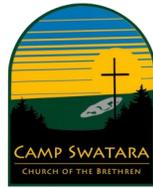


April 8, 2020



Dear Camp Swatara family and friends,

On behalf of our staff and board members, we extend our greetings to you during this uncharted season. We also recognize that the past few weeks have brought about experiences and information that have influenced our hearts, minds, and spirits, causing us to reflect, to question, and to wait.

I made it outside for a moment today, talking with Udo, our Buildings and Grounds Manager, about a repair project that just wrapped up on the north wall of our barn. This day was just so beautiful with new life springing up, insects and animals becoming active once again, and feeling the warm air rising. Even though that is all so vivid and enjoyable, it is not the fullness of what is intended for Camp Swatara.

Over the months of March to August, Camp Swatara historically hosts and/or facilitates the greatest number of families, guests, and campers through our Family Campground, Camp and Retreat areas and Summer Camp programs. This timeframe has typically ushered in schools, non-profit organizations, churches, and family groups to discover, learn, grow, and enjoy each of the arms of ministry at Camp Swatara.

The last time we served guests was March 15th, having seen a few cancellations up to that date and every group cancelling due to life-sustaining guidelines and stay at home orders since. We have been closed since March 16th and remain closed through May 1st, with groups cancelled out to May 8th and no clear picture of when we can re-open, or what the climate will be in our communities.

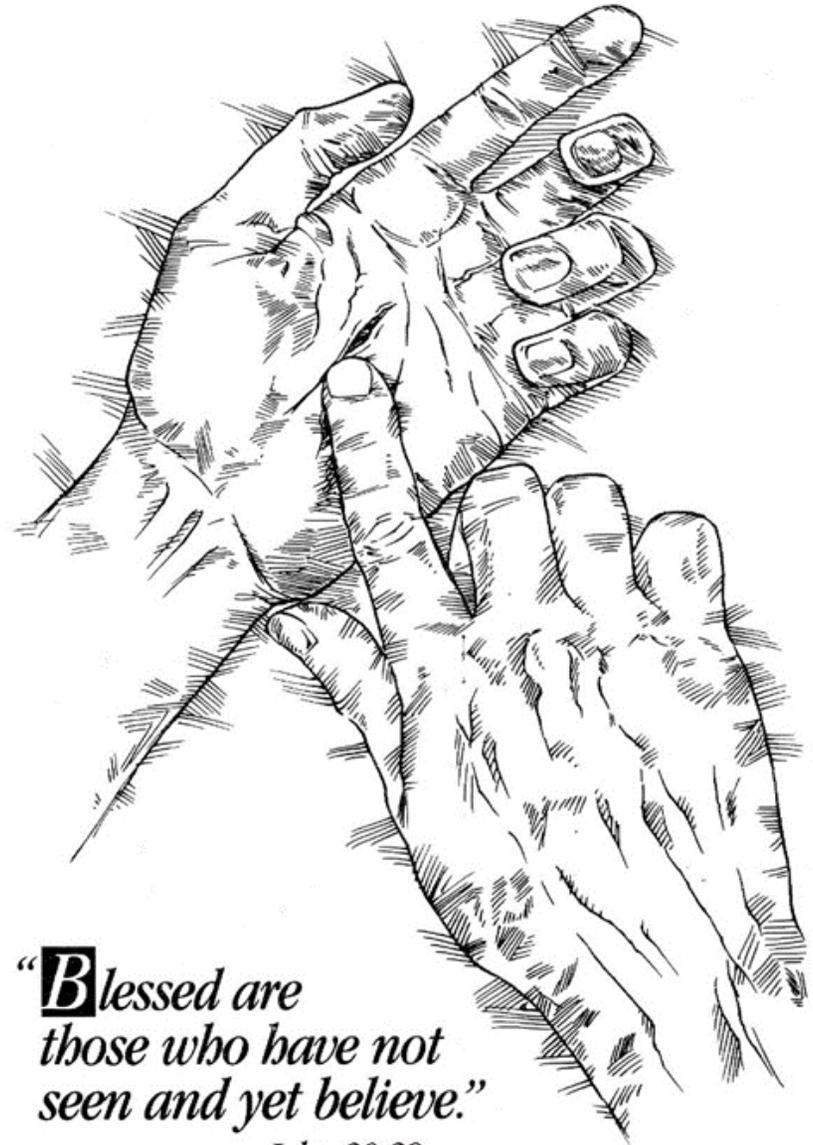
As I return to thinking about our DNA here, it is evident that you, the family unit or group – church or church group – school group – non-profit specialty organization – and summer camper are so intimately woven into our design and purpose. Camp Swatara is not who we are made to be without your . . . presence . . . campfire gatherings . . . songs . . . waves . . . discoveries . . . reconnections . . . laughter . . . tears . . . smiles . . . and friendships.

We are here to serve you and we also are unable to do so without you. During this time of closure, each of us is impacted. Today, would you consider before the Lord, partnering with Camp Swatara to provide a regular or one-time gift to be used for our general operation, specifically in first taking care of our staff, then our buildings and grounds, and infrastructure? Your gift can be designated toward our general fund and will bless the ministry of Camp Swatara as we eagerly await our opportunity to serve you and our other families, guests, and campers soon.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration and for giving

Tim Courtright, Executive Director, Camp Swatara

2 Peter 1:3-11



Blessed are
those who have not
seen and yet believe.”

John 20:29

April 19, 2020



Outreach: *The Gathering Place Café*, 8490 Lancaster Ave, Bethel
 Contact: gatheringplacecafe.com / Phone: 717-933-5958
 Café Hours: **Mon-Fri 6-11am & Sat 7-11am**



Little Swatara Church of the Brethren
Proclaim Christ as Lord

April 19, 2020
10:30 Worship Service

Prayer Concerns

Let us remember the shut-ins and elderly not able to be with us today.

- Daniel Bryant
- Carl Graby
- Christine Bashore
- Sandra Kauffman
- Dorothy Merkey
- Naomi Moyer
- Kenny Zeigler
- Suzanne Wichert
- Earl Ebling
- Hershey & Anna Mary
- Berks Heim Nursing Home



Our country and leaders, healthcare workers, suppliers, transportation workers and carriers, and all essential personnel time



HELP WANTED

Little Swatara Preschool is currently seeking an Assistant Teacher in the Pre-K—1st grade class. The commitment would be part-time at three class sessions per week. To inquire contact Cindy Bradley at:

(717) 274-9875

or

cindy.bradley@LittleSwatara.org

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$ 10,461.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00
Fam Assistance	\$ 380.00
Maintenance	\$ 110.00
Sunday School	\$ 140.00
Global Food Initiative	\$ 40.00
Nigerian EYN	\$ -
Womens Fellowship	\$ -
Food Pantry	\$ -
Gathering Place	\$ -
Mission of the Month	\$ -
1 Great Hr of Sharing	\$ 550.00
Total	11,701.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2020
\$ 312,710.

Last Sunday's Attendance

Online Worship - 125

Mission of the Month



Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

- L: Lord you have risen and we bring you praise!
- P: Help us Lord rise above trails of this world.
- L: You Lord have demonstrated victory over the powers Of darkness.
- P: Lead us to your everlasting peace.
- All: Reveal your majesty among us.

Opening Hymn "Majesty" *projected*

Monologue "A journey with Thomas"

Hymn "God Sent His Son " #345

Joys & Concern

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Offertory Music "Thou Art Worthy"

Children's Moment

Hymn "Breathe on Me Breath of God" #356

Sermon Series "Firsthand"

Message - "Reach....Teach....Believe"

Scripture: John 20: 19-29

Closing Hymn "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less" #343

Sending Forth

Postlude "Shout to the Lord "