

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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Secretary—Connie Davis Email: secretary@littleswatara.org

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WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

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

ORGANIST Marlene Blatt

CHURCH SIGN CHANGER: Dec. - Tony Fazio Jan. - Sam Forry Feb. - Diane L.

Wk. 2 January 14

Wk.3 January 21

Wk. 4 January 28

CHORISTER

Praise Team

Allen Rebman

Praise Team

WORSHIP LDR

Praise Team

Gary Bashore

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

Worship Center Comm.

Tanya Feathers

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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.



LOOK AT THE BIRDS OF THE AIR;
**THEY DO NOT SOW
OR REAP**
OR STORE AWAY IN BARN,
AND YET YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER
FEEDS THEM.
ARE YOU NOT MUCH
MORE VALUABLE THAN THEY?

M A T T H E W 6 : 2 6 , N I V



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

January 14, 2024



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
 Paul Sweigart



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



Sunday, January 21st

Visitation

Nursing Home



Martin Bashore
 would appreciate
 some visits. Best
 to call first. His
 cell number is
 223-270-0579.
 He is at Phoebe
 Berks in the Vil-
 lage Commons,
 room 86,
 Wernersville, PA



GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$ 3,422.00
Building Fund	\$ 20.00
Family Assistance	\$ -
Maintenance	\$ 147.00
Sunday School	\$ 6.20
Nigerian EYN	\$ 300.00
Womens Fellowship	\$ -
Mission of the Month	\$ 151.00
Global Food Initiative	\$ 300.00
Brethren Disaster	\$ -
Food Pantry	\$ -
Playground	\$ 370.00
	\$ -
Total	\$ 4,716.20

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2023
 \$340,195

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 11 + 40
 Virtual Worship 33
 Sunday School 24

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

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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)

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Call to Worship

Opening Worship

"Hosanna Praise is Rising"
 "Almighty"

projected
projected

Worship Song

"Be Exalted O God"

projected

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Offertory Music

"You Never Let Go"

Children's Moment

Worship Song

"10,000 Reasons"

projected

Message - "Why worry so much?"

Scripture - Matthew 6:25-34

Closing Worship

"This is Amazing Grace"

projected

Sending Forth



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention Committee Chairpersons

Needed: team accomplishments in 2023 for the Annual Report booklet due January 31st. Please email your report to the church secretary.

Attention Committee Treasurers

It's time again for AUDITING of the books. Please bring your updated checking account books and statements to the church office by **mid-January** for the auditors. Note, if you started a new check register in 2023, please also submit the previous year's check register and the December 2022 statement.

Thank you.



Women's Fellowship

Our first Women's Fellowship Meeting of the new year will be on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. All women of the Church are invited to join us for any and all of our meetings.

We will have a Craft Meeting on February 1 at 12:00 Noon. We will be planning for our next Bazaar.

We have a breakfast buffet planned for Saturday, March 9, if the weather cooperates. If it doesn't cooperate, we have Saturday, March 16 as the snow date.

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

Christmas Cards:

Andulhea will be collecting Christmas cards again.
There will be a collection box on the table in



Attention: The Music and Worship team will be cleaning out the Audio Closet, the Choir Room, and the team's portion of the Elevator area closet on Saturday, January 20th. If you have materials in any of these areas, please make sure you have them properly identified. Thank you.

January Mission of the Month "We Care" Packages



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

Crackers	Writing utensils	Hard Candy
Cookies	Hot chocolate mix	Band-aids
Popcorn	Small tissue packs	Candy bars
Gum	Instant soup mix	Lip Balm
Q-Tips	Post-It notes	Granola bars
\$10 gas gift cards	Travel size - hand lotion & hand sanitizer	

Church Directory

UPDATE



2024 DIRECTORY

NEEDED: any corrections or changes for your family listing in our upcoming directory.

- Name changes
- Address changes
- Change in phone number (*please indicate if number is a cell phone*)
- Email address (*if desired*)
- New births/adoptions
- Marriages
- Address for child or children in college or military

Please submit all changes by December 31st
to Church Secretary,
or a Directory Committee member:
Michelle Snyder—Box 196 Dianne High—Box 74



Exercise classes
will resume January 17th

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.

PLAYGROUND

At our November Council Meeting, we voted to begin a capital campaign to raise funds for a toddler playground which will be placed in the area next to the existing playground. The total project will be between \$15,000 & \$ 25,000. The equipment will be ordered once we raise half of the total cost and then final payment on delivery. The equipment will be geared towards our preschool aged kids. The structure will be industrial and long lasting. Funds can be marked on your envelope "playground". Any questions please see any leadership member.



If you have prayer concerns, please contact Pastor Matt, Dianne High, Renee Brown or your Deacon. You may also email the church secretary at secretary@littleswatara.org

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



January
Mission of the Month

We Care Packages



What's Happening in:

January

- 14 Food Pantry Collection
- 17 Newsletter Deadline
8:45 AM Women's Exercise Class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise Class / FH 
- 18 8:30 AM Quilting 
9:30 AM packing food bags for Bethel Food Pantry / Salem
Evang. Lutheran Church, Bethel
- 19 8:00 AM Feed Them / Kitchen
3:00 PM Bethel Food Pantry 
- 20 9:00 AM Music & Worship Team meeting
10:30 AM Trim Healthy Mommas class / preschool office area
- 21 12 Noon Church Potluck Meal / FH 
- 23 Ministry Team Minutes due
- 24 8:45 AM Women's Exercise Class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise Class / FH 
- 25 8:30 AM Quilting 
- 27 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast 
- 28 10:30 AM Bread & Cup Communion 
- 29 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