

COME HELP US CELEBRATE

250th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**LITTLE SWATARA CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
31 REHRERSBURG ROAD, BETHEL, PA 19507**

JUNE 16 AND 17, 2007

SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2007

**8:30 a.m. -5:00 p.m.- Tours of the four old meeting houses and
cemeteries Either ride the bus provided or
travel on your own with the map provided.**

11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Lunch available at the church

1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Old time hymn singing in the sanctuary

2:00p.m.- 3:00 p.m. German Worship Service

5:00p.m.-7:00p.m. Pennsylvania Dutch Dinner & Theater

SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2007

**9:30 a.m.-10:25 a.m. Special Sunday School for all the children
Adults are invited to any of the adult classes.**

**10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Rev. Dr. Dale Brown- Guest Speaker
Introduction of all the congregation's ministers
and former pastors**

12:00 Carry-in Lunch- all visitors are asked to join in this fellowship.

**Visitors are welcome to take the meeting house tour on their own.
NEW HISTORY AVAILABLE AT THE CELEBRATION**

250 YEAR HISTORY OF
THE LITTLE SWATARA CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

This volume, prepared by the historical committee of the congregation, measures 8 ½ X 11 with a full-color cover and contains 600 + pages and 200 pictures.

It includes:

- **biographical sketches of the 50 ministers and pastors of the congregation since 1757**
- **membership lists**
- **Tombstone inscriptions of all the meeting house cemeteries and related family cemeteries**
- **Chapters on Daily Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, the seven commissions, Men's Work, Women's Fellowship, Brethren Volunteer Service, missionaries and more**
- **In all there are over 30 chapters**

This history can be ordered for a pre-publication donation of \$25.00 plus \$8.00 shipping prior to April 30, 2007.

As of May 1, 2007 the donation will be \$30.00 plus \$8.00 shipping.

Checks shall be written to "Little Swatara Church of the Brethren"

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THE TOUR SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2007 8:30A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

The historic tour will include a visit to each of the four original meeting

houses of the congregation: Merkey, Ziegler, Frystown and Schubert Meeting Houses. Wherever possible, these buildings will be open for visitors to view what it was like to worship over the last 250 years.

Each stop will feature a church member who will give details of the meeting house and worship.

Those visitors who are interested are welcome to walk through the adjoining cemeteries.

Tour maps will be available for those who wish to drive individually to the sites, as well as possibly visit some of the family cemeteries in the surrounding community.

HYMN SINGING SATURDAY AFTERNOON 1:00 TO 2:00 P.M.

Selections will be from the early hymnals, including those with no notes and continuing through the 1901 hymnal with shaped notes and on to the present hymnal

This will be an open door experience with people coming and going as their schedules allow them.

GERMAN WORSHIP SERVICE SATURDAY 2:00-3:00 P.M.

This service, led by Little Swatara members Mr. & Mrs. Gerhard & Lois (Bross) Reinhard will include singing in our mother language, scripture reading from the German Bible and prayer in the dialect. The sermon will be in German, with a little help for us non-speakers.

DINNER/THEATER

Dinner will be from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. with multiple seatings. Tickets will need to be reserved ahead of time for this event.

*****Dinner will be a traditional Pennsylvania Dutch meal.**

**The menu will include: ham and chicken
potato filling
chow chow
vegetables and dessert**

This meal will be served family style.

Reservations for the dinner must be received by May 15, 2007.

To reserve tickets for the dinner and show, please complete and return this reservation form.

Please reserve _____ seats at \$15.00 each for the dinner and show on June 16, 2007.

OR: Please reserve _____ tickets for only the show at \$5.00 each.

Name _____

**Address _____
_____**

Phone _____ (optional) e-mail _____

Make checks payable to: "Little Swatara Church of the Brethren"

Return the reservation and payment to: Richard E. Frantz

35 Wintersville Road

Richland, PA 17087-9611

**OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST
DURING THE CELEBRATION**

Be certain to visit the Fellowship Hall of the church. Various items will be available for you to purchase all day Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. These include:

Items from SERRV

THE BRETHREN ENCYCLOPEDIA

**The 250 Year History of the Little Swatara
Church of the Brethren**

**Various family genealogies such as Crouse, Bashore, Merkey, Frantz,
and others who began at Little Swatara**

Cemetery inscriptions

Historical publications

**Churches: Please feel free to copy and duplicate this communiqué for
your members, your bulletin and your newsletter.**

**If you and your members have further questions, please contact Richard
Frantz at the address, phone number or e-mail address listed above.**

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