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WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

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

ORGANIST Marlene Blatt

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

Wk.3 June 21

Wk. 4 June 28

Wk. 1 July 5

CHORISTER Allen Rebman

Praise Team

Dianne High

WORSHIP LDR John Wise

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 Sandra Keeney

Sandra Keeney

Jennifer Speraw

USHERS Ken Duell / John High

Richard & Michelle Yenser

Bob & Wendy Lingle

Jacob Koch/Dennis Umberger

Andrew & Chris Brubaker

S. Forry & L. Rebman

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.



He makes me
 lie down in
green pastures;
 he leads me beside
still waters ...

Psalm 23:2, NRSV



June 21, 2026

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LITTLE SWATARA CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
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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.)



June 21, 2026
8:30 Worship Service

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
- Ephrata COB



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

Challenge Question

Do I still trust the Lord in the deepest valleys ?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Vera Gross will be 100 yrs. young on July 5th. Let's help her celebrate with a card shower! There will be a birthday box on the table in the narthex or cards may be mailed to:

265 Deep Run Road
 Myerstown, PA 17067

Nolan Keeney will be 85 yrs. young on July 5th. Let's shower him with birthday wishes. Mail cards to:

1651 Little Mountain Rd.
 Bethel, PA 19507-9592

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$	3,620.00
Building	\$	130.00
Family Assistance	\$	
Maintenance	\$	460.00
Sunday School	\$	22.02
Feed Them	\$	348.00
Global Food Initiative	\$	
Food Pantry	\$	
Mission of the Month	\$	889.00
Women's Fellowship	\$	
Hand Bells	\$	350.00
Total	\$	5,819.02

GENERAL FUND BUDGET
 2026
 \$ 347,035.00

Last Sunday's Attendance

- Worship - 14 + 82
- Virtual Worship - 19
- Sunday School - 30

☆ **Happy** ☆
 ☆ **FATHER'S** ☆
 ☆ **Day** ☆

Welcome & News

Humor

Worship Songs

- "Gratitude"
- "What An Awesome God"
- "Waymaker"

Sharing & Prayer

Scripture - Acts 9: 3-6 NIV

Catch of the Day - "Who Are You?"

Deep Dive

1. If someone were to ask you; "who are you? How would you reply?"
2. What do people who oppose Christianity, have against us?
3. Is it easier to "go with the flow" and if so, why?
4. Do you like being told what to do? Why or why not?

Kids Praise - "Oh Be Careful Little Eyes What You See"

Prayer

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

**June 21, 2026
10:30 AM Worship Service**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*unison*)

God you are so good!! You lead us through the valleys. You carry us in the storms. There's not a moment your presence is not with us. We come to worship your most powerful and holy name. To you be all glory, honor and praise!!

Opening Hymn "Holy, holy, holy!" blue hymnal #120

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee" blue hymnal #71

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Children's Moment

Hymn "Praise him, praise him!" blue hymnal #100

Message - "Refreshing Goodness"

Scripture - Psalm 23: 2-6

Closing Hymn "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus" blue hymnal #340

Sending Forth



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Help us celebrate Vera Gross's 100th birthday!

Sunday July 5th, 2026 . Drop-in between 3—6 PM
at 265 Deep Run Road, Myerstown, PA 17067

All the fixings for a "Make Your Own Taco" will be provided. Bring your lawn chair. Please no gifts. Donations

may be given to the "Bells Refurbishing Fund" c/o Little Swatara COB



The Stewardship and Property Team has approved setting up a fund to raise money for the refurbishment of the handbells. A motion was approved at council meeting to refurbish bells upon having financing available. For complete refurbishment of the bells there is a cost of \$8550. The project will not be started until funding is available. Donations may be included on your offering envelope marked "Handbells".

**2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE—OFFERING
Witness to the Host City**

Alive Community Outreach is a faith-based organization with a mission to cultivate a community of nonviolence through relationships and education. They support families impacted by homicide and partner with schools to train high school students as peacemakers, building a culture of peace through violence prevention, restorative intervention, and survivor support. Rooted in Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s philosophy of nonviolence, maintaining that violence is ultimately a symptom of deeper issues that must be addressed in order to bring about lasting change. Todd & Janelle Rebman will be attending conference and are willing to take donations along for this program. **There will be a collection box in the narthex or you may drop-off donations by June 25th** at the church office during the hours of 8:30 am—12 noon, M-F

How you can help: These items will be collected at Annual Conference. Monetary contributions can be made by check or credit card during the Tuesday night worship offering or through the AC website offering page.

colored pencils glue sticks
markers paint pens
pens feminine hygiene products
paper in different colors
shelf-stable, individually wrapped snacks

The next Women's Fellowship meeting
will be
Tuesday, June 23rd at 9:00 AM



VBS is just around the corner! Get ready for music, crafts, Bible stories, and laughter as kids dive into God's love. Have you signed up yet?

JULY 13—17, 2026

8:30 am - 11:30 am

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

Volunteers Needed to Help Pack "Tulpy Packs" !

Help is needed to pack Tulpy Packs on Wednesday Mornings at 9:30 AM at the Bethel Elementary School. on the morning of June 24th, & July 8th



Sunday at Camp Swatara July 19th 10:00 AM

Please join the Little Swatara congregation for church on July 19th at Camp Swatara. Little Swatara's church service will be in the Fellowship Hall in the Family Campground starting at 10:00 AM. Signs will guide you in the right direction to the worship service. The church service is open to everyone whether you camp or not. Following the morning church service, join us for a covered dish lunch in the family camp pavilion. The Leadership Team will provide pulled pork or hot chicken sandwiches, roll and a drink. Plates, napkins and silverware will also be provided.

Congregation is asked to please bring a covered dish to share.

After the meal, you are invited to enjoy the day at camp! Hiking, swimming/splash pad, miniature golf, disc golf, fishing and more. All activities are available for you and your family to enjoy! The Family Camp pavilion is handicap accessible with parking in the nearby field. If you need assistance, someone will be available to help you to the pavilion and even park your car for you.

If interested in spending the weekend in Family Camp, please check the Camp Swatara website for available campsites.



Little Swatara Preschool is looking for an assistant teacher for the preschool classes. For more information please contact Sara Bryant at: sara.bryant@littleswatara.org

Brethren Disaster Ministries has urgent need for volunteers in western North Carolina for the following weeks:
June 28-July 4 July 12-18 July 19-25 July 26- Aug. 1 Aug 9-15
Please contact Gary Bashore if you are interested





June Mission of the Month Brethren Housing






What's Happening in:

June

- 21 Father's Day
- 23 Ministry Team Minutes due
9:00 AM Women's Fellowship meeting / FH
- 25 8:30 AM Quilting 
- 27 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast / café 
- 28 12:00 PM Spiritual Nurture meeting

28—July 2 Annual Conference

July

- 2 8:30 AM Quilting 
5:00 PM 50+ club mtg / FH
- 3 church office closed
- 4 Independence Day
- 9 8:30 AM Quilting 
- 12 Food Pantry Collection 
- 13-17 8:30 AM—11:30 AM VBS
- 14 11:30 AM Widow's Luncheon
- 15 Newsletter deadline

CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Praise Team / Wed. 7:15pm