

Little Swatara Church- Pastor Matthew S. Christ

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WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

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

CHURCH SIGN CHANGER: Oct.- Diane Long Nov.- Patricia Timmins Dec.- P. Timmins/S Forry

Wk.3 October 19

CHORISTER Allen Rebman

WORSHIP LDR John Wise

CHILD STORY Abby Christ

PIANIST Sarah Brubaker

AUDIO Todd Rebman

WORSHIP CTR Jennifer Speraw

USHERS Ken Duell / John High
Dennis E. / Joseph Brubaker

Wk. 4 October 26

Praise Team

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Savannah Metzler

Praise Team

Todd Rebman

Tanya Feathers

Richard & Michelle Yenser
Andrew & Chris Brubaker

Wk. 1 November 2

Dianne High

Gary Bashore

Mike & Sarah Kolbe

Diane Duell

Alan Bashore

Tanya Feathers

Bob & Wendy Lingle
Sam Forry & Ken Duell

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
 West Green Tree COB



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



TODAY
*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

Thank You !

"A heartfelt thank you for the Dunkin' gift
 card for pastor appreciation month. I love
 you all so very much.

Blessings always.
 ~ Pastor Matt

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

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$	3,508.50
Building	\$	95.00
Family Assistance	\$	50.00
Maintenance	\$	357.50
Sunday School	\$	56.00
Feed Them	\$	
Global Food Initiative	\$	300.00
Food Pantry	\$	
Women's Fellowship	\$	
Mission of the Month	\$	25.00
Disaster Relief (café)	\$	970.00
	\$	
	\$	
Total	\$	5,362.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2025
 \$ 349,661.00

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 18 + 67
 Virtual Worship 21
 Sunday School 37

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



October 19, 2025
8:30 AM Service

Prelude "All Who Are Thirsty"

Welcome & News

Humor

Prayer

Worship Songs

"Waymaker"
 "Voice of Truth"
 "Build My Life"
 "Good, Good Father"

Scripture - Psalm 46: 10-11

Catch of the Day - "Answers"

Deep Dive

1. Where do people turn for answers?
2. What kind of answers are we looking for?
3. What happens when we can't find the answers ?
4. What do we want to know about God?

Kids Praise - "Awesome God"

Prayer

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

October 19, 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)

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Senior Choir "My Hope is in the Lord"

Call to Worship

Leader - Lord, you've given us words to speak.

People - Those words have the power to change our lives forever.

Leader - May we speak with words filled with love and joy and peace.

People - May we bring glory to your name through all we do.

Open Hymn "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic" Blue Hymnal #112

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Jubilee Choir "I'm Gonna Hide God's Word Inside My Heart"
"O, Sing to the Lord"

Children's Moment

Hymn "The church's one foundation" Blue Hymnal #311

Message — "Say No More"

Scripture : Colossians 4: 5-6

Closing Hymn "Come, thou fount of every blessing" Blue Hymnal #521

Sending Forth



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 29th (double pack)

"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

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.**



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



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



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



For more information or if you need a ride,
Please contact anyone in Women's
Fellowship or call the
Church office



October Mission of the Month Harvest Home / Food Pantry



What's Happening in:

October

- 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  Bible Study
- 23 8:30 AM quilting 
- 25 7:00 AM Men's Prayer
Breakfast / café
- 26 Golden Age Dinner immediately following church service
- 28 Ministry Team Minutes due
- 29 8:45 AM Women's exercise class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise class / FH
7:00 PM online Bible study  Bible Study
- 30 8:30 AM quilting 
12 noon Bazaar set-up

November

- 1 8:00 AM Christmas Bazaar / FH
- 4 7:00 PM Leadership Team mtg

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