Little Swatara Church - Pastor Matthew S. Christ

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

Church Office: 717-933-4723 Office Hours: Mon - Fri, 8:30 am -12 noon

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 Oct. 4	Wk. 2 Oct. 11	Wk.3 Oct. 18
CHORISTER	Dianne High	Praise Team	Allen Rebman
WORSHIP LDR	Gary Bashore	Praise Team	John Wisw
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	Jennifer Speraw	Jennifer Speraw	Tanya Feathers
USHERS	R & W Lingle S. Forry & L. Rebman	G & J Bowman S Bohn & J Brubaker	K. Duell & J. High S. Bohn & J. Brubaker

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.

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

WHATEVER IS *true,*
WHATEVER IS *honorable,*
WHATEVER IS *just,*
WHATEVER IS *pure...*
IF THERE IS ANYTHING
worthy of praise,
THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS.

PHILIPPIANS 4:8, NRSV

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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., 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
Providence, Royersford, NJ

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

Challenge Question

In what areas of my life, do I need more peace?

Harvest Home Sunday
October 11th

October's Mission of the Month is the "Harvest Home/Food Pantry". We will be collecting canned & /or boxed goods, and cash donations on Harvest Home Sunday. Please place food donations in the front of the sanctuary with the display or in the boxes in the narthex and downstairs lobby.

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	$4,056.50
Building	$ 50.00
Family Asstc..	$ 100.00
Maintenance	$ 127.50
Sunday School	$ 47.00
Feed Them	$ 25.00
Food Pantry	$ 20.00
Mission of the Mo.	$ 100.00
Total	$ 4,526.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2026
$ 347,035.00

Last Sunday's Attendance
Worship 18 & 73
Virtual Worship - 23
Sunday School - 35

8:30 AM Service is cancelled for Sunday, October 11th

BRETHREN Disaster Ministries

September
Mission of the Month

Brethren Disaster Relief

What's Happening in:

October

4 Love Feast

5 Chow-Chow canning / K

6 7:00 PM Leadership Team meeting

7 8:45 AM Women's Exercise class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise class / FH

8 8:30 AM Quilting
5:00 PM M&E meeting

10 12:00 PM 50+ club mtg / FH

11 Harvest Home Sunday
Food Pantry collection
12:00 PM Spiritual Nurture meeting

13 11:30 AM Widow's luncheon / Ctry Fare

14 8:45 AM Women's Exercise class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise class / FH

15 8:30 AM Quilting
9:30 AM packing food bags for Bethel Food Pantry / Salem Evang. Lutheran Church

16 6:00 PM Fall Festival

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

Items for sale include (in one pound bags): salted peanuts, salted and unsalted cashews, salted mixed nuts, honey crunch (peanuts, yogurt raisins, sesame sticks, peanuts), and cabin crunch (M&M chocolate and peanut butter candies, peanuts, raisins, sesame sticks, pretzel balls & tree nuts), and butter toffee pecans.

Orders will be taken between now and Sunday, Oct. 18th. 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



NOTE TO PARENTS OF 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.

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 4, 2026
8:30 Worship Service

Welcome & News

Humor

Prayer

Reeling –In
God you know me better than anyone. I come today trying to lay it all down and trusting you completely. Lead me this very hour as we worship you in Spirit and Truth.

Worship Songs
"Trust in God"
"Firm Foundation (He Won't)"
"King of Kings"
"Gratitude"

Prayer

Casting Out

Scripture - Galatians 1: 10 NIV

Catch of the Day - "Servant"

Deep Dive
1. Why do we care what others think?
2. Can you think of a time when wanting someone's approval influenced a decision you made?
3. What two choices does Paul put before us in this verse?
4. What is the difference between pleasing people and pleasing God?
5. Why would trying to please people make it difficult to be a faithful servant of Christ?
6. Is Paul saying that we should never care about other people's feelings? Why or why not?
7. What does the word "servant" tell us about Paul's relationship to Christ?

Kids Praise - "Happy and You Know It"

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October 4, 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 or Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Senior Choir "Listen to Your Heart"

Call to Worship
"God, lead us to your heart; a place of rest and peace. Still our thoughts and lead us to thy courts above."

Opening Worship "There is a quiet place to rest" blue hymnal #5

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Senior Choir "Let Us Serve Him"

Children's Moment

Worship Song "Come, thou fount" blue hymnal #521

Message - "Peace Be With Us"

Scripture - Philippians 4: 4-9

Closing Worship "When peace, like a river" blue hymnal #336

Sending Forth

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The October issue of the **Newsletter** has arrived and is on the counter at the mailboxes

Women's Fellowship

Below is what the quilts that were so lovingly made and donated to the Disaster Relief Auction were sold for: The Flowers and Bows was sold 3 times for $120, $90 & $80. Pink Roses was sold twice for $55 and $50. Stars and Stripes sold for $130. It is our prayer that the quilts will being warmth & happiness to the new owners & the money raised will benefit those who need our help to recover from disaster issues.

Chow-Chow Orders

We will be making chow-chow on Monday, Oct. 5th starting at 8:00 AM. If you have empty quiart or pint jars, please place them on the conter in the kitcher. An order form is on the table in the Narthes, or contact any member of the Women's Fellowship.

We would appreciate your help and vegetable donations.

Quarts $9.00 Pints $5.00

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



Hayride & Fall Fest
Friday, October 16th
6:00 - 8:00 PM
Everyone is Welcome!

Hayrides, Pumpkin painting, friends by the fire, food & more