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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. 1 June 7

Wk. 2 June 14

Wk.3 June 21

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CHORISTER	Dianne High	Praise Team	Allen Rebman
WORSHIP LDR	Gary Bashore	Praise Team	John Wise
CHILD STORY	Mike & Sarah Kolbe	Ashley Koch	Abby Christ
PIANIST	Diane Duell	Praise Team	Sarah Brubaker
AUDIO	Alan Bashore	Todd Rebman	Todd Rebman
WORSHIP CTR	Tanya Feathers	Tanya Feathers	Sandra Keeney
USHERS	Bob & Wendy Lingle S. Forry & L. Rebman	Gerald & Jim Bowman Scott Bohn & J. Brubaker	Ken Duell / John High Jacob Koch/Dennis Umberger

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.



Psalm 23
The Lord
is my Shepherd.

June 7, 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 7, 2026
8:30 Worship Service

Prayer Concerns

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

Gerald Bowman
 Jennifer Speraw
 Beryl Wanner
 Ralph Wanner
 District Board (ANE District)



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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Arlene Rebman will be 95 yrs. young on June 11th. 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:

P O Box 78, Rehrersburg, PA 19550

Sunday, June 14th @ 10:30am **Children's Day & Church Picnic**

(following the 10:30 AM service)

Join us & invite your friends to Children's Day Worship. Marian & Friends, Ventriloquist, will be sharing with us during the service! After worship, join us in the pavilion for our annual church picnic!

Congregation members are asked to supply a covered dish to share at the picnic. CE will provide hot dogs & hamburger BBQ, rolls, beverages, condiments, and place settings.

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$	3,235.00
Building	\$	30.00
Family Assistance	\$	
Maintenance	\$	110.00
Sunday School	\$	27.00
Feed Them	\$	
Global Food Initiative	\$	
Food Pantry	\$	10.00
Mission of the Month	\$	200.00
Women's Fellowship	\$	
Handbells	\$	100.00
Total	\$	3,712.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET
 2026
 \$ 347,035.00

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship - 15 + 71
 Virtual Worship - 20
 Sunday School - 38

Challenge Question

Is there any area of my life where God could lead me more?

Welcome & News

Humor

Sharing & Prayer

Worship Songs

- "Goodness of God"
- "Lord, I Need You"
- "Still Waters (Psalm 23)"
- "Peace Be Still"

Scripture - Psalm 23

Catch of the Day - "Shepherd"

Deep Dive

1. What would be the greatest challenge of being a shepherd?
2. What is required of someone to follow them?
3. Do you truly believe God supplies all your needs? Why or why not?
4. In what ways does our cup overflow? Name your blessings.
5. If you could lead anything, what would you lead and why?

Kids Praise - "Giants"

Prayer

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

June 7, 2026
10:30 AM Worship Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Graduate Recognition (see insert)

Call to Worship (Unison)

Lord we need you every hour. You are the rock of our salvation. You are the joy in our strength. We walk beside you and we praise you for who you are.

Opening Hymn "I Need There Every Hour" Blue Hymnal #555

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Faithful Men "Lord, Listen to Your Children"
"Not to Us, O Lord"

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Hymn "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us" Blue Hymnal #355

Children's Moment

Faithful Men "The New 23rd "

Scripture - Psalm 23

Message - "My Shepherd"

Closing Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Blue Hymnal #327

Sending Forth



OUR GRADUATES



Leland Blouch

Parents: Chris and Kathy Blouch

Grandparents: John and Dianne High

Grandmother: Arlene Rebman

School: Herndon High School

Extracurricular activities: Young Life, WyldLife

Leader, Marching Band, Jazz Band, Piano,

Cross Country, Winter & Spring Track, Soccer,

Basketball, & Tennis

Hobbies: playing sports & video games, & working out

Future Plans: will attend Virginia Tech to study engineering

Macey Schwalm

Parents: Jason and Sara Schwalm

Grandparents : Mark & Tammy Landis,
& Tom & Debbie Schwalm

School: Tulpehocken High School

Extracurricular Activities: Tulpehocken
Girls Tennis

Hobbies: tennis and working out at the gym

Employment: Timber Creek Coffee Shop

Future plans: attending Moravian University
in Bethlehem as a Business Major and
will be playing on the tennis team



Chad Henning

Parents: Steven and Kara Henning
Grandparents : Pauline Seiler
School: graduated from with a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology.
Hobbies: golfing and working out
Future plans: will begin graduate school on June 1 at Tufts University to pursue a Doctorate of Physical Therapy



Malachi S. Christ

Parents: Pastor Matthew and Denise Christ
Grandparents: Jake and Dixie Myer
Judy Christ and the late Robert Christ
Great Grandparents: the late Hershey and Anna Mary Myer
School: University of Valley Forge,
Bachelor of Science in Psychology
Employment: Ascend Ministries
(aka Teen Challenge)
Hobbies: Sketching, Reading, and
Watching Movies
Future Plans: will begin graduate school at Eastern University

A Word for Graduates

Congratulations to the young members of our congregation who are graduating! No doubt they look forward to the next phase of their lives with excitement, anticipation and perhaps a little apprehension.

We hope these words, adapted from Phillips Brooks, will serve graduates well as they embark on their journeys:

“Do not pray for an easy life; pray to be a stronger person. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers but for powers equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle, but you will be the miracle. Every day you shall wonder at yourself and the richness of life which has come to you by the grace of God.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sunday at Camp Swatara July 19, 2026

Past years “Sunday at Camp” has been in June but scheduling conflicts have us picking July instead. We have sites along the tree line across from the Camp Fellowship Hall in the 70’s reserved along with 4 cabins. **Deadline for reservations is June 14th.** Please call Family Camp and reserve your spot. (717) 933.5244.

On Sunday, July 19th, please worship with us at 10:00 am in the Camp Fellowship Hall that morning instead of at the church since we will be at camp.

Any questions please reach out to any member of the Leadership Team.

Volunteers are needed to help paint decorations for our upcoming VBS program—“Snowball Mountain Challenge”

June 8th - 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

In the Fellowship Hall

Contact Melissa Emerich if you have any questions:

717-269-1669



Friday, June 12th @ 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Rehlersburg Lions Club

Free & Open to the Public

(gates open at 5:00PM)

Come Experience hope, healing and new life!

Featuring Jeff Worley of Victory Baptist Church, Spout Spring, VA
Speaker on “Preaching the Word”



Annual Tractor, Truck & Car Show

Saturday, June 20th, 2026 @ 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

We need help at the food stand serving breakfast & lunch. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. Any help will be greatly appreciatedeven if just for an hour or two

We, also, need baked items to sell at our baked goods table. Please deliver your items, Saturday morning or call Sally Emerich (717) 304-9241 to make arrangements to drop them off the day before.

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



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



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".

The next Widows luncheon will be

Tuesday, June 9th @11:30 a.m.

Country Fare Restaurant, Myerstown, PA



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

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

Men's Fellowship Tool Sale

As a part of the Tractor, Truck, Car & Motorcycle Show on June 20th, the men's fellowship will be running a tool sale. If you have new or used tools you would like to sell, please contact Gary Bashore at 484-332-0295. Help the day of sale would also be greatly appreciated!








June Mission of the Month Brethren Housing



What's Happening in:

June

- 7 Graduate Recognition Sunday
- 8 10:00 AM VBS painting / FH
- 9 11:30 AM Widow's Luncheon / Ctry Fare
- 10 8:45 AM Women's Exercise class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise class / FH 
- 11 8:30 AM Quilting 
- 12 6:00 PM Community Christian Tent Revival / Lion's Grounds, Rehrersburg, PA
- 14 Children's Sunday & Church picnic
Food Pantry collection 
- 15 6:00 PM VBS training & dinner / FH
7:00 PM Music & Worship Team meeting
- 17 Newsletter deadline
- 18 8:30 AM Quilting 
9:30 AM packing food bags for Bethel Food Pantry 
- 19 8:00 AM Feed Them / kitchen
3:00 PM Bethel Food Pantry / Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church
- 20 8:00 AM Tractor, Truck, Car & Motorcycle Show @ LSCOB

CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Praise Team / Wed. 7:15pm