

Little Swatara Church- Pastor Matthew S. Christ

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OFFICE HOURS: TUE., WED. & THURS. 10:00 AM –12:30 PM

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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. 2 November 9

Wk.3 November 16

Wk. 4 November 23

CHORISTER

Praise Team

Allen Rebman

Praise Team

WORSHIP LDR

Praise Team

John Wise

Praise Team

CHILD STORY

Ashley Koch

Abby Christ

Savannah Metzler

PIANIST

Praise Team

Sarah Brubaker

Praise Team

AUDIO

Todd Rebman

Todd Rebman

Todd Rebman

WORSHIP CTR

Sandra Keeney

Jennifer Speraw

Jennifer Speraw

USHERS

Gerald & Jim Bowman
Scott Bohn & John High

Ken Duell / John High
Dennis E. / Joseph Brubaker

Richard & Michelle Yenser
Andrew & Chris 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.

FOR WE BROUGHT NOTHING INTO THE
WORLD, AND WE CANNOT TAKE
ANYTHING OUT OF THE WORLD. BUT
IF WE HAVE FOOD AND
CLOTHING, WITH
THESE WE WILL
BE CONTENT.

1 TIMOTHY 6:7-8, ESV



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 31 Rehrersburg Rd, PO Box 437, Bethel, PA 19507
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 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
 Wendy Lingle
 Darren Raup
 East Fairview COB



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



Marvin Luckenbill will be 90 yrs old on Nov. 9th. Let's help him celebrate. Mail cards to:

1267 Shoey Road
 Mohrsville, PA 19541

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



Sunday, Nov. 16th
*immediately following
 the church service*

Please check your mailbox



GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$	4,687.50
Building	\$	42.50
Family Assistance	\$	50.00
Maintenance	\$	355.00
Sunday School	\$	52.00
Feed Them	\$	
Global Food Initiative	\$	300.00
Food Pantry	\$	40.00
Women's Fellowship	\$	
Mission of the Month	\$	25.00
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
Total	\$	5,552.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2025
 \$ 349,661.00

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 27 + 78
 Virtual Worship - 17
 Sunday School - 51

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



November 9, 2025
8:30 AM Service

Welcome & News

Humor

Prayer

Worship Songs

"Revelation Song"
 "The Father's House"
 "Oceans"
 "How Deep The Father's Love For Us" by Selah

Scripture - Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Catch of the Day - "More the Merrier"

Deep Dive

1. Have you ever tried to do something yourself and it failed?
2. Why do we prefer to do things ourselves?
3. What makes working together more effective?
4. What challenges us when we try to do things together?
5. Why would God want us to do things together?

Kids Praise - "I've Got a River of Life"

Prayer

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

November 9, 2025
10:30 AM Worship Service

Prelude "Goodness of God"

Welcome and Announcements

(What a joy to have you join us for worship today. Kindly sign & pass the register)

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Call to Worship

Ps. 9:9-10 "The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you."

Opening Praise "Friend of God" *projected*
"Enough"

Offertory Thought and Prayer
Offertory Music "The Gospel"

Children's Moment

Praise "How Great is Our God" purple hymnal #116
"Be the Center" *projected*

Message - "Just One More"

Scripture - 1 Timothy 6: 6-8

Closing Praise "Knowing You" *projected*

Sending Forth



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



A very heartfelt thank you to everyone who came out and supported our Annual Christmas Bazaar. We had wonderful weather and another successful year. Thank you doesn't seem to be enough to say for all the effort that goes into this event every year. I am not going to name anyone because there would be a long list of people to thank individually and I wouldn't want to let anyone out. It truly takes a village with the planning, set up, tear down and put away, clean up and every little detail in between. We had a wonderful response for baked items, from cookies, to sticky buns, to bread, rolls, pies, candy and on and on. Thank you to our congregation, our community, our vendors, our craft committee, the ladies at the table selling baked goods and, of course, our kitchen crew for keeping everyone well fed throughout the morning.

~ Linda Bowman, Pres. Women's Fellowship

"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

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	JOANN 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

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.**

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

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



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



Volunteers Needed to Help Pack "Tulpy Packs" !

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



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



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





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



November Mission of the Month Blankets of Hope

What's Happening in:

November

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

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 Break
fast / cafe

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