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WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

VIDEO PROJECTION Glenn Riegel & Mark Myers—CVLI#502613280; CCLI#157691
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CHURCH SIGN Changer: March—Patty Timmins April—Tony Fazio May—Sam Forry

Wk. 4 April 23

Wk. 5 April 30

Wk. 1 May 7

CHORISTER	Praise Team	Pam Gerberich	Dianne High
WORSHIP LDR	Praise Team	S. Metzler/K. Myers	Gary Bashore
CHILD STORY	Savannah M / Karen M	S. Metzler/K. Myers	Mike Kolbe
PIANIST	Praise Team	Diane Duell	Diane Duell
AUDIO	Todd Rebman	Todd Rebman	Alan Bashore
WORSHIP CTR	Jennifer Speraw	Tanya Feathers	Tanya Feathers
USHERS	Richard & Michelle Yenser Andrew & Chris Brubaker	Gerald B./ Jim B. Scott Bohn / John High	Bob & Wendy Lingle Sam Forry & Kenneth Duell

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.

Let the little children come to me ...
 it is to such as these that the
 kingdom of God belongs.

Mark 10:14, NRSV



April 23, 2023

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LITTLE SWATARA CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
 31 Rehrrsburg Rd, PO Box 437, Bethel, PA 19507

Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM



Church Web Page - www.LittleSwatara.org/ phone: 717-933-4723

FB: @LittleSwataraCoB *** Wi-Fi Guest/pw: brethren



Outreach: *The Gathering Place Café*, 8490 Lancaster Ave, Bethel, PA

Contact: gatheringplacecafe.com / Phone: 717-933-5958

Café Hours: **Mon-Sat 6-10am**



Prayer Concerns

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

John Kelly
 Gail Malsbury
 Paul Sweigart



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

Thank You !

Thank you very much for all the cards you sent me after my health ordeal. Thanks also for the prayers you offered on my behalf. What a great comfort to be remembered by so many people. I am overwhelmed by your kindness. May God continue to bless you as you spread His love to others.

~ Judy Coots

Welcome Preschool Families



GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$ 4,474.00
Building Fund	\$ 140.00
Family Assistance	\$ 100.00
Maintenance	\$ 270.00
Sunday School	\$ 33.00
Disaster Relief	\$ -
Women's Fellowship	\$ -
Nigerian EYN	\$ -
Global Food Initiative	\$ -
Gathering Place	\$ -
Food Pantry	\$ 10.00
Mission of the Month	\$ 240.00
Total	\$ 5,267.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2023

\$324,190

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 82
 Virtual Worship 23
 Sunday School 36

Children's Bulletins and crayons are on the table in the back of the sanctuary for two age groups. Please help yourself.

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

April 23, 2023

Prelude

"How Can I keep from Singing?"

"My Life is in You, Lord"

"Holy is the Lord"

Welcome & Announcements

(We are so excited to have you join us for worship today. Kindly sign & pass the register)

Sharing of Joys and Concern

Opening Worship: Glory to God Forever projected
 Take My Life (vs 1 & 2) #389
 God of Wonders projected
 Hosanna Praise is Rising projected

Morning Prayer

Preschool Children Singing (see insert)

Children's Moment

Worship Song "Raise a Hallelujah" projected

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Offertory Music "Father Blessed Father"

Message - "Love Covers Me"

Scripture - John 3: 16

Closing Worship "Power in the Blood" projected

Sending Out



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Join us at Camp Woe-Be-Gone

Mother-Daughter Banquet
Saturday, May 13th, 2023 @ 6 PM
LSCOB Fellowship Hall

Sign-up sheet on table in narthex.



CRAFT GROUP

If you enjoy crafting please join us in the Fellowship Hall at 12 noon on Thursday, April 27th



"Little Swatara Preschool will be interviewing candidates for the positions of Assistant Pre Kindergarten Teacher and Assistant Preschool teacher for the 2023/24 school year. If interested in applying for this very rewarding position, please contact Director Sara Bryant at 717-933-4500 or sara.bryant@littleswatara.org"



Historical Committee

Little Swatara is in need of Historical Committee members! If you love Little Swatara and enjoy history, this group is for you! Responsibilities include collecting and archiving items and information of historical interest related to the church. Please contact Sarah Kolbe, Pat Stupp, Sue Hartranft, Abby Christ or Sara Bryant if you have any questions or an interest in serving the church in this way



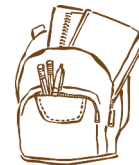
Women's Fellowship

Our next Women's Fellowship Meeting will be Tuesday, May 16th at 9:00 A.M.
Any and all women of our church are welcome

Reminder: If you unlock a door when you enter the church, please remember to **relock it and turn off any lights.**

Volunteers Needed to Help Pack "Tulpy Packs" !

Help is needed to pack Tulpy Packs on May 3rd at 9:30 AM at the Bethel Elementary School.
(Park in front of school along bus lane & enter doors A2)



Annual Tractor, Truck & Car Show
Saturday, June 17th, 2023
8:00 am - 1:00 pm

If you have any items to donate to our yard sale/flea market, please put them aside until closer to the date.



Sunday at Camp

Please join the Little Swatara congregation for church on July 2, 2023 at Camp Swatara. Little Swatara's church service will be in the Fellowship Hall in the Campground starting at 10 AM. The church service is open to everyone whether you camp or not. In addition to the service on Sunday, please consider spending the weekend camping as well. Available sites are primitive tent sites, electric water sewer sites, electric water sites, and cabins. To reserve your spot please contact JR Yenser at jonathan@campswatara.org. Sites are available on a first come first served basis.



Please help us make the 2023 Vacation Bible School a fun experience for the local children. The committee is in need of help. There are several opportunities in which to help. Please let the church secretary know if you can help and someone on the committee will contact you.



Weekly Bible Study

Join us for Weekly Bible studies on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm via ZOOM only.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/458733696>
pwd=RExBcEIRNkhuNFpleGtSOFhCY0pzUT09
Or join us by phone +1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)
Then enter the Meeting ID: 458 733 696 Password: 334289


You are invited
Annual District-Wide Older Adult Spring Luncheon!

May 10, 2023 - 12 noon
 Yoder's Restaurant, New Holland, PA
 \$23.00 / per person
 Registration Deadline is May 4th
 Register online at ane-cob.org



Free money! This is just a reminder that Women's Fellowship receives a percentage from your Redner's purchases when you use your Redner's Rewards Card. We have a box on the small table by the coffee area for you to put your **complete register tape**. Please **DO NOT** cut the register tape with only the total showing.....Redner's will not accept it....they need the entire tape, which has no identifying information on it. We send the tapes to Redner's and they send us a check. We have been participating in this program for years and we receive a check about every six months.

Likewise, another source of free money is generated when we use our Boyer's tab on our key ring. All we have to do is tell the cashier that we have a Boyer's tab to benefit our Church and they will scan it. We receive a check from them after the proceeds reach a certain amount.




Jesus Revolution

Thursday, April 27th at 6pm

Come to the BTPL for an adult movie night for the showing "Jesus Revolution!"

Sign up required
Rated PG-13

Bethel Tulpehocken Public Library,
call or text 717-933-4060



The Bethel-Tulpehocken Library's movie for April is the "Jesus Revolution" showing on Thursday evening at 6 pm, April 27th. The movie is based on the true story of Chuck Smith, an Evangelical pastor in Orange County, California, in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Smith is introduced to Lonnie Frisbee, a charismatic hippie preacher. Frisbee transforms Smith's ministry, which opens its doors to the disaffected young people who became the core of the Jesus Movement (the participants were often called Jesus People or Jesus Freaks).



APRIL
Mission of the Month
PRESCHOOL



The Mission of the Month for April is "Preschool". To ensure that no child is turned away from Preschool due to parent's inability to afford tuition, donations from the congregation help to provide scholarships or reduced tuition so that all children can attend.

What's Happening in:

April

- 23 10:00 AM Preschool Sunday**
- 25 Ministry Team Minutes due**
- 26 8:45 AM Women's exercise class / FH**
10:00 AM Seated Exercise class / FH
- 27 8:30 AM Quilting**
12 noon Craft Group / Fellowship Hall
- 30 12 noon Spiritual Nurture meeting**



May

- 2 7:00 PM Leadership Team meeting**
- 3 8:45 AM Women's exercise class / FH**
10:00 AM Seated Exercise class / FH
- 4 8:30 AM Quilting**
7:00 PM 50+ club Meeting / FH
- 6 8:00 AM Love Feast prep / kitchen**
- 7 National Youth Sunday**
10:30 AM Spring Love Feast
7:00 PM Tulpehocken H.S. Show Choir program / LSCOB
- 8 7:00 PM Every Member Council Meeting**



CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE
 Jubilee Choir/Sanct/Thurs. 6:00pm
 Senior Choir/Sanct/Thurs. 7:00pm