

### Little Swatara Church- Pastor Matthew S. Christ

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### WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

**VIDEO PROJECTION** Glenn Riegel & Mark Myers—CVLI#502613280; CCLI#157691

**ORGANIST** Marlene Blatt

**CHURCH SIGN CHANGER:** August - Tony Fazio Sept.- Sam Forry October - Diane Long

#### Wk.3 August 20

#### Wk. 4 August 27

#### Wk. 1 September 3

#### CHORISTER

Allen Rebman

Praise Team

Dianne High

#### WORSHIP LDR

John Wise

Praise Team

Gary Bashore

#### CHILD STORY

Abby Christ

S. Metzler/K. Myers

Mike & Sarah Kolbe

#### PIANIST

Sarah Brubaker

Praise Team

Diane Duell

#### AUDIO

Todd Rebman

Todd Rebman

Alan Bashore

#### WORSHIP CTR

Jennifer Speraw

Jennifer Speraw

Tanya Feathers

#### USHERS

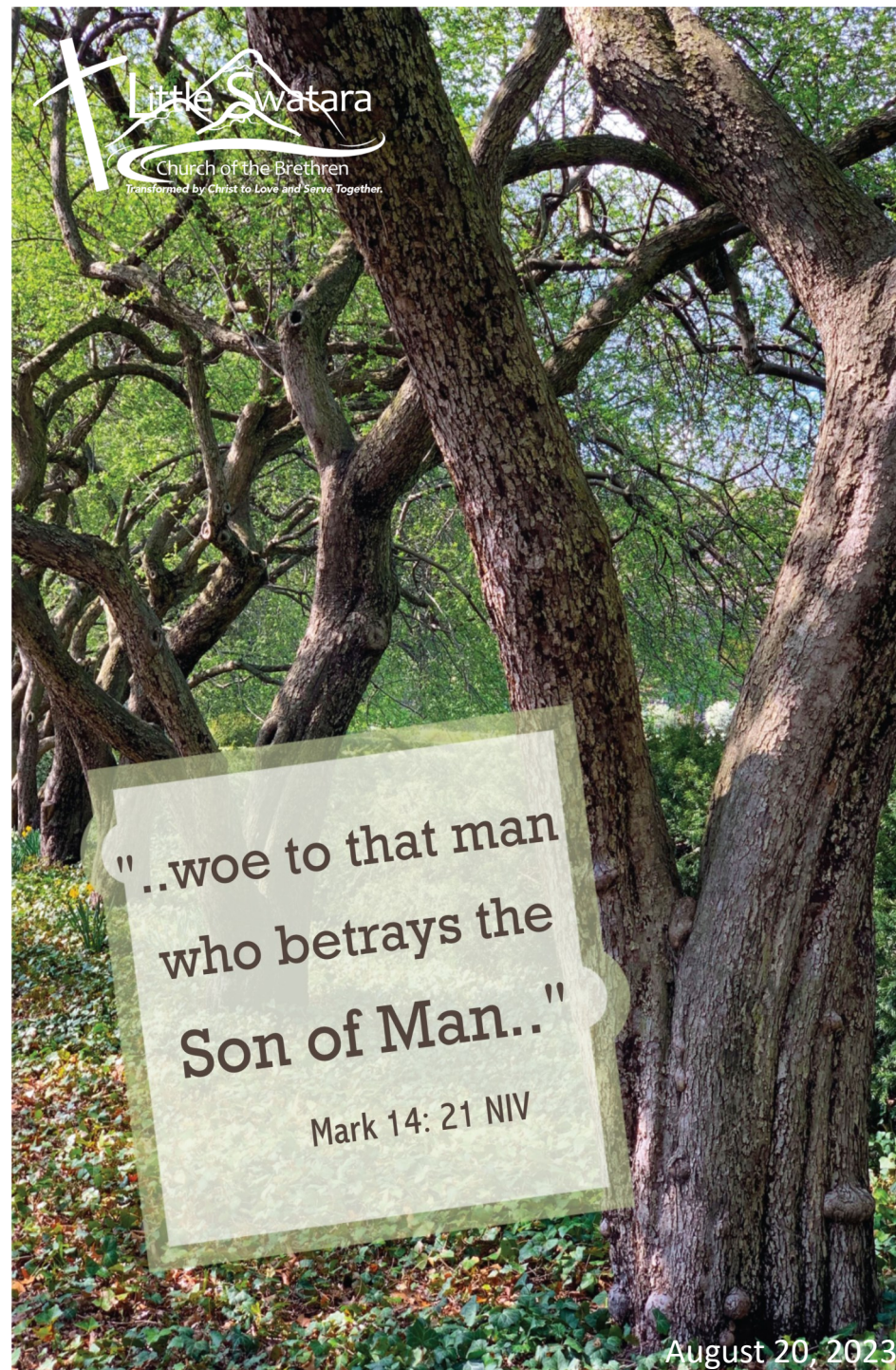
Ken Duell / John High  
Dennis E. / Joseph Brubaker

Richard & Michelle Yenser  
Andrew & Chris Brubaker

Bob & Wendy Lingle  
Sam Forry & Ken 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.





*Outreach: The Gathering Place Café*, 8490 Lancaster Ave, Bethel  
 Contact: [gatheringplacecafe.com](http://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  
 Paul Sweigart  
 Linda Ziegler



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

## A Call to Prayer

Repentance has never meant more than  
 amidst the evil in the world today. Pray  
 hearts would be softened and open to the  
 forgiveness of God. We can choose life  
 and live in response to what God has  
 done. Pray your lives reflect the Lord who  
 loves you intensely. Pray he moves  
 through you to be love to others.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mae Zimmerman will be 89 yrs. young on  
 Aug. 25th. Let's show her with birthday wish-  
 es. Mail cards to:

100 Tuck Ct.  
 Lebanon, PA 17042

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Thelma Keeney will be 90 yrs. young on Aug.  
 28th. Let's help her celebrate with a card  
 shower! Cards may be mailed to:

450 E. Lincoln Ave.—Rm 233  
 Myerstown, PA 17067

## GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$ 4,754.50
Building Fund	\$ 47.50
Family Assistance	\$ -
Maintenance	\$ 85.00
Sunday School	\$ 72.00
Global Food Initiative	\$ -
Nigerian EYN	\$ -
Womens Fellowship	\$ -
Mission of the Month	\$ 325.00
Feed Them	\$ -
Brethren Disaster	\$ -
Food Pantry	\$ 33.00
	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,317.00</b>

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2023  
 \$324,190.

## Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 83  
 Virtual Worship 22  
 Sunday School 38



**TODAY**

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

**August 20, 2023**

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

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

## Sharing of Joys and Concerns

## Call to Worship

L: God, turn us towards ourselves to see us for who we are.

**P: Open our eyes to reveal the condition of our hearts.**

L: God, create us in a loving way toward others.

**P: Let us worship and find peace to share in this world.**

**Opening Hymn** "I will sing of my Redeemer" #344

## Pastoral Prayer

**Hymn** "Breathe on me, breath of God" #356

## Offertory Thought and Prayer

## Children's Moment

**Hymn** "For Christ and the church" #416

**Message** - "God's Plan but woe to that man"

**Scripture** - Mark 14: 21, John 6: 64,

**Closing Hymn** "What a friend we have in Jesus" (to the tune of #574) #573

## Sending Out





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

A big **THANK YOU** to Wendy Lingle, Women's Fellowship, and our anonymous donor for the new pew cushions in the narthex and lower lobby!

**NOTICE:** Pastor Matt will be having surgery August 23rd and will be on leave until September 9th. Please contact your deacons for any concerns. Prayers appreciated.



### Volunteers Needed

We are excited to announce an all new return of our 8:30 Sunday morning service. Beginning September 17th, Pastor Matt plans to lead an 8:30 worship that will be more informal than our 10:30 sanctuary service. Derived from Jesus' call to become his disciples, the service will be named "Off the Hook" media worship -- utilizing primarily contemporary Christian music and a message surrounding the word or catch of the week.

Volunteers are needed for worship leaders, technical staff, setup, snacks and more. If you can help, please contact Pastor Matt, or any member of the Music and Worship Team. These are exciting times.

Bring a neighbor!



CRAFT GROUP

Craft Group to meet at 12 noon  
Thursday, August 24th

### **The Food Pantry has an ongoing need for.....**

rice	rice & pasta box mixes
dried Beans	canned pasta meals
pasta	cake & brownie mixes
cereal	canned meat & canned fish
canned soup	large &/or small bagged snacks



*The pantry is in need of and grateful for any and all donations. The pantry feeds 120 families / month. We support them with money from our soup & bread donations. The pantry does receive some food from the Food Bank, but the options are limited. Thanks for helping*



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. Any question, call Sandy Hughes at 717-679-1995 or Ryan Arndt at 717-926-1939



**Friday, September 1st**  
6:30-8:30 PM Item Preview  
7:00 PM Kids Auction

**Saturday, September 2nd**  
8:30-9:30 AM Item Preview  
9:30 AM Regular Auction

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### **Camp Swatara Family Camp Pancake Breakfast**

August 26, 2023  
8AM - 10 AM  
Fellowship Hall  
\$7 / person



**The Gathering Place** is in need of volunteers. Contact Mike Peace if you can help with this important ministry of Little Swatara to the community of Bethel.



Please mark your calendar for the **Brethren Disaster Relief Auction** to be held at the Expo in Lebanon  
**September 23 and 24.**

More details will be forthcoming in future bulletins and the Newsletter.

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



## Chow-Chow Orders

We will soon be making chow-chow. There is an order sheet on the table in the narthex to place your orders.

Quarts \$8.00 Pints \$4.00



## Sunday, September 10, 2023

Lititz Church of the Brethren, 300 West Orange Street, Lititz



3-mile Walk

10/25-mile Bicycle Ride

65-mile Motorcycle Ride






Visit [www.cobys.org/bike-and-hike](http://www.cobys.org/bike-and-hike) for more information



## Women's Fellowship

**Sept. 16** – Our **Breakfast Buffet** will be from 7:00 until 10:00 A.M. We will need help in the kitchen and in various other ways. We are going to ask for a donation of \$8.00 per person this time.

**Sept. 19** – Our next Women's Fellowship Meeting will be at 9:00 A.M. All women of our Church are welcome.

**Sept. 22** – Brethren Disaster Relief Auction - **They always appreciate our donated homemade pies, so please check the weekly bulletins closer to the date for times to deliver them to the kitchen. Someone will be taking them to the Auction.**

**Sept. 23** – Brethren Disaster Relief Quilt Auction – A beautiful quilt was donated again this year. Their brochures are on the welcome table.

**Sept. 23** – The Union Fire Co. of Bethel will be celebrating 100 years of serving their community. They will have music, games and food trucks. We will be there to support them and have a game for the children. The fun starts at 5:00 and goes until 9:00.








August  
Mission of the Month

# COBYS



## What's Happening in:

### August

- 20      12 Noon Church Potluck Meal / FH  
11:00 AM J. Manbeck Reunion / pav. 
- 22      Ministry Team Minutes due
- 23      5:30 PM Meet the Teacher Night / Pre-K lower level
- 24      8:30 AM Quilting   
12 Noon Craft Group  
5:30 PM Meet the Teacher Night / Preschool upper level
- 25      8:00 AM Feed Them Program / kitchen
- 26      7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast / café 
- 27      Promotion Sunday  
9:30 AM Sanctuary Annual Conference report  
11:00 AM R. Keeney / pav
- 28      Preschool & Pre-K classes start (AM & PM) 
- 31      8:30 AM Quilting 

### September

- 1      7:00 PM Camp Swatara Family Camp Auction / Kids Auction
- 2      9:30 AM Camp Swatara Family Camp Auction / Regular Auction
- 4      Labor Day 