Little Swatara Church - Pastor Matthew S. Christ

Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 AM - 11:30 PM
Wednesday 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM
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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.3 Oct. 18	Wk. 4 Oct. 25	Wk. 1 Nov. 1
CHORISTER	Allen Rebman	Praise Team	Dianne High
WORSHIP LDR	John Wise	Praise Team	Gary Bashore
CHILD STORY	Abby Christ	S. Metzler / K. Myers	Michael Kolbe
PIANIST	Sarah Brubaker	Praise Team	Diane Duell
AUDIO	Todd Rebman	Todd Rebman	Alan Bashore
WORSHIP CTR	Tanya Feathers	Tanya Feathers	Sandra Keeney
USHERS	K. Duell & J. High S. Bohn & J. Brubaker	R.& M. Yenser A. Brubaker & C. Brubaker	R & W Lingle Sam Forry & Lucas Rebman

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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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

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
Mohrsville COB

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

As a church family, we extend our sincere sympathy & Christian love to Robert Houser and family on the passing of Bob's wife, Linda. Linda passed away on Tuesday, October 13th, 2026.

Happy Birthday

Dorothy Lutz will be 84 yrs. old on Oct. 31st. Let's help her celebrate.
Mail cards to:
203 W. Washington Ave.. - Apt. 6
Myerstown, PA 17067

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	$4,915.00
Building	$ 75.00
Family Asstc..	
Maintenance	$ 77.50
Sunday School	$ 18.10
Feed Them	
Food Pantry	
Mission of the Mo.	$ 1,102.00
Total	$ 6,187.60

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2026

$ 347,035.00

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 53
Virtual Worship - 37
Sunday School - 29

As a church family, we extend our sincere sympathy to the family & friends of Mae Claman. Mae passed away on Tuesday, October 6, 2026



October
Mssion of the Month
Harvest Home & Food Pantry

What's Happening in:

October

18 Potluck Sunday

19 7:00 PM Music & Worship Team meeting

20 9:00 AM Women's Fellowship meeting / FH

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

22 8:30 AM Quilting

24 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast / cafe

25 Golden Age Sunday & dinner / FH

27 Ministry Team Minutes due

28 8:45 AM Women's Exercise class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise class / FH

29 8:30 AM Quilting

November

1 Nat'l Jr. High Sunday

3 7:00 PM Leadership Team meeting

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

Today, Sunday, October 18th, is the last day orders will be taken. An order sheet is on the table in the narthex. Linda Bowman will pick up the orders and bring them to the church on Nov. 15th. Checks must be made payable to the **Londonderry Village Auxiliary.** Checks &/or cash may be given to:

Linda Bowman - Mailbox # 55



Our next Women's Fellowship meeting
will be Tuesday, October 20, 2026
at 9 AM

ANE District's 5th Annual Order Adult Coffee House
Tuesday, October 20, 2026
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
Lancaster COB, 1601 Sunset Ave., Lancaster, PA 17601
This is a FREE Event

Breakfast Buffet

Saturday, October 24, 2026
7:00 - 10:00 AM
Little Swatara COB
Cost: by donation

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.

Off the Hook

October 18, 2026
8:30 AM Worship

Welcome & News

Humor

Prayer

Reeling-In
Lord center us. Reveal yourself to us. Let us be beacons of light. Let us worship your Holy Name

Worship Songs
"My Savior My God"
"God, I'm Just Grateful For You"
"My Jesus"
"I Speak Jesus"

Prayer

Casting Out

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:9 NIV

Catch of the Day - "Little"

Deep Dive
1. How can we do a lot with a little?
2. Why is less more?
3. How is power made perfect in weakness?
4. Why do we not like being considered weak?
5. In what ways do we falsely make ourselves look strong?

Kids Praise "I'm in The Lord's Army"

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October 18, 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 "You are Known"

Call to Worship (Unison)
God, we come together for such a time as this. A time to worship. A time to grow in you. Lead us in your paths of righteousness.

Opening Hymn "What is this place" blue hymnal #1

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Children's Moment

Hymn "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic" blue hymnal #112

Message: "The Official Start"

Scripture: Matthew 4: 12-17

Closing Hymn
"Open my eyes, that I may see" blue hymnal #517

Sending Forth

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Challenge Question

We start so many things in life.
How many do we really finish?

Please submit any information for the November Newsletter by 9am, Wednesday, October 21st



Golden Age Dinner
October 25th



Our Golden Age Dinner will immediately follow the service. Everyone 60 years of age and older is invited to attend.
A sign-up sheet has been placed on the table in the narthex

"A Note from the Financial Secretary"

The offering envelopes for 2027 have arrived. I will be processing them for distribution shortly. Please contact me if you wish to begin using offering envelopes or if you wish to discontinue the use of offering envelopes.

You can reach me by putting a note in mailbox 113, email me at Jean351@aol.com. or by calling 610-678-5247 and leave a message.

If you are currently using offering envelopes and wish to continue to do so, you do not need to do anything.

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