

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. 2 August 9

Wk.3 August 16

Wk. 4 August 23

CHORISTER

Praise Team

Allen Rebman

Praise Team

WORSHIP LDR

Praise Team

John Wise

Praise Team

CHILD STORY

Ashley Koch

Abby Christ

Savannah Metzler

PIANIST

Praise Team

Sarah Brubaker

Praise Team

AUDIO

Todd Rebman

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WORSHIP CTR

Sandra Keeney

Sandra Keeney

Jennifer Speraw

USHERS

Gerald & Jim Bowman
Scott Bohn & J. Brubaker

Ken Duell / John High
Jacob Koch/Dennis Umberger

Richard & Michelle Yenser
Andrew & Chris 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.



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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.

Kevin Boltz
 Gerald Bowman
 William Long
 Jennifer Speraw
 Beryl Wanner
 Ralph Wanner
 Wyomissing COB



(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	\$	5,836.50
Building	\$	150.00
Family Assistance	\$	50.00
Maintenance	\$	612.50
Sunday School	\$	165.00
Feed Them	\$	
Global Food Initiative	\$	375.00
Food Pantry	\$	144.00
Mission of the Month	\$	
Brethren Housing Assoc.	\$	
	\$	
Total	\$	7,333.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET
 2026
 \$ 347,035.00

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship - 22 & 68
 Virtual Worship - 17
 Sunday School - 31

Challenge Question

What if we never looked and saw what God was doing right in front of us?



SUNDAY
August 16, 2026



August 9 2026
8:30 Worship Service

Welcome & News

Humor

Worship Songs

"Have Your Way"
 "You Say"
 "Thy Will"
 "Gonna Be Alright"

Prayer

Anointing

Catch of the Day - "Will"

Scripture - Romans 12: 2

Deep Dive

1. How can we know God's will for our lives?
2. How is God's will different than our will?
3. What then is free will?
4. Can we impact Gods will? In what ways?

Kids Praise - "Happy and You Know It"

Prayer

Sending Forth

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

August 9, 2026
10:30 AM Worship Service

Prelude	“Be Glorified”
	“No Longer Slaves”

Welcome and Announcements

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

Call to Worship

Lord, we long to have faith like Abraham trusting you and remaining fully obedient. Help us be faithful. Lead us into knowing you more. We come to worship you alone.

Opening Hymn	“Come Jesus Come”	projected
	“Blessed Be The Name”	

Pastoral Prayer

Mission Moment Naomi Brown

Offertory Music “May All Who Seek You” (written by Peggy Brown)

Children's Moment

Hymn “The Lord is My Light” projected

Message - “Make That Make Sense”

Scripture - Genesis 22:13-18 NIV

Anointing “All the Earth Shall Worship” projected

Closing Hymn “Friend of God” projected

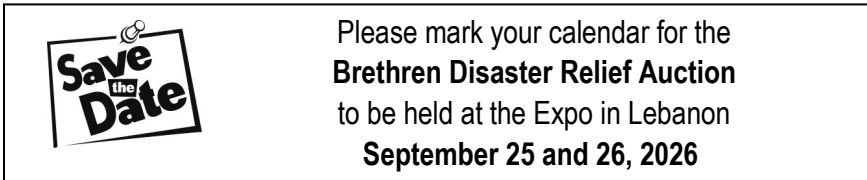
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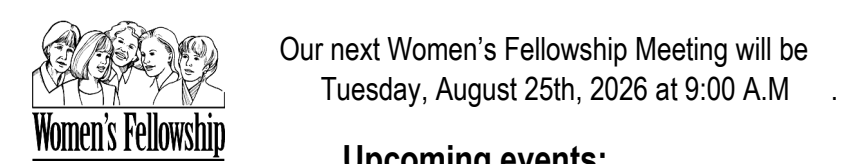
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ANNUAL
Conference
Wrap-Up
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2025 Annual Conference Wrap-Up
 Sunday, August 23rd
 during Sunday School hour
 All are welcomed to join!



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



Our next Women's Fellowship Meeting will be
Tuesday, August 25th, 2026 at 9:00 A.M

Upcoming events:
CORYS Bike & Hike: September 13, 2026, Lititz COB, Lititz, PA

COBYS Bike & Hike: September 13, 2026, Lititz COB, Lititz, PA

Brethren Disaster Relief Auction: September 25 and 26, 2026.

Annual Christmas Bazaar: November 7th, 2026 from 8:00 – 1:00

Women's Christmas Brunch: November 21st, 2026 from 9:00 – 11:00 AM in the Cottage at Country Fare.

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

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 12th



Address Correction: Dorothy Lutz
Myerstown Nursing and Rehab
7 W. Park Avenue—Rm #215B
Myerstown, PA 17067

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 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.



August 22 - Country Fair
Mt. Aetna Fire Company grounds
5:00-8:00 PM



Western Berks Shepherding Ministries is in need of volunteer drivers to help clients get to their important appointments. If you are able to help please contact:

Jodi Eisenhower, Executive Co-Director
Western Berks Shepherding Ministries, Inc.
Phone: 484-294-7394



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.



August
Mission of the Month
COBY'S



What's Happening in:

August

- 9 8:00 am Tiden / Edis Reunion / pav
- 10 7:00 pm Every Member Council Meeting
6:00 PM Continuing Ed. Team 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 / Salem Evang.
Lutheran Church, Bethel
- 21 8:00 am Feed Them / kitchen
3:00 pm Bethel Food Pantry 
- 22 5:00 pm Country Fair, Mt. Aetna Fire Co. grounds

CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Praise Team / Wed. 7:15pm