

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: Jan. - Sam Forry Feb. - Diane Long March - Patricia Timmins

	<u>Wk 5 Jan 31</u>	<u>Wk 1 Feb 7</u>	<u>Wk 2 Feb 14</u>
CHORISTER			
10:30 am	Dianne High	Diane High	Praise Team
WORSHIP LDR			
10:30 am	Savannah Metzler	Gary Bashore	Praise Team
CHILD STORY			
10:30 am	Savanah Metzler	Mike & Sarah Kolb	Jenny Luckenbill
PIANIST			
	Pam Gerberich	Diane Duell	Pam Gerberich
AUDIO			
	Todd Rebman	Todd Rebman	Todd Rebman
WORSHIP CTR			
	Tanya Feathers	Sandra Keeney	Sandra Keeney
WELCOME CTR			
10:30 am	_____	Patricia Timmins	_____
USHERS			
10:30 am	Robert & Wendy Lingle Samuel Forry / Matt Blatt	Robert & Wendy Lingle Samuel Forry/Mall Blatt	Gerald & James Bowman Marlin Ritchie / David Martin

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.

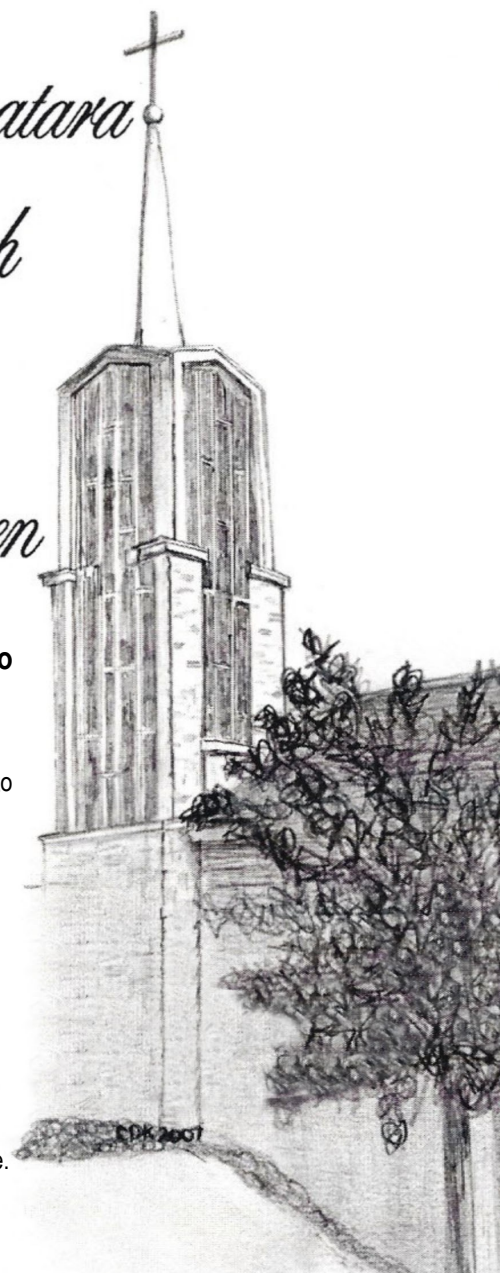
PLEASE BE ADVISED: If you do not want you or your child to appear on this Social Media Stream, please contact the camera operator in the back of the sanctuary to make sure your are avoided.

*Little Swatara
Church
of the
Brethren*

**"Transformed by Christ to
Love, and Serve
Together."**

Because we are called by Christ to continue his work we will:

- Provide opportunities for spiritual growth for all ages.
- Energize, equip and disciple youth and young adults for Christian service.
- Connect and engage with each other and the community.
- Introduce others to Christ through service.
- Expand our ministries in love.



January 31 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
 Sara Haag
 Ruth Hoover
 Sandra Kauffman
 Nolan Keeney
 Randall Keeney
 Dorothy Merkey
 Lois Reinhard
 Carol Scholl
 Paul Sweigart
 David Wagner
 Suzanne Wichert
 Emmanuel Ziegler



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



The congregation of Little Swatara Church sends their love and condolences to Patricia Timmins and her family as they mourn the loss of Patty's daughter, Tammy Brubaker. May God's comfort and love surround you and your family at this time.

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$ 3,112.00
Building Fund	\$ 115.00
Family Assistance	\$ 140.00
Maintenance	\$ 160.00
Sunday School	\$ -
Global Food Initiative	\$ -
Nigerian EYN	\$ -
Disaster Relief	\$ -
Mission of the Month	\$ 220.00
Gathering Place	\$ 100.00
Food Pantry	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 3,867.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2021
\$ \$317,944

Last Sunday's Attendance
Worship 35
Online Worship 108



Randall A. Keeney's birthday
 is Feb. 6th. Cards may be
 mailed to:
 2803 Clark Ave
 West Lawn, PA 19609

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Serve Together

January 31, 2021

10: 30 Worship Service

Congregation is requested to keep face masks on throughout worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to worship

Lord, we need you; without you, we fall to pieces. You are the one who holds us together. You Lord, lift us up. You place us where we need to be. So we turn to you and ask you to be the center. We worship you and you alone.

Opening Hymn "Move in our midst" #418

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn "All hail the power of Jesus Name" #106

Offertory thought & prayer

Hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #37

Children's Moment

Hymn "Have thine own way" #504

Sermon Series - "Making the invisible VISIBLE"

Today's Message - "Christ in ALL"

Scripture- Colossians 1: 15-23

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

Benediction

Postlude

New Life in Christ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENIOR CHOIR PRACTICE

Senior Choir will be resuming practice on Thursday evenings starting Thursday, February 4th at 7 pm.

JUBILEE CHOIR PRACTICE

Jubilee Choir (K-5th) will be Thursday evenings from 6pm -6:30 pm. Singers masks for the children will be purchased for use during practice & on Sunday mornings when singing. Please contact Pam Gerberich if interested in participating. Practice will begin on Feb. 11th with plans to sing on Easter Sunday for worship.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Pastor Matt is planning to offer ashes and prayer on ash Wednesday. Details are being worked, out, but it will either be drive thru at the church or at the Gathering Place the morning of February 17th.

We will also be offering a Maundy Thursday service, and our traditional Good Friday service this year.

It's "WE CARE" Package Time!

Each year the Mission and Evangelism committee sends packages to the college and military students from our congregation. If you would like to donate items for the students, a box will be provided in the narthex upstairs and foyer downstairs.

ITEMS NEEDED for CARE PACKAGES

*The last day to bring donations will be **February 7th***

CRACKERS	CRACKERS	WRITING UTENSILS
COOKIES	POST-IT NOTES	HOT CHOCOLATE MIX
POPCORN	BAND-AIDS	SMALL TISSUE PACKS
GUM	LIP BALMS	INSTANT SOUP MIX
Q-TIPS	CANDY BARS	QUARTERS (10/\$2.50) EA.
HARD CANDY	GRANOLA BARS	
TRAVEL SIZE -	HAND LOTION & HAND	SANITIZER

February Every Member Council Meeting

Our quarterly Every Member Council Meeting is coming up on February 8th at 7:30. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary, and you may also attend virtually via the "Zoom" platform. This is YOUR chance to have input in how our congregation operates and plans for the future. Council meetings are where decisions about changes to our building, about our finances and where you can hear about comings and goings in the church body. It is important for us to hear YOUR voice. We will also be sharing annual reports from every ministry team.

If you would like to join us by phone:

Please dial one of the following numbers -

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington D.C)

Meeting ID: 860 7112 0448

Passcode: 413572

Once you are connected, you will need to dial the Meeting ID number, and the Passcode number to join our meeting. Once you are connected dialing *6 mutes or unmutes your phone, and *9 "raises your hand" so the zoom manager knows you would like to say something (since you cannot be seen.)

If you are joining us by computer, smart phone, or tablet, you will need to have a web cam, and a microphone. Simply enter this link - <https://bit.ly/3oUyc0s> and when the zoom manager sees you are connected, you will be put through into the Council Meeting. Remember, you'll need to "un-mute" your microphone to talk. Please keep your microphone muted, unless you have something to say, or have a question, so that we can keep the noise down.

The agenda for this quarter's council meeting is

Agenda:

Devotions

Reading of minutes from November 9, EMCM

Reports:

Pastoral Report

4th Quarter Financial Report

Annual Report Booklet -- Questions from Council

New Business:

Logo recommendation from Leadership Team

Discussion about bulletin covers

Updates:

Update on Sanctuary Lighting

Update on Deacon Call

Other:

What's Happening

2021 Directories & 2020 Annual Reports are on the mailbox table.
Please help yourself. Curbside pickup is available during office hrs. M-F

New Church Logo

This fall, with the approval of our new Vision and Mission statement, the leadership team decided to solicit suggestions for a new and updated church logo. Leadership would like to thank everyone who participated. There were several moving and beautiful entries, which showed a great deal of time and effort. Leadership will be presenting their suggested choice for approval at the February council meeting.

Remembrance Service

The Music and Worship team decided to postpone our annual Remembrance Service until we can meet in person. A moving portion of the service is generally candle lighting, which is difficult to make as meaningful in a virtual worship service.

Reminder—Christmas Cards recycled: Andulhea is collecting Christmas cards again. There is a collection box in the Narthex on the table. The last Sunday for collection will be February 7th. Thank you.

We need YOU for worship.

with choirs unable to meet and rehearse, the Music and Worship team is looking for members of the congregation who would like to share music on Sunday morning. If you have a special song you would like to share, vocal or instrumental offertory, or if you would like to help in any way with worship on Sunday morning, please contact Mark Myers – markm@sr-pro.com (717)203-0976 or Pastor Matt. Music can be shared in person, or virtually.

Church Newsletter

Until we have a new NEWSLETTER editor, send all articles to the attention of the church secretary at:

secretary@littleswatara.org

During this time of COVID restrictions, if anyone would like a copy of the church Newsletter mailed to them please, call or email the church secretary.



January
Mission of the Month

"We Care Packages"



What's Happening in:

February

- 2 Leadership Team Meeting
- 4 7:00 pm Senior Choir practice/Sanctuary 
- 3 Exercise Classes—8:45 am Women's Group
10:00 am The Seated Group 
- 6 Deacons Retreat/Camp Swatara
50+ meeting/FH—CANCELLED
- 8 7:30 pm **EVERY MEMBER COUNCIL MEETING**
- 10 Exercise Classes—8:45 am Women's Group
10:00 am The Seated Group 
- 11 6-6:30 pm Jubilee Choir practice/Sanctuary 
- 12 6:30 pm Scout Troop mtg/FH
Preschool Art Show—set up 
- 13 12 noon Preschool Art Show
- 14 Food Pantry Collection
- 17 **Newsletter Deadline**
Exercise Classes—8:45 am Women's Group
10:00 am The Seated Group 

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.