm on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Cost is just \$20 per person and includes your dinner at the Fall Fun Night (see below)! Participants must register by Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup> and complete a waiver.

### **Fall Fun Night – September 20<sup>th</sup>**

Join new and old camp friends for a Fall Fun Night at Camp Swatara on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:00pm! Persons of all ages can enjoy games and activities, including packing school kits provided through our summer camp offering(!) from 4:00-5:30. Then we'll gather for a hot dog cook-out followed by a fun campfire with songs, skits, and stories to close the evening by about 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 or two 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!

### **Fall Birding Trip – October 3-5<sup>th</sup>**

Attention bird watchers! Doug and Sally Ruby will be leading a DelMarva Tour for the 2014 fall birding weekend on October 3-5<sup>th</sup>. Points of interest will include Bombay Hook, Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, and Blackwater Refuge. The group will leave and return from Camp Swatara and will be staying in Salisbury, MD with the Ruby's or at a nearby hotel. Cost for the trip is \$130 and includes transportation, food, lodging, and leadership. Registration forms and more information are available by contacting the camp office.

## MORTGAGE UPDATE

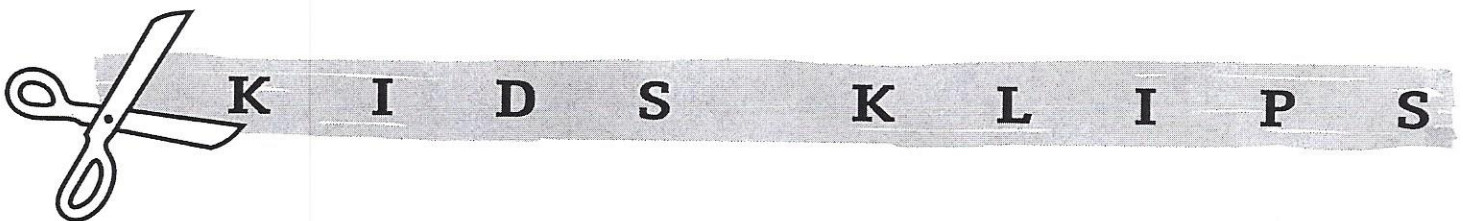
We started with a \$500,000 balance on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012. At the end of December 2013 we had a balance of \$325,558.80. Six months later, as of June 30<sup>th</sup> 2014 the mortgage balance is \$298,635.74. We paid off \$26,923.06 in the first six months of 2014 for an average of \$4487.17 on the principal and an average of \$1110.90 monthly interest for a total monthly average paid of \$5598.07. We finally reached the point where we are putting more than \$2050 toward the principal with each payment we make of \$3096.65.

We have a goal of having the mortgage paid off within 5 years to avoid renewing the mortgage and be subject to a possible interest rate increase. Currently we are paying an interest rate of 4.25%. From July 1, 2014, to reach the goal of having the mortgage paid by September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, we need to pay average monthly payments \$8211.86. The current envelope Building Fund giving is averaging \$4500 per month. That means that we only need \$3711 extra per month.

It appears that the pledges are being honored. Early on it was decided not to keep track of these pledges and that it would be strictly up to each individual whether they could keep honoring their pledge. We know that family conditions change. Fortunately, sometimes they also change for the better and as a result we have received some nice lump sum payments. We received some payments that came from turning some appreciated stock over to the church instead of selling it and paying taxes on the gain. This way they could make a larger payment to the building fund and avoid the capital gains taxes. Do you fit in a position like that?

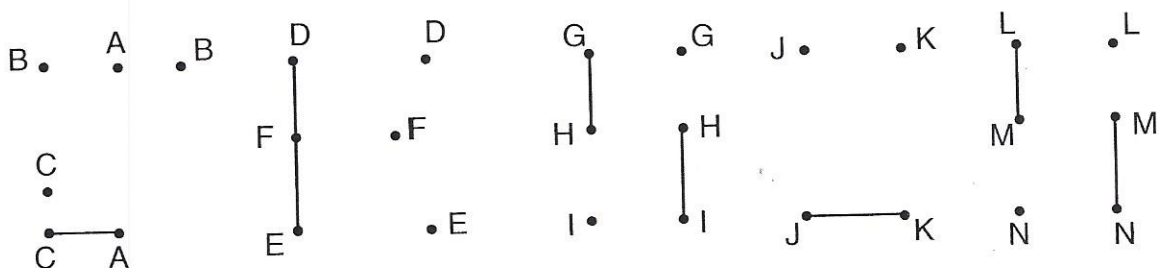
The spiritual Nurture committee has \$20,000 in a Good Samaritan fund that they do not need at this time and is not gaining any interest returns. They decided to loan this to the building fund interest free. If this stays available until the end of the 5 years it would mean an interest savings of over \$2550. Is this a possibility for other individuals or groups?

Thanks to everyone, including the Women's Fellowship for their support. With a little extra along the way we can make our goal of 5 years and celebrate a job well done.



## Hidden Word

Draw a line between the letters that are the same to reveal a hidden word.



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# STUDIOS

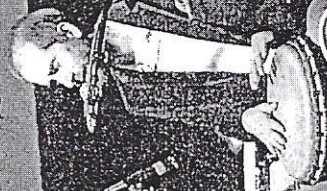
Summer Tour  
2014

AS SEEN AT: 141  
NYC

September 7 @ 7pm

Bring your friends, your parents,  
your fruit & veggies!

A free will offering will be collected to help cover the cost of the tour.





# Little Swatara Preschool

September 2014



Dear Friends,

Welcome to Little Swatara Preschool. We are glad your child is a member of our preschool family. We're excited about beginning our twentieth year. Wow, 20 years! Our teachers are planning many fun activities. The staff will be loving and encouraging in a safe environment. They will be building each student's physical, mental, emotional, social and spiritual skills. These skills will help carry the children throughout life. We seek God's guidance and blessing upon each class session. We will be forming friendships that could last a lifetime.



Our teachers will use a variety of learning techniques that will make learning active, creative and fun for the children. At Circle Time, we will be using the "Beginners Bible Building Block" curriculum by David C. Cook Publishing Co. This curriculum was designed to help strengthen our students foundation of Christian values. A Parents Page that will be sent home with your child most weeks. This page tells you about the Bible story or thought discussed during Circle Time. It gives you the opportunity to ask your child what they remember about the story from our class that week. Rereading the story together will show your genuine interest in what your child is learning at Preschool.

The Kindergarten Readiness work completed this month is name recognition and writing, cutting and gluing. All children will be asked to begin recognizing their printed name and to start writing or tracing their name. Colors and the alphabet will be introduced. All of this information will be presented in a structured small group environment that flows smoothly by following classroom rules. These rules encourage group as well as individual growth. The teachers expectation of the children's abilities will be age appropriate.



At the beginning of each month our Preschool newsletter and class calendars can be viewed on line at [littleswatara.org](http://littleswatara.org). (If you do not have access to a computer, upon request a hard copy of both the newsletter and calendar will be provided to you). The newsletter tells of class activities and includes other important Preschool information and announcements.

If you wish to contact me, please meet me at the Preschool or telephone me at Preschool (717)933-4500 or at my home (717)274-9875. I am also available via e-mail at the Preschool; [cindy.bradley@littleswatara.org](mailto:cindy.bradley@littleswatara.org). It is my goal is to check my e-mail daily. I look forward to speaking with you through out the year.

God's blessing to you, *Miss Cindy*



## SHOW AND TELL

All classes will have Show and Tell once a week. The item being shown begins with the Letter of the Week. If the letter is F, f the item to show might be fudge, a frog, your finger or a picture of Aunt Felicity. Be creative, however if it is not an obvious item, please send a note or tell one of the teachers how the item represents the Letter of the Week. The Preschool classes will have Show and Tell on Wednesdays beginning September 17. The Pre K classes have Show and Tell as stated on their class calendars.



## TUITION PAYMENTS

When making Preschool tuition payments please use the appropriate monthly payment sheet from the Tuition Payment booklet. ( A booklet should have been picked-up at Meet the Teacher Night). When making Preschool tuition payments please write the student's name in the memo section of the check. If you have any questions speak with Miss Cindy.



## WE RECYCLE

Please know we use **a lot** of paper that has already been printed on one side for worksheets, practice papers, etc. We will also be using magazine subscription cards to practice cutting. The cards can be cut into several pieces by the children. The cards are perfect for this activity because they are thicker than regular paper and are easy for little hands to hold. So, instead of throwing away those subscription cards, gather them and have your preschooler bring them to class. **Thank you.**



## Introducing...Sarah Dye

Miss Sarah is a new member of Little Swatara Preschool staff. She is the assistant teacher in our Pre Kindergarten 1 classroom where she will work along side of Miss Diana. Sarah is a past preschooler of LS Preschool and more recently, a graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio with a degree in Early Childhood Education. She completed a year of missionary work in Ireland. Sarah says that she is most looking forward to "working with the students." while employed at LS Preschool.

We are bless to have her energy, contagious smile and love of God here at LS Preschool working with our students and staff. Welcome Miss Sarah!

## LEARNING BEGINS AT HOME

Here is a list of ideas to help your child get off to a good start in Preschool.

- Take your child's picture with their teacher.
- Place the photo where your child can see it and talk about it.
- Say the name of your child's teacher often.
- Invite your child to make and give a simple card for the teacher.
- Find a special place to display things your child brings home.
- Get to bed early so your child will feel good at school.
- Encourage your child to eat a good meal before school.
- Before School: talk with your child about what he/she will do at school.
- After School: talk with your child about what he/she did at school.





## 2014 COMING EVENTS



- 1, LABOR DAY, office closed
- 2, 7pm Leadership meeting  
7pm, Women's Fellowship meeting
- 3, first day of Preschool  
Choir practice begins
- 4, 7pm FH, 50 Plus Meeting  
10:30am ONE SERVICE/Grandparents Day  
Children change classes (promotion Sunday)  
1pm COBY's Bike & Hike  
6pm Scout Leader Meeting
- 7, 10:30 am, Installation of Pastor Matt
- 9, 12:30-5pm FH, 50 Plus meeting  
7pm, Christian Education meeting
- 10, 9:45am, 50 Plus bus trip/return 5pm  
4pm Sub Sandwich Preparations  
6pm Scouts Den Meeting
- 11, 6am FH, SUB SALE DAY
- 13, FH K, Set up for Teacher Appreciation  
Breakfast
- 14, Christian Ed Emphasis Sunday/Teacher  
Appreciation Breakfast  
Noon, Spiritual Nurture meeting  
4pm FH, Scouts Welcome Gathering  
PAV reserved
- 19, 2-6pm FOOD PANTRY at Bethel
- 20, 7-10am FH, Women's Fellowship  
Fundraiser BREAKFAST  
10am, Bethel/Tulp. Library Benefit Auction
- 21, International Day of Peace
- 22, 8:45am FH, Exercise Class begins
- 23, 12:30-5pm FH, 50 Plus Meeting  
6:30pm FH, Farm Women #2 Meet
- 24, Women's Fellowship make Chow-Chow  
8:45am FH, Exercise Class
- 26, BRETHREN DISASTER RELIEF  
AUCTION @ Lebanon Valley Expo
- 27, BRETHREN DISASTER RELIEF  
AUCTION  
3pm Bethel Bicentennial Parade
- 28, Newsletter deadline  
Bethel Bicentennial Events  
Pav. Res/Scout Pack Mtg
- 29, 8:45am FH, Exercise Class
- 30, Ministry team minutes due

- 1, 8:45am FH, Exercise Class  
Chow-Chow making
- 2, 8am Quilting & knotting every Thursday
- 3, Wedding Rehearsal
- 4, FH,K-Prepare for Love Feast  
3pm Wedding Schwenk/Sweitzer
- 5, WORLD COMMUNION DAY  
Love Feast following 10:30am service  
6pm Scout Leader Meeting
- 6, 8:45am FH, Exercise Class  
7pm, Women's Fellowship meet
- 7, 7pm Leadership Meeting
- 8, 8:45am FH, Exercise Class  
4pm Sub prep  
6pm Den meeting
- 9, 6am SUB SALE
- 11, Church 50 Year Historical Celebration
- 12, LAITY SUNDAY  
Harvest Home Sunday  
Church 50<sup>th</sup> Historical celebration  
CROP walk at Grings Mill  
3pm O, Girl Scout meeting
- 13 COLUMBUS DAY  
8:45am FH, Exercise Class  
8:45am-5pm 50 Plus Bus Trip
- 14, 12:30-5pm FH, 50 Plus Meet
- 15, 8:45am FH, Exercise Class
- 17, 2-6pm Bethel FOOD PANTRY
- 19, WLBR Broadcast Sunday
- 20, 8:45am FH, Exercise Class
- 22, 8:45am FH, Exercise Classd
- 25, 8:00-1:00, LVBH Harvest, Christmas Bazaar
- 26, Noon, GOLDEN AGE DINNER  
Newsletter Deadline
- 27, 8:45am FH, Exercise Class
- 28, 12:30-5pm FH, 50 Plus Meet
- 29, 8:45am FH, Exercise Class

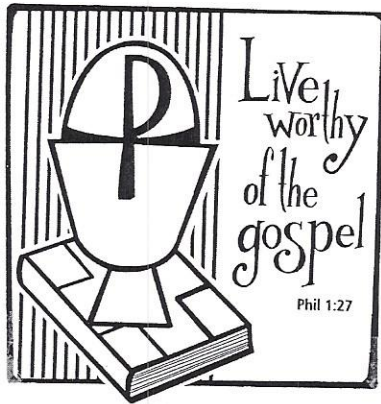
### CHOIR REHEARSALS EVERY WEDNESDAY

Jubilee – 7:00-7:30 p.m  
JOY – 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.  
Senior – 7:30-8:30 p.m.





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*The still earth stirs to the touch of God;  
fresh light spills across the resting  
lands,*

*Waken the sleepers to share in the wonder;  
Sing praises to the creator, all you people.  
Give thanks, give thanks to God.*

*The glory of dawn rises on the horizon;  
our hearts rise in response.*

*Look, see how the wonders extend to  
the edge of the world;*

*Everywhere, the glory of God bursts  
into being.*

*Each new day is a miracle.*

*-Psalm 105:1-5a, "Everyday Psalms"*

*James Taylor*

*"A community needs a soul if it is to become a true home for human beings. You, the people must get this soul."* -Pope John Paul II