

Little Swatara Church- Pastor Matthew S. Christ

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OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM TUE.—THURS.

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WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

VIDEO PROJECTION Glenn Riegel & Mark Myers—CVLI#502613280; CCLI#157691

ORGANIST Marlene Blatt

CHURCH SIGN CHANGER: Jan. - Sam Forry Feb. - Diane Long March - Pat Timmins

Wk. 2 February 11

Wk.3 February 18

Wk. 4 February 25

CHORISTER

Praise Team

Allen Rebman

Praise Team

WORSHIP LDR

Praise Team

John Wise

Praise Team

CHILD STORY

Ashley Koch

Abby Christ

Savannah M / Karen M.

PIANIST

Praise Team

Sarah Brubaker

Praise Team

AUDIO

Greg Bryant

Todd Rebman

Todd Rebman

WORSHIP CTR

Sandra Keeney

Jennifer Speraw

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USHERS

Gerald & Jim Bowman
Scott Bohn & John High

Ken Duell / John High
Dennis E. / Joseph Brubaker

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

Elementary (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

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



Prayer Concerns

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

Martin Bashore
 John Kelly
 William Long
 Jennifer Speraw



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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Violet Frantz will be 98 y/o on Feb. 26th Violet is our oldest living member. Let's shower her with birthday wishes. You may mail cards to:
 6295 Four Point Road
 Bethel, PA 19507

The Annual Report booklets are on the mail-box table. Please help yourself to one and read about all the accomplishments /events the committees were involved in last year. Any questions may be answered at the Feb. 12th, 7:00 PM Council meeting - open to the congregation.

Agenda for Every Member Council Meeting
Feb. 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM
In the Fellowship Hall

Annual Reports Gathering Place
 Auditors Report Pastoral Report
 Financial 4th quarter & End of Year 2023 reports
 Other

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$ 4,919.50
Building Fund	\$ 42.50
Family Assistance	\$ -
Maintenance	\$ 150.00
Sunday School	\$ 38.20
Nigerian EYN	\$ 300.00
Womens Fellowship	\$ -
Mission of the Month *	\$ -
Global Food Initiative *	\$ 1,075.00
Brethren Disaster	\$ -
Food Pantry	\$ 45.00
Playground	\$ 220.00
Gathering Place	\$ -
Total	\$ 6,790.20

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2024
\$340,195.

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 26 + 72
 Virtual Worship 24
 Sunday School 56



Sunday, February 18th

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

February 11, 2024

10:30 Worship Service

Prelude

"Blessed"
 "Sing to the King"

Welcome and Announcements

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

Call to Worship

All: Oh Lord you meet our every need. We come to worship. We come to praise. We come with joy knowing you. Let our hearts be formed to yours.

Opening Worship

"Give Me Jesus"
 "Knowing You"
 "I Speak Jesus"

projected

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Offertory Music "Our God"

Children's Moment

Worship Song

"I Can Only Imagine"

projected

Message - What Do You Want Me to Do for You?

Scripture - Mark 10: 35 - 40, 46-52

Closing Worship

"You are My All in All"

projected

Sending Out



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Bulletins are on the table in the back of the sanctuary for two age groups. Please help yourself

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



Adults, this Lenten season join members of the Church of the Brethren from all over in reading the denominational devotional. Get your devotionals, from Brethren Press, on the back table in the Sanctuary before Lent begins!

Children and Youth, Christian Ed has picked out some Lenten devotions just for you! They will be distributed in Sunday School. Make sure to get your copy!



on the table in the Narthex is a list of people who have previously given their names and phone numbers as being trained in CPR / AED. Please verify that your certifications and phone numbers are current and correct. If you are certified in First Aid or CPR and would be willing to help in an emergency, please add your name and phone number to the list. Contact Karen Myers if you have any questions.



Save the Date
Spiritual Renewal 2024
March 17-20th

The next Widows' Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, February 13th at 11:30 AM at the Country Fare Restaurant.



Attention

Effective April 1, 2024, the fees for cemetery plots will be increasing in price.

If you are interested in purchasing a plot **before** the price increase, please contact:

Dennis Emerich at 717-376-7561

Annual Reservations

If you have an annual recurring reservation for the pavilion or fellowship hall, please take a few moments to re-confirm this reservation with the church secretary. Please give her a phone call during office hours or place a note in the box on the secretary's office door with your name, phone number and information about your annual reservation. This will help to make sure that the reservations are current & that your place is held with the dates you want to reserve. Thank you.

Treasurers, your banking records may be picked up at the church office. The auditors have finished with auditing.



Handbell choir forming for all ages.
Practice on Thursdays at 7:45 pm.
Contact Pam Gerberich if interested in joining



The next Women's Fellowship meeting will be on Tuesday, February 20th at 9:00 AM .

March 23 – Breakfast Buffet will be from 7:00 -10:00 A.M

(We will need help in the kitchen and in various other ways. Please contact anyone in Women's Fellowship if you are able to help)



Interested in a Brethren Disaster Ministry mission trip? There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex if interested. Date for a planning meeting TBD.

Stay in Touch!!

We have many ways to stay in touch with Little Swatara!

- Visit us online at www.LittleSwatara.org - Here you will find major announcements, documents and our church calendar
- Our Weekly Email List – accessible from www.LittleSwatara.org/contact-directions This weekly email shares announcements and sermon synopsis, as well as a way to join our prayer chain. We promise not to “spam” you with junk, but to keep announcements brief and informative.
- Join us on Facebook - @LittleSwataraCOB
- Watch our announcements before each 10:30 Service on the Projection Screen
- And of course, you can always check out all the bulletin boards and signs posted throughout the church building, and the church sign out front!!

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.

CHECK FOR MORE INFORMATION ON BULLETIN BOARDS



February
Mission of the Month



“Global Food Initiative”

What’s Happening in:

February

- 11 Food Pantry Collection Sunday
- 12 7:00 PM Every Member Council Meeting / FH
- 13 **Shrove Tuesday**
11:30 AM Widows Luncheon / Ctry Fare
- 14 **Ash Wednesday**
8:45 AM Women’s Exercise Class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise Class / FH
- 15 8:30 AM Quilting—**CANCELLED**
9:30 AM Packing food bags for Bethel Food Pantry / Salem Evang. Luth. Church
- 16 8:00 AM Feed Them / kitchen
12:00 PM set-up for Preschool Art Show / FH
3:00 PM Bethel Food Pantry
- 17 1:00 PM Preschool Art School
- 18 12 PM Church Potluck meal / FH
- 20 9:00 AM Women’s Fellowship meeting / FH
- 21 **Newsletter Deadline**
8:45 AM Women’s Exercise Class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise Class / FH
- 22 8:30 AM Quilting
- 24 7:00 AM Men’s Prayer Break
fast / cafe
- 27 Ministry Team minutes due



CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Jubilee Choir/Sanct/Thurs.6:00pm
Senior Choir/Sanct/Thurs.7:00pm