

Little Swatara Church - Pastor Matthew S. Christ

OFFICE HOURS: TUE., WED. & THURS. 10:00 AM –12:00 PM

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

WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

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

ORGANIST Marlene Blatt

CHURCH SIGN CHANGER: July - Patricia Timmins August - Tony Fazio September– Sam Forry

Wk. 4 July 26

CHORISTER Praise Team

WORSHIP LDR Praise Team

CHILD STORY Savannah Metzler

PIANIST Praise Team

AUDIO Todd Rebman

WORSHIP CTR Tanya Feathers

USHERS Richard & Michelle Yenser
Andrew & Chris Brubaker

Wk. 1 August 2

Dianne High

Gary Bashore

Mike & Sarah Kolbe

Diane Duell

Alan Bashore

Tanya Feathers

Bob & Wendy Lingle
S. Forry & L. Rebman

Wk. 2 August 9

Praise Team

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Ashley Koch

Praise Team

Todd Rebman

Ssandra Keeney

Gerald & Jim Bowman
Scott Bohn & J. Brubaker

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

Children/Youth

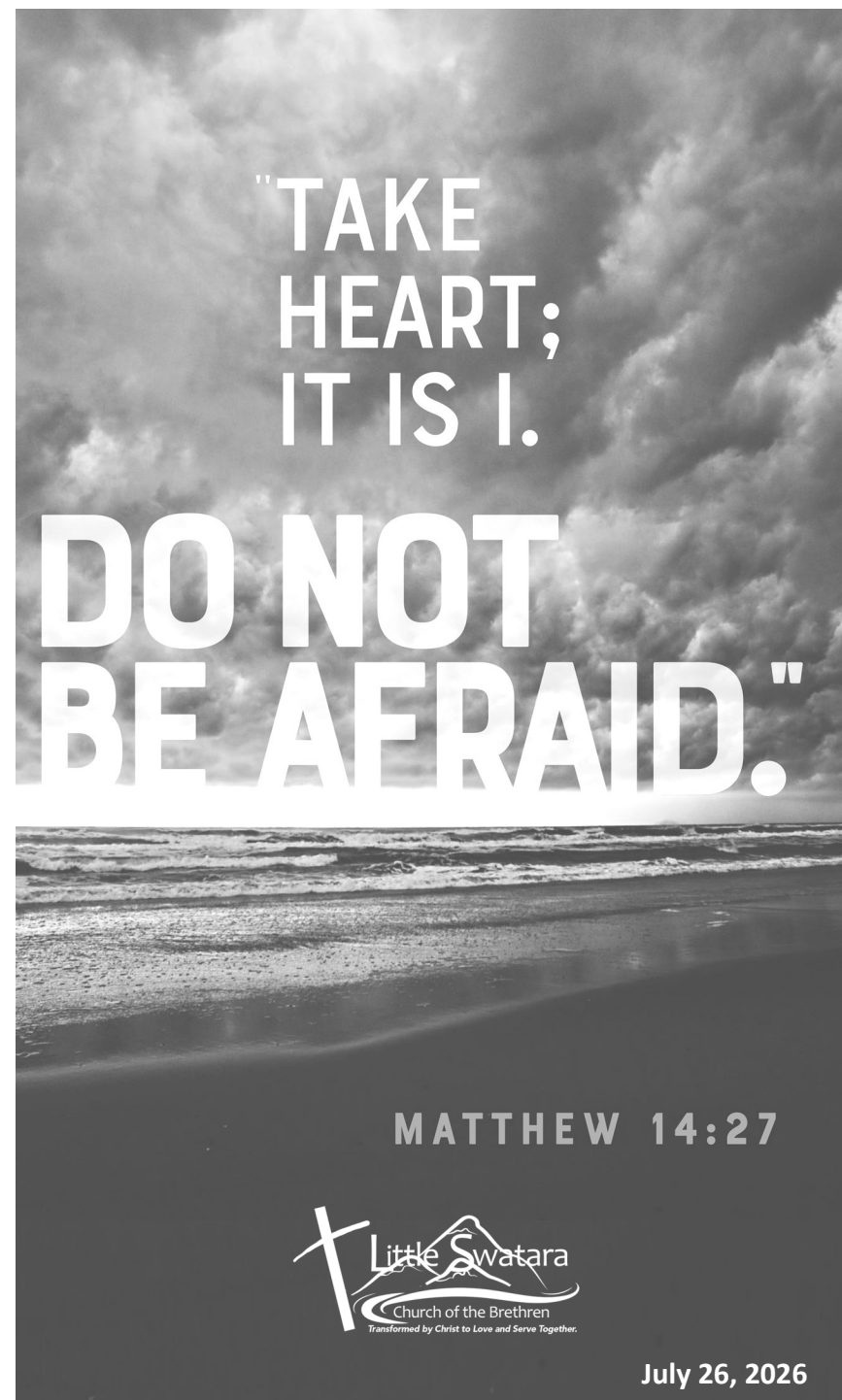
Preschool – Preschool Room, Sanctuary Level
Children's (Grades K to 5 – Pine Room
(Fellowship Hall Level)
Youth (Grades 6 to 12) – Youth Room (Fellowship
Hall)

Adults

Young Adults – Oak Room (Fellowship
Hall Level)
Revelations 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
 Church Web Page - www.LittleSwatara.org/ phone: 717-933-4723
 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., Tues., Thurs., Fri., & Sat. 6-10am (closed Wed.)

Prayer Concerns

Let us remember the shut-ins and elderly not able to be with us today.

Kevin Boltz
 Gerald Bowman
 William Long
 Jennifer Speraw
 Beryl Wanner
 Ralph Wanner
 Stevens Hill (Elizabethtown, PA)



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



As a church family, we extend our sincere sympathy and Christian love to Terry Edris and the Edris family on the passing of Debra Edris, on July 7th. Services were held at Grose Funeral Home on Monday July 13th.

Thank you so much to all who gave to refurbish the Hand Bells and especially to those who gave in my name to honor me on my 100th birthday. I have loved the bells since their purchase and now we can enjoy them for many more years.
 ~Vera Gross

Challenge Question

In what areas of my life, do I demonstrate my faith?

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$ 2,690.00
Building	\$ 25.00
Family Assistance	\$ 50.00
Maintenance	\$ 100.00
Sunday School	\$ 25.00
Feed Them	\$
Global Food Initiative	\$
Food Pantry	\$
Mission of the Month	\$ 100.00
Men's Fellowship	\$
	\$
Total	\$ 2,990.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET
 2026
 \$ 347,035.00

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship - 110
 Virtual Worship - 22
 Sunday School - N/A



Martin Bashore will be 88 y/o on August 10th. Let's help him celebrate. Cards can be mailed to:
 9 Heidelberg Dr., VC 86
 Wernersville, PA 19565



July 26, 2026
 8:30 Worship Service

Welcome & News

Humor

Worship Songs

"Our God"
 "Cornerstone"
 "Come Jesus Come"
 "Build My Life"

Prayer

Catch of the Day - "Builder"

Scripture - Matthew 7: 24-27

Deep Dive

1. What could be something in life we're building our lives on that is a lot like sinking sand?
2. In comparison, how is building our lives on a firm foundation better?
3. Name a few examples of things that impact our foundation? How so?
4. What could we do to help build others foundations?

Kids Praise - "The Wise Man Built His House on Rock"

Prayer

Sending Forth

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

July 26, 2026
10:30 AM Worship Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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

Call to Worship (*unison*)

God you are near. Draw us close to your heart. Let us worship with
all that we are for you are worthy.

Opening Worship "Praise (Oh my Lord)" projected
 "Waymaker"

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Worship Song "Lord I Need You" projected

Bread and Cup Communion

Unison Prayer of Consecration

God, by your grace we have become part of the family of faith. We
have made a commitment to Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior: Grant
that as we partake of this bread and this cup we might renew our vows to
one another and to the Christ whom we serve. Amen.

Worship Song "In Remembrance of You" projected

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Offertory Music "Goodness of God" projected

Children's Moment

Worship Song "Oceans" projected

Message — "Taking the First Step"

Scripture - Matthew 14: 22-33

Closing Worship "I Have Decided" purple hymnal #443

Sending Forth



ANNOUNCEMENTS

July's "Mission of the Month"

is the VBS Mission Project - the "Red Creek Wildlife Center." Based on
the VBS Theme of "I can do all things through him who strengthens me"
where children are guided through winter sporting events by Ollie the
Arctic Seal, VBS challenges students to draw strength from their faith
through powerful stories and life lessons.

The Red Creek Wildlife Center is based on Schuylkill Haven, and serves
more than 4000 animals every year, from hummingbirds to eagles, chip-
munks to deer. They provide rescue, and rehabilitation services, public
education and training for wildlife rehabilitators, serving God's crea-
tures. redcreekwildlifecenter.com



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

The July-August issue of the **Upper Room** has arrived
& is on the table in the narthex.

Brethren Disaster Ministries has urgent need for volunteers

in western North Carolina for the following weeks:

July 26- Aug. 1 Aug 9-15

Please contact Gary Bashore if you are interested



Thank you to all who blessed the congregation with a contribution to
the Handbell Refurbishment Fund! We have reached our goal! We
have been in contact with Schulmerich to arrange and schedule the
refurbishment. There is no further need to contribute to this
fund. Any funds that have already been received beyond the refurb-
ishment cost, will be used for gloves, music, and cleaning supplies
for the handbells.



Address Change: Dorothy Lutz
Mailing address: 203 W. Washington Ave.—Apt. 6, Myerstown, PA 17067
Physical address: Myerstown Nursing and Rehab., 7 W. Park Ave., Room 213B, Myerstown, PA 17067

Address Update: Phyllis Baylor,
1125 Birch Road—Rm 122, Lebanon, PA 17042

ANE District Women's Fellowship Camp

Date and time: Fri, Aug 14, 2026, 4:00 PM
- Sat, Aug 15, 2026, 4:00 PM
Location: Camp Swatara, 2905 Camp Swatara Rd, Bethel, PA 19507
Speaker: Marie Monville
Theme: "Our Comeback Stories"
Organizer: Kelly Bernstein, (717) 367-4730, or kbernstein@ane-cob.org
Registration deadline: August 3rd

All women are welcome to join in this weekend of worship, Bible study, singing, hiking, crafts, canoeing, swimming and more!



All are invited to gather at the Cleona Camp-meeting Grove (3854 Hill Church Road, Lebanon, PA 17046) on Sunday, August 2nd for a Contemporary Worship Night beginning at 7pm. A talented group of musicians from many local area churches is joining together to lift up the name of Jesus. We need your help to sing these songs as we use our voices to praise the Lord! Free ice cream is available after the worship night! Any questions contact:

Ryan Arndt
Worship Arts Coordinator (West Green Tree COB)
717-926-1939.



I would like to thank everyone who donated items or came out to help paint decorations to help make VBS 2026 a huge success! Thank you again,
~ Melissa Emerich

Please remember to check your church mailbox



July
Mission of the Month
VBS Offering Project
Red Creek Wildlife Center



What's Happening in:

July

28 Ministry Team Minutes due

August

2 11:00 am Farm Women #2 / pav.

4 7:00 pm Leadership Team meeting



6 8:30 am Quilting



8 8:00 am J. High / pav

9 8:00 am Tiden / Edis Reunion / pav.

10 7:00 pm Every Member Council Meeting

11 11:30 am Widows Luncheon / Ctry Fare

13 8:30 am Quilting



16 Food Party collection
Potluck Sunday
11:00 am J. Manbeck / pav



17 7:00 pm Music & Worship Team meeting

18 4:00 pm Preschool meet the
Teacher Night / upstairs

CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Praise Team / Wed. 7:15pm