

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: Feb. - Diane Long March - Patricia Timmins April - Tony Fazio

	<u>Wk 3 Feb 21</u>	<u>Wk 4 Feb 28</u>	<u>Wk 1 March 7</u>
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	Savannah Metzler	Mickael & Sarah Kolb
PIANIST			
	Sarah Brubaker	Praise Team	Diane Duell
AUDIO			
	Todd Rebman	Todd Rebman	Todd Rebman
WORSHIP CTR			
	Jennifer Speraw	Jennifer Speraw	Tanya Feathers
WELCOME CTR			
10:30 am	Dorothy Gensemer	_____	Patricia Timmins
USHERS			
10:30 am	Rebecca & Allen Rebman Deb Yordy / Diane Long	Becky & Allen Rebman Deneen Ebling/Debra Yordy	Robert & Wendy Lingle Samuel Forry & Matt Blatt

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 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.

Loving Above the Indifference

I see You

Luke 15:11-32

“...he was lost and is found.”

Part 2

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

February 21, 2021



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



Prayer Concerns

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

Carl Balsbaugh
 Ricki Bashore, Jr.
 Robert Christ
 Ruth Hoover
 Sandra Kauffman
 Nolan Keeney
 Dorothy Merkey
 Lois Reinhard
 Carol Scholl
 David Wagner
 Suzanne Wichert



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



Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the
 family and friends of Emmanuel Ziegler
 who passed away on February 18th

As a Church family we extend our sincere
 sympathy and Christian love to the
 family and friends of Rufus Bashore, who
 passed away on February 15th, 2021.
 Funeral Services will be at 11:00 am here
 at Little Swatara on Monday, February
 22nd with visitation 10:00 - 11:00 am.
 Followed by graveside services.

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$ 4,796.00
Building Fund	\$ 140.00
Family Assistance	\$ 1,020.00
Maintenance	\$ 160.00
Sunday School	\$ 40.00
Global Food Initiative	\$ 2,000.00
Nigerian EYN	\$ 1,000.00
Disaster Relief	\$ 150.00
Mission of the Month	\$ 100.00
Gathering Place	\$ -
Food Pantry	\$ 1,150.00
Total	\$ 10,556.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2021
\$ \$317,944

Last Sunday's Attendance
Worship 32
Online Worship 57



Violet Frantz's birthday is Feb.
 26th. Cards may be mailed to:

6295 Four Point Road
 Bethel, PA 19507

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Serve Together

February 21, 2021

10: 30 Worship Service

Congregation is requested to keep face masks on throughout worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader - We come to sing of your redeeming grace.

All - A grace freely given we receive this day.

Leader - Teach us Lord to love above the indifference.

All - To love without restriction, to love as you have loved.

Opening Hymn "O, for a thousand tongues to sing" #110

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Senior Choir "Here I am to Worship"

Offertory Thought & Prayer

Hymn "I will sing of my Redeemer" #344

Sermon Series - "Loving above the. indifference"

Scripture - Luke 15: 11-32

Today's Message - "I see you"

Closing Hymn "For Christ and the Church" #416

Benediction - Senior Choir "Go in Love"

New Life in Christ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Denomination-wide online worship gathering titled 'Venturing Forth Boldly as a Faith Family' is set for Feb. 27

The Program and Arrangements Committee of the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference has announced a denomination-wide online worship gathering titled "Venturing Forth Boldly as a Faith Family," scheduled for **Saturday, Feb. 27, at 8 p.m. (Eastern time)**. In a season of disruption and despair, the service will assure us of what "God has prepared for those who love him" (1 Corinthians 2:9) and how we can faithfully respond.



The Senior High Youth would like to thank everyone for their support on Souper Bowl Sunday.

Don't miss out! Write it down! SPIRITUAL RENEWAL SERVICES March 14 - 17

Spiritual Renewal Services for Little Swatara are Sunday - Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm with Pastor Robert DiSalvio as the speaker. More information will be available in the near future.

ALL FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON Sunday, March 14th

All Fellowship Luncheon will be available as a "To-Go" meal following 10:30 worship service. This meal will be provided by the Youth Group as a fundraiser.



News From Camp Swatara

Volunteers needed to cut firewood for the camping season at our annual Paul Bunyan Day, March 13th, 8am - 3 pm
For questions or to RSVP Contact:

UDO@campswatara.org

Or

(717) 933-8510

FAMILY SPECIALS



Have cabin fever? Come stay in our cabins and enjoy the outdoors with our February, March and April specials! Enjoy some outdoor bird watching, hiking or a campfire. Bring your sleds, snowshoes or Xcross country skis for some outdoor fun. No need to cook!! East Lodge Café is open Saturday & Sunday for meals and snacks.

More information at:

<https://www.campswatara.org/retreat-winter-specials>



New Church Logo

At Every Member Council meeting in February, three logos were submitted for consideration. Leadership suggested one, and council voted to approve. The selected logo contains a three peaked mountain, representing the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and the cross. The mountains also represent the Blue Mountains, which are such an integral part of our community. Behind the words "Little Swatara" is a creek representing both living water and the Swatara Creek from which our church takes its name. The tagline at the bottom is taken from our recent vision and mission statement, "Transformed by Christ to Love and Serve Together." Treatments are being developed for new business cards, letterhead and other related documents, and the logo is available for use on t-shirts and more.

Thursday, March 4, 2021 • 7:00 pm
Responding with Compassion to the Crisis in Northeastern Nigeria
Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies at
Elizabethtown College
Kreider and Snowden Lectures via Zoom

Kreider Fellow Samuel Dali and Snowden Fellow Rebecca Dali will share stories of pain and hope from the Boko Haram crisis and the church's response. Samuel Dali will offer an update on the situation of the Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (CoB in Nigeria) in the context of ongoing violence in northeastern Nigeria and reflect on the church's constructive engagement around sociopolitical, economic, and environmental issues that contribute to the possibility of peace in the region. Rebecca Dali will review the recent humanitarian work of the Centre for Caring, Empowerment, and Peace Initiatives and discuss the suffering and resilience of women in situations of war and related trauma as refugees and internally displaced persons.

Samuel Dali led Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria during the years of greatest insurgency violence in northeastern Nigeria. He works at peacebuilding and advocacy with ecumenical, interfaith, and political entities in northeastern Nigeria. Rebecca Dali is the founder and executive director of the Centre for Caring, Empowerment, and Peace Initiatives. For further details and link to Zoom visit www.etown.edu/youngctr/events

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP SPRING GATHERING 2021

The ANE District Women's Cabinet is excited to announce our Women's Spring Fellowship Event. Please plan to join us for this online event! The date is Saturday, March 20, 2021 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Our Speaker this year is Audrey Wagner Finkbiner. Audrey is an enthusiastic and inspiring Speaker who combines her passion for gardening with lessons of faith. The Program this year is "Consider the Gardens – Gardens and Spirituality".

Please plan to join us! Registration will open on February 8, 2021. The Registration fee is \$10.00. Our offering this year will be Brethren Disaster Relief Ministries. (After our event expenses are met, the remaining monies will be sent to BDM)

You may register online at the ANE District Website www.ane-cob.org or by sending your information in to the District Office. We hope to see you on March 20th!



February
Mission of the Month

"Global Food Initiative"



What's Happening in:

February

- 23 Ministry Team Minutes due
- 24 Exercise Classes—8:45 am Women's Group
10:00 am The Seated Group
- 26 6:30 pm Scout Troop meeting/FH



March

- 2 7:00 pm Leadership Team Meeting
- 3 Exercise Classes—8:45 am Women's Group
10:00 am The Seated Group
- 4 8:30 am Quilting
- 5 World Day of Prayer
- 6 Church Workday
50+ Meeting CANCELLED
- 7 12 noon Spiritual Nurture Team Meeting
- 10 Exercise Classes—8:45 am Women's Group
10:00 am The Seated Group
- 11 8:30 am Quilting



Note: Groups that wish to meet in the church should contact:
Pam Gerberich, Moderator (717) 222-1094 or
Gary Bashore, Asst. Moderator (484) 332-0295

Users MUST wipe down and sanitize any rooms used, or objects touched during their meeting.