

**Little Swatara Church- Pastor Matthew S. Christ**

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**WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS**

**VIDEO PROJECTION** Glenn Riegel & Mark Myers—CVLI#502613280; CCLI#157691

**ORGANIST** Marlene Blatt

**CHURCH SIGN CHANGER:** Oct.- Diane Long Nov.- Pat Timmins Dec. - Tony Fazio

**Wk. 2 October 8**

**Wk.3 October 15**

**Wk. 4 October 22**

**CHORISTER**

Praise Team

Allen Rebman

Praise Team

**WORSHIP LDR**

Praise Team

John Wise

Praise Team

**CHILD STORY**

Pat Stupp

Abby Christ

Savannah M / Karen M

**PIANIST**

Praise Team

Sarah Brubaker

Praise Team

**AUDIO**

Greg Bryant

Todd Rebman

Todd Rebman

**WORSHIP CTR**

Jennifer Speraw

Tanya Feathers

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**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  
Elementary (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

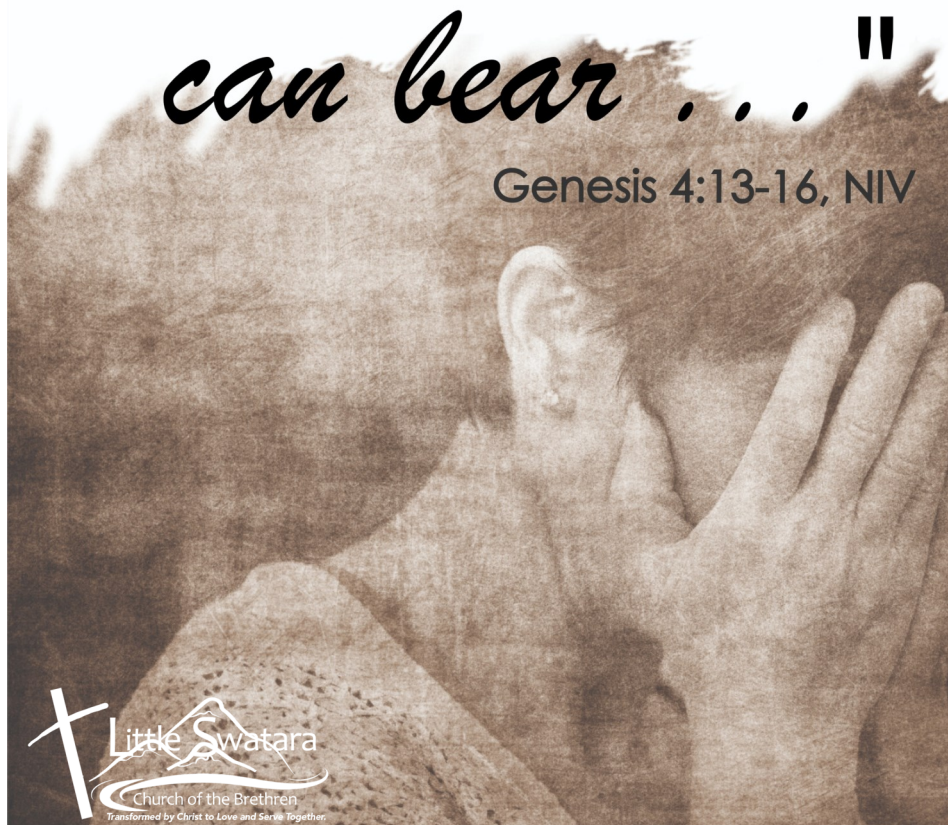
**NOTICE:** We are currently running a Livestream ministry. If you cannot join us on Sunday morning in person, you can join us "online" by visiting our Facebook or YouTube page. Our 10:30 service is streamed every week.

**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.

"Cain said to the Lord.....

*My punishment  
is more than I  
can bear . . . "*

Genesis 4:13-16, NIV



October 8, 2023



*Outreach: The Gathering Place Café*, 8490 Lancaster Ave, Bethel  
 Contact: [gatheringplacecafe.com](mailto: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.

Martin Bashore  
 John Kelly  
 Paul Sweigart



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

## A Call to Prayer

Let love be your focus this week; more love for others, more love toward self. Seek patience and understanding in dealing with difficult situations. Continue to prioritize Jesus as the number one focus in life. Pray his will to be done.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dorothy Lutz will be 80 yrs. old on Oct. 31st  
 Let's help her celebrate. Mail cards to:  
 101 West Richland Ave—Apt. 101  
 Myerstown, PA 17067

## Thank You !

Thank you to everyone for the cards and prayers while I was recuperating from my knee surgery.

~ Dorothy Gensemer

The Nov.-Dec. issue of the **Upper Room** has arrived and is on the table in the narthex.

## GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$ 4,534.50
Building Fund	\$ 20.00
Family Assistance	\$ -
Maintenance	\$ 307.50
Sunday School	\$ 65.00
Global Food Initiative	\$ 375.00
Nigerian EYN	\$ 375.00
Womens Fellowship	\$ -
Mission of the Month	\$ 150.00
Feed Them	\$ -
Brethren Disaster	\$ -
Food Pantry	\$ 110.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,937.00</b>

**GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2023**  
**\$324,190.**

## Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 9 + 78  
 Virtual Worship 18  
 Sunday School 50

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

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

**October 8, 2023**

**10: 30 Worship Service**

Prelude

"Revelation Song"  
 "O Come to the Altar"

## 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

## Call to Worship

L: God, grant us wisdom to live lives pleasing to you.  
 P: **Forgive us when we fall short.**  
 L: Change our hearts O God and make them pure.  
 P: **May our hearts beat again solely for you.**

## Opening Worship

"Come as You Are" *projected*  
 "The Heart of Worship"  
 "No Longer Slaves"

## Morning Prayer

Song Response "Change My Heart O God" *projected*

## Offertory Thought & Prayer

Offertory Music "Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord"  
 "The Lord is My Light"

## Children's Moment

Worship Song "Sanctuary" *projected*

## Message - "The choice"

Scripture - Genesis 4: 13-16

Closing Worship "I'm Trading My Sorrows" *projected*

## Sending Forth



## Pastoral Appreciation

Romans 10:14 - How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

The set-apart ministry is a calling of and for the whole church. This week in celebration of Pastoral Appreciation we invite you to :

- Seek God's best for our pastor and family.
- Cheerfully care for the financial and emotional needs of our pastor, spouse, and family.
- Find ways to express our genuine appreciation and encouragement for our pastor and their spouse
- Pray for your pastor and family on a regular basis.
- Be a blessing to your pastor and family.

We invite you to remember and celebrate our Pastor and his family this month.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### 2nd Sunday Program TODAY at 7:00 PM

Join us for an evening with the "Blind Voices". The group is Jeff Jackson, Joel Jackson, and Sara Jackson.

Sub Sandwich  
**SALE**



### Preschool Fall Fundraiser

Little Swatara Preschool is having a Fall Fundraiser and will be selling R&K Subs/Sandwiches.

Orders & payments are due by October 10th. Delivery will be on Thursday, October 26th. Pickup is between 11:15—12:45

There is an order form on the table in the Narthex. Please put payments in mailbox #7 when your order is placed. Thank you for your continued support for the Preschool Program!



Craft Group to meet at 12 noon Thursdays thru October

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

### Golden Age Dinner October 22nd

Our Golden Age Dinner will immediately follow the service. Everyone 60 years of age and older is invited to attend. Tentative menu includes, ham balls, cheesy potatoes, green beans, lettuce with bacon dressing, and Angel Food cake. Entertainment will be provided by Chris Ivey—character juggler. A sign-up sheet will be placed on the table in the narthex until October 15th



Our Annual Little Swatara Christmas Bazaar will be held Saturday, November 4 from 8:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. **Donated baked items and/or homemade candy would be greatly appreciated.** Stop by for breakfast, lunch, or both because we always have good food at reasonable prices. We will have vendors with some of your favorite products and crafts for sale, so you can start your Christmas shopping early.

### Please join us for the Women's Christmas Brunch.

We will be gathering on November 19, 2022 at 9am at the 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



**"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. 1st.



### **NOTE - 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.





## Londonderry Village

### Fall Harvest and Christmas Bazaar October 28th, 8am – 1:30pm

LONDONDERRY VILLAGE  
1200 GRUBB STREET  
PALMYRA, PA 17078

Homemade cookies by the pound \* crafts plants & Produce  
Gift baskets \* Christmas Shop  
L.V. Woodshop stand & assorted nuts

The L.V. Boutique will be open  
9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

The food stand will be open for a light lunch of soup, sandwiches and  
desserts!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



### News from Camp Swatara October 14th - Family Movie Night

Where: FCC Ballfield  
Bring a blanket or chair for seating. Free to all

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**Family Camp Closing Weekend**  
**Work Day October 28, 2023 @ 8 AM**  
**Free Camping October 27—29, 2023**  
Info and registration: [www.campswatara.org](http://www.campswatara.org)










## October Mission of the Month Food Pantry



### What's Happening in:

#### October

- 8 Harvest Home Sunday  
7:00 PM Second Sunday Music Program 
- 10 11:30 AM Widows' Luncheon / Ctry Fare
- 11 8:45 AM Women's Exercise Class / FH  
10:00 AM Seated Exercise Class / FH 
- 12 8:30 AM Quilting   
12 Noon Craft Group
- 14 12 Noon 50+ club mtg banquet/FH
- 15 12 Noon Church Potluck meal 
- 17 9:00 AM Women's Fellowship meeting / FH
- 18 Newsletter Deadline  
8:45 AM Women's Exercise Class / FH  
10:00 AM Seated Exercise Class / FH 
- 19 8:30 AM Quilting   
9:30 AM Packing food bags for Bethel Food Pantry  
12 Noon Craft Group
- 20 8:00 AM Feed Them / kitchen  
3:00 PM Bethel Food Pantry 
- 21 10:30 AM Trim Healthy Mama/  
Walnut Room

#### **CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE**

Jubilee Choir/SanctThurs.6:00pm  
Senior Choir/Sanct/Thurs.7:00pm