

Little Swatara Church- Pastor Matthew S. Christ

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WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

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

CHURCH SIGN CHANGER: Nov.- Patricia Timmins Dec.- P. Timmins / S Forry Jan.— Sam Forry

Wk.3 November 16

CHORISTER Allen Rebman

WORSHIP LDR John Wise

CHILD STORY Abby Christ

PIANIST Sarah Brubaker

AUDIO Todd Rebman

WORSHIP CTR Jennifer Speraw

USHERS Ken Duell / John High
Dennis E. / Joseph Brubaker

Wk. 4 November 23

Praise Team

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Savannah Metzler

Praise Team

Todd Rebman

Jennifer Speraw

Richard & Michelle Yenser
Andrew & Chris Brubaker

Wk. 5 November 30

Pam Gerberich

S. Metzler / K. Myers

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Diane Duell

Todd Rebman

Worship Center

Richard & Michelle Yenser
Andrew & Chris Brubaker

WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30 am & 10:30 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)

Hymn 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 HE WHO WAS SEATED
ON THE THRONE SAID,

*"Behold, I am making
all things new."*



Revelation 21:5, ESV

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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-Sat 6-10am**

Prayer Concerns

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

Lester Bashore
 Wendy Lingle
 Darren Raup
 Ridgeway Community



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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Darrell Younker's birthday is on Nov. 22nd. Let's help him celebrate. A card box will be on the table in the narthex or mail to:

22 Wesleyan Drive
 Kenhorst, PA 19607

Community Thanksgiving Eve Service

November 26th at 7:00 PM

Trinity United Church of Christ
 17 Maria Street
 Rehrersburg, PA

We will be collecting canned &/or boxed goods for the Food Pantry

The November issue of the **Newsletter** has arrived and is on the countertop at the mailboxes in the narthex.

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$ 2,916.50
Building	\$ 25.00
Family Assistance	\$ 50.00
Maintenance	\$ 157.50
Sunday School	\$ 46.00
Feed Them	\$
Global Food Initiative	\$
Food Pantry	\$ 105.00
Women's Fellowship	\$
Mission of the Month	\$ 217.00
	\$
	\$
	\$
Total	\$ 3,517.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2025
 \$ 349,661.00

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 31 + 65
 Virtual Worship - 23
 Sunday School - 34



As a church family, we extend our sincere sympathy & Christian love to Carol Ann and the Bashore family on the passing of Donald Bashore, on November 13th, 2025



November 16, 2025
8:30 AM Service

Welcome & News

Humor

Prayer

Worship Songs

"10,000 Reasons"
 "How Great Is Our God"
 "Jesus Messiah"
 "In Christ Alone"

Scripture - 2 Peter 1:3-8

Catch of the Day - "Reason"

Deep Dive

1. Considering the word "reason", what comes to mind?
2. What has God given us for the Godly life?
3. What keeps our faith from being ineffective?
4. Which of these would you consider most difficult to add in increasing measure?

Kids Praise - "Joy, Joy, Joy" (Down in my heart)

Prayer

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

November 16, 2025

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)

Call to Worship (unison)

Lord, you have our hearts and we long for yours. Lead us in the ways of holy living. Guide us in the path that leads to abundant life. Forgive us when we sin Lord. Let us sing of your amazing grace.

Opening Hymn "Amazing Grace" purple hymnal #163

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Jubilee Choir "Input Output"
"Hallelu, Hallelu"

Children's Moment

Hymn "It is Well with My Soul" purple hymnal #617

Message - "A Whole New World"

Scripture - Revelation 21: 1-5; 18; 21

Remembering our loved ones

Closing Hymn "Sing the Wondrous Love" hymnal supplement #27

Sending Forth



ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Faith and Family Night at the Reading Royals
Saturday, December 6th at 7:00 PM**

Join us as we fellowship at the Reading Royals on Faith & Family Night. We have a section of seats tentatively reserved for us. Use the link below to purchase tickets. Tickets cost \$20 (+fees).

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/Littleswatara12625>

As a group sale on this special night, we would be able to attend a Q&A before the event with the team chaplain and possibly some players., each individual would receive a Reading Royals hat, and if the group is 20 or more, we can have an on-ice picture after the game. Any questions contact Rich Yenser



2025 Christmas Greetings for Stockings

Stockings 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 various reasons. Cards may be placed in stockings from Sunday, November 9th to Sunday, December 7th. Cards and a small gift will be taken to shut-ins during the Christmas Season.

ARLENE DUNDORE	VERA GROSS	JOANN EBLING
ANNETTA KEENEY	RANDY KEENEY	MARY BASHORE
JOHN KELLY	DOROTHY LUTZ	FERN PHILLIPY
DARRELL YOUNKER	MARTIN BASHORE	JEAN KEENEY
MARVIN LUCKENBILL	LESTER BASHORE	NOLAN & DORIS KEENEY
ROBERT & LINDA HOUSER	PASTOR MATT, DENISE & FAMILY	

Any questions or additions please contact: Dianne High



Our next Women's Fellowship Meeting will be Tuesday, November 18th, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall.

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



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Advent Project, we will be collecting shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

To participate:

- Take home a pre-printed, foldable shoe box, label, and gift suggestion guide.
- Fill your box with blessings for a child (new items, please)
- Return your box with the label attached to the church by the closing of the 10:30 AM church service on Sunday, November 23rd

Postage will be paid by the church, however if you attach a paper with your name, you will receive a tracking number to follow your box around the world!

Contact Sue Hartranft with any questions.



Poinsettias to Help Decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas

Poinsettias will be available for purchase to enhance our worship center for the Christmas Season. This year there will be an option of the 6 1/2 " potted poinsettias which have 5-6 blooms at the cost of \$6 for standard red or \$7 for novelty colors and are about 15" tall OR an 8" potted poinsettia made up of 3 plants with 9-12 blooms at a cost of \$12 for standard red or \$14 for novelty colors and are about 24" tall. Novelty color options are: white, pink, marble (pink with white edge, Jingle Bells (red with white speckles, or maroon (dark red). The 8" pot also offers a combination of red/white/pink in one pot. Order sheet is available on the table in the narthex. Final day to order is **November 16th**. You will be able to pick-up your plants either after Christmas Eve worship service or Sunday, December 28th. Any questions contact Pam Gerberich

Volunteers Needed to help with Live Nativity December 13th from 6—8 pm

Looking towards the Christmas Season – the Music and Worship team is planning to have a Live Nativity for December 13th with a rain date of December 14th. Previous years showed this to be a great outreach opportunity for the community. We need VOLUNTEERS for actors, live animals, setup people, refreshments and more!! **A sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex.**

Volunteers Needed to Help Pack "Tulpy Packs" on Wednesday morning Nov. 19th at 9:30 AM at the Bethel Elementary School



November Mission of the Month Blankets of Hope

What's Happening in:

November

16 10:30 AM Remembrance Service
Potluck Sunday
Food Pantry Collection



18 9:00 AM Women's Fellowship Meeting / FH

19 8:45 AM Women's exercise class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise class / FH
Newsletter deadline



20 8:30 AM Quilting
9:30 AM packing food bags for Bethel Food Pantry/
Salem Evang. Lutheran Church



21 8:00 AM Feed Them / kitchen
3:00 PM Bethel Food Pantry /Salem Evang. Lutheran Church

22 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast / cafe

25 Ministry Team Minutes due

26 8:45 AM Women's exercise class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise class / FH
7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service / Trinity UCC, Rehrersburg, PA



27 Thanksgiving Day
Church office closed

28 Feed Them / kitchen

CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Praise Team / Wed. 7:15pm
Jubilee Choir/Sanct/Thurs. 6:15 pm
Senior Choir/Sanct/Thurs. 7:00 pm
Bell Choir/Sanct/Thurs. 7:45 pm