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WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

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

ORGANIST Marlene Blatt

CHURCH SIGN CHANGER: May - Sam Forry June - Diane Long July - Patricia Timmins

Wk.3 May 17

Wk. 4 May 24

Wk. 5 May 31

CHORISTER Allen Rebman Praise Team Pam Gerberich

WORSHIP LDR John Wise Praise Team S. Metzler / K. Myers

CHILD STORY Abby Christ Savannah Metzler S. Metzler / K. Myers

PIANIST Sarah Brubaker Praise Team Pam Gerberich

AUDIO Todd Rebman Todd Rebman Todd Rebman

WORSHIP CTR Sandra Keeney Jennifer Speraw Jennifer Speraw

USHERS Ken Duell / John High Richard & Michelle Yenser G. Bowman / J. Bowman
 Jacob Koch/Dennis Umberger Andrew & Chris Brubaker Scott Bohn / J. Brubaker

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.

AND IF I

AND PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU,

I will come again and will take you to myself.

John 14:3, ESV

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

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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.)



May 17, 2026
8:30 Worship Service

Prayer Concerns

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

Pastor Randy Fiske
 Beryl Wanner
 Ralph Wanner
 Indian Creek, Harleysville, PA



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

Challenge Question

Where could you use the power of God in your life right now?



Today
 immediately following
 the church service



Please remember to check your church mailbox

Meeting of Tractor, Truck, Car & Motorcycle Show Committee Meeting on Tuesday, May 19th @ 7:00 PM

Fellowship Hall

Please attend. Any questions contact Scott Bohn



GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$	5,123.50
Building	\$	50.00
Family Assistance	\$	100.00
Maintenance	\$	302.50
Sunday School	\$	23.00
Feed Them	\$	
Global Food Initiative	\$	
Food Pantry	\$	110.00
Mission of the Month	\$	2,4680.00
Women's Fellowship	\$	
The Gathering Place	\$	
Total	\$	8,177.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET
 2026
 \$ 347,035.00

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 25 - 78
 Virtual Worship - 19
 Sunday School - 48

Large Print Bulletins & Children's Bulletins are on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please help yourself.

Welcome & News

Humor

Sharing & Prayer

Worship Songs

- "Good Day"
- "I Thank God"
- "Your Ways Better"

Scripture - Luke 18: 18-23

Catch of the Day - "Good"

Deep Dive

1. How do you describe something or someone that is good? Why is God good?
2. How are we to Keep the Commandments?
3. How do we Relinquish Earthly Attachments?
4. What does it mean to Follow Jesus?
5. How can we have Childlike Humility?

Kids Praise - "Giants"

Prayer

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May 17, 2026
10:30 AM Worship Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

What a joy to have you join us for worship today. Kindly sign & pass the register)

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Senior Choir "Grace Flows Down"

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn "All hail the power of Jesus' name" Blue hymnal #106

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Senior Choir "A Covenant Prayer"

Children's Moment

Hymn "Joys are flowing like a river" Blue hymnal #301

Message - "A Present Power"

Scripture - John 14: 1-14

Closing Hymn 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus" Blue hymnal #340

Sending Forth



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. You may drop-off donations 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
- markers
- pens
- glue sticks
- paint pens
- feminine hygiene products
- paper in different colors
- shelf-stable, individually wrapped snacks



Annual Tractor, Truck & Car Show
Saturday, June 20th, 2026
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.



You are invited to a Hymn Sing
Sunday, May 31st, 2026 at 3:00 PM
at the historic Bucher Meeting House
376 Schaeffer Road (PA-419), Lebanon, PA

Our next Women's Fellowship Meeting will be
Tuesday, May 19th at 9:00 A.M.
Any and all women of our church are welcome





VBS July 13 - 17, 2026

Please help us make the 2026 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 contact Melissa Emerich if you are able to help 717-269-1669 or mmemerich@gmail.com.



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

May 18th - 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM

In the Fellowship Hall

Contact Melissa Emerich if you have any questions:
717-269-1669

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

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. The sale is run like a yard sale, You price your tools and bring them to the church either Friday evening or Saturday morning. If the tools sell, you get the money. If the tools don't sell, they are returned to you. Donation from the sale of your tools to the men's fellowship would be appreciated, but is not necessary. Tools may include mechanics tools, carpentry tools, hardware, lumber, garden tools, etc. We also have sold tractor parts and car parts. Remember, whatever does not sell is returned to you. 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!



All VBS Volunteers are invited

to a gathering and meal

June 15th, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Little Swatara Fellowship Hall

RSVP by June 10th

Melissa Emerich 717-269-1669

or mmemerich@gmail.com



May
Mission of the Month
Feed Them



What's Happening in:

May


- 17 Potluck Sunday 
- 18 7:00 PM Music & Worship Team meeting
- 19 9:00 AM Women's Fellowship meeting / FH
7:00 PM Tractor, Truck, Car & Motorcycle committee meeting / FH
7:00 PM Stewardship & Property Team meeting

- 20 Newsletter Deadline
8:00 AM Preschool Recognition / Sanct., FH & K


- 21 8:30 AM Quilting 

- 23 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast / café

- 24 10:00 AM S. Hartranft / pav

- 25 Memorial Day (Church office closed) 

- 26 Ministry Team Minutes due

- 28 8:30 AM Quilting 

June

- 2 7:00 PM Leadership Team meeting

- 4 8:30 AM Quilting
6:00 PM 50+ Club meeting / FH

- 7 Graduate Recognition Sunday

CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Praise Team / Wed. 7:15pm