

Little Swatara Church - Pastor Matthew S. Christ

OFFICE HOURS: TUE., WED. & THURS. 10:00 AM –12:00 PM

Church Office: 717-933-4723 Office Hours: Mon - Fri, 8:30 am -12 noon

WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

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

ORGANIST Marlene Blatt

CHURCH SIGN CHANGER: August - Tony Fazio September – Sam Forry October - Diane Long

Wk. 1 August 2

Wk. 2 August 9

Wk.3 August 16

CHORISTER

Dianne High

Praise Team

Allen Rebman

WORSHIP LDR

Gary Bashore

Praise Team

John Wise

CHILD STORY

Mike & Sarah Kolbe

Ashley Koch

Abby Christ

PIANIST

Diane Duell

Praise Team

Sarah Brubaker

AUDIO

Alan Bashore

Todd Rebman

Todd Rebman

WORSHIP CTR

Tanya Feathers

Ssandra Keeney

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USHERS

Bob & Wendy Lingle
S. Forry & L. Rebman

Gerald & Jim Bowman
Scott Bohn & J. Brubaker

Ken Duell / John High
Jacob Koch/Dennis Umberger

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

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.



“I COME TO YOU IN THE NAME OF THE LORD OF HOSTS.”

1 SAMUEL 17:45



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LITTLE SWATARA CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

31 Rehrersburg Rd, PO Box 437, Bethel, PA 19507
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
Contact: gatheringplacecafe.com / Phone: 717-933-5958
Café Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., & Sat. 6-10am (closed Wed.)

Prayer Concerns

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

Gerald Bowman
William Long
Jennifer Speraw
Beryl Wanner
Ralph Wanner
Green Tree, Oaks, PA



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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Martin Bashore will be 88 y/o on August 10th. Let's help him celebrate. Cards can be mailed to:

1 Heidelberg Dr., HS #146
Wernersville, PA 19565

AUGUST EVERY MEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, August 10th at 7:00 PM

Agenda:

1. 2nd Quarter financial report
2. Pastor Matt's report
3. Gathering Place report
4. 2027 LSCOB Ministry Call Slate
5. Ministry Team updates
6. Preschool Report

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$ 5,616.50
Building	\$ 185.00.
Family Assistance	\$
Maintenance	\$ 442.50
Sunday School	\$ 82.00
Feed Them	\$ 25.00
Global Food Initiative	\$ 25.00
Food Pantry	\$ 36.00
Mission of the Month	\$ 300.00
Brethren Housing Assoc.	\$ 100.00
	\$
Total	\$ 6,812.00

**GENERAL FUND BUDGET
2026
\$ 347,035.00**

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship - 26 & 71
Virtual Worship - 18
Sunday School - 28



**Anointing Service
Sunday, August 9th
@ 10:30 AM**

Challenge Question

In what ways do you face your
"giants" in life?



**August 2, 2026
8:30 Worship Service**

Welcome & News

Humor

Worship Songs

"King of Kings"
"Graves Into Gardens"
"Jesus Messiah"
"Peace Be Still"

Prayer

Catch of the Day - "Grace"

Scripture - 2 Corinthians 12:9 (ESV):

Deep Dive

1. What are common weaknesses in people's lives?
2. What do we do to try to make up for them?
3. What does God say?
4. Do we deserve grace? Why or why not?
5. How is God's grace sufficient?

Kids Praise - "Deep and Wide"

Prayer

Sending Forth

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

August 2, 2026
10:30 AM Worship Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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

Call to Worship (*unison*)

God, your name is above all names. Your name is holy. Your name is righteous. And we come to worship you with all we have.

Hymn "I know not why God's wondrous grace" blue hymnal #338

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn "Great Is thy faithfulness" blue hymnal #327

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Children's Moment

Hymn "Standing On The Promises" hymnal supplement #18

Message — "Goliaths"

Scripture - 1 Samuel 17: 45-47

Hymn "Victory In Jesus" hymnal supplement #23

Sending Forth



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Date and time: Fri, Aug 14, 2026, 4:00 PM

- Sat, Aug 15, 2026, 4:00 PM

Location: Camp Swatara, 2905 Camp Swatara Rd, Bethel, PA 19507

Speaker: Marie Monville

Theme: "Our Comeback Stories"

Organizer: Kelly Bernstein, (717) 367-4730, or kbernstein@ane-cob.org

Registration deadline: August 3rd

All women are welcome to join in this weekend of worship, Bible study, singing, hiking, crafts, canoeing, swimming and more!

Brethren Disaster Ministries has urgent need for volunteers

in western North Carolina for the following weeks:

August 9-15

Please contact Gary Bashore if you are interested



All are invited to gather at the Cleona Camp-meeting Grove (3854 Hill Church Road, Lebanon, PA 17046) on **Sunday, August 2nd** for a Contemporary Worship Night beginning at 7pm. A talented group of musicians from many local area churches is joining together to lift up the name of Jesus. We need your help to sing these songs as we use our voices to praise the Lord! Free ice cream is available after the worship night! Any questions contact:

Ryan Arndt

Worship Arts Coordinator (West Green Tree COB)

717-926-1939.

Volunteers Needed to Help Pack "Tulpy Packs" !

Help is needed to pack Tulpy Packs on Wednesday Mornings at 9:30 AM at the Bethel Elementary School. on the morning of August 5th :& 12th



Please remember to check your church mailbox



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



The next Widows luncheon will be
Tuesday, August 11th @11:30 a.m.
Country Fare Restaurant Myerstown, PA

The next Women's Fellowship meeting
will be Tuesday, August 25th at 9:00 AM
(no meeting in July)



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

Address Change: Robert & Linda Houser
440 East Lincoln Avenue
Myerstown, PA 17067

Change of Address: Martin Bashore
1 Heidelberg Drive
Health Services #146
Wernersville, PA 19565

New Phone Number: Lois Reinhard
717-933-5194



Please mark your calendar for the
Brethren Disaster Relief Auction
to be held at the Expo in Lebanon
September 25 and 26, 2026



August 4 - National Night Out
Mt. Aetna Fire Company grounds
5:00-8:00 PM
COME JOIN THE FUN !!!

If you have prayer concerns, please contact Pastor Matt, Dianne High or your Deacon. You may also email the church secretary



August
Mission of the Month
COBY'S



What's Happening in:

August

2 11:00 am Farm Women #2 / pav.

4 7:00 pm Leadership Team meeting



6 8:30 am Quilting



8 8:00 am J. High / pav

9 8:00 am Tiden / Edis Reunion / pav.

10 7:00 pm Every Member Council Meeting

11 11:30 am Widows Luncheon / Ctry Fare

13 8:30 am Quilting



16 Food Party collection
Potluck Sunday
11:00 am J. Manbeck / pav



17 7:00 pm Music & Worship Team meeting

18 4:00 pm Preschool meet the Teacher Night / upstairs

19 4:00 pm Preschool meet the Teacher Night / downstairs
Newsletter Deadline



20 8:30 am quilting



9:30 am packing food for Bethel
Food Pantry

CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE
Praise Team / Wed. 7:15pm