

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: September – S. Forry October - D. Long November—P. Timmins

Wk. 5 August 30

CHORISTER Pam Gerberich

WORSHIP LDR Pastor Matt Christ

CHILD STORY Abby Christ

PIANIST Sarah Brubaker

AUDIO Todd Rebman

WORSHIP CTR Jennifer Speraw

USHERS Ken Duell / John High
Jacob Koch/Dennis Um-

Wk. 1 September 6

Dianne High

Gary Bashore

Mike & Sarah Kolbe

Diane Duell

Alan Bashore

Tanya Feathers

Bob & Wendy Lingle
S. Forry & L. Rebman

Wk. 2 September 13

Praise Team

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Ashley Koch

Praise Team

Todd Rebman

Tanya Feathers

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

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.



There is a time
for everything,
and a season for every
activity under heaven...



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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.)

Prayer Concerns

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

Gerald Bowman
 William Long
 Jennifer Speraw
 Alpha and Omega COB (Lancaster, PA_



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

Challenge Question

How can we be a blessing to others in the season we're in?

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

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

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

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$	4,564.00
Building	\$	50.00
Family Assistance	\$	50.00
Maintenance	\$	355.00
Sunday School	\$	17.75
Feed Them	\$	
Global Food Initiative	\$	
Food Pantry	\$	15.00
Mission of the Month	\$	20.00
Brethren Housing Assoc.	\$	
VBS offering	\$	
Total	\$	5,071.75

GENERAL FUND BUDGET
 2026
 \$ 347,035.00

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship - 19 & 73
 Virtual Worship - 17
 Sunday School - 37

Thank You

I would like to thank the Women's Fellowship Group for their get well cards.

~ Marvin Luckenbill



August 30, 2026
8:30 Worship Service

Welcome & News

Humor

Worship Songs

"You Will Be Found"
 "Trust In God"
 "This Is Our God"
 "Thank God I Do"

Prayer

Scripture - Ecclesiastes 3: 1

Catch of the Day - "Seasons"

Deep Dive

1. What season of life do you believe you are in right now?
2. Have you ever been in a difficult season that later turned out to serve a purpose?
3. Why is it difficult for us to accept God's timing?
4. What happens when we try to force something before its proper time?
5. Are you more likely to struggle with waiting on God or letting go of something that has ended?
6. How can we trust God when we don't understand the season we're in?
7. How does knowing that seasons change give us hope?

Kids Praise - "Deep and Wide"

Prayer

Sending Forth

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

August 30, 2026
10:30 AM Worship Service

Prelude "Firm Foundation" (He Won't)

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

Pastoral Prayer

Call to Worship

Lord, we're so grateful for your timing. It's always perfect. We're thankful for the season we're in. Let us make the most of this day in worship with you. Our hearts join in love with joy for who you are.

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

Special Music "Worthy is the Lamb "
"Majesty" Faithful Men

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Children's Moment

Hymn "All things bright and beautiful" blue hymnal #156

Message - "Perfect Timing"

Scripture - Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

Closing Hymn "In the bulb there is a flower" blue hymnal #614

Benediction

Postlude



ANNOUNCEMENTS



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



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

Please remember to check your church mailbox



**COBY's Bike & Hike
September 13, 2026**

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>



**Lunch N' Learn
@ Londonderry Village**

September 30, 2026 / 12:00 pm / Fellowship Hall in the Snell Community Center on the Londonderry Village Campus / Reservations Required.

Alpaca Farming: Meet & Greet the Eastland Alpacas with Eastland Alpacas

Kevin and Sue of Eastland Alpacas will share a look into alpaca farming and what it takes to care for these gentle animals. They will talk about daily farm life, how alpaca fiber is used, and more. Guests will also have the chance to meet two calm alpacas.



Part-time Cook wanted!!!

We are seeking a dependable and hardworking Cook to help at our popular café. Approx. 20-25 hrs/week

For more information or to apply, please contact Patty Timmins @717-679-7381, or Mike Peace.@717-933-8495

New Address: Fern Phillipy
450 E. Lincoln Ave.—Rm 221,
Myerstown, PA 17067



Camp Swatara Labor Day Auction

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. Item Preview—Friday, Sept. 4th, 6-8 PM. and Saturday, Sept. 5th, 8—9 AM. Children's Auction, Saturday, Sept. 5th, at 9 AM. Regular Auction following Children's Auction.

Londonderry Village Auxiliary Apple Dumpling Fundraiser

The Londonderry Village Auxiliary is having an Apple Dumpling Fundraiser. The cost is \$6.00 for a regular dumpling and \$6.25 for sugar-free. Sycamore Springs Orchard will be making the dumplings. Sunday, September 13 will be the last day to order, and they will have to be paid in advance. Checks should be payable to Londonderry Village Auxiliary. The dumplings will be delivered to our Church on Saturday, October 10th for you to pick up Sunday, October 11th. There is an order sheet on the table in the Narthex.



August
Mission of the Month
COBY'S



What's Happening in:

September

- 1 7:00 pm Leadership Team meeting
- 3 8:30 am Quilting 
- 6 Promotion Sunday
- 7 Labor Day—church office closed 
- 8 11:30 am Widows Luncheon / Ctry Fare
- 10 8:30 am Quilting 
- 13 Grandparents Day
Food Pantry Collection Sunday
VBS Volunteer Breakfast 
- 16 Newsletter deadline 
- 17 8:30 am Quilting
9:30 am packing food bags for Bethel Food Pantry / Salem
Evang. Lutheran Church, Bethel 
- 18 8:00 am Feed Them / kitchen
3:00 pm Bethel Food Pantry / Salem Evang. Lutheran Church
- 20 Potluck Sunday
Spiritual Nurture Team meeting 
- 21 7:00 pm Music & Worship Team meeting
- 22 9:00 am Women's Fellowship meeting / FH 