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	Wk. 2 July 13	Wk.3 July 20
CHORISTER	Dianne High	Praise Team	Allen Rebman
WORSHIP LDR	Gary Bashore	Praise Team	John Wise
CHILD STORY	Mike & Sarah Kolbe	Ashley Koch	Abby Christ
<u>PIANIST</u>	Diane Duell	Praise Team	Sarah Brubaker
<u>AUDIO</u>	Alan Bashore	Todd Rebman	Todd Rebman
WORSHIP CTR	Sandra Keeney	Sandra Keeney	Jennifer Speraw
<u>USHERS</u>	Bob & Wendy Lingle Sam Forry & Ken Duell	Gerald & Jim Bowman Scott Bohn & John High	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.



Galatians 5:25, NRSV



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31 Rehrersburg Rd, PO Box 437, Bethel, PA 19507

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.

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	\$
	\$
Total	\$ 3,812.00

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

"May You be Rooted and Grounded" #396 purple hymnal Hymn

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.



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.



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

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



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 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



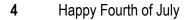
What's Happening in:

July

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- 2-6 Annual Conference Greensboro, NC
- **3** 8:30 AM Quilting







11:30 AM Widows Luncheon / Ctry Fare



8:30 AM Quilting 12 noon Craft Group



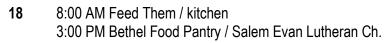
13 Food Pantry collection



14-18 8:30 AM Vacation Bible School



- 16 Newsletter Deadline
- 8:30 AM Quilting9:30 AM packing food bags for Bethel Food Pantry / Salem Evan.Lutheran Church, Bethel





- 7:00 AM Bashore Reunion / pav.
- 20 Church Potluck Sunday



22 Ministry Team Minutes due

24 8:30 AM Quilting

