

### Little Swatara Church- Pastor Matthew S. Christ

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#### WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

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

**CHURCH SIGN CHANGER:** June - Diane Long July - Pat Timmins August - Tony Fazio

#### Wk. 1 July 6

**CHORISTER** Dianne High

**WORSHIP LDR** Gary Bashore

**CHILD STORY** Mike & Sarah Kolbe

**PIANIST** Diane Duell

**AUDIO** Alan Bashore

**WORSHIP CTR** Sandra Keeney

**USHERS** Bob & Wendy Lingle  
Sam Forry & Ken Duell

#### Wk. 2 July 13

Praise Team

Praise Team

Ashley Koch

Praise Team

Todd Rebman

Sandra Keeney

Gerald & Jim Bowman  
Scott Bohn & John High

#### Wk.3 July 20

Allen Rebman

John Wise

Abby Christ

Sarah Brubaker

Todd Rebman

Jennifer Speraw

Ken Duell / John High  
Dennis E. / Joseph 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)

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 we live by  
the Spirit,  
let us

also be  
guided by  
the Spirit.

Galatians 5:25, NRSV



July 6, 2025

*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.

Barry Bashore  
 Earl Ebling  
 Wendy Lingle  
 Dale & Jennifer Speraw  
 Suzanne Wichert  
 Mechanic Grove COB (Quarryville, PA)



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



Please hold the family and friends of Kenneth Bashore in prayer.  
 Kenneth went to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, June 20th, 2025



A big thank you to Patti Timmins and Pastor Matt for helping us when we needed assistance of access to the church as well as good communication when we relayed information regarding flower delivery and more.

We also would like to thank Beatrice Frantz, the kitchen committee, ladies auxiliary, Bob and Wendy Lingle, and John and Jamie Wise for their assistance with set up and preparing for the funeral luncheon of June Cass.

Thank you to the congregation for so many prayers and cards, support, condolences and sympathy wishes on the loss of June.

~ Lauren and Linda Cass

## GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$ 3,062.00
Building	\$ 25.00
Family Assistance	\$
Maintenance	\$ 75.00
Sunday School	\$
Feed Them	\$
Men's Fellowship	\$
Global Food Initiative	\$
Food Pantry	\$
Women's Fellowship	\$
Mission of the Month	\$ 550.00
Love Feast	\$
	\$
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,812.00</b>

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2025  
 \$ 349,661.00

## Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship - 116  
 Virtual Worship - 31



Please hold the family and friends of Rae Derr in prayer.  
 Rae went to be with her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, July 2nd.

**Thank you** Pastor Jackson for sharing the word with us today

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

**July 6, 2025**  
**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)

## Sharing of Joys and Concerns

## Morning Prayer

## Unison Call to Worship:

#879 purple hymnal

## Opening Hymn "Come Christians, Join to Sing"

#28 purple hymnal

## Offertory Thought and Prayer

## Children's Moment

## Hymn "May You be Rooted and Grounded"

#396 purple hymnal

## Scripture - Galatians 5:13-26

## Message: "Freedom!"

Pastor Joel Jackson

## Closing Hymn "Move in our Midst"

#418 Blue Hymnal

## Sending Forth



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **We're Hiring: Church Treasurer Wanted!**

Are you organized, trustworthy, and have a heart for service? Our church is seeking a **dedicated Treasurer** to help steward our financial resources with integrity and care.

#### **Responsibilities include:**

- Managing budgets and financial records
- Overseeing donations and expenses
- Preparing reports for church leadership

Accounting experience preferred.

This part-time paid position is perfect for someone who wants to support the church's mission in our community.

**Join the Little Swatara team---apply today!**  
**Contact Jamie Wise for more information.**

The July issue of the **Newsletter** has arrived and is on the countertop at the mailboxes in the narthex.



Donations  
Needed  
for VBS

**VBS needs your help** with some "props" for the week of Vacation Bible School. All items will be returned.

- \* LittleTikes Buggies with or without gas pumps
- \* black landscaping fabric
- \* dog stuffed animals

All items are needed by July 6th. Please contact Melissa Emerich with any questions at 717-269-1669

### **Volunteers Needed to Help Pack "Tulpy Packs" !**

Help is needed to pack Tulpy Packs on Wednesday morning July 9th & July 23rd at 9:00 AM at the Bethel Elementary School



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



**Women's Fellowship**

Our next Women's Fellowship Meeting will be Tuesday, August 19th, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.  
(no meeting in July)

### **Upcoming events:**

**COBYS Bike & Hike:** September 7, 2025.

**Brethren Disaster Relief Auction:** September 26 and 27, 2025.

**Annual Christmas Bazaar:** November 1, 2025 from 8:00 – 1:00

**Women's Christmas Brunch:** November 15, 2025 from 9:00 – 11:30 at the Cottage at Country Fare.



### **2025 Vacation Bible School**

**July 14 - 18, 2025**

**8:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

**Little Swatara Church of the Brethren**  
**31 Rehersburg Road, Bethel, PA 19507**

For more information, call 717-933-4723 (church office) or 717-202-9399 (Aimee Ruffner).

Visit [www.LittleSwatara.org](http://www.LittleSwatara.org) for the link to register online in advance

or bring a completed registration form the first day your child attends (forms available in the church narthex).

For children and youth ages 3 (children must be potty-trained) to grade 8.

**WIDOWS**



**LUNCHEON**

The next Widows luncheon will be

**Tuesday, July 8th @ 11:30 a.m.**

The Country Fare Restaurant, Myerstown, PA

No Exercise Classes  
during July & August



**CRAFT GROUP**

Craft Group will be meeting on Thursday, July 10 & 24

to work on items for Christmas Bazaar

**The Gathering Place** is in need of volunteers. Contact Mike Peace if you can help with this important ministry of Little Swatara to the community of Bethel.

# Days of OLD

August 10, 3pm



"Days of Old" is a band of family and friends from the Mohrsville Church of the Brethren who have been playing traditional bluegrass and gospel music together for more than ten years. They will be joining us for an afternoon evening of fun, music, and a little inspiration.












## July Mission of the Month VBS Offering Project



### What's Happening in:

#### July

- 2-6 Annual Conference - Greensboro, NC
- 3 8:30 AM Quilting 
- 4 Happy Fourth of July 
- 8 11:30 AM Widows Luncheon / Ctry Fare 
- 10 8:30 AM Quilting   
12 noon Craft Group
- 13 Food Pantry collection  
- 14-18 8:30 AM Vacation Bible School
- 16 Newsletter Deadline
- 17 8:30 AM Quilting   
9:30 AM packing food bags for Bethel Food Pantry / Salem Evan.  
Lutheran Church, Bethel 
- 18 8:00 AM Feed Them / kitchen  
3:00 PM Bethel Food Pantry / Salem Evan Lutheran Ch.
- 19 7:00 AM Bashore Reunion / pav.
- 20 Church Potluck Sunday 
- 22 Ministry Team Minutes due
- 24 8:30 AM Quilting 