

**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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WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

Have you ever considered why we do the things we do or why we say the things we say. Often our immediate surroundings impact our behavior. For example, sitting at a sporting event, cheering on your favorite team, Go Phillies, we respond in the way others are. At home when our hairs down if you will, we tend to act out who we truly are. In public, we tend to be a bit more refined. In church, we would even be more and more refined. I've even heard it said when someone acts a certain way for that person to stop it because we're in church. But why do certain venues determine why we act the way we act? I can't answer that for you but Jesus says what comes out of us is a reflection of our heart. When we fill our heart with love from God, forgiveness from his son, encouragement through his word, there's a greater chance we will reflect his heart. In the season we find ourselves, continue searching our hearts and discover a place of Jesus Culture. A place where we find ourselves consumed by him and led fully by the Holy Spirit. It's a wonderful place to be and I urge us to find ourselves there basking in the heart beat of our Lord.

Blessings,
Pastor Matt

SILENT AUCTION

The LSCOB quilters have a quilt ready for the Disaster Relief Auction which has been canceled for 2020. We have decided to display the quilt in the back of the sanctuary and accept silent bids until September 27, 2020 with the money going to the Disaster Relief Auction fund. Please check out the quilt and place your bid in the box provided. The quilt will also be shown on the Sunday morning Live Stream. A picture of the quilt will be in the church newsletter. You may submit your bid by emailing: Jean351@aol.com. The quilt top was donated by Hershey and Anna Mary Myer. It is king size measuring 106" x 92". Think of that wedding gift you will soon need or a Christmas gift to that special person, while you will also be helping the Disaster Relief Fund. The highest bid will be shared Sept 13th & 20th during church service, giving you a chance to increase your bid.



Sympathies and Congratulations...

Congratulations to Miles Kauffman on achieving his Eagle Scout Award. Way to go, Miles.

Congratulations to Savannah Metzler on her acceptance with Widner University to begin her Masters Degree to become a Nurse Practitioner.

Please hold the family and friends of Naomi Moyer in prayer. Naomi went to be with her Lord and Savior on August 6th.

Our deepest sympathy and prayers for Diane & William Long on the loss of Diane's mother, Mary Dickinson, who passed away on Sunday, August 23rd, 2020

As a church family, we extend our sincere sympathy & Christian Love to the Bordner family & Marvin Luckenbill on the passing of Marvin's daughter, Sherry Luckenbill Bordner on August 26th.

Congratulations to Tessa & Brian Hershberger on the birth of their daughter, Naomi Renee. Born 8/15/20. Grandmother, Pam Gerberich, Great-grandparents, Ray & Sandra Keeney

Our deepest sympathy and prayers for Becky & Allen Rebman on the loss of Becky's mother and Todd's Grandmother, Blanche Geeseman , who passed away on August 9th.

As a church family, we extend our sincere sympathy & Christian love to the Batz family on the passing of Barbara Batz, on Aug. 14th. Services and burial were held here on Fri., Aug. 21, 2020.

Congratulations to Savannah Myers and Jacob Metzler on their marriage, June 6. Their new address is: 114 Colonial Drive, Akron, PA 17501

Senior High Youth Group Dates

September 13th - Jr/Sr High COBY's walk/bike at Camp Swatara TBD
 September 19th - Senior High Camp Swatara Exploration Day - TBD

Members Birthdays for September

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

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

-George Elliot

Church Updates

If you missed us last Sunday, you can still see services on line

www.Facebook.com/LittleSwataraCOB/live

We are also posting services on our new YouTube channel, if you prefer YouTube. They are not live, but are posted by 1pm on Sunday.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdpLFWqx7o1vxkczlf2kpYw>

Bread & Cup Communion - Sunday, October 4th

We will be holding Bread and Cup communion on October 4th, instead of a full love feast. Since we have preparation time, we will have time to prepare our usual communion elements rather than using the pre-purchased. Please plan to join us for this special service.

Outside Services - September 20th

We're going OUTSIDE!! September 20th, we will be holding our 10:30 service door doors in the parking lot, and we invite you to attend! Bring your lawn chairs, bring your family and participate in worship! Watch bulletins for more information, there may be a youth meal fundraiser this weekend as well.

Coming Up...

September Mission of the Month

COBY's

September 20th

Outside Services

September 12th

Hershey Myer Sale

October 4th

Bread and Cup Communion

Women's Fellowship News



CHOW CHOW TIME! We will be taking orders for chow chow. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex or you can give Beatrice or Brenda a call with your order. The **final day** to place your order will be **September 15th**. The Annual Christmas Bazaar has been cancelled, so ordering will be the only way to get your chow chow this year. We appreciate your cooperation and support.



Bake Goods Needed for the Hershey Myer sale on September 12th. Please drop off baked goods at the church on **Friday, Sept 11th** between 2-4pm (so they can be individually packaged).

Help needed at the refreshment stand on the day of the sale. Please let Wendy Lingle know if you can help.

There will be a sign-up sheet for baked goods and help at the stand.

Little Swatara Vision and Mission Statement

At the August Every Member Council meeting, members approved a new vision and mission statement put forth by the leadership team. Earlier this year, members of our Leadership Team, and our Spiritual Nurture (deacons) Team held a retreat with Pastor Matt and Rev. Bob Kettering to review and update the statement. Little Swatara last visited our Vision and Mission statements more than ten years ago and concern has been raised at our Leadership Team that while we follow the principals of the statements, we do not deliberately use them for guiding principles and documents

At the leadership retreat, there was much discussion of being Christ centered, and community based, both internally and externally. We also discussed our church's strengths of service and love. Several key themes were identified, including the transformational nature of Christ, themes of love for each other and the community, and themes of service.

The group decided on the mission statement: "Little Swatara Church of the Brethren: Transformed by Christ to Love, and Serve Together."

The Vision Statement is more about how we would like to go about expressing and executing our Mission Statement. It is not a listing of specific ministries, but more ideas of the things we will do to love, and serve together. After some time identifying common themes from each group, we arrived on the statement:

Because we are called by Christ to continue his work we will:

- Provide opportunities for spiritual growth for all ages
- Energize, equip and disciple youth and young adults for Christian service
- Connect and engage with each other and the community
- Introduce others to Christ through service
- Expand our ministries in love.

So what does this all mean? As approved, these statements become both guiding principals as well as challenges, for our congregation. These principals call for us to love and serve together and over the next few months the Leadership Team will be looking for ways to implement these guiding principals in a meaningful way.

SEPTEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31 Preschool Classes Start	1 7:00 PM LEADERSHIP TEAM Mtg	2	3 8:30 AM Quilting 7:00 PM 50+ Mtg/pav	4	5
6 Jr. High Bible Presentation LABOR DAY	7 	8 8:00 PM Christian Ed Team meeting / ZOOM	9	10 8:30 AM Quilting	11	12
13 Food Pantry Collection 10:30 AM Praise Team 4:00 PM COBY's Bike & Hike/Youth Activity	14	15	16 Newsletter Deadline	17 8:30 AM Quilting	18  2:00 PM Bethel Food Pantry	19
20 10:30 AM Outdoor Worship Service 11:30 AM Pork Roast Pick-up Dinner (Youth Fundraiser) 12:00 PM Spiritual Nurture Mtg/Pav	21	22 Ministry Team Minutes Due	23	24 8:30 AM Quilting	25 6:30 PM Scout Troop meeting	26  Men's Prayer Breakfast C. Ziegler Reunion/Pav CX 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
27	28	29	30	1 NO 50+ mtg 8:30 AM Quilting	2 District Conference at Elizabethtown	3 District Conference at Elizabethtown

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

September Newsletter 2020



Thank you! To all who contributed to the newsletter for the month of September. The deadline for the October edition is Wednesday September 16th. Email ashlylynn21@gmail.com

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

~Benjamin Franklin

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

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