

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. 1 November 2

CHORISTER

Dianne High

Wk. 2 November 9

Praise Team

Wk.3 November 16

Allen Rebman

WORSHIP LDR

Gary Bashore

Praise Team

John Wise

CHILD STORY

Mike & Sarah Kolbe

Ashley Koch

Abby Christ

PIANIST

Diane Duell

Praise Team

Sarah Brubaker

AUDIO

Alan Bashore

Todd Rebman

Todd Rebman

WORSHIP CTR

Tanya Feathers

Sandra Keeney

Jennifer Speraw

USHERS

Bob & Wendy Lingle
Sam Forry & Ken Duell

Gerald & Jim Bowman
Scott Bohn & John High

Ken Duell / John High
Dennis E. / Joseph 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)

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.



November 2, 2025

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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: @LittleSwataraCoB *** Wi-Fi Guest/pw: brethren

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
 Sharon Bashore
 Wendy Lingle
 Darren Raup
 Skippack COB



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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Marvin Luckenbill will be 90 yrs old on Nov. 9th.
 Let's help him celebrate. Mail cards to:
 1267 Shoey Road
 Mohrsville, PA 19541



The congregation of Little Swa-
 tara Church send their love and
 condolences to Joann Ebling and
 the Ebling family on the passing of
 Earl Ebling on October 24th. Services will be
 here at Little Swatara on Saturday, November
 15th. There will be a viewing from 10-11 AM and
 funeral service starting at 11AM.

Alan, Sharon and the Bashore family wish to
 thank the congregation and Pastor Matt for all of
 the cards, prayers, visits and support that were
 received during Sharon's recent illness and hos-
 pitalization. Sharon continues to improve alth-
 ough it will be a lengthy process. We feel God's
 presence through your ministry to us.

We praise the Lord for the many blessings we
 have received throughout this experience. We
 have an awesome God!

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$ 8,162.50
Building	\$ 50.00
Family Assistance	\$ 2,550.00
Maintenance	\$ 127.50
Sunday School	\$ 87.00
Feed Them	\$
Global Food Initiative	\$
Food Pantry	\$
Women's Fellowship	\$
Mission of the Month	\$ 460.00
Disaster Relief (café)	\$
Playground	\$
	\$
Total	\$ 11,437.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2025
 \$ 349,661.00

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 15 + 92
 Virtual Worship - 21
 Sunday School - 43

Thank You !

I would like to thank everyone for all the
 prayers, visits, cards, and phone calls
 during my recent hospitalization and
 recovery.

~ Barry Bashore



November 2, 2025
8:30 AM Service

Welcome & News

Humor

Prayer

Worship Songs

"What An Awesome God"
 "Your Great Name"
 "Trust In You"
 "The Truth"

Scripture - 2 Timothy 3:12-15 NIV

Catch of the Day - "Deceit"

Deep Dive

1. When we hear the word persecution, what comes to mind?
2. With all the voices in the world, how are we supposed to continue in what we learned?
3. What does it look like for someone to go from bad to worse?
4. Why is deceit such a powerful thing? What do people gain?
5. Describe the Godly life?

Kids Praise - "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

Prayer

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

November 2, 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)

Bible Presentation - Remmy Wengert

Sharing of Joys and Concerns Pastor Matt

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Matt

Call to Worship Lucas Rebman

One: Sometimes the best way to live our faith is to DO!

All: Service projects, bible study, singing, playing, working for justice, showing welcome there is so much to do!

One: Sometimes the best way to live our faith is to BE!

All: Breathe, listen, sit, trust - it is sometimes hard to be.

One: In our doing and our being, God is with us!

Prayer Lucas Rebman

Opening Hymn "For the healing of the nations" Blue Hymnal #367

Offertory Thought and Prayer Naomi Brown

Senior Choir "Christ Be in My Mind"
"Change My Heart, O God"

Children's Moment Chloe Brown

Hymn "Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us" Blue Hymnal #352

Scripture Jam Philippians 4:4-7 Naomi & Chloe Brown

Scripture Drama Luke 10:38-42 Naomi & Chloe Brown,
Lucas Rebman & Olivia Kolbe

Message: "Let Your Gentleness Be Known" Pastor Matt

Closing Hymn "Help us to help each other, Lord" Blue Hymnal #362

Litany of Sending Lucas Rebman, Olivia Kolbe,
Remmy Wengert

Benediction Maxine Wengert

One: As we move through life together, may you know that you belong here.

All: I belong here...you belong here...we belong here!

One: May you know that you belong to God, our Good Shepherd.

All: I belong to God...you belong to God...we belong to God.

One: Go in God's gentle love, with gentle love for one another.
Amen



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Bulletins are on the table in the back of the sanctuary for two age groups. Please help yourself

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

Please check your mailbox



EVERY MEMBER COUNCIL MEETING
November 10th, 2025 @ 7:00 PM
Agenda

Reports

Pastor Matt
Gathering Place
3rd Quarter Financial

Business

Pastoral Support Package
2025 Budget

Remembrance Service Sun., November 16th @10:30 AM

On Sunday, November 16th during 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 2024-2025.

Please email or drop-off a photo of the person you want remembered (be sure to include their name) to the church secretary by Nov. 9th at:

Secretary@LittleSwatara.org
or during office hours Monday-Friday 8:30 AM—12 noon.

Our church potluck is also on Nov. 16th. In memory of your loved one, you could bring their favorite dish to share with everyone.

Please join us for the
Women's Christmas Brunch

We will be gathering on November 15, 2025 at 9am
Country Fare Cottage in Myerstown, PA
There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex

NOTE - COLLEGE STUDENTS

Parents, if you have a son or daughter attending college this year, please leave an address with the secretary so we can support them with cards and letters of encouragement throughout the coming year



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.**

“MESSENGER” RENEWAL: Time to renew your subscription to the “Messenger” magazine. \$14.50/ 1yr or \$27.00 /2 yrs. See Lois Reinhard -Mailbox #127 by November 9th

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



Women's Fellowship

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



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



Volunteers Needed to Help Pack “Tulpy Packs” !

Help is needed to pack Tulpy Packs on Wednesday morning at 9:30 AM at the Bethel Elementary School on the morning of November 19th



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



Sunday, November 16th
immediately following the church service

2026 DIRECTORY

NEEDED: any corrections or changes for your family listing in our upcoming directory.

- Name changes
- Address changes
- Change in phone number (please indicate if number is a cell phone)
- Email address (if desired)
- New births/adoptions
- Marriages
- Address for child or children in college or military

Please submit all changes by December 31st to Church Secretary

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

Any questions or additions please contact: Dianne High



November's Mission of the Month

BLANKETS OF HOPE

Blankets of Hope, Inc was founded by Marc Goldstein in December of 2011 upon reading an article in the local newspaper citing the level of poverty in the city of Reading, and also an uplifting piece on a Secret Santa gifting money to those less fortunate. The third puzzle piece came when one of Goldstein's customers bought a blanket as an employee holiday gift. The three triggers were food for thought: how could Goldstein, as a small business owner at the time, help the community?

Blankets of Hope Bed Program does not warehouse our blankets or beds which eliminates overhead costs. For example, when you donate a \$100, we can ship 15 blankets directly to the organization in need.

Also, recently posted on their Facebook page they had a Thank-you note from an organization that their food was real low, this is not just this outreach problem. Most of our local pantries and shelters are already struggling and it will only get worse over the next several months. Blankets of Hope-Berks, over the years that we feel will help the community that we live in. We hope our actions will be shared and that others will follow at helping those agencies within Berks Co. that area struggling to have enough food to feed those that are in a situation of hardship. They were able to donate \$1,000. worth of food to help stock those shelves. It doesn't take a lot of money to make a difference in helping any of our local non-profits who are feeding those under hardships

Every person deserves to feel secure, to be warm and to have HOPE Please help us by donating money to this organization. We will have a box on the table in the back of the sanctuary, and also you can donate by marking your envelopes. (Blankets of Hope). Check out their website for more information and to see all the different organizations they help out.

Thank you,
Missions and Evangelism Team.



November Mission of the Month Blankets of Hope

What's Happening in:

November

- 2 National Jr High Sunday
- 4 7:00 PM Leadership Team mtg
- 5 8:45 AM Women's exercise class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise class / FH
7:00 PM online Bible study
- 6 8:30 AM quilting
- 8 1:00 PM 50+ Club mtg / FH
- 10 7:00 PM Every Member Council Meeting
- 11 11:30 AM Widows Luncheon / Ctry Fare
- 12 8:45 AM Women's exercise class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise class / FH
- 13 8:30 AM Quilting
- 15 9:00 AM Women's Christmas Brunch / Ctry Fare
- 16 10:30 AM Remembrance Service
Potluck Sunday
Food Pantry Collection
- 18 9:00 AM Women's Fellowship Meeting / FH



**NO CHOIR REHEARSALS
THIS WEEK
11/6/2025**