

Little Swatara Church- Pastor Matthew S. Christ

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WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

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

CHURCH SIGN CHANGER: Sept. - Sam Forry Oct. - Diane Long Nov. - Patricia Timmins

Wk. 2 October 12

Wk.3 October 19

Wk. 4 October 26

CHORISTER

Praise Team

Allen Rebman

Praise Team

WORSHIP LDR

Praise Team

John Wise

Praise Team

CHILD STORY

Michael Kolbe

Abby Christ

Savannah Metzler

PIANIST

Praise Team

Sarah Brubaker

Praise Team

AUDIO

Todd Rebman

Todd Rebman

Todd Rebman

WORSHIP CTR

Jennifer Speraw

Tanya Feathers

Sandra Keeney

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.



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LITTLE SWATARA CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
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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.

Sharon Bashore
 Earl Ebling
 Wendy Lingle
 Puerta Del Cielo COB



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



Sunday, Oct. 19th

immediately following church service

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dorothy Lutz will be 83 yrs. old on Oct. 31st.
 Let's help her celebrate. Mail cards to:
 101 W. Richland Ave—Apt. 101
 Myerstown, PA 17067



As a Church Family, we send our sincere sympathy and Christian love to the family and friends of Vincent & Nancy Miller on the death of Nancy's sister, Barbara Rinehart, on October 3rd., 2025.

Our deepest sympathy and prayers for the family and friends of Janet E. Bashore. Janet passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 1st.

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$	4,926.50
Building	\$	20.00
Family Assistance	\$	100.00
Maintenance	\$	47.50
Sunday School	\$	69.10
Feed Them	\$	
Global Food Initiative	\$	
Food Pantry	\$	30.00
Women's Fellowship	\$	
Mission of the Month	\$	25.00
	\$	
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	\$	
Total	\$	6,002.10

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2025
 \$ 349,661.00

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 12 + 76
 Virtual Worship 17
 Sunday School 32

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

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



October 12, 2025
8:30 AM Service

Welcome & News

Humor

Prayer

Worship Songs

"No Survivors"
 "Gratitude"
 "Word Of God Speak"
 "God's Not Done With You"

Scripture - Matthew 12: 33-37

Catch of the Day - "Say No More"

Deep Dive

1. How do we decide what we're going to say?
2. In what ways are we held accountable?
3. Why do we say too much at times?
4. If I repeat something someone says, is that wrong? Why or why not?
5. What does it mean the mouth speaks what the heart is full of? How so?

Kids Praise - "This Little Light of Mine"

Prayer

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

October 12, 2025

10:30 AM Worship Service

Prelude

"Be Unto Your Name"
"Sing to the King"

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

Unison Call to Worship

God, the world we live in is filled with wonder and awe. We stand amazed at your presence. You alone are worthy of our praise.

Opening Praise.

"King of Kings" projected
"Revelation Song" Purple Hymnal #415

Created by God.

Ezekial 28: 13-15; Isaiah 14: 12-14; Colossians 1: 16

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Offertory Music "Still Waters" (Psalm 23)

What He Can and Cannot Do.

Job 1:12; Romans 16: 20

Children's Moment

Praise

"Fear Is A Liar" projected

No Need to Fear.

1 John 4: 4; James 4: 7; Ephesians 1: 18-23; Revelation 20: 10

Closing Praise

"God of Wonders" Purple Hymnal #178

Sending Out



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We're Hiring: Groundskeeper Wanted!!

We are seeking a dependable and hardworking **Groundskeeper** to help care for our church property and maintain the beauty of our grounds.

Responsibilities include:

- Lawn care, trimming, mulching, and general landscaping
- Seasonal tasks (leaf removal, snow/ice clearing (sidewalks and steps), pruning, etc.)
- Light maintenance and upkeep of outdoor areas
- Ensuring the church grounds are welcoming and safe for all

This is a part-time hourly rate position with flexible scheduling.

For more information or to apply, please contact Jamie Wise or any other member of the Stewardship and Property Team.



**Preschool Sub Sale October 5th—20th
Delivery Thursday, October 30th**

Choice of 12" subs @ \$7.50/ea. or pretzel sandwiches @ \$6.50/ea. from R & K Subs. All orders will be delivered to the church on Thursday, October 30th at 11:15am. An order sheet is on the table in the narthex. All money is due by October 20th.. Checks should be made payable to: Little Swatara Preschool. Place payment in Mailbox #7 at the time of your order. Questions? Ask Renee Brown 724-809-6433



ITEMS NEEDED

Our Annual Little Swatara Christmas Bazaar will be held Saturday, November 1st from 8:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. Donated baked items and/or homemade candy would be greatly appreciated. See Sally Emerich.

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 October 15th

"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 Nov. 9th



Our next Women's Fellowship Meeting will be
Tuesday, October 21st, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.

Upcoming events:

Annual Christmas Bazaar: November 1, 2025 from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Women's Christmas Brunch: November 15, 2025 from 9:00 – 11:30 AM
at the Cottage at Country Fare Restaurant, Myerstown



Women's Fellowship Buffet Breakfast
October 18th, 2025
7:00 AM—10:00 AM



Golden Age Dinner
October 26th



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

Join us on Saturday, October 18th at 6:00
PM at the Little Swatara COB pavilion for
activities for the kids, campfire to toast
marshmallows, refreshments and a hayride.

Bring your family & friends!
All are welcome!



October 18th



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 on Sunday, December 18th.



October Mission of the Month

Harvest Home / Food Pantry



What's Happening in:

October

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| 12 | Harvest Home Sunday | |
| 14 | 11:30 AM Widows Luncheon / Country Fare | |
| 15 | 8:45 AM Women's exercise class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise class / FH
7:00 PM online Bible study | 
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| 16 | 8:30 AM quilting
9:30 AM packing food bags for Bethel Food Pantry / Salem Evang. Lutheran Church, Bethel |  |
| 17 | 8:00 AM Feed Them / kitchen
3:00 PM Bethel Food Pantry / Salem Evang. Lutheran Church |  |
| 18 | 7:00 AM Buffet Breakfast / FH
6:00 PM Fall Festival & Hayride | 
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| 19 | Church Potluck Meal / FH |  |
| 21 | 9:00 AM Women's Fellowship mtg / FH | |
| 22 | 8:45 AM Women's exercise class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise class / FH
7:00 PM online Bible study | 
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| 23 | 8:30 AM quilting |  |
| 25 | 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast / cafe | |

CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

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