

# **Little Swatara Church- Pastor 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 - Pat Timmins

### **Wk. 4 January 28**

### **Wk. 1 February 4**

### **Wk. 2 February 11**

<b>CHORISTER</b>	Praise Team	Dianne High	Praise Team
<b>WORSHIP LDR</b>	Praise Team	Gary Bashore	Praise Team
<b>CHILD STORY</b>	Savannah M / Karen M.	Mike & Sarah Kolbe	Ashley Koch
<b>PIANIST</b>	Praise Team	Diane Duell	Praise Team
<b>AUDIO</b>	Todd Rebman	Alan Bashore	Greg Bryant
<b>WORSHIP CTR</b>	Tanya Feathers	Sandra Keeney	Sandra Keeney
<b>USHERS</b>	Richard & Michelle Yenser Andrew & Chris Brubaker	Bob & Wendy Lingle Sam Forry & Ken Duell	Gerald & Jim Bowman Scott Bohn & John High

## **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.



*“If I but touch his clothes,  
 I will be made well.”*

*Mark 5:28, NRSV*



January 28, 2024



Outreach: *The Gathering Place Café*, 8490 Lancaster Ave, Bethel  
 Contact: [gatheringplacecafe.com](http://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.)

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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



As a church family, we extend our sincere sympathy & Christian love to the family & friends of Connie Steinrock. Connie passed away on Friday, January 19th, 2024.

**Thank You** so much for the cards, prayers and concerns from everyone. Hope to be back soon  
 ~ Louanne Boltz

## GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$ 3,666.35
Building Fund	\$ 40.00
Family Assistance	\$ 100.00
Maintenance	\$ 142.50
Sunday School	\$ 68.00
Nigerian EYN	\$ -
Womens Fellowship	\$ 100.00
Mission of the Month	\$ 75.00
Global Food Initiative	\$ 25.00
Brethren Disaster	\$ -
Food Pantry	\$ 20.00
Playground	\$ 120.00
	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,356.85</b>

**GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2024**  
 \$340,195.

## Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 14 + 63  
 Virtual Worship 7 + 14  
 Sunday School 39

**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*

**January 28, 2024**

**10:30 Worship Service**

Prelude "Come as you are"  
 "Come Just as you are"

## 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

## Morning Prayer

Opening Worship "Mighty to Save" *projected*  
 "Enough"

Receiving New Members - Dennis & Kerrie Jo Umberger  
 Annie Umberger  
 Lacey Scholl

## Service of Communion

Special Music "Te Deum Laudamus"

## Blessing of Bread and Cup

Worship Song "Standing on the Promises" *projected*

Offertory Thought & Prayer  
 Offertory Music "My Life is in You Lord"

Jubilee Choir "Stop and Think"

## Children's Moment

Worship Song "Draw me Close" *projected*

Scripture - Mark 5: 24- 34

Message - Who Touched My Clothes?

Closing Worship "Grace Alone" *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.

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

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.



Bell choir forming for all ages.  
Practice on Thursdays at 7:45 pm.  
Contact Pam Gerberich if interested  
in joining



**Save the Date**  
**Spiritual Renewal 2024**  
**March 17-20th**

### **Christmas Cards:**

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



**Women's Fellowship**

The next Women's Fellowship meeting has been re-scheduled to **Tuesday, January 30th** at 9:00 AM .

The Craft Group will meet on **Thursday, February 1** at 12:00 Noon in the Fellowship Hall. We will be planning for our next Bazaar.

## **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	

## 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.



"Do you love Jesus? Do you love working with children?  
Little Swatara Preschool is looking for volunteers in our classrooms on Mondays OR Wednesdays OR Fridays. If Interested please contact Sara Bryant at:  
[sara.bryant@littleswatara.org](mailto:sara.bryant@littleswatara.org)

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](mailto:secretary@littleswatara.org)

## Stay in Touch!!

We have many ways to stay in touch with Little Swatara!

- Visit us online at [www.LittleSwatara.org](http://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](http://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**



January  
Mission of the Month

## We Care Packages



### What's Happening in:

#### January

28 10:30 AM Bread & Cup Communion



31 8:45 AM Women's Exercise Class / FH  
10:00 AM Seated Exercise Class / FH



#### February

1 8:30 AM Quilting  
12 PM Craft Group / FH



2 Groundhog Day



3 Deacon Retreat / Ctry Fare cottage  
1:00 PM 50+ Club meeting / FH

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

#### CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Jubilee Choir/Sanct/Thurs.6:00pm

Senior Choir/Sanct/Thurs.7:00pm