



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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AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE



What's thanks got to do with it?

Everything!!!!

We don't always expect it. For some, it's not even necessary. But when it happens, our heart beats a different beat. We feel a sense of joy. There's just something about a thank you. There's just something about an attitude of gratitude; being filled with thankfulness and an appreciation ready at all times to return the kindness.

I often wonder the attitude the disciples had when Jesus showed up in big ways. I mean when didn't he show up in big ways. But Imagine the scene. The hillside is filled with thousands of people and it's time to eat.

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The disciples are befuddled. What shall we do the disciples inquire of Jesus. And you gotta love his answer. You feed them. They don't know what to do. Immediately they think in terms of money and say that'd take a years wages. Suddenly a young lad shows up in perfect timing and the disciples had to have had an attitude of gratitude. He has two loaves and five fish. What happens next goes off the chart of the wow factor.

Jesus lifts the bread and the fish toward Heaven and blesses it. He goes on to tell the disciples to distribute them and there's plenty for everyone and even twelve baskets left over. This is just one small area where Jesus meets the needs of others.

This Thanksgiving may we discover where Jesus meets our needs. May we see where our attitude should always be filled with gratitude. But let's not stop there. Let's show our appreciation by passing on kindness to others.

Many blessings,

Pastor Matt

THE GATHERING PLACE

CLOSED— Monday, Nov. 4, 2019— Thursday, Nov. 14, 2019

Will reopen Friday, Nov. 15, 2019

Volunteers Needed

Help is needed at The Gathering Place to bake gingerbread to build gingerbread houses. If you are interested in helping to bake the dough (tentatively during the first 2 weeks of Nov.), contact Sharon Bashore, 733-933-5248 or Renee Brown, 724-809-6433 for more information. Help will also be needed to assemble the houses, likely 12/7. Watch your bulletin for information. Community decorating of the houses is scheduled for December 14.

Candy Decoration Donations

Being collected in November, watch for a box in the Narthex

Widows Luncheon



Tuesday November 12th at
11:30am at the Country Fair
Restaurant



Sunday, December 15th will be the annual Children's Christmas Program during the Sunday School hour. Come at 9:30 to show support for and be blessed by the young ones who are the future of our church.

The children's Sunday School will be doing an Angel Tree project during the Advent season this year. Children and their families can choose an angel from the tree and provide the item(s) listed. Gift donations can be brought to church by December 15th. Gifts will be given to four different families in our community who are in need this holiday season. Contact the Christian Ed. team for more details.



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



Poinsettia's can be purchased to enhance the worship center during the Christmas season. After the Christmas Eve service, you may take your poinsettia home. The poinsettia's are available in red, white, pink or marbled at a cost of \$7. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex; Cash or checks for the plants made out to Little Swatara can be given to Pam Gerberich.



Womens Fellowship News for November 2019

Our Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held Saturday, November 2 from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. There will be a wide variety of baked goods for you to take home as well as handcrafted items for sale. We have some new vendors this year and some of your favorites from past years will be here also. Come out for breakfast and/or lunch and do your Christmas shopping. Donations of baked goods and plants will be greatly appreciated.

The next Womens Fellowship Meeting will be Monday, November 4 at 7:00 p.m. This will be our last Meeting for the year. We would love to see more women from our congregation at our Meetings.

The Crafters Group will be taking a break November and December.

Our Sub Sale will be held Thursday, November 7 with preparation Wednesday, November 6. We will need help both days. Thank you to everyone for your continued support of our Sub Sales.

Our annual Womens Christmas Brunch will be held on Saturday, November 16 at the Cottage at Country Fare Restaurant. Please join us for fun, fellowship and good food. All women of the Church are invited; however, space is limited, so please sign up. Please contact any one of the Womens Fellowship members if you need transportation.

Senior High Youth Group Fall/Winter Dates

Officers

President: Kyle Yenser

Vice President: Malachi Christ

Secretary: Joshua Straw

Treasurer: Lydia Stupp

Mission Trip: July 26th to August 1st 2020

11/24/19: Paintball or Skyzone

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

1/12/20: Soup and Sandwich Luncheon



Members Birthdays for November

John E. Ziegler	1	Susan Benedetti	14
Robert Smith, Jr	2	Charlene Anspach	14
Amanda L. Swanger	3	Todd A. Rebman	14
Emmanuel Ziegler	4	Amelia Detweiler	15
Connie Steinrock	5	Brenda K. Fessler	16
Lindsay N. Fessler	6	George Fink	16
Lloyd Moyer	7	Samuel Forry, Jr.	16
Terry Donkel	8	Christine Bashore	17
Sterling C. Meyer	8	Cheryl Straw	17
Arlene C. Dundore	9	David Younker	18
Joan James	9	Tanya R. Feathers	22
Marvin Luckenbill	9	Robin Wessner	22
Lauretta Walborn	9	Naomi Moyer	22
Linda Jean Cass	12	Jonathan Bicksler	23
Christine Doig	12	Richard Frantz, Jr.	26
Alex J. Donkel	12	Lisa M. Gagliano	26
Bradley M. Bechtold	13	John Kauffman	27
Dane W. Bicher	13	Maya Bicksler	28
Michael J. Peace	13	John M. Wise	28
		Stacy L. Bashore-Stuery	30



FRIDAY NIGHT FAMILY FUN

Calling all families for a night of fun. Friday November, 15th, come out to the fellowship hall for an evening filled with games, a movie and snacks. Beginning at 6pm and ending at 9pm.

Attention offering envelope users: Please check your mailbox for the third quarter statement. If you have any questions, call Jean at 610-678-5247 or email Jean351@aol.com.

**Every Member
Council Meeting
November 11
at 7:30 pm.**
**Agenda will
include reports
from Ministry
teams; budget for
2020; and pastor's
salary package.**

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.

Shortest chapter in the
Bible: Psalm 117

Longest chapter in the
Bible: Psalm 119

Verses in the Bible:
31,102

Shortest verse in the
Bible: John 11:35

Longest verse in the



2019 Christmas Greetings for Stockings

Stockings are placed in the narthex for home-bound persons, group home residents and/or members of our congregation. Our goal is to fill them with Christmas cards thus giving some cheer to the recipients that cannot attend for various reasons. Cards may be placed in the stockings from Sunday, November 17th to Sunday, December 8th. Cards and either a plant or gift of food will be taken to shut-ins during the Christmas Season.

Mary L. Bashore
 Rufus Bashore
 Richard & Arlene Dundore
 Carl & Louise Graby
 Ruth Hoover
 Randy Keeney
 Ruth Keeney
 Earl Miller
 Naomi Moyer
 Hershey & Anna Mary Myer
 Tim Reinhard
 Carol Sholl
 Laretta Walborn
 Darrell Younker
 Emmanuel Ziegler
 Kenny & Marie Ziegler
 Pastor Matt, Denise & family



Coming Up...

***November Mission of the
Month
Barnabas Fund***

Join Us On Sundays

8:15am worship service

9:30 Sunday school

10:30 worship service

November 2

Annual Church Bazar. 8am

November 3

National Junior High Sunday

November 11th

*Every Member Council
Meeting. 7:30 Pm*

November 27th

*Thanksgiving Eve Service at
Tri-County Worship Center.
6:30pm*

November 28th

*Thanksgiving Day!
Office closed*

Deepest Sympathy is

*extended to the family and
friends of Eugene Stump who
passed away October 2,
2019.*

Fall Closing Camp Swatara “Work Weekend” Nov 8th, 9th and 10th **Free Camping!**

Work begins on Saturday @ 8:30 am Meet at FCC Fellowship Hall

For more information
Contact: Family Camp
(717) 933-5244
2905 Camp Swatara Rd., Bethel, PA 19507

Two old friends met each other on the street one day. One looked forlorn, almost on the verge of tears. His friend asked, “What has the world done to you, my old friend?”

The sad fellow said, “Let me tell you: three weeks ago, my uncle died and left me forty thousand dollars.”

“That’s a lot of money.”

“But you see, two weeks ago, a cousin I never even knew died, and left me eighty-five thousand dollars, free and clear.”

“Sounds to me that you’ve been very blessed.”

“You don’t understand!” he interrupted. “Last week my great-aunt passed away. I inherited almost a quarter of a million from her.”

Now the man’s friend was really confused. “Then, why do you look so glum?”

“This week . . . nothing!”

That’s a problem with receiving something on a regular basis. Even if it is a gift, we eventually come to expect it. The natural tendency is that if we receive a gift long enough, we come to view it almost as an entitlement. We feel hurt, even angry, if we don’t receive it any longer.

It is the same way with the blessings God gives us every day. I don’t deserve my comfortable home that I live in, the beautiful scenery around me, the clean water I drink. But after receiving these gifts (and a multitude of others) for years, I sometimes fail to be grateful. I’ve come to expect these good things. And when one of them is removed for a short time (like water or electricity or internet going down), I get upset.

Let’s make an effort today to recognize the blessing we’ve come to take for granted. Focus on what we have rather than on what we don’t have, and see if it doesn’t improve our attitudes.

-Author Unknown

Emmanuel Ziegler will be 97 on November 4, 2019.

Perhaps you will have time to send him a card or give him a call or visit him in Village Manor at Brethren Village, Lititz.

His address is
12 Conestoga Drive # 205
Lititz, PA 17543

His phone number is 717-581-4023
If you plan to visit, give him a call to be sure he will be available.
Good times to visit...9:00-10:30 and 1:00-3:00.

Directions to Village Manor at Brethren Village Go south on 501. Pass the Lancaster Airport just south of Lititz on 501. At the second light past the airport, turn left on Fieldcrest Drive. Go to the third stop sign. Go right on Fairview Drive. At the next stop sign, go straight. You will pass the Welcome Center on your right with a clock tower. Continue going straight into a parking lot. Look for Terrace Crossing on the building to your right. Then look straight ahead and see Village Manor on the end of the entrance roof at the south end of the parking lot. Park in a visitor's space. Walk in the entrance for Village Manor. Inside Village Manor, go down the hallway to the Exit sign on the wall. There is an elevator to your left. Go to the second floor. Go right around the corner to Emmanuel's room 205. Thank You

2020 DIRECTORY NEEDED:




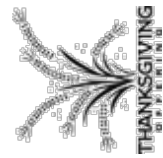
any corrections or changes for your family listing in our upcoming directory.

- Name changes
- Address change
- Change in phone number (*please indicate if number is a cell phone*)
- Email address (*if desired*)
- New births/Adoptions
- Marriages

Please submit all changes to Church Secretary, Connie Davis or Directory Committee:

Beryl Wanner—Box 149 Dianne High—Box 74

NOVEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Golden Age Dinner 9:00 AM SS Class on Finances	28	29	30 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	31 8:30 AM Quilting 7:00 PM Sanc/Sr Choir Practice	1 4:00 PM FH Res/Set up for Bazaar 6:00 PM Camp Swatara Annual Contributors Dinner	2  8:00 AM Bazaar
3 Nat'l Jr High Sunday 9:00 AM SS Class on Finances 5:30 PM Scout Den Meeting	4	5 7:00 PM LEADERSHIP TEAM Mtg	6 2:00 PM Sub Prep 7:00 PM Londonderry Village Svc 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	7  6:00 AM sub sale 8:30 AM Quilting 9:00 AM Women Fellowship Mtg 7:00 PM Sanc/Sr Choir Practice	8 8:30 AM Camp Swatara "Work Weekend" Fall Closing 1:00 PM 50 Plus Program	9 8:30 AM Camp Swatara "Work Weekend" Fall Closing 1:00 PM 50 Plus Program
10 Food Pantry Collection 8:30 AM Camp Swatara "Work Weekend" Fall Closing 10:30 AM Praise Team 12:00 PM Spiritual Nurture Mtg	11 7:30 PM EVERY MEMBER COUNCIL MTG	12 9:00 AM Crafters Meet 11:30 AM Widows Luncheon/Ctry Fare 6:00 PM Christian Ed Mtg 6:30 PM Den Meeting	13 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	14 8:30 AM Quilting 6:30 PM Bethel 4-H Club Meets 7:00 PM Sanc/Sr Choir Practice	15  2:00 PM Bethel Food Pantry 4:00 PM Family Fun Night 6-9 pm	16 11:30 AM WF Women's Christmas Brunch @ Ctry Fare
17	18 8:15 AM 50+ Bus Trip	19 7:00 PM TRANSITIONAL MTG	20 Newsletter Deadline 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	21 8:30 AM Quilting 7:00 PM Sanc/Sr Choir Practice	22	23 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
24	25	26 Ministry Team Minutes Due 6:30 PM Den Meeting	27 6:30 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service at Tri-County Worship Center 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	28  THANKSGIVING FH,K Res/S, Bashore OFFICE CLOSED 8:30 AM Quilting 7:00 PM Sanc/Sr Choir Practice	29 Office may be closed	30 Star of Wonder 4:00 PM FH/Res - Wendy Lingle



Little Swatara Preschool

November 2019



Dear Friends,

Hello from Preschool staff. We are ready for the busy month of November. The leaves from the trees are blowing to the ground and are being crunched under our feet. It's fun to see the children arrive at preschool crunching the leaves as they step and run after a blowing leaf trying to jump on it before it is blown away.

In class we will be having fun learning about kindness. We are to be kind to our family and friends, as David showed kindness to his father and his friend Jonathan. We will learn how each child shows kindness to others and that this is a way to show God's love. Lessons about Thanksgiving and the kindness shown by the Indians toward the Pilgrims will be featured this month.

Thanksgiving is right around the corner. It's time to note the many blessings we have received. Here at Little Swatara Preschool we have much to thank God for: each child, their parents and caregivers. Little Swatara Church for the preschool program, helpful and caring board members, loving and caring staff, and their family's support, the secretary, custodian and pastor. It took less than three minutes to think of these wonderful blessings. I wonder how many more I could list if I really took the time to think? Please take time with your child/children and see how many blessings you can name. Then thank God for each of them. Thanks for taking time to read the monthly newsletters. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Warmly, Miss Cindy

Thanksgiving Vacation

Preschool will be closed on the following days:

Wednesday, November 27

Thursday, November 28.

We will return to class on Monday, December 2, 2019. At that time we will begin learning about the birth of baby Jesus and the true meaning of Christmas. Academic skills that were taught since September will be reviewed.



Thanksgiving Feasts

Each class will have their own "feast" to remember the Pilgrim's celebration of thanks after their first year in America. The Mon/Wed class and both Pre Kindergarten classes will celebrate on Mon, November 25th. The celebrations will include preparation of a class fruit salad. Please watch for an announcement that tells of an item your child has volunteered to contribute to the "Feast". This could range from a food item to paper supplies. If you are unable to supply the item, please inform your child's teacher. Thank you in advance for supporting our Thanksgiving celebrations.



Foul Weather

Please familiarize yourself with our FOUL WEATHER CLOSING POLICY. It can be found in the Preschool Handbook, you received at the beginning of school. (It has a blue cover). Policies are listed for closings and modified class schedules.



Over Flowing with Thanks

🦃 Thank you to the Bicksler Family of Wheel Crest Farms, Berks County Dairy Princess Bethani Haag, and the employees at Bethel-Tulpehocken Library. Our students were warmly welcomed into their business/organization. The Preschool classes learned about cows and dairy farming. The Pre Kindergarten classes learned what a library has to offer everyone in the community. A BIG thank you to the family members that accompanied their preschooler/ pre kindergartener on these field trips.

🦃 Thank you all of the families that helped with the R&K Sub Sale. 375 subs and sandwiches were sold. **Thank you** for the tremendous support given to Little Swatara Preschool through the fund raiser. Your generous participation and support have raised funds that will go towards classroom resources and needs essential educational needs.

🦃 Thank you to Pat Timmins. She is a valuable volunteer that helps with the Pre K 1 class on Thursdays. The children look forward to her being in class and love her kind words of encouragement and quick smile. I don't know how many books she has read to the children.

🦃 Thank you to our volunteer Board of Directors. The members include: Renee Brown, Chair, Stephanie Bicher, sec, Pat Timmins, Deb Wengert and Jenny Luckenbill . They give hours of their time to plan, guide and pray for the Preschool program and staff. Thank you for improving LSP with your thoughts and actions.

CLASSROOM PRAYERS

Listed below are the prayers that are offered to God by our students while in class. The snack time prayer:



Dear God,
Thank you for the world so sweet.
Thank you for the food we eat.
Thank you for the birds that sings.
Thank you God for everything. Amen



The following prayer is recited at the beginning of class.

Dear God,
Thank you for this brand new day.
Give me loving words to say.
Keep me safe at work and play.
Show me how to live your way. Amen

This prayer is said at the end of our class.

Dear God,
Thank you for my friend next door
And my friend across the street.
And please help me to be a friend
To everyone I meet. Amen



“Only in the Darkness can
you see the stars.
★ Martin Luther King Jr.”

November Newsletter 2019



Good News!

Thank you! To all who contributed to the newsletter for the month of November. The **DEADLINE** for the December edition is **Monday November 11th**. 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 on **Thursday November 7th**. See Page 4 for more details

“Great works
are performed
not by strength
but by
perseverance.”

~Samuel Johnson

Family Fun Night

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“Seek the LORD, and his
strength; seek his face
evermore.”

~Psalm 105:4

What should I put on my
calendar?

See page 6 and page 9