

**Little Swatara Church of the Brethren**

Matthew S. Christ, Pastor

Sunday Worship: 8:15 & 10:30 AM

Sunday school 9:30AM

Good News!

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**CATCH AND RELEASE**

When I was younger I spent a lot of days fishing on Penns Creek at our cabin. As a matter of fact I loved fishing so much there was a buzzer alarm my dad or mom would sound to bring me home from the creek for dinner. The rule I carried through life on fishing was catch and release. So every time I caught a fish, no matter how massive it was, I gently released it back to the waters.

Over time the fishing became less and less and we noticed a black liquid seeping into the creek by a nearby stream. Crayfish were dying and fish were found belly up.

It turns out after following the trail of black liquid, it led to a swine farm operation. Months, years later, the fishing did come back and the sport became enjoyable again.

It's like this in our Christian walk. We face times of dryness, we face times of darkness and we often question whether our walk will ever be the same. The solution lies with our willingness to draw closer to God. We spend time praying on our knees. We spend time learning and applying God's word. The more we catch and release our faith to others, the more exciting it becomes. May this be our goal to live and serve Christ always.

OUR VERY OWN COLLEGE STUDENTS **& MILITARY PERSONNEL**

Please keep them in your prayer. Addresses are provide so we can support them with cards, letters of encouragement and care packages, however the Lord moves you to send your support and Christian Love. Please let Beryl Wanner know if there are any changes.



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Military Personnel

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Exercise Classes to begin again on September 9th



Do you like to exercise with a group and would you like to have better strength and flexibility? Then maybe you would enjoy coming to one of the exercise classes here at church. If you would like to be able to get up off of a chair or sofa more easily or improve your balance, why not check out one of the classes this fall. We meet in the church fellowship hall every Monday and Wednesday, where we begin each class with devotions, followed by exercises, and there is always time for fellowship before and after class. The Women's Exercise Class begins at 8:45 a.m. with an active warm-up while standing, followed by a variety of strengthening, postural, and balance exercises while standing and sitting, and finishes with gentle stretching as a cool down. If that class doesn't sound just right for you, there is also the Seated Exercise Class that begins at 10:00 a.m., open to both men and women, in which the warm-up, strengthening and postural exercises are primarily performed while sitting. A small portion of this exercise class is performed standing to allow the participants to improve balance. However, all the exercises can be modified to be performed while sitting, as needed. Please come join us and invite your friends! If you have any questions please don't



hesitate to call me at Ph# 717-933-4868.

Thank you, Jamie Wise. Hope to see you there!

An 8 person team from Little Swatara will be joining PA Mercy Works traveling to Youth With a Mission in **St. Marc, Haiti from January 18-25, 2020.** During this time we hope to build a home in a neighboring village which will house 2 families. We will also distribute food and Bibles to families in the St. Marc area. We are hoping to raise approximately \$15,000-\$17,000 through fundraising and congregational support to cover costs for this mission. Stay tuned for upcoming fundraisers this fall. If you feel led to support our team, you can do so by specifying on your regular weekly offering envelopes under "Other" and "Haiti Mission". Team members include Dan and Ashly Landis, Kevin and Lydia Stupp and Bill, Cheryl, Joshua and Jacob Straw.



Children's Choir starting in September - **Jubilee choir** is for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. The children will learn songs of praise and participate in Sunday worship service by singing monthly on the 4th Sunday of every month as well as on special occasions around the holidays. Practice will be on Wednesday from 6:30 - 7:00 PM beginning September 4. Pam Gerberich will be leading the choir and Diane Duell will be pianist. If you have questions please feel free to call or text Pam 717-222-1094.

Womens Fellowship News for September 2019

*The next Womens Fellowship Meeting will be **Tuesday, September 3 at 7:00 p.m.** All women of our Church are invited to attend.*

The Crafters Group will meet Tuesday, September 10 from 9:00-11:00 a.m.



Our **Sub Sale** will be **Thursday, September 12** with preparation Wednesday, September 11. We will need help Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. and Thursday at 6:00 a.m. The proceeds from this Sub Sale will go to Brethren Disaster Relief. There is an order form on the table in the Narthex.



We will be making chow chow Wednesday, September 18 and 25. Please let us know if you have any vegetables to donate. Look for the order form on the table in the Narthex. We will need help starting at 8:00 a.m., but we appreciate your help any time during the morning. Please be sure to put your name on your jars to be refilled.

Once again our Church is helping out at the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction Friday, September 27 and Saturday, September 28. There will be a lot of food and fun. Please pick up a booklet because it contains a schedule of activities. The quilters made a beautiful quilt this year. Try to make it to the quilt auction to see how much it brings for disaster relief.

Mark your calendar for our **Breakfast Buffet** scheduled for **Saturday, October 19 from 7:00 until 10:00 a.m.**

Senior High Youth Group Fall/Winter Dates

Newly Elected Officers
President: Kyle Yenser
Vice President: Malachi Chris
Secretary: Joshua Straw
Treasurer: Lydia Stupp



Mission Trip: July 26th to August 1st 2020

9/8/19: Coby's Bike and Hike (Junior High Included)

9/29/19: Soup and Sandwich Luncheon

10/13/19: Fall Fest

10/27/19: Golden Age Dinner

11/24/19: Paintball or Skyzone

12/22/19: Christmas Party (Junior High Included)

1/12/20: Soup and Sandwich Luncheon

Members Birthdays for September

Ayden Blatt	1	Aida Behler	19
Lisa Hetrick	2	Sandra Shalters	19
Clayton Bashore	4	Greg Emerich	20
Linda Bowman	4	Rosalie Denardo	20
Noreen Gross	5	Connie Hershey	20
James Bowman	6	Dianne Younker	20
Maeanna Miller	7	Dorothy Gensemer	21
Janette Lebo	7	Jacob Straw	22
Jason Manbeck	8	Sandra Kauffman	23
Joanne Ebling	8	Brian Hess	24
Dwayne Foesig	9	Jean Myers	25
Penny Neff	9	Ricki Bashore Sr.	25
Gary Emerich Sr.	10	Bruce Reed	25
Todd Wentling	10	Douglas Soliday	26
Louise Graby	11	Linda Ziegler	26
Paul Heisey	12	Lauren Bryant	27
Kristina Hoey	12	Gregory Ziegler	27
Russel Wenger	12	Tara Ebling	27
Randy Fisher	14	Herman Manbeck	27
Ronald Wanner	14	Louise Bashore	28
David Brown	15	Carol Ann Bashore	29
Wendy Fisher	17	Paul Sweigart	29
Ashley Smith	17	Ricki Bashore Jr	29
Andrew Foesig	18	Randy Heltzinger	29
		Joseph Brubaker	29
		Dale Bechtold	30

***“What do we live for if not
to make life less difficult
for each other?”***

~George Elliot

An elective Sunday School Class

- “Navigating Your
Finances God’s Way,”

To be held this fall. The lessons will address including the ownership of our money and possessions, debt, generosity, budgeting, saving and investing, and more. We will explore finances from God’s perspective and tools to help us navigate finances God’s way. Personal financial information need not be shared. The class will be held from 9:00-10:15 am. From Sunday, September 8 thru Sunday November 3. If you would like to attend, please sign -up on the paper in the Narthex by August 25th, so that an appropriate number of books can be ordered. If you have any questions, please contact Jamie Wise, Ph# 717 - 933-4868.

Craig and I are hosting a bible study starting in September.

Date and Time to be Determined

Follow Me by David Platt.

*“Jesus called out to them , come follow me and I will show you how
to fish for men.” ~ Matthew 4:19*

Do you want to help the church go beyond "come and listen" to "go and tell" ? God has a life of abundance planned for us, meant to be full not one of repetition. He wants us doing things that have an Eternal Impact! Today and everyday. If you feel inadequate in your part of growing God's kingdom and following Him, come and join us as we learn together.

Love Feast and Communion - Sunday, October 6 after 10:30 worship

What thoughts come to mind when you think of Love Feast and Communion? Are there questions that you have about Love Feast? Feet-washing? Communion? How do you prepare for participating in Love Feast?

Brethren cherish the unique ministries of love feast and communion, ordinances that underscore our understanding that we are servants to each other as we follow the example of Jesus. The love feast, including the practice of feet washing, has been a consistent feature of Brethren worship throughout our history. Obedience to Jesus Christ is unchanging, and is both symbolized and manifested through adherence to this ordinance. (Deacon Manual - Caring; Church of the Brethren Ordinances pg 129)

The Love Feast and Communion is demonstrated by Jesus in John 13: 3 - 7; John 12: 12 - 17; 1 Corinthians 11: 23-25. Take the time to read through these scriptures as you prepare for this time together. Reflect on this act that Jesus demonstrated to his disciples.

All are invited to join in in the fellowship of this ordinance. If you have questions about Love Feast, Feet washing, or Communion feel free to speak with any of the deacons or Pastor Matt. The Feast will be after 10:30 worship service on Sunday, October 6 and families will sit together in the fellowship hall. There will be separate areas for the men and women to participate in washing feet as well as an area for hand washing if you are unable to participate in foot washing. There will be time to fellowship as we eat a meal together.

A note from Christian Ed, Jr. High Advisors are needed, please contact Sandy Manbeck, if you are willing to serve in this area and guide the youth.

Coming Up...

August Mission of the Month

COBY's

Starting September 1

8:15am worship service

9:30 Sunday school

10:30 worship service

September 4

Children's Choir begins

September 5

Senior Choir begins

September 8

One Service

9:30 Sunday school

10:30 Worship

September 12th

Women's Fellowship Sup Sale

September 28th

Soup and Sandwich Luncheon
for the Youth

Our condolences to Ruth Hoover and family. Her daughter-in-law Shawn Dundore died August 10. She was wife of Dale.

Wait what???

A New series coming this fall.

We'll look at interesting facts and mysteries found in the Bible that we may have always been curious about and learn common fallacies surrounding certain verses we thought meant something totally different than the true meaning. Here's a few fun facts to get our minds going.

Books in the Bible: 66
 Books in the Old Testament: 39
 Books in the New Testament: 27
 Shortest book in the Bible: 2 John
 Longest book in the Bible: Psalms
 Chapters in the Bible: 1,189
 Chapters in the Old Testament: 929
 Chapters in the New Testament: 260
 Middle chapter of the Bible: Psalm 117
 Shortest chapter in the Bible: Psalm 117
 Longest chapter in the Bible: Psalm 119
 Verses in the Bible: 31,102
 Verses in the Old Testament: 23,145
 Verses in the New Testament: 7,957
 Shortest verse in the Bible: John 11:35
 Middle verses of the Bible: Psalm 103:1-2
 Longest verse in the Bible: Esther 8:9
 Words in the Bible: 773,692
 Words in the Old Testament: 592,439
 Words in the New Testament: 181,253

Recommended Resource: Willmington's Guide to the Bible

Starting Sunday September 1st we are going back to our original Sunday schedule of two services. 8:15 first service, 9:30 Sunday School, 10:30 2nd Service

"Kathryn K. Ziegler, wife of the late Elam H. Ziegler, had been a member of this congregation since the mid-1950's. Over the course of those 60-plus years, she worked as the church secretary, and also contributed greatly to the music program of the church, serving as an organist, a chorister, and, for over 50 years, as an original member of the Senior Choir. When she passed away in January, her family asked that those who wished to honor her memory might make a contribution to Little Swatara. Many did so, and the family has now decided that the funds donated would be used to establish a fund to purchase music for the Senior Choir. The family thanks all who made a donation."

Widows Luncheon

Tuesday September 10th at 11:30am at the Country Fair Restaurant

Jenna Gagliano graduated from Penn State College on August 10, 2019 with a Bachelors Degree in Human Development and Family Studies. Congratulations!!!

COBYS Bike and Hike Sunday, September 8, 2019 at Lititz Church of the Brethren

COBYS Family Services is a Christian agency, affiliated with the Atlantic Northeast District of the Church of the Brethren. It was founded in 1979. Over more than a quarter century of service, they have grown into a comprehensive family ministry that includes adoption and foster care services, counseling, family life education and a permanency program.

Please consider participating in the Bike and Hike as a walker or rider or find someone to sponsor. The registration for the 65 mile motorcycle ride begins at 12:45 pm with the ride beginning at 1:30; Walk & Bicycle registration begins at 1:31 with 25 mile bike ride beginning at 2:00 and then walkers and 10 mile bike ride begins at 2:30. There will be silent auction and door prize winners announced beginning at 4:30 pm with ice cream being served to all. Sponsor sheets can be downloaded from the COBYS website or on the table in the narthex.



Friday, September 27

- 9:00 AM - Baked Goods • Farmers' Market
- 9:00 AM - Share-A-Meal Tickets • Children's Store
- 10:00 AM - Food Stands
- 11:00 AM - Heifer Auction • Arts & Crafts
- 12:00 PM - Artisan Alley - East Hall
- 1:00-9:00 PM - Blood Drive - Pavilion Area
- 4:00 PM - Chicken Bar-B-Que Dinner - Pavilion
- 5:00 PM - Praise and Worship - Main Hall
- 5:00 PM - Children's Activities - West Hall and Barrel Train (outside)
- 6:00 PM - Main Hall Auction
- 6:30 PM - Theme Basket Auction - Southeast Hall



**Heifer Auction
Fri. 11:00 AM**

Saturday, September 28



- 7:00 - 9:00 AM - Car and Tractor Show Registrations
- 7:00 - 9:30 AM - Breakfast - Pavilion
- 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Blood Drive - Pavilion Area
- 8:00 AM - 5K Race - "Run for Relief" - Rail Trail
- 8:00 AM - Baked Goods • Farmers' Market • Children's Store
- 8:00 AM - Share-A-Meal Tickets
- 8:00 AM - Artisan Alley - East Hall
- 8:30 AM - Opening Devotions and Congregational Singing - Main Hall
- 8:50 AM - Main Auction
- 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Car and Tractor Shows
- 9:00 AM - Arts & Crafts - Arena
- 9:00 AM - Pole Barn Auction
- 9:30 AM - Food Stands
- 10:00 AM - Quilt Auction - Main Hall
- 10:00 AM - Coin Auction - Center Hall
- 10:00 AM - Children's Entertainment - Southeast Hall; Pony Rides & Barrel Train (outside)
- 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Free Child Care - West Hall
- 11:00 AM - Chicken Pot-Pie - Pavilion
- 11:00 AM - Children's Auction - Southeast Hall



**Quilt Auction
Sat. 10:00 AM**

www.BrethrenAuction.org

SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:15 and 10:30 Worship Begins 9:30am Sunday School 9:30 AM ANNUAL CONF REPORT 5:30 PM Scout Den Meeting	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 7:00 PM LEADERSHIP TEAM Mtg 7:00 PM WOMENS FELLOWSHIP MEETING	4 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	5 8:30 AM Quilting 7:00 PM FH/50 Plus Program 7:00 PM Sanc/Sr Choir Practice	6	7 Wendy Lingle Reserve Pavilion
8 COBYS Bike & Hike Food Pantry Collection PAVRes/Wartluft Reunion 8:30 AM Chr Ed Emphasis and Breakfast 9:00 AM SS Class on Finances 10:30 AM ONE SERVICE	9	10 7 pm M & E team meet 9:00 AM Crafters Meet 11:30 AM Widows Luncheon/Ctry Fare 6:30 PM Den Meeting 7:00 PM Christian Ed Mtg	11 3:00 PM SUB PREP 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	12  6:00 AM SUB SALE & PREP 8:30 AM Quilting 9:45 AM 50+ Bus Trip 6:30 PM Bethel 4-H Club Meets 7:00 PM Sanc/Sr Choir Practice	13 Church Camping Group on outing	14 Church Camping Group on outing
15 Church Camping Group on outing 9:00 AM SS Class on Finances 12:00 PM FH Res/B. Rebman reserved from 12:00-5:00pm	16 6:00 PM PS Board Mtg	17	18 Newsletter Deadline 8:00 AM K/Chow Chow Canning 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	19 8:30 AM Quilting 7:00 PM Sanc/Sr Choir Practice	20  2:00 PM Bethel Food Pantry	21 ANE Vision\$ Future w/ Moderator @ Indian Creek CoB
22 PAVRes/Scout Pack Mtg 9:00 AM SS Class on Finances 12:00 PM Spiritual Nurture Mtg	23	24 Ministry Team Minutes Due 6:30 PM Den Meeting	25 8:00 AM K/Chow Chow Canning 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	26 8:00 AM FH Res/W.Lingle(St Fire Co) 8:30 AM Quilting 7:00 PM Sanc/Sr Choir Practice	27 DISASTER RELIEF AUCTION 8:00 AM FH Res/W.Lingle(St.Fire Co)	28 DISASTER RELIEF AUCTION 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
29 Guest Speaker: C.Luckenbill 9:00 AM SS Class on Finances	30	1 7:00 PM LEADERSHIP TEAM Mtg	2 8:00 AM K/Chow Chow Canning 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	3 No 50 Plus 8:30 AM Quilting 7:00 PM Sanc/Sr Choir Practice	4 DISTRICT CONFERENCE at Elizabethtown	5 DISTRICT CONFERENCE at Elizabethtown

“You can't start the next chapter of your life if you keep re-reading the last one.”

September Newsletter 2019



Thank you! To all who contributed to the newsletter for the month of September. The deadline for the October edition is Wednesday September 18th. Email ashlylynn21@gmail.com

Womens Fellowship News

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Also on page 4 - Tired of cooking? Need a break? You're in luck! Women's Fellowship is having a sub sale! September 11th & The youth are having a soup and sandwich lunch on September 29th!

*Dost thou love life?
Then do not squander
time, for that is the
stuff that life is made
of.*

~Benjamin Franklin

**Interested in a fall
exercise class?**

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Good News!

"The Lord liveth and blessed be my rock; and exalted be the God of the rock of my salvation."

~II Samuel 22:47

**What events do the
Youth have scheduled?**

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