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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.

Matthew S. Christ, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30

CIRCLES OF SERVING

Even though he was God, Jesus did not demand his rights as God. Although as God he had every right to be served, he came to serve others instead. Jesus faithfully served his Heavenly Father by pouring out his life to serve us.

Will we follow his example and serve God by serving others?

Isaiah 42: 1 reads "Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations."

Philippians 2: 6-7 reads "Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness."

It brings great joy to serve. It honors Christ's example. It motivates us and spurs us on to live in love for one another. It's a world in which "self" becomes most important.

I'd invite us to see others more important than ourselves. How might we love our neighbor this week? Where could the church benefit from a few more helping hands? I don't deny the reality of schedules and the difficulty in making time. But I can see a circle before us that continues unending. That circle is complete and has been formed by the hands of generations of diligent laborers in the vineyard of Little Swatara. It only takes a willingness and a yes Lord, here am I, use me. Start with prayer and see where God leads you.

It's fulfilling to know you've made a difference and in so many ways, you already are. Continue the blessed work the Lord started in you. Find strength in him and be creative in ways we love one another and serve each other's needs. I've been thankful to see that circle of serving and let's keep pressing on for the wonderful cause of Christ. May God be glorified in all we do. Joyful and in awe of our Lord,

Pastor Matt



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Sympathy for our church family...



May we keep Dave & Mary Ann Fake family in our prayers as they mourn the sudden loss of their daughter, Janice.

We covet your prayers for the family of Grace Miller, particular her husband Earl and daughter Linda we all have known so well. Grace passed away Monday morning, April 30th, and is now with her Lord.

MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS FOR JUNE

RODNEY LEBO	2	JUDY COOTS	12	CHRISTOPHER DUELL	23
ERIC SHOLLY	2	LESTER BASHORE, SR	12	PATRICIA STUPP	24
BONNIE SHOLL	3	SHEILA RAUP	12	MICHAEL FRANTZ	27
DOROTHY MERKEY	4	SCOTT SWEIGART	12	LOUISE SCHWARTZ	27
DALE HAUPT	5	SPENCER KELLY	13	MAE CLAMAN	29
JAYNE SEIFRIT	5	GLENNA LEBO	13	TIMOTHY REINHARD	29
TYLER RIEGEL	6	ANITA HOFFA	13	MILES WEINHOLD	30
EARL (BUDDY) SEIGFRIED	6	KELLY STERTZEL	13		
JAMES ROCKETT	7	MICHELE DECOSTA	14		
NORMAN WENGERT, JR	7	DAN LANDIS	14		
WILLIAM BRIGHTBILL	8	JOANN YENSER	14		
DENNIS BROSS	8	KAITLYN WALKER	15		
RAY KEENEY	8	JENNA GAGLIANO	16		
CONNIE MANBECK	9	JENNY LUCKENBILL	17		
KRYSTAL (LEBO) GRECCO	10	EMMA STUPP	18		
NORMAN NOLT	10	GERALD HOUSER	19		
ARLENE REBMAN	11	TYLER SNYDER	20		
MATTHEW SANCHEZ	11	CHELSEA BRUBAKER	22		



Happy Father's Day!!

The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother.

~Theodore Hesburgh

My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me.

~Jim Valvano

My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it.

~Clarence Budington Kelland

LITTLE SWATARA CHURCH NEWS

THE TRACTOR, TRUCK AND CAR SHOW will be held Saturday, June 16 from 8:00-1:00. Please bring your flea market items the week of the Show. We will need lots and lots of baked goods to be served at the food stand and sold at the bake table. We have reduced the price of the tables to \$5.00, so if you are considering having your own table, this is the year to do it.

2018 ANNUAL CONFERENCE WITNESS TO THE HOST CITY DONATION REQUEST

A donation box is in the narthex for any items you can provide. These items will be taken to Conference early July and given to "First Step Home."

The following items are being collected: TWIN SHEET SETS TOWELS WASH CLOTHS DEODORANT SHAMPOO/CONDITIONER LOTION BABY ONESIES, WOMEN'S SOCKS, WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR (all sizes) DIAPERS (all sizes) \$5 GIFT CARDS to Walmart or Krogers.

CAMP SWATARA SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Our summer camp programs are "Beyond Belief!" - where we'll be asking big questions and seeing how big God is through His expansive creation, the positive potential of community and even His presence in our own hearts. You won't want to miss the chance to join us as we explore how astonishing God really is! Find the 2018 schedule and rates on our website at www.campswatara.org. Log on at www.campswatara.org to register online.

CHURCH PRAYING FOR LITTLE SWATARA THIS MONTH:

June 3—Mount Wilson

June 10—Conestoga

June 17—Drexel Hill

Please sign the prayer cards on the table in the narthex each week.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM

The following are a list of Sunday school classes held weekly. If you would like to attend one and need direction to a classroom, please ask an usher or check the sign downstairs in the foyer.

Adult Classes - Willing Workers, Koinonia, Serendipity, Raising Believers, Ya Cigiba (we continue), Young Families

Post High, college & beyond

Children Classes

Youth (9-12 grade)

Junior High Class (6-8 grade) Mountain Movin' Journey , ages 2-4 Mtn Movin' Journey, grades 1-6

MARK YOUR CALENDARS..

WIDOWS LUNCH

Tuesday, May 8th, 2018 At Country Fare Restaurant. 11:30 a.m. All widows are invited to attend.

FIRESIDE CHATS WILL BEGIN THE 4TH FRIDAY OF JUNE AT 7 PM. THEREAFTER THE 4TH FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH UNTIL LATE FALL.

JR/SR HIGH YOUTH NEWS

June 1-2 Youth Lock-In at Little Swatara Church
June 4: 4-9:30pm Fundraiser at Twin Kiss, Myerstown, FUNDRAISER DAY at Raub's Twin Kiss in Myerstown - Monday, June 4th from 4-9:30pm. 30% of total purchase is donated to the youth group. You must have a certificate for the youth to receive the discount. Pick up a few at the narthex table for you and your friends and neighbors! We'll see you at Twin Kiss!

Mark your calendars for **CHILDREN'S DAY, JUNE 10TH** as entertainer Wes Holly presents biblical truths through magic, music and more! A potluck picnic is to follow. Meat, drinks, and ice cream treats provided. Don't miss it!

PLANS ARE UNDERWAY FOR A MISSION TRIP TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, serving alongside Jason and Nicole Hoover. The dates are set for January 19-26, 2019. Service includes construction projects as the government approves funding for and we add to as well as ministry to children and youth. Cost is approximately \$900 per person. If you have signed up and don't have your passport, please find your way to do so. Fundraisers will be forthcoming and we just ask a deposit from each attendee for a commitment. A meeting will be scheduled in June to discuss preliminary items with the Hoover's. Blessings. Pastor Matt

Don't miss the **WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY** on Mondays from 7-8pm in the fellowship hall, studying the Gospel of John with Jeremy Platchek.

JUNE'S WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

We had a fun-filled evening at our Mother/Daughter Banquet on May 12. If you are a Mother or a Daughter, keep it in mind for next year. We had a delicious meal and a great program. A big thank you to everyone who helped make it a success.

Our next Womens Fellowship Meeting is Monday, June 4 at 7:00 p.m. We will not be meeting in July.

Our Crafters Group will meet Tuesday, June 12 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. The crafters wont be meeting in July either.

Our Tractor, Truck and Car Show will be held Saturday, June 16, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Come out and enjoy the tractors and all of the other vehicles exhibited. There will be lots of tools for sale and there is always good food available at the pavilion. Dont forget to bring your items to be sold at the flea market the week of the Sale. We need lots of baked goods and if you can volunteer for an hour or two, we would appreciate it.

Londonderry Village has their annual Estate & Yard Sale May 31 and June 1 and 2 at their barn.

The Londonderry Village Chicken Bar-B-Q and Auction will be held July 27 and 28. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help or donate an item to be auctioned, please contact Linda Bowman.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS..

Kids, get ready to join the team, train hard, celebrate salvation and encourage one another! Grownups, consider helping with VBS 2018 where the kids will realize God has given them His ultimate playbook.

Vacation Bible School 2018

July 9-13 from 8:30am-11:00am

For more information, call 717-933-4723.

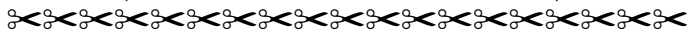
Register online in advance at

<http://www.myvbs.org/littleswataracob/>

or bring a completed registration form

the first day your child attends

(forms available in the narthex).



I would like to help with VBS!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please return bottom portion to Mailbox 104.

Register on line to receive a Music CD for \$1.00!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN US VIRGIN ISLANDS

Recovery efforts from 2017 Hurricanes are moving forward on the island of St. Thomas. Through the Disaster Recovery Team since October and they are now ready for volunteers for clean-up and rebuilding work.

To Volunteer Contact

Bob Eisemann, ANE DDC

rqeisemann@gmail.com

717-733-7413

BDM Sponsored Weeks :

June 17-30, 2018

Sept. 9-22, 2018

Dec. 2-15, 2018

Volunteering for 2 weeks during BDM sponsored Short-term Responses includes:

-lodging

-Meals Monday through Friday

-Transportation to/from job sites

-Up to 1/2 airfare reimbursement during BDM sponsored weeks ** Rules apply

TRACTOR, TRUCK, MOTORCYCLE AND CAR SHOW

LITTLE SWATARA CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Saturday, June 16, 2018

8am to 1pm

Lawn and garden equipment, Hit and Miss Engines welcome too!

Food * Games * Fun
for the whole family

Flea Market Vendors
Baked Goods & Tool Sale

Children's Pedal Tractor Pull at 10am
Train rides and other fun activities

To enter vehicles, Contact Scott @ 717-926-3376
Tables 4 Rent/ \$10 Contact Sally @ 717-2856
Tools to Sell? Contact Gary @ 610-488-7603

BDRA KICKOFF DINNER

you are invited to a great experience of fellowship, entertainment and food at the kickoff dinner of the the brethren disaster relief auction

June 9, 2018 at 6pm

Family Style Dinner at Yoders Restaurant in
New Holland

The Taylors are the entertainment

\$30 per person

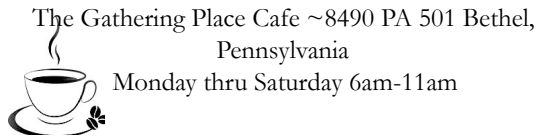
Purchase tickets from Landis and Candy

Myer at 717-354-0179

MORE NEWS...

VISIT THE GATHERING PLACE CAFE....

As the weather starts to become warm, remember the cafe also offers nice cool refreshments like slushies. Or enjoy one of their freshly baked treats, a delight for anyone!



LITTLE SWATARA CHURCH'S CURRENT POLICY

CHILDREN CAMPER FEES Sunday school will pay part of the summer season camp fee to Camp Swatara for children and youth who attend Sunday school and or church at Little Swatara. The Sunday school pays up to half of the Tier 1 camping fee—not to exceed half of the regular camp fee.

NOTE: Campers pay the deposit according to the instruction: on the registration form. Camp Swatara sends a certificate to the camper indicating a credit in the amount the Church pays. Camp Swatara bills Little Swatara for our contribution at the middle and end of the summer camping season. (Feb 2018)

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:






I think it was about three years ago a friend of mine had invited me to my first Christian concert. It was the “Love Ran Red” tour with Chris Tomlin and Rend Collective, in Hershey. I loved Rend Collective so I thought sure, I’ll go, but I never expected to be so blown away and totally immersed in worship, it was more like the most upbeat on fire church service ever! One part of the concert that still resonates in my mind was what Chris Tomlin said before he sang the song “I lift my hands”. Chris asked what a small child does when they want to be picked up by their father? In any culture, any language, children raise their hands when they wish to be picked up and comforted by their parent. Picture with me if you will, a toddler, learning to walk, falls down again and again, soon enough she runs to her father with arms raised, with out a single word anyone witnessing this knows, this child is hurt and wants to be held and comforted by their father. Just like the little child falling down runs to their father, why should we not run to our Heavenly Father, arms raised, asking to be picked up, after we fall down, or get hurt, or stumble. Think about the father (or mother) who’s little one just fell, they look down from above, have sympathy on the tiny tot learning to walk and scoop her up in their arms for the time being, before setting her down to continue learning to walk again. What an image of our life on earth and our walk with our Heavenly Father. Sometimes life hurts, sometimes people hurt us, sometimes we get hurt, sometimes we hurt ourselves by stumbling over our own sin. We all need picked up at moments, but there are times our pride gets in the way, or we think “I’ve go this”, or we just spend to much time with our nose to the ground, we don’t even notice our heavenly father standing beside us, totally willing to pick us up, if only we would look up and reach. I love the words in the song “I lift my hands” where Chris sings:

“Be still, there is a healer, His love is deeper than the sea, His mercy, it is unfailling, His arms are a fortress for the weak...I lift my hands to believe again, You are my refuge, You are my strength, As I pour out my heart, these things I remember, You are faithful, God”

He is faithful my friend, to not hesitate to raise your hands to your Heavenly Father.

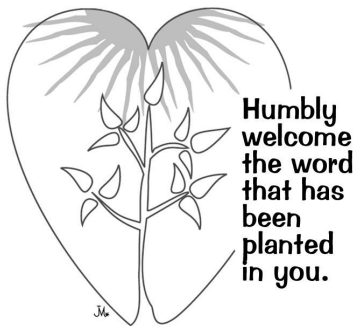
Ashly Landis

JUNE 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Newsletter Deadline PTeam 8:15 WLBR Broadcast Sunday 12:00 PM PAV Res/S. Hartranft	28 ***** MEMORIAL DAY 7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY??	29 5:30 PM PAV Res/Girl Scouts Event	30 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	31 8:00 AM Quilting 10:00 AM 50 Plus Bus Trip 5:00 PM TOPS Mtg	1 1:30 PM Baccalaureate Practice 7:00 PM Youth Lock-In 7:15 PM 50 Plus Bus Return	2 12:00 AM Youth Lock in 9:00 AM Annual Conference Briefing at Hempfield CoB
3 11:00 AM PAV Res/R. Wise 12:00 PM FH Res/Spiritual Nurture Luncheon/Mtg 5:30 PM Scout Den Meeting 6:00 PM Christian Poetry Fellowship 7:00 PM TULPEHOCKEN BACCALAUREATE	4 4:00 PM Youth NYC Fundraiser @ Twin Kiss, Mynstn 7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY in FH 7:00 PM Women's Fellowship Meeting	5 7:00 PM LEADERSHIP TEAM Mtg	6 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	7 8:00 AM Quilting 5:00 PM TOPS Mtg 7:00 PM 50 Plus Mtg	8 9:30 AM 50 Plus Bus Trip	9 8:00 AM PAV Res/W.Lingle 4:00 PM PAV Res/Graby Reunion 6:00 PM BDRA Kickoff Dinner at Yoders Rest.
10  Food Pantry Collection ONE SERVICE 10:30am/7 yr. old Bible Presentation 10:30 AM Praise Team 12:00 PM ALL CHURCH PICNIC	11 7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY in FH	12 9:00 AM Crafters Meet 11:30 AM Widows Luncheon/Ctry Fare 6:30 PM Den Meeting 7:00 PM CHRISTIAN ED Mtg	13 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	14 8:00 AM Quilting 5:00 PM TOPS Mtg	15  2:00 PM Bethel FP	16  8:00 AM Pav-church Res / Car, Truck & Tractor SHOW
17  GRADUATION SUNDAY	18 7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY in FH	19 7:00 PM MUSIC & WORSHIP Mtg	20 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	21  8:00 AM Quilting 5:00 PM TOPS Mtg 6:30 PM Bethel 4-H Club Meets K&FH	22	23 7:00 AM Men's Ministry Prayer Breakfast 8:00 AM PAV Res/Ziegler Picnic
24 Newsletter Deadline 11:00 AM PAV Res/S. Forry	25 7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY in FH 7:00 PM STEWARDSHIP & PROPERTY MTG	26 Ministry Team Minutes Due 6:30 PM Den Meeting	27 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	28 8:00 AM Quilting 5:00 PM TOPS Mtg	29	30 10:00 AM Pav Res/John Kauffman Family Reunion



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JUNE 2018

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!

“A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society.

~*Billy Graham,*



“It is much easier to become a father than to be one.”

~*Kent Nerburn*