



Little Swatara Church of the Brethren

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Sunday Worship: 8:15 & 10:30 AM
Sunday school 9:30AM

Good News!

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One of my favorite pastimes is taking off in the car without any destination. Just hop in and drive is my motto. I can be called spontaneous, adventurous and thrill seeking. Or as more likely known, I'm irresponsible, I'm wasting gas and I need a plan. Whatever you may call me, it's good to wander aimlessly and see where you end up, which is usually a really cool mountaintop experience.

Well one such day I neglected to check my fuel gushed and found myself on mountain roads with dust flying and not a care in the world. That is until I looked down and saw my gas light and fuel gauge on E. I was having such a good time, I forgot where I was. I only knew I was one with nature and views all around. It didn't help I don't typically carry a map and my gps on my phone was not registering. So the question left on my mind was Where now?

Over the last several weeks we've been purposely pursuing the book of James. A book with much instruction on where now.

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We mostly grew up in the church and we know the passages of scripture in our minds and our talk has been highly esteemed with such vast wisdom. But that gets us only so far before we wonder where now. The final destination has always been heaven bound but we know it's faith and grace that get us there but we also always knew or had an inkling there was more to knowing Jesus.

So that where now becomes walking the talk and showing Jesus to others by what the scriptures call fruit. We could even say fruit of our labor. Out of that labor comes loving others by living like Jesus. We know the places he's been and people's he's encountered. But somewhere in our journey, that sense of wandering places we don't know has become customary. We've somewhat take the map and marked places with an X. But what if someone needs to know God's love and for whatever reason we don't find ourselves in the same realm of location. Perhaps we don't like the city and avoid the city streets and destinations. Perhaps the local bar means trouble and it's not in our comfort zone to have a glass of water amongst the "drinking" crowd. What if no Christian ever made their way to these places? How would they hear the gospel? Now I know these journeys aren't for everyone and I'd caution anyone not filled with Spirit and gifted with discernment. But perhaps God has nudged you to an unknown destination. Pray further into it and ask God to use you,

But in the meantime, as we walk the talk, may the work overflowing from our faith be flavored with patience. May we be slow to anger? May we consider our word choices? Might we be humble and anxious to help those in need? There's a whole new world waiting for us to say Jesus saves.

As we take faith to the next level, let us see others as Jesus sees them. Let us discover forgiveness and offer freedom in Christ.

Many blessings,

Pastor Matt

Teen Bibles August 2019

4 children received Teen bibles this year. Christian Education presents bibles to children entering 6th grade. This bible is used along with the curriculum for Junior High Sunday School.

Macey Schwalm -daughter of Sara and Jason Schwalm. She lives on Little Swatara Church road, along with her parents and her brothers Aidan and Cooper. Macey is 11 and beginning 6th grade at Bethel Elementary School. She enjoys art. Painting and drawing are how she likes to spend her free time. Her favorite color is Purple.

Cody Haag - son of Michael and Alicia Haag. He lives with his parents and sister Sara near Shartlesville. Cody is 12 years old and will start 7th grade Cyber school this year. Cody is an outdoors person. Fishing, hunting and working on lawn mowers is what Cody likes to do. His favorite color is John Deer Green.

Leland Blouch - son of Kathy and Christopher Blouch. He lives with his parents and brother Josiah in Herndon, Virginia. Leland started 6th grade at Dranesville middle school this year. Leland is very busy, he enjoys video games as well as running and soccer. He participates in the Honor Band at school, playing the Baritone. He also plays piano. Leland favorite color is green.

Kristen Hartranft - daughter of Jessica and Larry Hartranft Jr. She lives in Pine Grove with her parents and brother Mason. Kristen is 11 years old and started 6th grade this year at Pine Grove middle school. She likes to listen to music, color and play with her bulldog. Her favorite color is blue.



Guess Who is Coming to Dinner Event



Sunday, October 20 - following second service

Fill out the form to be a host/hostess or guest.

If you are a host/hostess, you will learn who is coming to dinner when your guests ring the door bell. You may prepare a huge dinner, or you may have takeout - Kauffmans, pizza, etc. The purpose is to have a great time fellowshiping and hopefully getting to know others from within the church. If you sign the form to be a Guest, you will receive an envelope with the name of your host/hostess and directions to their home following the second service.

Guess Who is coming to Dinner?

Sunday, October 20 - following second service

I/we would like to be a guest(s)

Name: _____ #of guests _____

Special Needs: _____

**Place in Mailbox #113 or Mailbox #99 by the end of service on Sunday,
October 13.**

Guess Who is coming to Dinner?

Sunday, October 20 - following second service

I will be a Host or Hostess

Name: _____ I will host # _____ of guests

**Place in Mailbox #113 or Mailbox #99 by the end of service on Sunday,
October 13**

Womens Fellowship News for October & November 2019



Thank you to everyone who ordered subs and/or helped to make them. The proceeds went to Brethren Disaster Relief.

We will be making chow chow **Thursday, October 3rd** and possibly another day in October. Check your weekly bulletins for any updates. Please look for the order form on the table in the Narthex. We will need help starting at 8:00 a.m., but we appreciate your help any time during the morning. Please be sure to put your name on your jars to be refilled and place them in the Ladies Aid room.

The next Womens Fellowship Meeting will be **Monday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m.** All women of our Church are invited to attend.

The Crafters Group will meet **Tuesday, October 8** from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Our Fall Breakfast Buffet is scheduled for **Saturday, October 19 from 7:00 until 10:00 a.m.**

Londonderry Villages Fall Harvest & Christmas Bazaar is scheduled for **Saturday, October 26.**

We have a busy November, starting with our **Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 2.** It runs from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Reserve your table(s) now because space is limited. More details will be forthcoming in the weekly bulletins.

Our last Sub Sale for 2019 will be on **Thursday, November 7** with preparation November 6.

Our Annual Womens Christmas Brunch will be **November 16** at Country Fare Restaurant. More details to follow.

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

9/8/19: Coby's Bike and Hike (Junior High Included)

9/29/19: Soup and Sandwich Luncheon

10/13/19: Fall Fest

10/27/19: Golden Age Dinner

11/24/19: Paintball or Skyzone

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

1/12/20: Soup and Sandwich Luncheon



Members Birthdays for October

Matthew Bicher	1	Robert Houser	13
Flora Willette	2	Rae Derr	13
Mia Hussmann	3	Gina Borelli	14
Tammy Trout	3	Renee Hershey	14
James Batz	4	Jennifer Bashore	15
Aaron Hartranft	5	Sara Kolbe	15
Sara Bryant	6	Alan Bashore	16
Jennifer Mirth	7	Carol Peace	16
Valerie Johnson	7	Robert Sweitzer	18
Loretta Fittering	9	Sandra Manbeck	18
Scott Gerberich	9	Alexander Hollenbach	20
Shirley Blouch	10	Craig Luckenbill	20
Tiffany Bicksler	12	Pete Sanchez	20
J. Hershey Myer	12	Judie Ziegler	21
Kenneth Wenger	12	Lisa Care	26
Alexis Wise	12	Andrew Hollenbach	26
Beverly Zimmerman	12	Shawn Foesig	31
Stephanie Bostwick	13	Dorothy Lutz	31



**Harvest Home
Sunday is
October 20th.**

Bring your donations
for the Bethel Food
Pantry.



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 Bible: Esther 8:9

Words in the Bible: 773,692



Golden Age Dinner

Sunday October 27th

Sign up in the Narthex

Join us for food, fellowship and entertainment.

We will be having a mystery guest for the entertainment.

Menu for the dinner: Start with Fruit Cup, then the meal is Chicken Cordon Blue, Roasted Red Potatoes, and green beans, Cole slaw, dinner roll, apple crisp with vanilla ice cream

**Love Feast and Communion - Sunday, October 6
after 10:30 worship**

What thoughts come to mind when you think of Love Feast and Communion? Are there questions that you have about Love Feast? Feet-washing? Communion? How do you prepare for participating in Love Feast?

Brethren cherish the unique ministries of love feast and communion, ordinances that underscore our understanding that we are servants to each other as we follow the example of Jesus. The love feast, including the practice of feet washing, has been a consistent feature of Brethren worship throughout our history. Obedience to Jesus Christ is unchanging, and is both symbolized and manifested through adherence to this ordinance. (Deacon Manual - Caring; Church of the Brethren Ordinances pg 129)

The Love Feast and Communion is demonstrated by Jesus in John 13: 3 - 7; John 12: 12 - 17;

1 Corinthians 11: 23-25. Take the time to read through these scriptures as you prepare for this time together. Reflect on this act that Jesus demonstrated to his disciples.

All are invited to join in in the fellowship of this ordinance. If you have questions about Love Feast, Feet washing, or Communion feel free to speak with any of the deacons or Pastor Matt. The Feast will be after 10:30 worship service on Sunday, October 6 and families will sit together in the fellowship hall. There will be separate areas for the men and women to participate in washing feet as well as an area for hand washing if you are unable to participate in foot washing. There will be time to fellowship as we eat a meal together.

Widows Luncheon

Tuesday October 8th at 11:30am at the Country Fair Restaurant

Coming Up...

October Mission of the Month

Food Pantry

Remember

8:15am worship service

9:30 Sunday school

10:30 worship service

October 6

*Love Feast and Communion
Following 2nd service*

October 19th

*Women's Fellowship Breakfast
Buffet from 7am to 10am*

October 20th

Harvest Home Sunday

October 20th

Guess who's coming to dinner



October 27th

*Golden Age Dinner
Following 2nd service*

Our condolences to Betty A. Riegel family. Betty passed on August 9, 2019 -Age 86

Our condolences to the family and friends of Diane Feathers. Diane passed on September 6th.

OCTOBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Guest Speaker: C. Luckenbill 9:00 AM SS Class on Finances	30	1 7:00 PM LEADERSHIP TEAM Mtg	2 8:00 AM K/Chow Chow Canning 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	3 No 50 Plus 8:30 AM Quilting 7:00 PM Sanc/Sr Choir Practice	4 DISTRICT CONFERENCE at Elizabethtown	5 DISTRICT CONFERENCE at Elizabethtown
6 9:00 AM SS Class on Finances 12:00 PM Fall LOVE FEAST 5:30 PM Scout Den Meeting	7 7:00 PM Women's Fellowship Mtg	8 9:00 AM Crafters Meet 11:30 AM Widows Luncheon/Ctry Fare 6:30 PM Den Meeting 7:00 PM Christian Ed Mtg	9 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	10 8:30 AM Quilting 6:30 PM Bethel 4-H Club Meets 7:00 PM Sanc/Sr Choir Practice	11	12
13 Food Pantry Collection 9:00 AM SS Class on Finances 10:30 AM Praise Team	14	15	16 Newsletter Deadline 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	17 8:30 AM Quilting 7:00 PM Sanc/Sr Choir Practice	18  2:00 PM Bethel Food Pantry	19  7:00 AM WF BREAKFAST BUFFET 9:30 AM Res Oak Rim/Charlene
20 Harvest Home Sunday 9:00 AM SS Class on Finances 12:00 PM FH Res/Guess Whose Coming to Dinner?	21	22 Ministry Team Minutes Due 6:30 PM Den Meeting	23 9:30 AM 50+ Bus Trip 8:00 PM Praise Team Practice	24 8:30 AM Quilting 7:00 PM Sanc/Sr Choir Practice	25	26 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast
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	2  8:00 AM Bazaar

“ Without rain, nothing grows. Learn to embrace the storms in your life. ”

October Newsletter 2019



Good News!

Thank you! To all who contributed to the newsletter for the month of October. The deadline for the November edition is Wednesday October 16th. 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 breakfast buffet on **Saturday October 19th.**

“Time is what we want most but use the worst”

~William Penn

Gold Age Dinner Info

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“Return unto they rest, O my soul; for the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee.”

~Psalm 116:7

What events do the Youth have scheduled?

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