Little Swatara Church - Pastor Matthew S. Christ

Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

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Church Office: 717-933-4723 Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

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

ORGANIST Marlene Blatt

CHURCH SIGN CHANGER: Oct. - D. Long Nov.—P. Timmins Dec.- T. Fazio

	Wk. 1 Nov. 1	Wk. 2 Nov. 8	Wk 3 Nov. 15
CHORISTER	Dianne High	Praise Team	Allen Rebman
WORSHIP LDR	Gary Bashore	Praise Team	John Wise
CHILD STORY	Ashley Koch	Michael Kolbe	Abby Christ
PIANIST	Diane Duell	Praise Team	Sarah Brubaker
AUDIO	Alan Bashore	Todd Rebman	Todd Rebman
WORSHIP CTR	Sandra Keeney	Sandra Keeney	Jennifer Speraw
USHERS	R & W Lingle Sam Forry & Lucas Rebman	G & J Bowman Scott Bohn & Joe Brubaker	K. Duell & J. High J. Koch & D. Umberger

WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30 am & 10:30 am

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES 9:30 -10:15 am

Children/Youth	**Adults**
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) Salt & Light 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.

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LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS

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LITTLE SWATARA CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
31 Rehrersburg Rd, PO Box 437, Bethel, PA 19507
Church Web Page - **www.LittleSwatara.org/** phone: 717-933-4723
FB: @Little SwataraCoB *** Wi-Fi Guest/pw: 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.)

Prayer Concerns

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

Gerald Bowman
William Long
Jean Smith
Jennifer Speraw
Mohler COB, Ephrata, PA

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

Challenge Question
What keeps me from fully loving my neighbor?

Happy Birthday

Marvin Luckenbill will be 91 yrs young on Nov. 9th. Lets help him celebrate.
Mail cards to:
1267 Shoey Road
Mohnsville, PA 19541

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	$ 6,214.50
Building	$ 75.00
Family Asstc..	$ 50.00
Maintenance	$ 202.50
Sunday School	$ 22.00
Feed Them	$ 50.00
Food Pantry	$ 10.00
Mission of the Mo.	$ 100.00
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Total	$ 6,724.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2026
$ 347,035.00

Last Sunday's Attendance
Worship - 11 + 112
Virtual Worship - 12
Sunday School - 69

My beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, my heartfelt appreciation for the pastoral appreciation gift of a Dunkin gift card. It's truly amazing to serve such an incredible congregation. With your love and the love of Jesus and a little coffee, life is so good. Bless you one and all. ~ Pastor Matt

November
Mssion of the Month
Barnabas Fund

What's Happening
November

3 7:00 PM LeadershipTeam meeting

4 8:45 AM Women's Exercise class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise class / FH

5-6 Set-up for Christmas Bazaar / FH & K

7 8:00 AM Christmas Bazaar / FH & K & Lobby

8 Jr. High Sunday

9 7:00 PM Every Member Council meeting

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

12 8:30 AM Quilting

14 1:00 PM 50+ Club meeting / FH

15 Food Pantry Collection
Potluck Sunday

16 7:00 PM Music & Worship Team meeting

17 9:00 AM Women's Fellowship mtg / FH
7:00 PM Transitional meeting

18 Newsletter Deadline
Potluck Sunday

CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE
Jubilee Choir - Thurs. 6:15—6:45 pm
Senior Choir - Thurs. 7-7:45 pm
Bell Choir - Thurs. 7:45—8:30 pm
Praise Team - Wed. 7:15 pm

Londonderry Village Auxiliary
2026 Holiday Nut and Snack Sale

Nut Orders will be available for pick-up here at the church on November 15th

"MESSENGER" Renewal

It's time to renew your subscription to the
"Messenger" Magazine
$18.00 / 1 yr or $34.00 / 2 yrs
see Lois Reinhard - Mailbox #127 **by Nov. 8th**

Thank You to everyone who prays for Jerry. Please keep praying because prayer changes things.
~ Linda Bowman

Please join us for the
Women's Christmas Brunch
We will be gathering on November 21st at 9am
Country Fare Cottage, Myerstown, PA
There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex

For more information or if you need a ride, please contact anyone in Women's Fellowship or call the church office.

Items Needed

Our annual Little Swatara Christmas Bazaar will be held Saturday, Nov. 7th from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm. Donated baked items and / or homemade candy would be greatly appreciated. See Sally Emerich

Pastor's Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

The November **Newsletter** has arrived and is on the counter at the mailboxes.

Off the Hook

November 1, 2026
8:30 AM Worship

Welcome & News

Humor

Prayer

Reeling-In
God, we turn our eyes upon you. We tune our ears to your word and our hearts to worship.

Worship Songs
"He Reigns"
"What an Awesome God"
"10,000 Reasons, Bless the Lord"
"This I Believe (The Creed)"

Prayer

Casting Out

Scripture: John 3: 3-8 NIV

Catch of the Day - "Born Again"

Deep Dive
1. What changes should take place in a person's life after being born again?
2. How does a person know that the Holy Spirit is working in their life?
3. How is a butterfly an example to describe this phrase?
4. What is one way this passage has helped you grow in your relationship with God?

Kids Praise "Butterfly Song"

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November 1, 2026
10:30 AM Worship Service

Prelude

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

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Senior Choir "Old Time Religion"

Call to Worship
Lord, we have so much to be grateful for. Your love, your grace, your strength in our lives. We turn to you in worship and in awe of your presence. Lord, help us love you more and more.

Opening Hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness" blue hymnal #327

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Senior Choir "Give Thanks Medley"

Children's Moment

Hymn "When we walk with the Lord" blue hymnal #544

Message: "Kingdom Loving"

Scripture: Luke 10: 25-37

Closing Hymn "I am thine, O Lord" blue hymnal #505

Sending Forth

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

Preschool Sub Sale

Orders taken Oct. 25th - **Nov. 1st**
Delivery Thursday, Nov. 12th
Choice of 12" subs @ $7.50/ea. or pretzel sandwiches @ $6.50/ea. from R & K Subs. All orders will be delivered to the church Thursday, Nov. 12th @ 11:15am. An order sheet is on the table in the narthex. All money is due by Nov. 1st. Checks should be made payable to: Little Swatara Preschool. Place payment in Mailbox #7 at the time of your order. Questions? Ask Renee Brown 724-809-6433

An Opportunity to Serve
John High is organizing a team to serve with the Brethren Disaster Ministry for a work week, December 6th - 12th. Please contact John High if you would like to serve on the team.



Angel Tree ministry tags to bless Tulpehocken families less fortunate this Christmas will be available on the tree in the narthex. Please have the gifts returned to Pastor Matt's office wrapped or unwrapped with your tag attached by Sunday, November 29th. Thank you for supporting our local community.

Community Thanksgiving Eve Service
November 25, 2026
7:00 PM
Tri-County Worship Center
1501 Schubert Road, Bethel, PA

Poinsettia Orders

It is time to think about purchasing poinsettias to beautify the church for the Christmas season. Poinsettias will be purchased through Layser's Flowers. They are offering the single plant 5-6 blooms, 6 1/2" pot, 15-18" tall for $7.50 in the colors: red, white, pink, marble (pink with white edge), glitter (Red with white speckles), and maroon.....or a 24" plant in an 8" pot with 3 plants and 7-12 blooms for $15.00 in colors: red, white, pink, marble, glitter, maroon and tricolor (red/white/pink combo). Orders need to be placed by November 15th. Checks made out to Little Swatara COB or cash can be given to Pam Gerberich. The plants will be available for pick up after the Christmas Eve services. If anyone has questions, please, contact Pam Gerberich.



Stocking are placed in the narthex for home-bound persons, group home residents, and those in assisted living / elderly homes. Our goal is to fill them with Christmas cards thus giving some cheer to the recipients that cannot attend church for varioius reasons. Cards may be placed in stocking from Sunday, Nov. 8th to Sunday, Dec. 13th. Cards & a small gift will be taken to each shut-in during the Christmas Season.

Martin Bashore	Annetta Keeney	Jean Keeney
Mary Bashore	Arlene Dundore	Randy Keeney
Joann Ebling	Dorothy Lutz	Vera Gross
Fern Phillipy	Robert Houser	Darrell Younker
Marvin Luckenbill	Nolan & Doris Keeney	

David & Mary Fake

Pastor Matt & Denise Christ & family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remembrance Service
Sunday, November 22nd at 10:30 AM

On Sunday, November 22nd the 10:30 AM service, we will have a candle lighting with a slide show presentation of anyone you want remembered who was lost during 2025-2026.

Please email or drop off a photo of the person you want remembered to the church secretary by Nov. 15th. Be sure to include their name and date of death. (photos will be returned)

Secretary@LittleSwatara.org
or during office hours Mon-Fri 8:30 am - 12 noon



Volunteers Needed to Help With Live Nativity
December 5th from 6-8 PM

Looking towards the Christmas Season - the Music & Worship team is planning to have a Live Nativity Drive Through on Dec. 5th (Rain Date Dec 6th). We need volunteers for actors, live animals, setup people and more. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex. Questions? Contact any member of the Music & Worship Team

Online Giving Announcements:

NEW!!! We now have online giving available to all! You can contribute from wherever you are whenever you want. We are using Tithe.ly and you can contribute with your credit card or using ACH. You will have the option of paying the "convenience" fee or not, but we would appreciate it if you do pay it. Please use the QR code or access the site from the Giving tab of LittleSwatara.org/giving

Direct Link: www.LittleSwatara.org/giving

EVERY MEMBER COUNCIL MEETING
November 9th, 2026 at 7:00 PM



Potluck Sunday
November 15th
immediately following 10:30 service

Annual Christmas Bazaar

November 7th, 2026

8 AM – 1 PM

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31 Rehrersburg Rd, Bethel, PA

Crafts, Homemade Food,
Fine Artisan Crafts, Vendors and more!!!

Tables are $10 each

Anyone interested in selling items, please contact:
Michelle Snyder 717-933-4856
Sally Emerich at 717-304-9241