

Little Swatara Church- Pastor Matthew S. Christ

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WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

VIDEO PROJECTION Mark Myers—CVLI#502613280; CCLI#157691

ORGANIST Marlene Blatt

CHURCH SIGN CHANGER: April - Tony Fazio May - Sam Forry June - Diane Long

Wk.3 April 19

Wk. 4 April 26

Wk. 1 May 3

CHORISTER

Allen Rebman

Praise Team

Dianne High

WORSHIP LDR

John Wise

Praise Team

Gary Bashore

CHILD STORY

Abby Christ

Savannah Metzler

Mike & Sarah Kolbe

PIANIST

Sarah Brubaker

Praise Team

Diane Duell

AUDIO

Todd Rebman

Todd Rebman

Alan Bashore

WORSHIP CTR

Jennifer Speraw

Tanya Feathers

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USHERS

Ken Duell / John High

Richard & Michelle Yenser

Bob & Wendy Lingle

Jacob Koch/Dennis Umberger

Andrew & Chris Brubaker

S. Forry & L. Rebman

WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30 am & 10:30 am

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES 9:30 – 10:15 am

Children/Youth

Preschool – Preschool Room, Sanctuary Level

Children’s (Grades K to 5 – Pine Room

(Fellowship Hall Level)

Youth (Grades 6 to 12) – Youth Room (Fellowship

Hall)

Adults

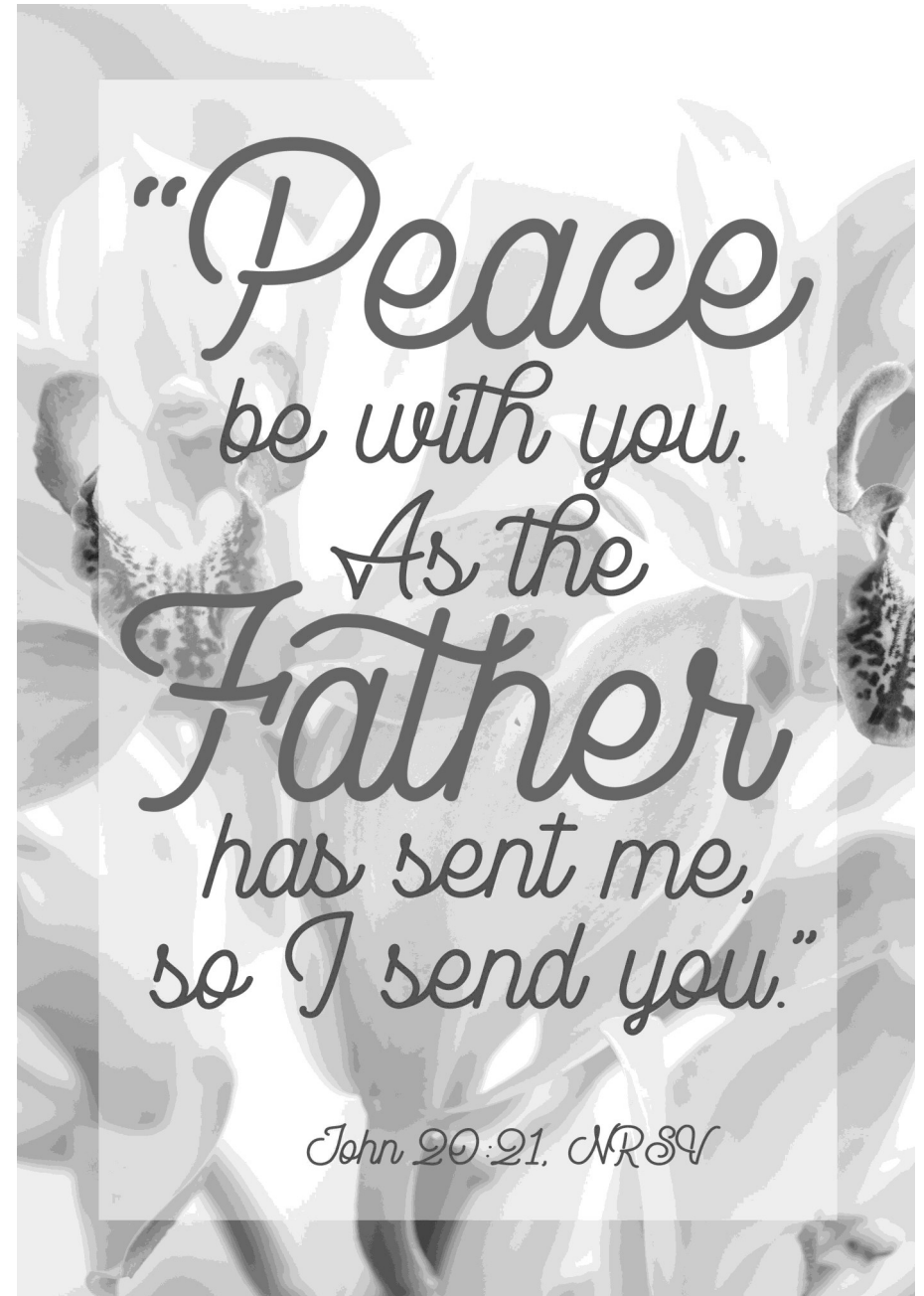
Young Adults – Oak Room (Fellowship

Hall Level)

Revelations Study – Fellowship Hall

NOTICE: We are currently running a Livestream ministry. If you cannot join us on Sunday morning in person, you can join us “online” by visiting our Facebook or YouTube page. Our 10:30 service is streamed every week.

PLEASE BE ADVISED: If you do not want you or your child to appear on this Social Media Stream, please contact the camera operator in the back of the sanctuary to make sure you are avoided.



April 19, 2026

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LITTLE SWATARA CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
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Outreach: The Gathering Place Café, 8490 Lancaster Ave, Bethel
 Contact: gatheringplacecafe.com / Phone: 717-933-5958
 Café Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., & Sat. 6-10am (closed Wed.)



April 19, 2026
8:30 Worship Service

Prayer Concerns

Let us remember the shut-ins and elderly not able to be with us today.

Pastor Randy Fiske
 Ralph Wanner
 Veritas



(Please contact the secretary if anyone should be added or removed from the Prayer List.)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jean Keeney will be 91yrs young on April 28th. Let's shower her with birthday wishes. There's a box on the table in the narthex or mail to:

423 S. Broad Street
 Myerstown, PA 17067



Today

*immediately following
 the church service*

"Challenge Question"

How do you know you have peace with God?



Our deepest sympathy and prayers for Lauren and Linda Cass on the loss of Lauren's father, Walter Cass, who passed away on Friday, April 10th.

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$	5,358.00
Building	\$	105.00
Family Assistance	\$	150.00
Maintenance	\$	295.00
Sunday School	\$	89.00
Feed Them	\$	
Global Food Initiative	\$	
Food Pantry	\$	
Mission of the Month	\$	1,048.47
Women's Fellowship	\$	
	\$	
Total	\$	7,045.47

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2026
 \$ 347,035.00

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 23 - 82
 Virtual Worship - 20
 Sunday School - 53

Large Print Bulletins & Children's Bulletins are on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please help yourself.

The May-June issue of the **Upper Room** has arrived & is on the table in the narthex.

Welcome & News

Humor

Prayer

Worship Songs

- "Firm Foundation" (He Won't)
- "Peace be Still"
- "I Speak Jesus"

Scripture - John 20: 19-23

Catch of the Day - "Peace"

Deep Dive

1. When have you experienced fear like the disciples? How can Jesus' words bring peace to you?
2. What does it mean for you personally to be "sent" by Jesus?
3. How can you share peace with others in your daily life?
4. In what ways can you rely more on the Holy Spirit?

Kids Praise - "Peace Like a River"

Prayer

*Little Swatara Church of the Brethren
Transformed by Christ to Love and
Serve Together*

April 19, 2026

10:30 AM Worship Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(What a joy to have you join us for worship today. Kindly sign & pass the register.)

Moment in Mission

Naomi Brown

Call to Worship

L. - We stand and pray for your mercy.

P. - Lord give us peace.

L. - We call out your name and pray for forgiveness.

P. - Lord give us peace.

All. - In this life there will be trouble, but you are our peace.

Senior Choir

“Let Music Fill This Place”

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn

“Great Is the Lord”

blue hymnal #87

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Senior Choir

“I Can Hear the Savior Calling”

Children’s Moment

Hymn

“When peace, like a river”

blue hymnal #336

Message - “Peace be with you “

Scripture - John 20:19-31

Closing Hymn

“Go now in peace”

blue hymnal #429

Sending Forth



ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Annual District-Wide
Older Adult Spring Luncheon
Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 12 noon
Yoder’s Restaurant, New Holland, PA**

Cost \$27/person— includes a meal, a concert by the Ridgeway Brass quintet, and the opportunity to fellowship with older adults from across the district as well as special guest Don Fitzkee, this year’s Annual Conference Moderator

If enough people are interested we will rent a van
Sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex
(be sure to mark your meal selection)

Deadline April 19th

Any questions contact Bob or Wendy Lingle



We need someone to lead our craft committee. For more information, please contact any member of our Women’s Fellowship.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 @ 9:00 AM



We are seeking a dependable **Substitute Church Secretary** to provide temporary office support as needed. Duties include answering phones, basic correspondence, and administrative tasks. Office and computer skills preferred. Please contact Rich Yenser or a member of the Stewardship and Property Committee for more information.

Mother-Daughter Banquet

Saturday, May 9th at 6 PM

LSCOB Fellowship Hall

Please join us!

Sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex



Please remember to check your church mailbox

Annual Conference

Lancaster COB is chartering a 56-seat motor coach to the 2026 Church of the Brethren Annual Conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and invites others to join. 41 of 56 seats are filled - reserve yours soon! Information is on the table in the back of the sanctuary or see Todd Rebman.

Zoom Bible Study

April 22, April 29, May 6, and May 13 at 7:00 PM
(no Bible Study on May 6th)



LITTLE SWATARA CoB
2026 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 13—17, 2026

2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE—OFFERING Witness to the Host City

Alive Community Outreach is a faith-based organization with a mission to cultivate a community of nonviolence through relationships and education. They support families impacted by homicide and partner with schools to train high school students as peacemakers, building a culture of peace through violence prevention, restorative intervention, and survivor support. Rooted in Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s philosophy of nonviolence, maintaining that violence is ultimately a symptom of deeper issues that must be addressed in order to bring about lasting change. Todd & Janelle Rebman will be attending conference and are willing to take donations along for this program. You may drop-off donations at the church office during the hours of 8:30 am—12 noon M-F or leave items in the collection bin located in the narthex.

How you can help: These items will be collected at Annual Conference. Monetary contributions can be made by check or credit card during the Tuesday night worship offering or through the AC website offering page.

colored pencils	glue sticks
markers	paint pens
pens	feminine hygiene products
paper in different colors	
shelf-stable, individually wrapped snacks	



You are invited to a Hymn Sing
Sunday, May 31st, 2026 at 3:00 PM
at the historic Bucher Meeting House
376 Schaeffer Road (PA-419), Lebanon, PA












April Mission of the Month Little Swatara Preschool



What's Happening in:

April

- 19 Potluck Sunday 
- 20 7:00 PM Music & Worship team meeting 
- 21 9:00 AM Women's Fellowship Meeting/FH 
- 22 8:45 AM Women's exercise class / FH 
10:00 AM Seated exercise class / FH
7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study
- 23 8:30 AM Quilting 
- 25 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast/café 
- 26 Preschool Sunday 
- 28 Ministry team minutes due
- 29 8:45 AM Women's exercise class / FH 
10:00 AM Seated exercise class / FH
7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study
- 30 8:30 AM Quilting 
6:00 PM Preschool Board meeting

May

- 3 Spring Love Feast
National Youth Sunday
- 5 7:00 PM Leadership Team meeting

CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Praise Team / Wed. 7:15pm