

Little Swatara Church— Rev. 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: November - Patricia Timmons December - Anthony Fazio

Wk. 3 December 19

Wk. 4 December 26

Wk. 1 January 2

CHORISTER

10:30 am Allen Rebman Praise Team Dianne High

WORSHIP LDR

10:30 am John Wise Praise Team Gary Bashore

CHILD STORY

10:30 am Ashley Koch S. Metzler/K. Myers Mike & Sarah Kolbe

PIANIST

Sarah Brubaker Praise Team Diane Duell

AUDIO

Todd Rebman Todd Rebman Alan Bashore

WORSHIP CTR

Worship Team Worship Team Worship Team

USHERS

10:30 am Ken Duell / Dylan H Rich & Derek Yenser Bob & Wendy Lingle
John H / John Z J.R. & Kyle Yenser Sam Forry & Andrew Wise

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 your are avoided.





Outreach: *The Gathering Place Café*, 8490 Lancaster Ave, Bethel
 Contact: gatheringplacecafe.com / Phone: 717-933-5958
 Café Hours: **Mon-Fri 6-10am & Sat 7-11am**



Prayer Concerns

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

Christine Bashore
 Ricki Bashore, Sr.
 Cindy Bradley
 Jessica Hartranft
 Mason Hartranft
 Sandra Kauffman
 Dorothy Merkey



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



Our deepest sympathy and
 prayers for Kevin and
 Louanne Boltz on the loss
 of Louanne's mother,

Marilyn Morrissey, who passed away on
 Tuesday, December 14th, 2021.

With Heartfelt
Sympathy

As a church family, we extend our sincere
 sympathy and Christian love to Debra
 Yordy and the Fidler family on the passing
 of Harry Fidler, on Friday, December 10th.



GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$ 10,833.00
Building Fund	\$ 245.00
Family Assistance	\$ 25.00
Maintenance	\$ 400.00
Sunday School	\$ -
Global Food Initiative	\$ 250.00
Nigerian EYN	\$ -
Womens Fellowship	\$ -
Mission of the Month	\$ 210.00
Gathering Place	\$ -
Youth Conference	\$ -
Food Pantry	\$ 10.00
Feed Them	\$ -
Total	\$11,973

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2021
\$ \$317,944

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 76
 Online Worship 35
 Sunday School 51

Christmas Eve Service

7:00 PM

Please join us for a special
 Christmas Eve program.

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

December 19, 2021

10:30 Worship Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Skit - "The Angel's Candle: Peace"

by: Andy Wise, Cody Haag and Leshane Christ

Call to Worship

L: Father, we confess there are times anxiety gets in the way of being
 who you call us to be.

P: Help us through your Spirit not to be afraid.

L: Father: we gather searching for peace in a broken world.

P: May we proclaim that peace and good news of our Savior being born
 this Christmas to one and all.

Opening Hymn

"It came upon a midnight clear"

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Senior Choir

"Listen to the song"

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn

"Angels we have heard on high"

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Offertory

Jubilee Choir "Underneath the Shining Star" by Keith & Krystyn Getty

"Rejoice!" by David Huntsinger & Linda Rebuck

Children's Moment

Scripture Reading - Matthew 1: 18-24

Senior Choir

"Peace, Peace" (Congregation will be directed in
 singing Silent Night as choir sings Peace Peace)

Sermon - "Peace to us"

Closing Hymn

"Hark! The herald angels sing"

#201

Sending Out



New Life in Christ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's bulletins and crayons are on the table in the rear of the sanctuary for two age groups. Please help yourself.



Thank you to everyone for thinking of me on my birthday and all the birthday cards I received.

~ Carl Balsbaugh

Christmas Caroling TODAY

Today after morning worship we plan to go caroling for the afternoon. All ages are welcome. A light lunch will be provided.



Jubilee Choir practice cancelled on Dec. 23rd and Dec. 30th. Choir rehearsals will resume in January starting on Jan. 6th at 6 pm

Senior Choir practice cancelled on Dec. 23rd and Dec. 30th. Choir rehearsals will resume in January starting on Jan. 6th at 7 pm

There will be Senior Choir Rehearsal on Wednesday, Dec. 22nd at 7pm

Rehearsal for Christmas Eve service will be today, Dec. 19 at 6pm and dress rehearsal on Thursday, Dec. 23rd at 7pm



Christmas Cookies Needed!!!

Cookies are needed for after our Christmas Eve Service. Everyone will be hungry after the service, so we always need a lot of cookies. Please put them in the kitchen prior to service on the 24th. Thank you!

Notice: Pastor Matt will be on vacation Dec. 26th - Dec. 31st. If you need assistance, please contact your Deacon or Deacon Chair, David Brown

Notice: The church office will be closed Friday, December 24th. All items for the December 26th Sunday bulletin must be submitted no later than Dec. 21st.

2022 Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2022 have arrived and are on the table near the mailboxes. Please pick them up at your convenience.



If you purchased a poinsettia you may pick up your poinsettia after Christmas Eve service or any Sunday after Christmas.



Women's Fellowship

Our next Women's Fellowship Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 9:00 AM. All women of our Church are invited to join us.

We would like to thank all of you for your continued support and encouragement this year. We appreciate each and every one of you.

The **Jan-Feb 2022** issue of the **Upper Room** has arrived and is on the table in the Narthex

Hymn or Song Requests

The Music and Worship team is interested in hearing from you! If you have a song you would like to hear during services, please drop a note in the "Music and Worship" mailbox. We'll be happy to try and work them in.



Weekly Bible Study

Weekly Bible studies have returned on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us in person or via ZOOM as we read, learn

If you have prayer concerns, please contact Pastor Matt, Dianne High, Renee Brown or your Deacon. You may also email the church secretary at secretary@littleswatara.org

Free money! This is just a reminder that Women's Fellowship receives a percentage from your Redner's purchases when you use your Redner's Rewards Card. We have a box on the small table by the coffee area for you to put your **complete register tape**. They need the entire tape, which has no identifying information on it. We send the tapes to Redner's and they send us a check. We have been participating in this program for years and we receive a check about every six months.

Likewise, another source of free money is generated when we use our Boyer's tab on our key ring. All we have to do is tell the cashier that we have a Boyer's tab to benefit our Church and they will scan it. We receive a check from them after the proceeds reach a certain amount.



When Bad Weather Arrives

and a decision is made to cancel Sunday services, the congregation shall be notified immediately. An announcement will be placed on the Little Swatara church website

<http://www.LittleSwatara.org>

The announcement will also be added to Little Swatara's Facebook page. A message will be sent out to all those on the church's E-MAIL list and TEXT list.



December Mission of the Month Family Assistance



We will be assisting the Bethel and Tulpehocken Police Department with providing "gift cards" to have available for needy persons in the area. The "gift cards" should have no more than the value of \$20 each; from Boyer's, Redner's, Dutchway or Sheetz and placed with the Sunday morning offering. Cash donations will be used to purchase additional gift cards.

What's Happening in:

December

19 Fourth Sunday in Advent

8:00 AM G. Bashore / FH & K



21 First Day of Winter

22 8:45 AM Women's Exercise Class/FH

10:00 AM Seated Exercise Class/FH



23 8:30 AM Quilting



24 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service

25 Christmas Day

S. Bashore / FH & K



28 Ministry Team minutes due

29 8:45 AM Women's Exercise Class/FH

10:00 AM Seated Exercise Class/FH



30 8:30 AM Quilting



January

1 New Year's Day



4 7:00 PM Leadership Team meeting

5 8:45 AM Women's Exercise Class/FH

10:00 AM Seated Exercise Class/FH



6 8:30 AM Quilting

