

Little Swatara Church- Pastor Matthew S. Christ

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OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM TUE.&THURS., WED. 11:00 AM -2:00 PM

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WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

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

CHURCH SIGN CHANGER: June - Diane Long July - Pat Timmins August - Tony Fazio

Wk.3 August 17

CHORISTER Allen Rebman

WORSHIP LDR John Wise

CHILD STORY Abby Christ

PIANIST Sarah Brubaker

AUDIO Todd Rebman

WORSHIP CTR Sandra Keeney

USHERS Ken Duell / John High
Dennis E. / Joseph Brubaker

Wk. 4 August 24

Praise Team

Praise Team

Ashley Koch

Praise Team

Todd Rebman

Sandra Keeney

Richard & Michelle Yenser
Andrew & Chris Brubaker

Wk. 5 August 31

Pam Geberich

S. Metzler / K. Myers

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Diane Duell

Todd Rebman

Jennifer Speraw

Ken Duell / John High
Dennis E. / Joseph 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)

Hymn 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.

Jesus Heals on the Sabbath



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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-Sat 6-10am**

Prayer Concerns

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

Barry Bashore
 Diane Duell
 Earl Ebling
 John Kelly
 Wendy Lingle
 Dale & Jennifer Speraw
 Palmyra CoB



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



The congregation of Little Swatara Church sends their love and condolences to the family and friends of Suzanne Wichert. Suzanne went to be with her Lord and Savior on August 7th. Funeral services will be here on Saturday, August 23rd at 2:00 pm. A luncheon will follow the service.

As a church family, we extend our sincere sympathy & Christian love to the Claman family on the passing of George Claman on August 12th.



TODAY
*immediately following
 the church service*

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

| | | |
|------------------------|----|------------------|
| General Fund | \$ | 5,300.58 |
| Building | \$ | 391.50 |
| Family Assistance | \$ | |
| Maintenance | \$ | 245.00 |
| Sunday School | \$ | 26.00 |
| Feed Them | \$ | |
| Playground | \$ | 25.00 |
| Global Food Initiative | \$ | |
| Food Pantry | \$ | 10.00 |
| Women's Fellowship | \$ | |
| *Mission of the Month | \$ | |
| * VBS | \$ | 953.00 |
| *COBY'S | \$ | 85.00 |
| Total | \$ | .7,036.08 |

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2025
 \$ 349,661.00

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 15 + 61
 Virtual Worship 24
 Sunday School 29

2025 Annual Conference Wrap-Up

will be happening on August 24th
 during Sunday School hour.
 All are welcomed to join!



**August 17, 2025
 8:30 AM Service**

Welcome & News

Humor

Prayer

Worship Songs

"God is Good"
 "Praise"
 "Unashamed"
 "I Lift my Hands"

Scripture - Habakkuk 2:4-5 NIV

Catch of the Day - "Greed"

Deep Dive

1. What causes a person to want more than they really need?
2. Have you ever known anyone that has never been at rest?
3. The scripture spoke of being puffed up, how's that look on some one?
4. What does it look like to live by our faithfulness ?

Kids Praise - "Happy and I Know It"

Prayer

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

August 17, 2025
10:30 AM Worship Service

Prelude "Firm Foundation"

Welcome and Announcements

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

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Unison Call to Worship

Lord, your love motivates us to be more like you. Your grace encourages us to be forgiving. Your peace propels us towards peace with others. Let us all unite to sing of who you are.

Opening Hymn "Come, Let us all unite to sing" #12 blue hymnal

Offertory Thought & Prayer

Children's Moment

Hymn "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic" #112 blue hymnal

Message - "Front & Center"

Scripture - Mark 3: 1-6

Closing Hymn "For Christ and the church" #416 blue hymnal

Sending Forth



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We're Hiring: Church Treasurer Wanted!

Are you organized, trustworthy, and have a heart for service? Our church is seeking a **dedicated Treasurer** to help steward our financial resources with integrity and care.

Responsibilities include:

- Managing budgets and financial records
- Overseeing donations and expenses
- Preparing reports for church leadership

Accounting experience preferred.

This part-time paid position is perfect for someone who wants to support the church's mission in our community.

Join the Little Swatara team---apply today!
Contact Jamie Wise for more information.



COBY's Bike & Hike
September 7, 2024

At the Lititz Church of the Brethren, 300 W. Orange St., Lititz PA.

For details and information go to: <https://cobys.org/bike-and-hike>

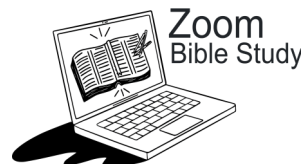


Jubilee Choir - Thursday 6:15 -6:45 PM

Senior Choir - Thursday 7—7:45 PM

Bell Choir - Thursday 7:45—8:30 PM

Praise Team - Wednesday 7:15 PM



Zoom
Bible Study

The Wednesday evening
Online Bible Study

will resume on September 17th at 7:00 PM.

This will be a 6-week study - "Reclaiming the Sabbath".

If interested contact Dianne High. Cost is free



COUNTRY FAIR
Saturday, August 23rd
Fun starting at 5:00 PM
Mt. Aetna Fire Co. Carnival Grounds
Food - Fun - Fellowship

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



Women's Fellowship

Our next Women's Fellowship Meeting will be
Tuesday, August 19th, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.

Upcoming events:

COBYS Bike & Hike: September 7, 2025.

Brethren Disaster Relief Auction: September 26 and 27, 2025.

Annual Christmas Bazaar: November 1, 2025 from 8:00 – 1:00

Women's Christmas Brunch: November 15, 2025 from 9:00 – 11:30
at the Cottage at Country Fare.

The August issue of the **Newsletter** has arrived and is on the countertop at the mailboxes in the narthex.



Camp Swatara
Labor Day Auction
August 30th, 2025

Camp Swatara needs your help with the Annual Family Camp Auction! We want to make this auction the best yet! We are looking for individuals, SS classes, family groups, etc., who would be willing to donate something. Theme gift baskets are always a winner! Do you have a talent for painting, pottery, sewing, woodworking, etc.? Birdhouses and bird feeders are popular! We need items for the Children's Auction, too! Do you have a service you could share? Think outside the box! Remember 100% of donations from the auction benefit Family Camp at Camp Swatara. There are no administration costs, it is organized and run by volunteers. We will be glad to pick up your donation, just give us a call to make arrangements. Date of the auction is Saturday, August 30, 2025 at 9:00 am in the East Lodge at Camp Swatara. Children's auction is Friday, August 29, 2025 at 7:00 pm.








August
Mission of the Month
COBYS




What's Happening in:

August

- 17 Church Potluck Sunday 
- 18 5:00-8:00 PM Preschool Meet the Teacher Night / narthex
- 19 9:00 AM Women's Fellowship / FH
5:00-8:00 PM Preschool Meet the Teacher Night / lower lobby
- 20 Newsletter Deadline 
- 21 8:30 AM Quilting 
- 23 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast / café 
- 25 9:00 AM Preschool starts 
- 26 Ministry Team Minutes due
- 28 8:30 AM Quilting - CX

September

- 1 Labor Day 
- 2 7:00 PM Leadership Team meeting
- 4 8:30 AM Quilting 
6:00 PM 50+ Club meeting / FH
- 7 Promotion Sunday
Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast / FH