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WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

VIDEO PROJECTION Mark Myers—CVLI#502613280; CCLI#157691

CHURCH SIGN CHANGER: Jan.– Sam Forry Feb.—Diane Long March - Patricia Timmins

Wk.3 January 18

Wk. 4 January 25

Wk. 1 February 1

CHORISTER Allen Rebman

Praise Team

Dianne High

WORSHIP LDR Gary Bashore

Praise Team

Gary Bashore

CHILD STORY Abby Christ

Savannah Metzler

Mike & Sarah Kolbe

PIANIST Sarah Brubaker

Praise Team

Diane Duell

AUDIO Todd Rebman

Todd Rebman

Alan Bashore

WORSHIP CTR Tanya Feathers

Tanya Feathers

Sandra Keeney

USHERS

Ken Duell / John High
Jacob Koch/Dennis Umberger

Richard & Michelle Yenser
Andrew & Chris Brubaker

Bob & Wendy Lingle
Sam Forry & Lucas Rebman

WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Children/Youth

Preschool – Preschool Room, Sanctuary Level

Children's (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.



Cain and Abel

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LITTLE SWATARA CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
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Church Web Page - www.LittleSwatara.org/ phone: 717-933-4723
FB: @Little SwataraCoB *** 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.

Ralph Wanner
Arbor Park Project, Columbia, PA



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

>>>>>>> **ANNUAL**
Committee **Attention Committee**
REPORTS Needed—team accomplishments in 2025 for the Annual
<<<<<<<<< Chairpersons
ments in 2025 for the Annual

Report booklet due January 31st. Please email your report to the church secretary.

Thank You!

Thank you so much for the beautiful Christmas cards & good wishes given to the Ebling Family. Also, thank you to the Women's Fellowship for the beautiful Christian coffee mug. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

~ The Ebings - Joann, Deneen, Tara

The January issue of the **Newsletter** has arrived & is on the counter at the mailboxes

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

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$	4,983.50
Building	\$	80.00
Family Assistance	\$	100.00
Maintenance	\$	402.50
Sunday School	\$	80.00
Feed Them	\$	
Global Food Initiative	\$	
Food Pantry	\$	
Mission of the Month	\$	125.00
Messenger	\$	

Total \$ 5,783.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2025
\$ 349,661.00

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 24 + 73
Virtual Worship - 30
Sunday School - 35

“Challenge Question”

What do I need to release from the past?



January 18, 2026
8:30 AM Service

Welcome & News

Humor

Prayer

Worship Songs

If I got Jesus"
"Still Waters" (Psalm 23)
"A Thousand Times"
"Brighter Days"

Scripture: Genesis 4: 6-10

Catch of the Day - “Brother’s Keeper”

Deep Dive

1. Who do you feel people look out for the most and why?
2. What are the most common things people are jealous of?
3. What did God mean by “If you do what is right, will you not be accepted?”
4. What about the meaning behind “But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.”
5. What’s an example when someone might say “what have you done?”

Kids Praise - “I am a C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N”

Prayer

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

January 18, 2026
10:30 AM Worship Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(What a joy to have you join us for worship today. Kindly sign & pass the register)

Call to Worship (unison)

God, we thank you for caring and for sharing life with us. We ask you Lord, to lead us through those challenging times. We pray your blessings over us and pray we'd be a blessing to others. Let our lives be filled with praise and gratitude.

Opening Hymn "There is a place of quiet rest" #5

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn "O worship the King" #66

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Senior Choir "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Children's Moment

Senior Choir "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Message: "What Was I Thinking?"

Scripture: Genesis 4: 1-16

Closing Hymn "I am thine, O Lord" #505

Sending Forth



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Need a boost? If you would like to receive a weekly Bible encouragement text from Pastor Matt, please text him at 717-675-3946



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. The last day to bring donations will be **February 1st**.

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
Travel size - hand lotion, hand sanitizer, toothpaste, and floss		



The next Women's Fellowship Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.

We need someone to lead our Craft Committee. For more information, please contact any member of our Women's Fellowship.

We aren't making scrap books any more, so we won't need anything dropped off for that purpose. Thank you to anyone and everyone who helped us out in the past.

We are respectfully requesting that no donated items are to be placed in the Ladies Aid Room. We will be happy to take your donated items at the designated time a few days before the Tractor Show and Yard Sale.

Volunteers Needed to Help Pack "Tulpy Packs" !

Help is needed to pack Tulpy Packs on Wednesday, January 21st, 2026 at 9:30 AM at the Bethel Elementary School



Volunteer Needed: Seeking volunteers to help with snow clean-up. If you have any availability and are willing to serve the church, by helping to clean sidewalks or plow the parking lot, please contact John High

Annual Reservations

If you have an annual recurring reservation for the pavilion or fellowship hall, please take a few moments to re-confirm your 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 mailbox 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.

We're Hiring: Groundskeeper Wanted!!

We are seeking a dependable and hardworking **Groundskeeper** to help care for our church property and maintain the beauty of our grounds.

Responsibilities include:

- Lawn care, trimming, mulching, and general landscaping
- Seasonal tasks (leaf removal, snow/ice clearing (sidewalks and steps), pruning, etc.)
- Light maintenance and upkeep of outdoor areas
- Ensuring the church grounds are welcoming and safe for all

This is a part-time hourly rate position with flexible scheduling.

For more information or to apply, please contact Jamie Wise or any other member of the Stewardship and Property Team.

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 2025, please also submit the previous year's check register and the December 2024 statement. Thank you.

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

Please check your mailbox



January Mission of the Month **"We Care Packages"**

What's Happening in:

January

18 Church Potluck Meal following church service / FH



20 9:00 AM Women's Fellowship meeting / FH

21 8:45 AM Women's exercise class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise class / FH
Newsletter deadline



22 8:30 AM Quilting



24 7:00 AM Men's prayer breakfast / café

27 Ministry Team Minutes due

28 8:45 AM Women's exercise class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise class / FH



29 8:30 AM Quilting



31 Deacon Retreat / Ctry Fare cottage



Deacon Retreat

February

3 7:00 pm Leadership Team meeting

4 8:45 AM Women's exercise class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise class / FH



CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Praise Team / Wed. 7:15pm
Jubilee Choir/Sanct/Thurs. 6:15 pm
Senior Choir/Sanct/Thurs. 7:00 pm
Bell Choir/Sanct/Thurs. 7:45 pm