

## Mission of the Month



# Family Assistance



## MAY COUNCIL MEETING

The May Council meeting will be held via Zoom on **Monday, May 18th at 7:30 PM.** Please note the date was changed to enable us to connect with you about the Zoom meeting.

The agenda for this meeting:

1. 1st Quarter financial report
2. Pastor Matt's report
3. Gathering Place Report
4. Second vote on By-law change regarding tax information for envelop users
5. Initial voting on New Vision and Mission Statements (information on this is included for your review)
6. Recommendation to seal the steeple from water leakage;
7. Recommendation for Licensing of Craig Luckenbill to ministry.

**Notice:** Zoom instructions for the May Every Member Council Meeting have been emailed out. If you have not received a copy please email Mark Myers or Pam Gerberich



I have been reminded of your sincere faith,  
which first lived in your grandmother...  
and in your mother...and...now lives in you also.



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



## 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*  
*Adele Stupp*  
*Rae Derr*



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

## NOTICE!

Due to the Coronavirus and prohibitions on large gatherings

**Every Member Council Meeting**  
**is rescheduled to**  
**May 18th, 2020, 7:30 pm**

Instructions will be coming out via email for the online meeting. We will also be mailing instructions on how to call in using your phone for those members who are not computer users. Agenda is on the last page of the bulletin

## GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$ 6,040.00
Building Fund	\$ 100.00
Fam Assistance	\$ 350.00
Maintenance	\$ 480.00
Sunday School	\$ -
Global Food Initiative	\$ 225.00
Nigerian EYN	\$ 225.00
Womens Fellowship	\$ -
Food Pantry	\$ 20.00
Gathering Place	\$ 100.00
Mission of the Month	\$ -
1 Great Hr of Sharing	\$ 570.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,110.00</b>

**GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2020**  
**\$ 312,710.**

## Last Sunday's Attendance

**Online Worship -**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!

Ruth Hoover will be 82 yrs. old on May 18th. Let's help her celebrate with a card shower. Send your cards to: Ruth Hoover  
 Spang Crest Manor—Room 125  
 945 Duke St., Lebanon, PA 17042

## Little Swatara Church of the Brethren Proclaim Christ as Lord

**May 10, 2020**

**10:30 Worship Service**

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

L: God, we thank you for the gift of family.  
 P: We especially thank you for the gift of our mothers.  
 L: We ask Lord, your hand of blessing upon each one with us and remember those gone on before us.  
 P: May your love be upon each of us as we worship your beauty in all the earth.

**Opening Hymn** "For the beauty of the earth" # 89

**Joys & Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Mother's Day video**

**Hymn** "In the bulb there is a flower" #614

**Offertory Thought and Prayer**

**Children's Moment**

**Hymn** "In the garden" *projected*

**Message - "Only a mother"**  
**Passage - Matthew 20: 20-21**

**Closing Hymn** "He lives" *projected*

**Sending Forth**

**Postlude**

## Letter from the Leadership Team

Saturday March 7th, 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 Vision and Mission statements of our Church. 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. The retreat was facilitated by Rev. Kettering, formerly of the Flor-en, Lititz and Lancaster congregations, who provided us with leadership and the guidance of a leader with fresh ideas from outside our congregation.

The discussions centered around the basic principals and missions that define the Little Swatara Church of the Brethren, and what form we want them to take in the future. All agreed that while our previous Vision and Mission statements are still valid and pertinent today, some simplification and updating was needed. The challenge from Pastor Kettering was to define a mission statement of “Who We Are” – that is a statement of the guiding principals of Little Swatara. 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. After splitting into three groups to discuss potential ideas, we rejoined and shared. In that sharing, 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.” This statement is very similar to the previous vision statement.

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The next challenge from Pastor Kettering was to come up with a Vision Statement. 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.

Again, there were many similarities to our previous statements.

So what does this all mean? Sometime soon, the Leadership Team will recommend that these statements be formally adopted by our Every Member Council as the Mission and Vision of the Little Swatara Church of the Brethren. After that, we will use them as aspirational principals to guide our ministries and decision making, until we revisit and updated them again.



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