

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: June - Diane Long July - Patricia Timmins August - Tony Fazio

Wk. 5 May 31

Wk. 1 June 7

Wk. 2 June 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	Pam Gerberich	Diane Duell	Praise Team
AUDIO	Todd Rebman	Alan Bashore	Todd Rebman
WORSHIP CTR	Jennifer Speraw	Tanya Feathers	Tanya Feathers
USHERS	G. Bowman / J. Bowman Scott Bohn / J. Brubaker	Bob & Wendy Lingle S. Fory & L. Rebman	Gerald & Jim Bowman Scott Bohn & J. Brubaker

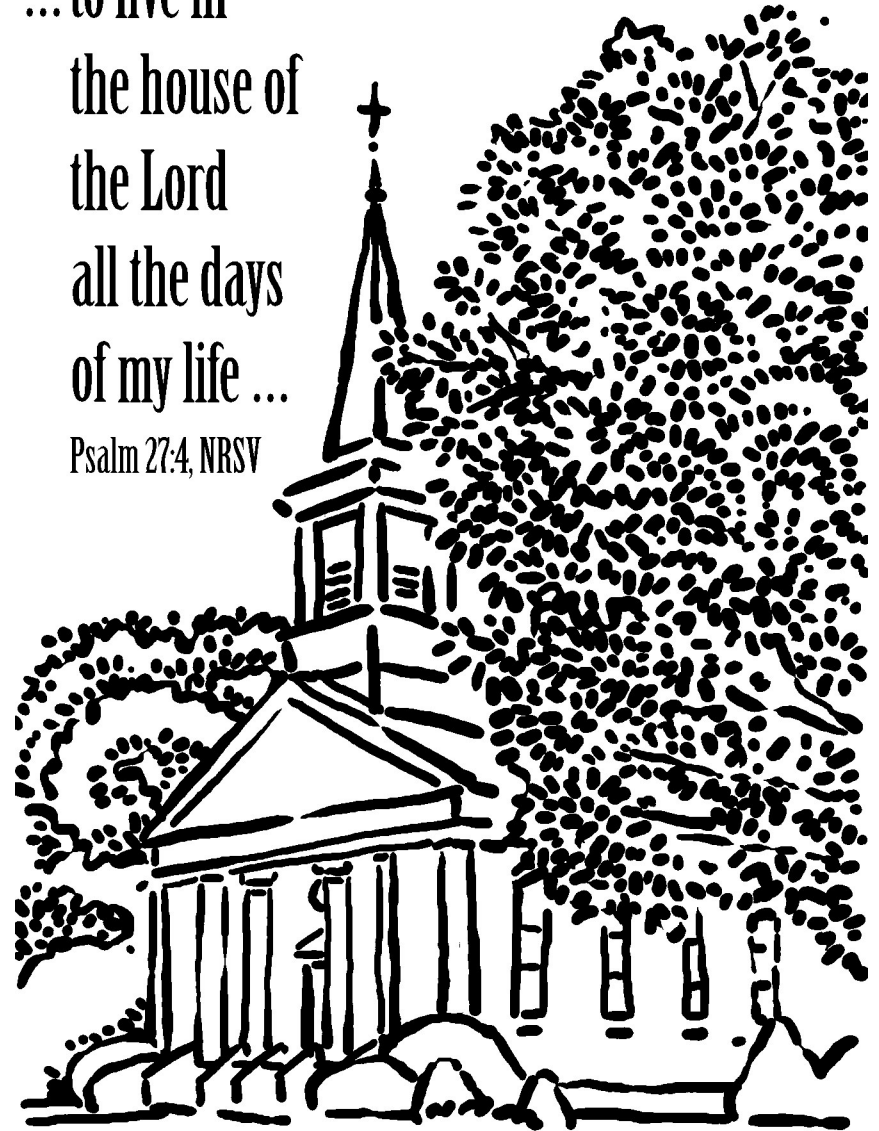
WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30 am & 10:30 am
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES 9:30 – 10:15 am

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
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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.

... to live in
 the house of
 the Lord
 all the days
 of my life ...
 Psalm 27:4, NRSV



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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 31, 2026
 8:30 Worship Service**

Prayer Concerns

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

Jennifer Speraw
 Beryl Wanner
 Ralph Wanner
 Ebenezer, Lampeter, PA



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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Arlene Rebman will be 95 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

Thank You !

Thank you for all the beautiful birthday cards! I really appreciated them.

Thanks again,
 Jean Keeney

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

The June issue of the **Newsletter** has arrived & is on the counter at the mailboxes

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$	5,229.00
Building	\$	50.00
Family Assistance	\$	210.00
Maintenance	\$	175.00
Sunday School	\$	68.00
Feed Them	\$	
Global Food Initiative	\$	
Food Pantry	\$	20.00
Mission of the Month	\$	375.00
Men's Fellowship	\$	100.00
The Gathering Place	\$	
Total	\$	6,227.00

**GENERAL FUND BUDGET
 2026
 \$ 347,035.00**

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship - 12 + 73
 Virtual Worship - 29
 Sunday School - 46

Challenge Question

Why is the present a difficult place to stay focused ?

Welcome & News

Humor

Sharing & Prayer

Worship Songs

- "Help is on the way"
- "Egypt"
- "Run to the Father"
- "First"

Scripture—John 9:6-7 NIV

Catch of the Day - "Trauma Informed"

Deep Dive

1. Have you or have you ever met anyone who has experienced trauma in their lives?
2. What kind of trauma was it and how do you or others respond?
3. How does knowing God inform that trauma?
4. What if someone didn't know God? How is that different in a trauma experience?
5. How do trauma experiences shape us?
6. What does God say to us in those experiences?

Kids Praise - "Up+Up"

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

May 31, 2026

10:30 AM Worship Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Call to Worship

Leader: One thing we ask of the Lord, one thing we seek with all our hearts:

People: That we may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives.

Leader: We come to behold the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in this holy place.

People: Our hearts long for God's presence, His mercy, and His truth.

Leader: In joy and in struggle, God remains our light and salvation.

People: We gather to worship the Lord with confidence, hope, and gladness.

Opening Hymn "Are You Washed in the Blood" Supplement #1

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Children's Moment

Hymn "Sweet By and By" Supplement #11

Message - "Dwell, Gaze, Seek!!"

Special Music "You Are My All in All"

Scripture - Psalms 27: 1-14

Closing Hymn "Would You Be Free?" Supplement #21

Sending Forth



ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Stewardship and Property Team has approved setting up a fund to raise money for the refurbishment of the handbells. A motion was approved at council meeting to refurbish bells upon having financing available. For complete refurbishment of the bells there is a cost of \$8550. The project will not be started until funding is available. Donations may be included on your offering envelop marked "Handbells".

**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



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



Annual Tractor, Truck & Car Show

Saturday, June 20th, 2026
8:00 am - 1:00 pm



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:

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 
11:00 AM Home School Group—R Brown / pav
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
- 14 Children's Sunday & Church picnic 
Food Pantry collection
- 15 6:00 PM VBS training & dinner / FH
7:00 PM Music & Worship Team meeting
- 17 Newsletter deadline
- 18 8:30 AM Quilting 
9:30 AM packing food bags for
Bethel Food Pantry

CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Praise Team / Wed. 7:15pm