

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 4 Feb 28</u>	<u>Wk 1 March 7</u>	<u>Wk 2 March 14</u>
CHORISTER			
10:30 am	Praise Team	Dianne High	Praise Team
WORSHIP LDR			
10:30 am	Praise Team	Gary Bashore	Praise Team
CHILD STORY			
10:30 am	Savannah Metzler	Mickael & Sarah Kolb	Jenny Luckenbill
PIANIST			
	Praise Team	Diane Duell	Pam Gerberich
AUDIO			
	Todd Rebman	Todd Rebman	Todd Rebman
WORSHIP CTR			
	Jennifer Speraw	Tanya Feathers	Tanya Feathers
WELCOME CTR			
10:30 am		Patricia Timmins	
USHERS			
10:30 am	Rick & Derek Yenser J>R> & Kyle Yenser	Robert & Wendy Lingle Samuel Forry & Matt Blatt	Gerald & Jim Bowman Marlin R & David M

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.



*He who is without
sin among you, let
him be the first to
throw a stone.*

John 8:7

February 28, 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
 John Kelly
 Dorothy Merkey
 Carol Scholl
 David Wagner
 Suzanne Wichert



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



As a Church family we extend our sincere sympathy and Christian love to the family and friends of the Bechtold family on the death of Darlene's mother, Helen Ritchie who passed away on February 23rd.

We Need Your Help

Church Workday
 March 6th, 8:30 am—?
 Volunteers needed to help with sprucing up the church. Please contact Mark Myers if you are able to assist.
 717-626-9577
 or
MarkM@sr-pro.com

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$ 4,360.00
Building Fund	\$ 325.00
Family Assistance	\$ 420.00
Maintenance	\$ 745.00
Sunday School	\$ -
Global Food Initiative	\$ 875.00
Nigerian EYN	\$ 375.00
Disaster Relief	\$ -
Mission of the Month	\$ 200.00
Gathering Place	\$ 50.00
Food Pantry	\$ 10.00
Total	\$ 7,360.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2021
\$ \$317,944

Last Sunday's Attendance
Worship 51
Online Worship 57

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards after the passing of my mother and brother.

~ Roberta Bashore



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

February 28, 2021

10: 30 Worship Service

Congregation is requested to keep face masks on throughout worship

Prelude

"Every Move I Make"

"Forever"

"Holy is the Lord"

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Lord we love you and thank you for this day. Thank you for mercy and grace. Help us to see others how you see others. Let us live knowing better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere.

Opening Worship

"Better is One Day"

projected

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

Worship

"All Who are Thirsty"

projected

Offertory thought and Prayer

Offertory Music

"Fear He is a Liar"

Children's Moment

Worship Song

"Come as You are"

projected

Sermon Series - "Living Above the Indifference"

Today's Message - "Identifying Roles"

Scripture - John 7:53 - 8:11

Closing Worship

"Friend of God"

projected

Benediction

Music for the Journey



New Life in Christ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



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!

PLEASE FAX (717) 367-8737 OR EMAIL (kbernstein@ane-cob.org) REGISTRATION FORM BECAUSE USPS HAS BEEN SLOW AND SEND CHECK SEPERATLY FOR \$10.00 PAYABLE TO ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT. PLEASE RETURN THE REGISTRATION FORM WITH PAYMENT NO LATER THAN MARCH 15, 2021 TO:

ATLANTIC NORTHEAST DISTRICT OFFICE,
500 East Cedar Street, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

Additional information can be obtained by going to the event's registration page at www.ane-cob.org (registrations menu) or by calling Karen Hackett (302) 998-6449 or the District Office (717) 367-4730.

It's time for **One Great Hour of Sharing!** Gifts given through this special offering empower ministries like the Church of the Brethren's Brethren Volunteer Service, Discipleship Ministries, Office of Global Mission, Brethren Disaster Ministries, the Global Food Initiative, and many others. Your gifts can be given in the same way as your regular church offering. Simply mark your gift as "One Great Hour of Sharing" or use the special envelope provided in your bulletin. Coin banks are also available on the table in the narthex for those who want a tangible way to involve children or family members. All gifts may be returned to the church by **March 21st, 2021.**



News From Camp Swatara



Paul Bunyan Day
Saturday, March 13th, 2021
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Volunteers needed to cut firewood for the camping season at our annual Paul Bunyan Day. 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>

Maple Syrup 101
FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2021
4:30 AM - 6:00 AM
CAMP SWATARA

Join us for a evening of hands on activities related to maple syrup! We'll learn all about Maples, and you'll even get to experience tapping a tree! More information at:
www.CampSwatara.org



February
Mission of the Month

"Global Food Initiative"



What's Happening in:

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 8:30 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 
- 12 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop meeting 
- 13 8:00 am Paul Bunyan Work Day @ Camp Swatara
- 14 10:30 am Spiritual Renewal Service
7:00 pm Spiritual Renewal Service
- 15 7:00 pm Spiritual Renewal Service
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CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Jubilee Choir/Sanct/Thurs
6:30-7pm
Senior choir /Sanct/Thurs.
7-8pm

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.