

Little Swatara Church- Pastor Matthew S. Christ

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WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

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

CHURCH SIGN CHANGER: Feb.—Diane Long March - Patricia Timmins April - Tony Fazio

Wk.3 February 15

Wk. 4 February 22

Wk. 1 March 1

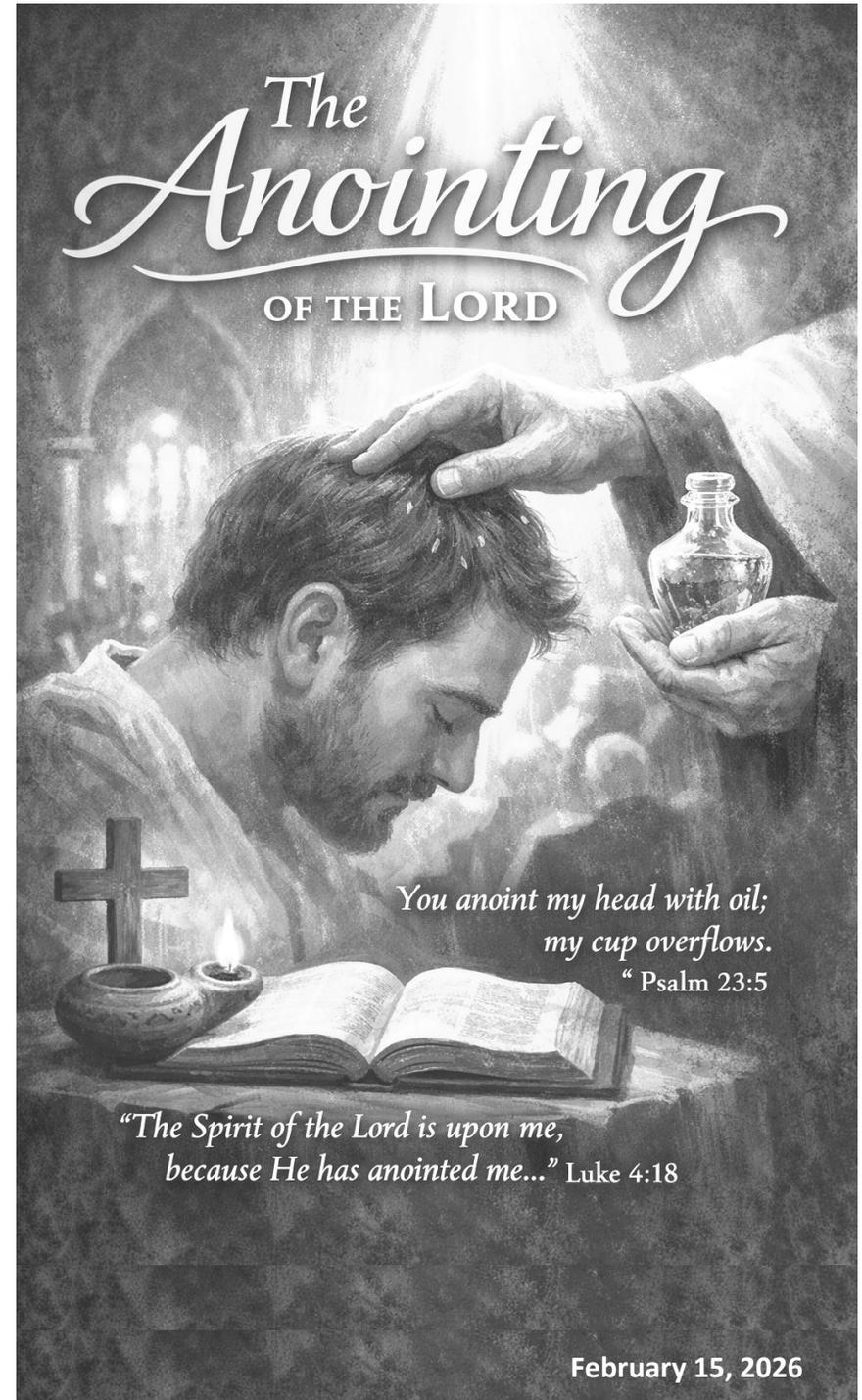
CHORISTER	Allen Rebman	Praise Team	Dianne High
WORSHIP LDR	Gary Bashore	Praise Team	Gary Bashore
CHILD STORY	Abby Christ	Ashley Koch	Mike & Sarah Kolbe
PIANIST	Sarah Brubaker	Praise Team	Diane Duell
AUDIO	Todd Rebman	Todd Rebman	Alan Bashore
WORSHIP CTR	Jennifer Speraw	Jennifer Speraw	Tanya Feathers
USHERS	Ken Duell / John High Jacob Koch/Dennis Umberger	Richard & Michelle Yenser Andrew & Chris Brubaker	Bob & Wendy Lingle Sam Forry & Lucas Rebman

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) Hymn Study – Fellowship Hall
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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.



The
Anointing
 OF THE LORD

*You anoint my head with oil;
 my cup overflows.*
 “ Psalm 23:5

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
 because He has anointed me...” Luke 4:18*

February 15, 2026

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



February 15, 2026
8:30 AM Service

Prayer Concerns

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

Ralph Wanner
 Heidelberg COB



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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Violet Frantz will be celebrating her **100th birthday** on February 26th. Let's shower her with birthday wishes. You may mail cards to:

6295 Four Point Road
 Bethel, PA 19507

"Challenge Question"

In what ways has God empowered you to make a difference ?



Our deepest sympathy & prayers for Janelle Rebman and family on the passing of Janelle's grand-Mother

As a church family, we extend our sincere sympathy & Christian love to Vera Gross and family on the passing of Vera's son, Ray Fahnestock .

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$	2,107.50
Building	\$	25.00
Family Assistance	\$	
Maintenance	\$	102.50
Sunday School	\$	31.00
Feed Them	\$	
Global Food Initiative	\$	100.00
Food Pantry	\$	40.00
Mission of the Month	\$	125.00
Messenger	\$	
Women's Fellowship	\$	2,000.00
Total	\$	4,531.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2025
 \$ 349,661.00

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 7 + 52
 Virtual Worship - 26
 Sunday School - 32

Ash Wednesday

6:00 pm Service & movie
"The Passion of the Christ"
In the Fellowship Hall

Welcome & News

Humor

Sharing & Prayer

Worship Songs

- "Your Ways Better"
- "Have Your Way"
- "Greater"
- "Even Then"

Catch of the Day - "Anointing"

Scripture: 1 John 2:19-23 NIV

Anointing

Deep Dive

1. In what ways does being anointed affect us?
2. To be empowered means you are capable of more in Christ? What are some examples from scripture?
3. How can you tell someone doesn't belong to Christ?
4. What is the unpardonable sin?
5. Can someone lose their salvation?

Kids Praise - "Giants"

Prayer

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

February 15, 2026
10:30 AM Worship Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(What a joy to have you join us for worship today. Kindly sign & pass the register)

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Senior Choir "My Soul Cries Out"

Call to Worship (*Unison*)

"God indeed we cry out. We long for your healing touch. We cling to your love. We strive for your holiness. We ask for your forgiveness. Let us come baring all in worship. "

Opening Hymn "I sing the mighty power of God" Blue hymnal #46

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Jubilee Choir "There's No One in this World Like Jesus"
"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me "

Children's Moment

Hymn "Wonderful Grace of Jesus" Blue Hymnal #150

Message: "Empowered"

Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Anointing

Closing Hymn "When we walk with the Lord". Blue Hymnal #544

Sending Forth



ANNOUNCEMENTS



We are seeking a dependable **Substitute Church Secretary** to provide temporary office support as needed. Duties include answering phones, basic correspondence, and administrative tasks. Office and computer skills preferred. Please contact Rich Yenser or a member of the Stewardship and Property Committee for more information.

We're Hiring: Groundskeeper Wanted!!

We are seeking a dependable and hardworking **Groundskeeper** to help care for our church property and maintain the beauty of our grounds.

Responsibilities include:

- Lawn care, trimming, mulching, and general landscaping
- Seasonal tasks (leaf removal, snow/ice clearing (sidewalks and steps), pruning, etc.)
- Light maintenance and upkeep of outdoor areas
- Ensuring the church grounds are welcoming and safe for all

This is a part-time hourly rate position with flexible scheduling.

For more information or to apply, please contact Jamie Wise or any other member of the Stewardship and Property Team.



**Spiritual Renewal Services
with Pastor Walter Heisey**

March 15, 2026 at 10:30am and 7pm
March 16-18 at 7pm

Volunteers Needed to Help Pack "Tulpy Packs" !

Help is needed to pack Tulpy Packs on Wednesday,
Feb. 18, 2026 at 9:30 AM at the Bethel Elementary School



Please check your mailbox



Zoom Bible Study
Cancelled for Feb. 18, Feb. 25 and March 4

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



News from Camp Swatara

Registration for Camp is open.

2026 Summer Camp Theme: "Into the Wilderness", Matthew 4:4

<https://www.campswatara.org/resident>

Don't miss out on the \$25 Early Bird Discount which runs until 3/31/26.

Camp Swatara - Help Wanted

Begin your journey as part of the Camp Swatara staff community which includes leadership opportunities in communication, team-work, group dynamics, specific skill development, and being a mentor and role model. These contribute to strengthening you as a person, preparing and sharpening you for your future . . . AND, having a pocket of time to build into the lives of the campers who come to Camp Swatara.

We're hiring for the summer beginning at 14 years old and have positions in Counseling, Buildings & Grounds, Housekeeping, and Pool & Waterfront. Don't have a full summer to be with us - come serve for a week or two.

Staff & Volunteer Applications for 2026 are ready for you to APPLY!!

<https://www.campswatara.org/employment-opportunities>



We need someone to lead our Craft Committee. For more information, please contact any member of our Women's Fellowship.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 24th at 9:00 AM.

Volunteer Needed: Seeking volunteers to help with snow clean-up. If you have any availability and are willing to serve the church, by helping to clean sidewalks or plow the parking lot, please contact John High

The March-April issue of the **Upper Room** has arrived and is on the table in the narthex.



February Mission of the Month

Global Food Initiative



What's Happening in:

February

- 15 10:30 AM Anointing Service
 Potluck meal following 10:30 service
 Food Pantry Collection 
- 18 6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Prayer Service & Movie / FH
 8:45 AM Women's exercise class / FH 
 10:00 AM Seated Exercise class / FH
- 19 8:30 AM Quilting 
- 20 3:00 PM Bethel Food Pantry / Salem Evang. Lutheran Church
 8:00 AM Feed Them—kitchen
- 24 9:AM Women's Fellowship meeting / FH
 Ministry Team Minutes due 
- 25 8:45 AM Women's exercise class / FH
 10:00 AM Seated Exercise class / FH 
- 26 8:30 AM Quilting
 12 PM R. Brown Home School Group / FH
- 27 Preschool Art show—FH (set-up)
- 28 7:00 AM - Men's Prayer Break
 fast / café
 1:00 PM Preschool Art Show
 FH

CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Praise Team / Wed. 7:15pm
 Jubilee Choir/Sanct/Thurs. 6:15 pm
 Bell Choir/Sanct/Thurs. 7:45 pm