

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. 4 October 26

Wk. 1 November 2

Wk. 2 November 9

CHORISTER

Praise Team

Dianne High

Praise Team

WORSHIP LDR

Praise Team

Gary Bashore

Praise Team

CHILD STORY

Savannah Metzler

Mike & Sarah Kolbe

Ashley Koch

PIANIST

Praise Team

Diane Duell

Praise Team

AUDIO

Todd Rebman

Alan Bashore

Todd Rebman

WORSHIP CTR

Tanya Feathers

Tanya Feathers

Sandra Keeney

USHERS

Richard & Michelle Yenser
Andrew & Chris Brubaker

Bob & Wendy Lingle
Sam Forry & Ken Duell

Gerald & Jim Bowman
Scott Bohn & John High

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.

J O H N 2 : 1 0 , E S V

**"EVERYONE
SERVES
THE GOOD
WINE
FIRST...
BUT YOU HAVE KEPT
the good wine
UNTIL NOW."**



October 26, 2025

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
 Mountville COB



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

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

Marvin Luckenbill will be 90 yrs old on Nov. 9th.
 Let's help him celebrate. Mail cards to:
 1267 Shoey Road
 Mohrsville, PA 19541

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

“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

Please check your mailbox



GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$ 4,765.00
Building	\$ 45.00
Family Assistance	\$ 100.00
Maintenance	\$ 372.50
Sunday School	\$ 93.00
Feed Them	\$
Global Food Initiative	\$
Food Pantry	\$
Women's Fellowship	\$ 20.00
Mission of the Month	\$ 225.00
Disaster Relief (café)	\$
Playground	\$ 20.00
	\$
Total	\$ 5,641.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2025
 \$ 349,661.00

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 14 + 101
 Virtual Worship - 19
 Sunday School 55

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

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



October Mission of the Month Harvest Home / Food Pantry



What's Happening in:

October

- 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
- 30** 8:30 AM quilting
 12 noon Bazaar set-up



Bible Study



November

- 1** 8:00 AM Christmas Bazaar / FH
- 2** National Jr High Sunday
- 4** 7:00 PM Leadership Team mtg
- 5** 8:45 AM Women's exercise class / FH
 10:00 AM Seated Exercise class / FH
 7:00 PM online Bible study
- 6** 8:30 AM quilting
- 8** 1:00 PM 50+ Club mtg / FH
- 9** Food Pantry collection
- 10** 7:00 PM Every Member Council Meeting



Bible Study



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

**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.**

Join us

**Mount Wilson Church Hymn Sing
Sunday, October 26th @ 6:30 PM**

1261 Mt. Wilson Road, Lebanon, PA
Light refreshments will be served



**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 26, 2025
8:30 AM Service**

Welcome & News

Humor

Prayer

Worship Songs

"Gonna Be Alright"
"Peace Be Still"
"Graves Into Gardens"
"There Was Jesus"

Scripture - John 11:31-40

Catch of the Day - "Wept"

Deep Dive

1. What causes people to weep?
2. So why didn't Jesus keep Lazarus from dying?
3. What would we ask Jesus to prevent in our lives?
4. How do we best comfort others when they weep?

Kids Praise - "My God is so Big"

Prayer

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

October 26, 2025

10:30 AM Worship Service

Prelude

"Become as a Child"
"Lion of Judah"

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 (Unison)

Lord, we turn our eyes upon you. We set our hearts in tune with your love. May we see all the good things you have blessed us with. To, You Oh God, we give our thanks.

Opening Praise

"There is Joy in the Lord" projected
"This is Amazing Grace" projected
"10,000 Reasons" purple hymnal #111

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Offertory Music "Word of God Speak"

Children's Moment

Worship

"Lord I need You" purple hymnal #155

Message - "The Eeyore Effect"

Scripture - John 2:1-11

Closing Praise

"Good Good Father" projected

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.

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.

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)