

Little Swatara Church- Pastor Matthew S. Christ

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WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

VIDEO PROJECTION Glenn Riegel & Mark Myers—CVLI#502613280; CCLI#157691

ORGANIST Marlene Blatt

CHURCH SIGN CHANGER: March - Pat Timmins April - Tony Fazio May - Sam Forry

Wk. 4 March 24

Wk. 5 March 31

Wk. 1 April 7

CHORISTER

Praise Team

Pam Gerberich

Dianne High

WORSHIP LDR

Praise Team

S. Metzler / K. Myers

Gary Bashore

CHILD STORY

Savannah M / Karen M.

S. Metzler / K. Myers

Mike & Sarah Kolbe

PIANIST

Praise Team

Diane Duell

Diane Duell

AUDIO

Todd Rebman

Todd Rebman

Alan Bashore

WORSHIP CTR

Sandra Keeney

Jennifer Speraw

Jennifer Speraw

USHERS

Richard & Michelle Yenser
Andrew & Chris Brubaker

Bob & Wendy Lingle
Sam Forry & Ken Duell

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WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30 am & 10:30 am

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES 9:30 – 10:15 am

Children/Youth

Preschool – Preschool Room, Sanctuary Level
Elementary (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.



March 24, 2024





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.

Joseph Brown
 John Kelly
 William Long
 Jennifer Speraw



Mary L Bashore's birthday is
 March 28th. Cards may be mailed to:
 Berks Leisure Assisted Living Home
 1399 Fairview Drive,
 Leesport, PA 19533

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 29 - 7:00 pm Good Friday Services /
 LSCOB

March 31 - 6:30 am Community Easter Sunrise
 service at Trinity UCC, 27 Maria St.,
 Rehrersburg, PA - Weather permitting
 the service will be outside. Bring chairs
 8:30 AM Off the Hook service
 10:30 am Easter Sunday Service /
 LSCOB

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$ 4,321.46
Building Fund	\$ 177.50
Family Assistance	\$ 90.00
Maintenance	\$ 345.00
Sunday School	\$ 36.00
Nigerian EYN	\$ 100.00
Feed Them	\$ -
Mission of the Month *	\$ 620.00
Global Food Initiative *	\$ -
Brethren Disaster	\$ -
Food Pantry	\$ 20.00
Playground	\$ 8,345.00
Gathering Place	\$ -
Total	\$ 14,054.96

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2024
 \$340,195.

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 8 + 107
 Virtual Worship 15
 Sunday School 49

Children's Bulletins are on the table
 in the back of the sanctuary for two
 age groups. Please help yourself

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

March 24, 2024

10:30 Worship Service

Prelude

"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"
 "Oil of Gladness"
 "Salvation Belongs to Our God"

Welcome and Announcements

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

Call to Worship

Leader - We gather shouting hosanna to the Son of David who comes
 in the name of the Lord.

People - We gather celebrating the coming Savior and prepare our
 hearts.

All: Come Lord Jesus Come!!!

Worship

"Hosanna"

projected

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Offertory Music

"Sing for Joy"

Jubilee Choir

"Little Gray Donkey"

"Something's Happenin' in Jerusalem"

One Great Hour of Sharing Blessing

Children's Moment

Worship Song

"He Reigns"

projected

Message - "There you are!"

Scripture - Psalm 118: 19-29

Closing Worship

"This is Amazing Grace"

projected

Sending Out



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING MARCH 3rd - 24th

One Great Hour of Sharing reaches those near and far, sometimes changing the life of someone in distress in your own community, while at other times impacting the lives of those we may never meet, but who are in need of our compassion. Gifts through this special offering empower ministries such as:

Church of the Brethren Global Mission & Service
Brethren Disaster Ministries
Global Food Initiative, and many more!

Your gifts can be given in the same way as your regular church offering. Simply mark your gift as "One Great Hour of Sharing" or use the special envelope provided in your bulletin. All gifts may be returned to the church by **March 24th**

ANE @ Camp Swatara April 27: 9:00 AM—2:00 PM

Fellowship with others from throughout the District
\$10/Person—\$50 max/family
Lunch Included

Rock wall—mini golf—nature area—adventure course—games/library
Learn more and register at: www.ane-cob.org



Sub Sale March 25th —April 8th Delivery Thursday, April 18th

Choice of 12" subs @ \$7.00/ea. or pretzel sandwiches @ \$6.00/ea from R & K Subs. All orders will be delivered to the church on Thursday, April 18th and will need to be picked up between 11:15 AM to 12:45 PM. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex. All money is due with your order. Checks should be made payable to: Little Swatara Preschool.

The sub sale is sponsored by the Preschool Board. Proceeds will be used to raise funds for preschool programs. The money will be divided between classrooms expenses and providing class field trips.

NOTICE— the next Women's Fellowship meeting is on March 26th at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall



Attention

Effective **April 1, 2024**, the fees for cemetery plots will be increasing in price.

If you are interested in purchasing a plot **before** the price increase, please contact:

Dennis Emerich at 717-376-7561



Save the Date Sunday at Camp

Little Swatara Church will once again have church services on **Sunday June 30th** at 10 am in the fellowship hall at Camp Swatara. The church building will be closed that Sunday, so please join us that day for services plus lunch afterwards. Also join us for the whole weekend in family camp on the weekend of June 28-30th. Sites and cabins are available by calling the Family Camp Office and telling them you're with Little Swatara for the weekend.

Annual District-Wide Older Adult Spring Luncheon

Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at 12 noon

Yoder's Restaurant, New Holland, PA

Join us for a celebration of Fellowship, Food and Fun!

Cost \$23 Registration Deadline April 24th

Registration at: ane-cob.com



Annual Tractor, Truck & Car Show Saturday, June 15th, 2024 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

If you have any items to donate to our yard sale/flea market, please put them aside until closer to the date.



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 following mornings.

April 3rd, April 17th, May 1st & May 15th



VBS July 15 - 19, 2024

Please help us make the 2024 Vacation Bible School a fun experience for the local children. The committee is in need of additional members as well as volunteers to help during this year's Vacation Bible School. There are several opportunities in which to help. All skills are needed for this amazing outreach opportunity. Please reach out to the church secretary, a member of the Christian Ed. Team, or a VBS Committee member: Aimee Ruffner, Debra Wengert or Patty Timmins.



News from Camp Swatara

Family Camp Opening Weekend
April 5 - 7, 2024

Work Day - April 6, 2024



Join us to open the campground for the season. All ages welcome!
Volunteers camp FREE for the weekend.
Info & RSVP: www.campswatara.org



Gospel Music Concert with Richland Express

March 24 @ 3:00 PM

Myerstown Church of the Brethren
51 W. Stoeber Ave., Myerstown, PA



Saturday, May 11th, 2024

Watch for more details and a sign-up sheet as we get closer to the date



March
Mission of the Month

One Great Hour of Sharing™



What's Happening in:

March

- 24 10:30 AM Palm Sunday Service
2:00 PM Easter Festival
- 26 Ministry Team Minutes due
9:00 AM Women's Fellowship Meeting / FH
- 27 8:45 AM Women's Exercise Class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise Class / FH
- 28 8:30 AM Quilting
- 29 Good Friday
7:00 PM Good Friday Service / LSCOB
- 31 6:30 AM Easter Sunrise Service / Trinity UCC, Rehrersburg, PA
8:30 AM Off the Hook service
10:30 AM Easter Service at LSCoB



April

- 2 7:00 PM Leadership Team meeting
- 3 8:45 AM Women's Exercise Class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise Class / FH
- 4 8:30 AM Quilting
7:00 PM 50+ club meeting / FH
- 9 11:30 AM Widows Luncheon / Ctry Fare
- 10 8:45 AM Women's Exercise Class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise Class / FH
- 11 8:30 AM Quilting



CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Jubilee Choir/Sanct/Thurs.6:00pm
Senior Choir/Sanct/Thurs.7:00pm
Bell Choir/Sanct/Thurs. 7:45pm