

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. 4 August 27

Wk. 1 September 3

Wk. 2 September 10

CHORISTER

Praise Team

Dianne High

Praise Team

WORSHIP LDR

Praise Team

Gary Bashore

Praise Team

CHILD STORY

Renee Brown

Mike & Sarah Kolbe

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PIANIST

Praise Team

Diane Duell

Praise Team

AUDIO

Todd Rebman

Alan Bashore

Greg Bryant

WORSHIP CTR

Jennifer Speraw

Tanya Feathers

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USHERS


Richard & Michelle Yenser
Andrew & Chris Brubaker

Bob & Wendy Lingle
Sam Forry & Ken Duell


Gerald & Jim Bowman
Scott Bohn & John High

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 said,
"It is not the healthy
who need a doctor,
but the sick. . . .
For I have not come
to call the righteous,
but sinners."
Matthew 9:12-13, NIV

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

August 27, 2023



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.

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

This week let's allow the Lord to do his
 will in our lives. Pray for the opportunity to
 share your faith and then be attentive to
 the doors that are opened. Pray that you
 have the courage to step out of your com-
 fort zone to relate to others and invite
 them to a Sunday morning service. Ask
 God specifically who it is you might be a
 light to and humbly serve them this week.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Thank you,
 Pastor Jackson
 for sharing the word
 with us today.

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$ 4,546.00
Building Fund	\$ 32.00
Family Assistance	\$ 90.00
Maintenance	\$ 226.00
Sunday School	\$ 121.00
Global Food Initiative	\$ 25.00
Nigerian EYN	\$ -
Womens Fellowship	\$ -
Mission of the Month	\$ 330.00
Feed Them	\$ -
Brethren Disaster	\$ -
Food Pantry	\$ 20.00
	\$ -
Total	\$ 5,390.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2023
 \$324,190.

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 86
 Virtual Worship 21
 Sunday School 41



Off the Hook Worship
Sunday, Sept. 17th
8:30 AM

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Prelude

"Mighty to Save"
 "My Life is in You, Lord"
 "There is Joy in the Lord"
 "Enough"

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

Opening Worship

"Be Glorified" *projected*
 "Blessed Be Your Name" *projected*

Morning Prayer

Pastor Jackson

Worship Song

"The Family Prayer Song" *projected*

Presentation of Bibles

Litany for Promotion Sunday

L: Today we celebrate the growth of our children and youth as they mature in
 faith and mature in years. Please join with me in prayer:

P: O God, you have created us as human beings who mature from infan-
 cy, through childhood and adolescence into adulthood. Today we cele-
 brate that growth. We lift up all who move this day into new classes for
 learning and spiritual growth. Keep us ever mindful of the promise we
 make each time we baptize another in faith: That we will assist them to
 grow in knowledge, in spiritual practices, and in living as disciples of
 Jesus Christ. Amen.

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Offertory Music "Lord You Have My Heart"

Children's Moment

Worship Song

"Standing on the Promises" *projected*

Scripture - Matthew 9: 9-13

Message - "Accepting a New Vocation"

Pastor Joel Jackson

Special Music

"Reflect Your Heart" Pastor Joel & Sara Jackson

Closing Worship

"Grace Alone" *projected*

Sending Out

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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



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 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.



Craft Group to meet at 12 noon
Thursdays, September 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th

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



Father - Son Weekend
Sept. 8th - Sept. 9th
Grades 1 - 6 + Dads

Info & registration: www.campswatara.org



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 for more information



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



BCHC's Mobile Medical Unit

The Wellness on Wheels brings the care directly to those who need it close-by! Make an appointment for:

- **Well Checks**
- **Diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic illnesses**
- **Referrals to specialists**

BCHC accepts most insurances and has a sliding-fee discount program based on income and family size for self-pay and out-of-pocket costs. No one is denied care because of an inability to pay.

Tulpehocken Junior-Senior High School

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

10 am - 3 pm

Appointment Preferred....

Call 610-988-4838 ext. 1266

For more information visit: www.berkschc.net



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.**



August
Mission of the Month

COBYS



What's Happening in:

August

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



5 7:00 PM Leadership Team meeting

7 8:30 AM Quilting



7:00 PM 50+ club meeting / FH

10 8:45 AM Volunteer Recognition Breakfast / FH

11:00 AM Wartluft Reunion / pav



12 11:30 AM Widows Luncheon / Ctry Fare

14 8:30 AM Quilting



15 8:00 AM Feed Them / kitchen
3:00 PM Bethel Food Pantry

STARTING SEPTEMBER 7th **CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE**

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