

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. 4 April 26

Wk. 1 May 3

Wk. 2 May 10

CHORISTER	Praise Team	Dianne High	Praise Team
WORSHIP LDR	Praise Team	Gary Bashore	Praise Team
CHILD STORY	Savannah Metzler	Mike & Sarah Kolbe	Ashley Koch
PIANIST	Praise Team	Diane Duell	Praise Team
AUDIO	Todd Rebman	Alan Bashore	Todd Rebman
WORSHIP CTR	Tanya Feathers	Tanya Feathers	Sandra Keeney
USHERS	Richard & Michelle Yenser Andrew & Chris Brubaker	Bob & Wendy Lingle S. Forry & L. Rebman	Gerald & Jim Bowman Scott Bohn & J. Brubaker

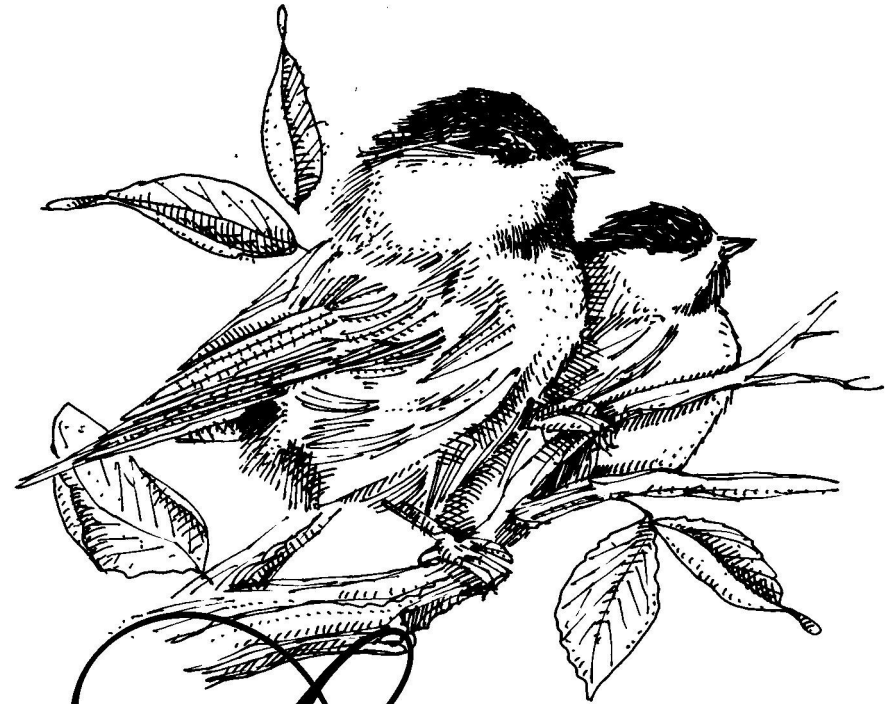
WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30 am & 10:30 am

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
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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 everything
that has
breath praise
the LORD.*

Psalm 150:6



April 26, 2026

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LITTLE SWATARA CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
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 FB: @LittleSwataraCoB *** Wi-Fi Guest/pw: brethren

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 26, 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
 Germantown



(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

Pastor Matt will be on vacation
 Monday, April 27th

Welcome Preschool Families



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

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$	4,147.50
Building	\$	75.00
Family Assistance	\$	50.00
Maintenance	\$	167.50
Sunday School	\$	9.00
Feed Them	\$	25.00
Global Food Initiative	\$	
Food Pantry	\$	30.00
Mission of the Month	\$	250.00
Women's Fellowship	\$	
	\$	
Total	\$	4,,754.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2026
 \$ 347,035.00

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 15 - 81
 Virtual Worship - 20
 Sunday School - 45

Spring Love Feast will be held May 3rd following the 10:30 AM service. If you are a shut-in and would like communion, contact your deacon or call the office at 717-933-4723.

Welcome & News

Humor

Sharing & Prayer

Worship Songs

- "No Fear"
- "Holy Forever"
- "All My Hope"
- "Stand in Your Love"

Scripture - Ephesians 5:1-2 NIV

Catch of the Day - "Beloved"

Deep Dive

1. How does understanding your identity as a "beloved child" change your behavior?
2. What is the difference between worldly love and Christlike love?
3. How does this passage challenge cultural ideas about love and sacrifice?
4. Why is sacrifice essential to genuine love?
5. How does remembering Christ's sacrifice motivate obedience?

Kids Praise - "Every Move I Make"

Prayer

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

April 26, 2026

10:30 AM Worship Service

Prelude "All in the Name of Jesus"
"Oil of Gladness"
"Yes, Lord, Yes"

Welcome and Announcements

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

Call to Worship

Leader: From the highest heavens to this very moment—

People: He is worthy of all praise!

Leader: With every breath, with every voice

People: We praise the Lord!

Opening Worship "God Of Wonders" Purple Hymnal #178
"Shout to the Lord" Purple Hymnal #125

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Preschool Children Sharing in Song

Children's Moment

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Offertory Music "Praise You with the Dance"

Worship Song "Lion Of Judah" projected

Sermon - "Praise God"

Scripture - Psalm 150

Closing Worship "The River is Here" projected

Sending Out



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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



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.

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 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
8:30 am - 11:30 am

Volunteers are needed to help paint decorations for our upcoming VBS program—“Snowball Mountain Challenge”
May 4th - 9:00 AM—12 noon
May 18th - 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM
In the Fellowship Hall



Annual Tractor, Truck & Car Show
Saturday, June 20th, 2026
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.

The next Widows luncheon
will be

Tuesday, May 13th
11:30 a.m.

Country Fare Restaurant Myerstown, PA



The May issue of the **Newsletter** has arrived & is on the counter at the mailboxes



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

- 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
- 6 8:45 AM Women's exercise class / FH 
10:00 AM Seated exercise class / FH
- 7 8:30 AM Quilting 
6:00 PM 50+ Club meeting / FH
- 9 6:00 PM Mother-Daughter Banquet / FH
- 10 Mother's Day
Food Pantry collection
- 11 Every Member Council mtg

CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Praise Team / Wed. 7:15pm
Senior Choir / Thurs. 7:00 PM