

Little Swatara Church- Pastor Matthew S. Christ

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

Church Office: 717-933-4723 OFFICE HOURS: Mon - Fri, 8:30 am -12 noon

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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. 1 February 4

Wk. 2 February 11

Wk.3 February 18

CHORISTER

Dianne High

Praise Team

Allen Rebman

WORSHIP LDR

Gary Bashore

Praise Team

John Wise

CHILD STORY

Mike & Sarah Kolbe

Ashley Koch

Abby Christ

PIANIST

Diane Duell

Praise Team

Sarah Brubaker

AUDIO

Alan Bashore

Greg Bryant

Todd Rebman

WORSHIP CTR

Sandra Keeney

Sandra Keeney

Jennifer Speraw

USHERS

Bob & Wendy Lingle
Sam Forry & Ken Duell

Gerald & Jim Bowman
Scott Bohn & John High

Ken Duell / John High
Dennis E. / Joseph Brubaker

WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30 am & 10:30 am
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES 9:30 – 10:15 am

Children/Youth

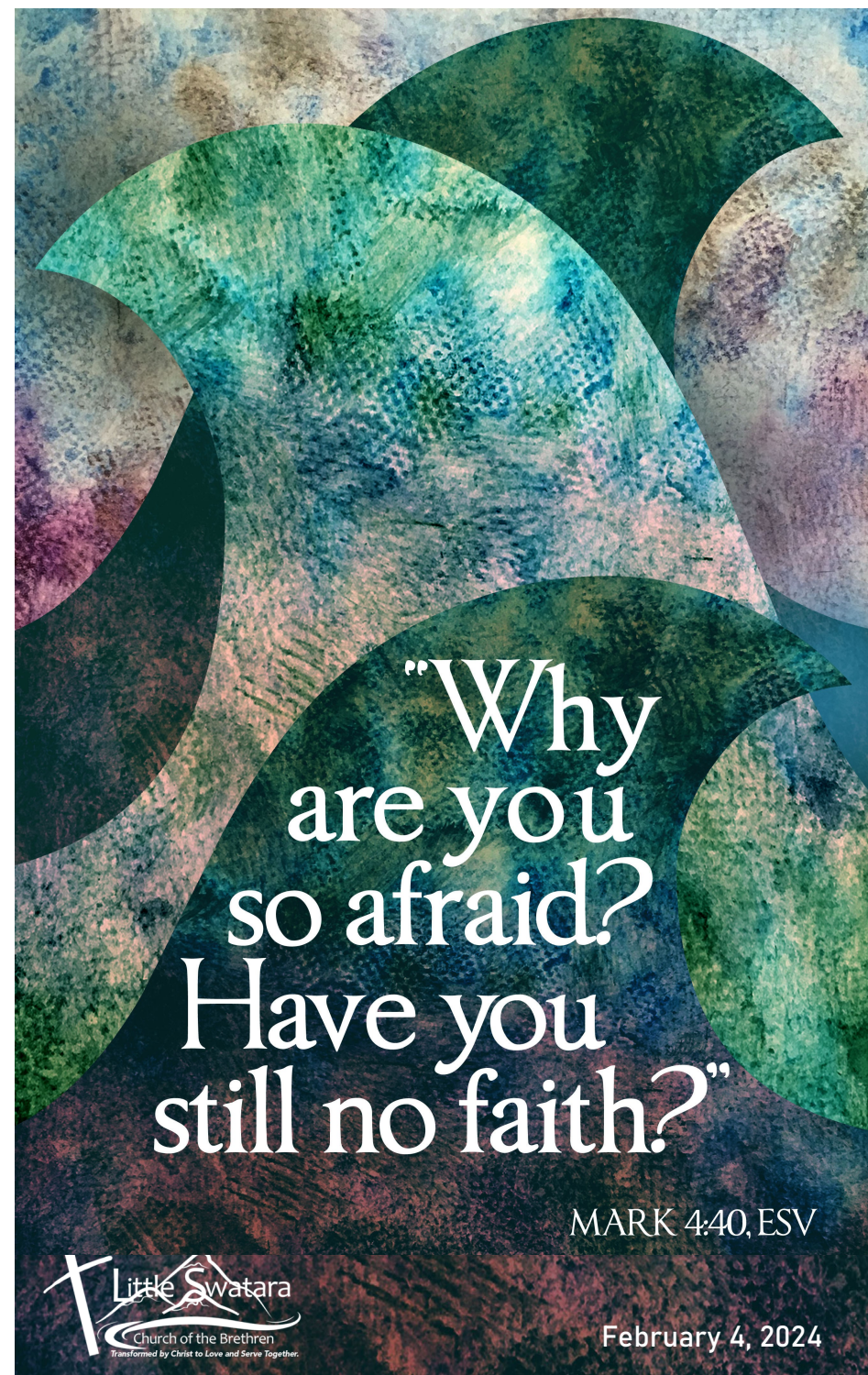
Preschool – Preschool Room, Sanctuary Level
Elementary (Grades K to 5) – Pine Room
(Fellowship Hall Level)
Youth (Grades 6 to 12) – Youth Room (Fellowship Hall)

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
 31 Rehrersburg Rd, PO Box 437, Bethel, PA 19507
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 FB: @LittleSwataraCoB *** Wi-Fi Guest/pw: brethren



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
 Louanne Boltz
 John Kelly
 William Long
 Jennifer Speraw



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



Randall Keeney's birthday is on Feb. 6th.
 Let's shower him with birthday wishes.
 You may mail cards to:

2803 Clark Ave.,
 West Lawn, PA 19609

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



As a church family, we extend
 our sincere sympathy & Chris-
 tian love to the family & friends of
 Richard Dundore, who passed away on
 Friday, January 26th.

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$ 5,658.50
Building Fund	\$ 40.00
Family Assistance	\$ -
Maintenance	\$ 422.50
Sunday School	\$ 17.00
Nigerian EYN	\$ -
Womens Fellowship	\$ -
Mission of the Month	\$ 120.00
Global Food Initiative	\$ -
Brethren Disaster	\$ -
Food Pantry	\$ 152.00
Playground	\$ -
Gathering Place	\$ 295.00
Total	\$ 6,705.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2024
\$340,195.

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 22 + 91
 Virtual Worship 23
 Sunday School 42

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

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

February 4, 2024

10:30 Worship Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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

Opening Hymn "We praise thee, O God" #99

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral prayer

Senior Choir "Thou Art Worthy"

Children's Moment

Hymn "O worship the Lord" #124

Offertory Thought & Prayer

Senior Choir "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Message - Why Are You So Afraid?

Scripture - Mark 4:35-41

Closing Hymn "My hope is built on nothing less" #343

Sending Forth



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You !

Thanks to everyone for lifting Hope and her family up in prayer. Also, for those who prepared gluten free meals for them. They really appreciated the kindness shown to them.

~ Kelly Stertzel

Thank You! I want to thank everyone for all the get well wishes, prayers & cards.

~ Bob Lingle

Thank you for all the cards, prayers, and calls that I received during my recovery. Your love and concern are greatly appreciated.

~ Patty Timmins

The February issue of the **Newsletter** has arrived and is on the countertop at the mailboxes in the Narthex

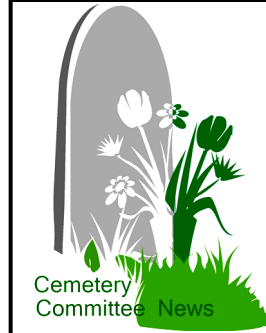
Treasurers, your banking records may be picked up at the church office. The auditors have finished with auditing.

Statements for 2023 offering envelopes are in the mailboxes if appropriate or otherwise mailed via U.S. Postal Service.


**Spiritual
Renewal**

Save the Date
Spiritual Renewal 2024
March 17-20th

Please remember to check
your church mailbox



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.



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

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| 6 | 7:00 PM Leadership Team meeting | |
| 7 | 8:45 AM Women’s Exercise Class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise Class / FH |  |
| 8 | 8:30 AM Quilting |  |
| 10 | 10:30 AM Trim Healthy Mommas Class | |
| 11 | Food Pantry Collection | |
| 12 | 7:00 PM Every Member Council Meeting | |
| 13 | 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 | 9:30 AM Packing food bags for Bethel Food Pantry / Salem Evang. Luth. Church | |
| 16 | 12:00 PM set-up for Preschool Art Show / FH
3:00 PM Bethel Food Pantry | |
| 17 | 7:00 AM Men’s Prayer Breakfast / cafe
1:00 PM Preschool Art School |  |
| 18 | 12 PM Church Potluck meal / FH | |
| 19 | 8:45 AM Women’s Exercise Class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise Class / FH | |

CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

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