

Little Swatara Church— Rev. 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: Feb. - Diane Long March - Patricia Timmins April - Tony Fazio

CHORISTER Wk 3 March 21

10:30 am Allen Rebman

Wk 4 March 28

Praise Team

Wk 1 April 4

Dianne High

WORSHIP LDR

10:30 am John Wise

Praise Team

Gary Bashore

CHILD STORY

10:30 am Ashley Koch

Savannah Metzler

Mike & Sarah Kolb

PIANIST

Sarah Brubaker

Praise Team

Diane Duell

AUDIO

Todd Rebman

Todd Rebman

Todd Rebman

WORSHIP CTR

Sandra Keeney

Sandra Keeney

Worship Team

WELCOME CTR

10:30 am Dorothy Gensemer

Patricia Timmins

USHERS

10:30 am Ken Duell & Dyland H
John H & John Z

Richard & Derek Yenser
J.R. & Kyle Yenser

Robert & Wendy Lingle
Sam Forry & Matt Blatt

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 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 your are avoided.

**So Abraham called that place
"The Lord will provide";
as it is said to this day, "On the mount
of the Lord it shall be provided."**

Genesis 22:14, NRSV



March 21, 2021



Outreach: *The Gathering Place Café*, 8490 Lancaster Ave, Bethel
 Contact: gatheringplacecafe.com / Phone: 717-933-5958
 Café Hours: **Mon-Fri 6-10am & Sat 7-11am**



Prayer Concerns

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

Carl Balsbaugh
 James Batz
 Ruth Hoover
 Sandra Kauffman
 Nolan Keeney
 Dorothy Merkey
 Carol Scholl



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

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$ 5,585.00
Building Fund	\$ 265.00
Family Assistance	\$ 45.00
Maintenance	\$ 650.00
Sunday School	\$ 40.00
Global Food Initiative	\$ 460.00
Nigerian EYN	\$ 300.00
Disaster Relief	\$ 150.00
Mission of the Month	\$ 590.00
Gathering Place	\$ 50.00
Food Pantry	\$ 150.00
Total	\$ 8,285.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2021
\$ \$317,944

Last Sunday's Attendance
Worship 70
Online Worship 75

Thank you, Pastor DiSalvio
 For sharing the word with us this
 week during Spiritual Renewal.
 May our hearts and minds be
 opened and renewed in the spirit.



Welcome Spring

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

March 21, 2021

10: 30 Worship Service

Congregation is requested to keep face masks on throughout worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader -Oh Lord, we come to worship, knowing your love and
 compassion for us.

All - Lead us Lord to trust you and find comfort in your promises.

Leader - Lord, we see continually throughout your Word how you
 provide.

All - Calm the anxiety we feel as things seem out of control.

Opening Hymn "Here in This Place" #6

Senior Choir "Lord, Lift Me Up"

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn "Wonderful Grace of Jesus" #150

Offertory Thought & Prayer

Senior Choir "Find Us Faithful"

Children's Moment

Testimony - Suzanne Wichert

Scripture reading - Genesis 22: 1-19

Sermon Series - "This is my offering"

Today's Message - "God always provides"

Closing Hymn I'm Pressing On" #12 pamphlet

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING MARCH 7—21

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. Coin banks are also available on the table in the narthex for those who want a tangible way to involve children or family members. All gifts may be returned to the church by **March 21st, 2021**.

Elizabethtown College's Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies presents

**"Weapons Transfers as Foreign Policy: Theological
Ethics, Economics and Strategy,"**

by Nathan Hosler

Thurs., March 25, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom.

Hosler is director of the Church of the Brethren's Office of Peacebuilding and Policy and a pastor at the Washington City Church of the Brethren. He will describe the US foreign policy practice of selling or giving weapons and related systems to strengthen diplomatic relations and further national interests, and he will argue that such transfers cannot be separated from war-making and must be subject to ethical reasoning. For details and the link to the Zoom presentation, visit www.ETown.edu/youngctr/events.

Call Slate

Each year there are several opportunities to help with the congregational life and work of our church. One important responsibility in addition to Every Member Council Meeting, is calling those who are to be our church leaders, and who help carry out the missions we are charged with. At Little Swatara, we have organized our church into several "Mission Teams" each charged with a specific area of responsibility. For example, our Missions and Service Ministry Team handles church outreach into the community and the wider world; Music and Worship handles aspects of our worship services including our on line efforts; the Stewards manage our church finances and make sure we are using our gifts to God appropriately, and taking care of God's house; Christian Education operates our Sunday school program, one of our most important missions; the Moderator and Assistant Moderator are responsible for the day to day operations of the church. The chairpersons of each of these teams, in addition to our Moderator and Assistant Moderator, make up our Leadership Team, which is tasked with providing leadership to the church body and carrying out God's will and acting on the direction of our Every Member Council Meeting.

Every spring we ask our membership to prayerfully consider who they feel would be appropriate to fill these important positions in our congregational life. Please prayerfully consider who you feel would be a good fit for our church Mission Teams, and **submit a call sheet by April 18**. You can also fill it out online at:

www.LittleSwatara.org/connect/2021-call-slate.

Reminder: If you unlock doors and turn on lights when you enter the building, please turn the lights off and make sure the facility is locked when you leave. Thank you.

Hymn or Song Requests The Music and Worship team is interested in hearing from you! If you have a song you would like to hear during services, please drop a note in the "Music and Worship" mailbox. We'll be happy to try and work them in.

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



News from Camp Swatara

April 10th - Camp Swatara Family Camp Opening Work Day

Join us to open the Campground for the season! We will be doing yard work and cleaning to prepare the grounds for the summer. All ages are welcome to join. Volunteers may camp for FREE the whole weekend. Lunch and donuts provided. Day starts at 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Hope to see you there! Register at: Familycamp@campswatara.org or call 717-933-5244

April 17th - Trail Mix & Maintenance 8:30 am to 3 pm



What a combo! Join us for a day of serving on the Camp trail and enjoying a different type of trail mix at each trail intersection. Tools provided. Bring a packed lunch. Snacks provided. For more details and to RSVP: www.CampSwatara.org.

April 24th - Mountain Pie on Mountainside 8:30 am to 3 pm

Ready to try a new kind of mountain pie? Join us for a fun day setting up Camp Swatara Mountain units, enjoying fellowship and eating delicious mountain pies. RSVP required: www.CampSwatara.org



Summer Camp Registration Open - Day Camps only

Registration is open for Day Camps onlyno overnights. All Day Events are posted on the Events tab on the camp website. www.CampSwatara.org

We're excited to see you in 2021!

Annual Reservations

If you have an annual recurring reservation for the pavilion or fellowship hall, please take a few moments to re-confirm this reservation with the church secretary. Please give her a phone call during office hours or place a note in the box on the secretary's office door with your name, phone number and information about your annual reservation. This will help to make sure that the reservations are current & that your place is held with the dates you want to reserve. Thank you.



March
Mission of the Month

"One Great Hour of Sharing"



What's Happening in:

March

- 23 Ministry Team Minutes due
- 24 Exercise Classes—8:45 am Women's Group
10:00 am The Seated Group
- 25 8:30 am Quilting
- 26 6:30 Scout Troop meeting
- 28 Remembrance Sunday / Palm Sunday
- 31 Exercise Classes—8:45 am Women's Group
10:00 am The Seated Group



CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Jubilee Choir/Sanct/Thurs
6-6:30pm
Senior choir /Sanct/Thurs.
7-8pm



April

- 1 8:30 am Quilting
7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service
- 2 7:30 pm Good Friday Worship Service
- 4 10:30 am Easter Sunday Service
- 6 7:00 pm Leadership Team Meeting
- 7 Exercise Classes—8:45 am Women's Group
10:00 am The Seated Group



Note: Groups that wish to meet in the church should contact:
Pam Gerberich, Moderator (717) 222-1094 or
Gary Bashore, Asst. Moderator (484) 332-0295

Users **MUST** wipe down and sanitize any rooms used, or objects touched during their meeting.