

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. 5 March 31

Wk. 1 April 7

Wk. 2 April 14

CHORISTER

Pam Gerberich

Dianne High

Praise Team

WORSHIP LDR

S. Metzler / K. Myers

Gary Bashore

Praise Team

CHILD STORY

S. Metzler / K. Myers

Mike & Sarah Kolbe

Ashley Koch

PIANIST

Diane Duell

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Praise Team

AUDIO

Todd Rebman

Alan Bashore

Greg Bryant

WORSHIP CTR

Jennifer Speraw

Jennifer Speraw

Tanya Feathers

USHERS

Bob & Wendy Lingle
Sam Forry & Ken Duell

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Gerald & Jim Bowman
Scott Bohn & John High

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

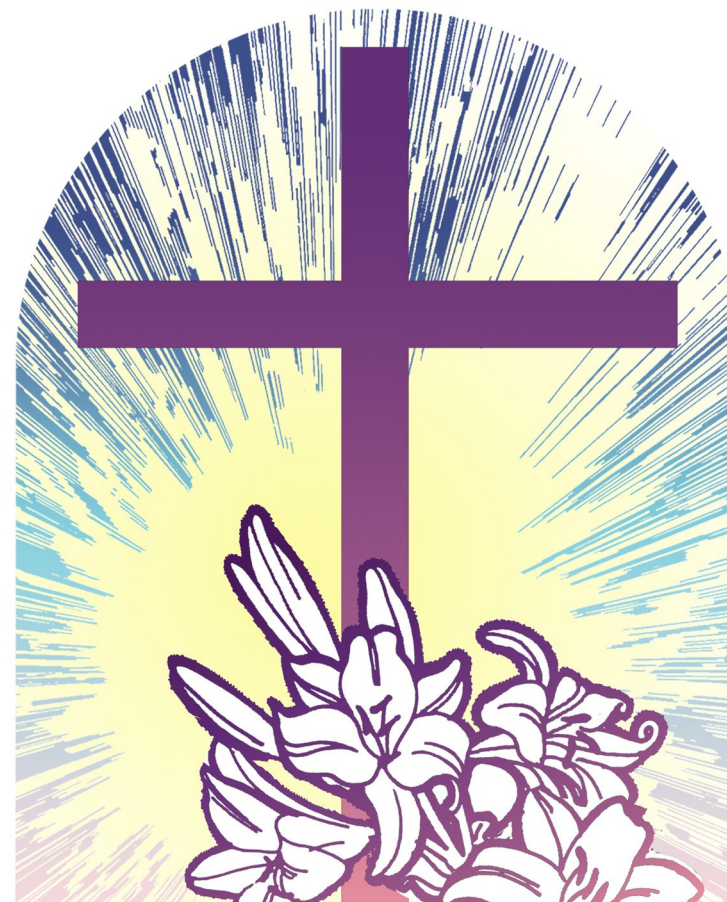
Young Adults – Oak Room (Fellowship

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.



**"HE HAS
RISEN!"**
Luke 24:6



March 31, 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.

Joe Polen
 John Kelly
 William Long
 Jennifer Speraw



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



GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$ 6,066.50
Building Fund	\$ 27.50
Family Assistance	\$ -
Maintenance	\$ 90.00
Sunday School	\$ 50.25
Nigerian EYN	\$ -
Feed Them	\$ -
Mission of the Month *	\$ 550.00
Food Pantry	\$ 134.00
Playground	\$ 220.00
Gathering Place	\$ -
Total	\$ 7,138.25
Renewal Offering	\$595.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2024
 \$340,195.

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 22 + 96
 Virtual Worship 21
 Sunday School 48

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



March
 Mission of the Month
One Great Hour of Sharing



What's Happening in:

March

- 31 6:30 AM Easter Sunrise Service / Trinity UCC, Rehersburg, 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
- 13 8:00 AM PA Farm Women / FH & K
- 14 Remembrance Sunday
 Food Pantry collection
- 17 Newsletter Deadline
- 18 8:30 AM Quilting
- 19 8:00 AM Feed Them / K
 3:00 PM Bethel Food Pantry
- 21 10:30 AM Preschool Sunday
 Church Potluck Meal / FH



CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

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

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

March 31, 2024

10:30 Worship Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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

Bell Choir "Up from the Grave He Arose"

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, we face the emptiness of the tomb and see our own realities.

People: We pause and reflect to realize you're not there.

Leader: You have risen!

People: You have risen, indeed!!

All: That emptiness has now been filled. We are forever grateful.

We worship you with honor and praise.

Opening Hymn "Low in the grave he lay" #273

Offertory

Offertory Music "Crown him with many crowns" Bell Choir

Senior Choir "He lives"

Jubilee Choir "Mighty Resurrection Day "

Children's Moment

Hymn "Christ the Lord is ris'n today" #280

Senior Choir "Majesty"

Sermon - "The Empty Made Full"

Scripture - John 20: 1-18

Closing Hymn "Christ is alive! Let Christians sing!" #278

Sending Out



**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.



Saturday, May 11th, 2024

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



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.

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

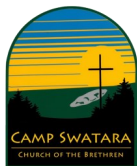


If you have prayer concerns, please contact Pastor Matt, Dianne High, Renee Brown or your Deacon. You may also email the church secretary at secretary@littleswatara.org



Women's Fellowship

Our next Women's Fellowship Meeting will be
Tuesday, April 23rd at 9:00 A.M.
Any and all women of our church are welcome
to join us.



News from Camp Swatara

Family Camp Opening Weekend
April 5 - 7, 2024

Work Day - April 6, 2024



Family Camp

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



Public invited to join
HYMN SING
St. Thomas Church
Bernville, PA
April 14, 2024 at 2:00 PM

Stay in Touch!!

We have many ways to stay in touch with Little Swatara!

- Visit us online at www.LittleSwatara.org - Here you will find major announcements, documents and our church calendar
- Our Weekly Email List – accessible from www.LittleSwatara.org/contact-directions This weekly email shares announcements and sermon synopsis, as well as a way to join our prayer chain. We promise not to “spam” you with junk, but to keep announcements brief and informative.
- Join us on Facebook - @LittleSwataraCOB
- Watch our announcements before each 10:30 Service on the Projection Screen
- And of course, you can always check out all the bulletin boards and signs posted throughout the church building, and the church sign out front!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Preschool 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 and can be put in mailbox #7.

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.

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
Register by April 9th at www.ane-cob.org



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

The April issue of the **Newsletter** has arrived and is on the countertop at the mailboxes in the Narthex