

**Little Swatara Church- Pastor Matthew S. Christ**

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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. 4 May 24**

**Wk. 5 May 31**

**Wk. 1 June 7**

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<b>CHORISTER</b>	Praise Team	Pam Gerberich	Dianne High
<b>WORSHIP LDR</b>	Praise Team	S. Metzler / K. Myers	Gary Bashore
<b>CHILD STORY</b>	Savannah Metzler	S. Metzler / K. Myers	Mike & Sarah Kolbe
<b>PIANIST</b>	Praise Team	Pam Gerberich	Diane Duell
<b>AUDIO</b>	Todd Rebman	Todd Rebman	Alan Bashore
<b>WORSHIP CTR</b>	Jennifer Speraw	Jennifer Speraw	Tanya Feathers
<b>USHERS</b>	Richard & Michelle Yenser Andrew & Chris Brubaker	G. Bowman / J. Bowman Scott Bohn / J. Brubaker	Bob & Wendy Lingle S. Forry & L. Rebman

**WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30 am & 10:30 am**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES 9:30 – 10:15 am**

<b>Children/Youth</b>	<b>Adults</b>
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)	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.



**DIVIDED TONGUES, AS  
OF FIRE, APPEARED  
AMONG THEM ...**

**ACTS 2:3, NRSV**



May 24, 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](http://gatheringplacecafe.com) / Phone: 717-933-5958  
 Café Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., & Sat. 6-10am (closed Wed.)



**May 24, 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  
 Puerta Del Cielo (Reading, PA)



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

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Arlene Rebman will be 94 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

**Children's SUNDAY** **Sunday, June 14th**  
**10:30 AM**

Join us and invite your friends to Children's Day Worship. Marian and Friends, Ventriloquist, will be sharing with us during the service! After worship, join us in the pavilion for our church picnic! We look forward to lots of tasty food and friendly fellowship around the tables. Congregation members are asked to supply a covered dish to share at the picnic. Christian Ed. will provide hot dogs & hamburger BBQ, rolls, beverages, condiments, and place settings.

### GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$	3,576.00
Building	\$	42.50
Family Assistance	\$	
Maintenance	\$	102.50
Sunday School	\$	36.00
Feed Them	\$	
Global Food Initiative	\$	25.00
Food Pantry	\$	10.00
Mission of the Month	\$	550.00
Women's Fellowship	\$	
The Gathering Place	\$	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,342.00</b>

GENERAL FUND BUDGET  
 2026  
 \$ 347,035.00

### Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 14 - 69  
 Virtual Worship - 20  
 Sunday School - 33

### **Challenge Question**

How does knowing the day of the Lord will come like a thief affect your daily life ?

**Church Office closed 5/25/2026**

### Welcome & News

### Humor

### Sharing & Prayer

### Worship Songs

- "Great I Am"
- "Christ In Me"
- "This is Amazing Grace"
- "10,000 Reasons"

**Scripture** - Psalms 27: 4

**Catch of the Day** - "Dwell, Gaze, Seek!"

### Deep Dive

1. What do we find ourselves dwelling on the most?
2. Why can it be difficult to deal with what's right in front of us?
3. Is the past or future a scarier place? How so?
4. Did God promise to be with us always or only when we seek him?

**Kids Praise** - "Giants"

### Prayer

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

**May 24, 2026**

10:30 AM Worship Service

Prelude "I can Only Imagine"  
"I Speak Jesus"

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship (Unison)**

:Oh Lord you're beautiful. Your face is all I seek. Prepare us to be a living sanctuary of your presence Lord.

**Opening Worship** "Oh Lord You're Beautiful" projected  
"Sanctuary" projected  
"Seek Ye First" Blue Hymnal # 324

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Morning Prayer**

**Offertory Thought and Prayer**

**Offertory Music** "Better Is One Day "

**Children's Moment**

**Worship Song** "Be thou my vision" Blue Hymnal #545

**Scripture** - Acts 2: 1-42

**Message** - "Amped Up!"

**Closing Worship** "Enough" projected

**Sending Forth**



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Londonderry Village Estate and Barn Sale**  
**Thursday & Friday, May 28th & 29th, 9AM—5 PM**  
**Saturday, May 30th, 9AM—1 PM**

**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 glue sticks  
markers paint pens  
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



## 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.



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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

24 10:00 AM S. Hartranft / pav

25 Memorial Day (Church office closed)



26 Ministry Team Minutes due

27 8:45 AM Women's Exercise class / FH  
10:00 AM Seated Exercise class / FH



28 8:30 AM Quilting



#### June

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  
6:00 PM 50+ Club meeting / FH



7 Graduate Recognition Sunday

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

### **CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE**

Praise Team / Wed. 7:15pm