

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.3 September 21

Wk. 4 September 28

Wk. 1 October 5

CHORISTER

Allen Rebman

Praise Team

Dianne High

WORSHIP LDR

John Wise

Praise Team

Gary Bashore

CHILD STORY

Abby Christ

Savannah Metzler

Ashley Koch

PIANIST

Sarah Brubaker

Praise Team

Diane Duell

AUDIO

Todd Rebman

Todd Rebman

Alan Bashore

WORSHIP CTR

Tanya Feathers

Sandra Keeney

Sandra Keeney

USHERS

Ken Duell / John High
Dennis E. / Joseph Brubaker

Richard & Michelle Yenser
Andrew & Chris Brubaker

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.

Be **KIND**
to one another,
TENDERHEARTED,
FORGIVING
one another, as
GOD in CHRIST
has forgiven **YOU.**

Ephesians 4:32, NRSV



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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
 Florin COB



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

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$	4,693.50
Building	\$	25.00
Family Assistance	\$	100.00
Maintenance	\$	492.50
Sunday School	\$	95.00
Feed Them	\$	
Global Food Initiative	\$	300.00
Food Pantry	\$	120.00
Women's Fellowship	\$	
Mission of the Month	\$	325.00
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
Total	\$	, 6,171.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2025
 \$ 349,661.00

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 24 + 60
 Virtual Worship 16
 Sunday School 36

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

WELCOME to CHURCH

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



Today
 following the church service



September 21, 2025
8:30 AM Service

Welcome & News

Humor

Prayer

Worship Songs

"Give Me Jesus"
 "Raise A Hallelujah"
 "Holy Water"
 "Gratitude"

Scripture - Mark 1:9-13

Catch of the Day - "Pleased"

Deep Dive

- How do we know when someone is pleased with someone else?
- What was it about Jesus that God loved him and was well pleased with him?
- Do people ever change just so that someone would be pleased with them? How so? (i.e. parent/child; husband/wife; boss/employee)
- Why after being baptized and the Spirit descending on Jesus, was he sent into the wilderness to be tempted

Kids Praise - "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

Prayer

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

September 21, 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)

Quilt Dedication

Unison Call to Worship

God help us to live in the moment. Help us to see the needs around us. Help us to focus on being kind and compassionate. God, let us lift up our voices and sing. For you alone are worthy.

Opening Hymn "All creatures of our God and King" #48

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn "A mighty fortress is our God" #165

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Children's Moment

Hymn "Seel ye first the kingdom of God" #324

Message - "The Time is Right Now"

Scripture - Ephesians 4: 17-32

Closing Hymn "Soon and very soon" #611

Sending Forth



Where does all the money I give toward the General Fund go?

Little Swatara's General Fund is an important fund for our church's financial health. When you choose to give toward the General Fund, you are giving to help meet our church's budgeted (planned) expenses. These expenses include pastoral ministry, payroll for the church secretary, treasurer, custodian and groundskeeper, care for God's house including housekeeping supplies, lawn care, snow removal, insurance, heating and cooling costs, regular church building and grounds maintenance, elevator and fire protection inspections and maintenance, and telephone, Bible School, Love Feast, All Fellowship meal, Golden Age Dinner, Spiritual Renewal Services, paper & printing, postage, choir music, office equipment, audio-visual equipment, licenses required to do outreach through online services, Preschool support, and for budgeted outreach to our denomination, COBYS, E-town college, Londonderry Village, Bethany Seminary, Area Council of Churches, and service organizations including local fire companies.

As seen from the above list, many expenses fall under this fund. This is not an exhaustive list. Many other items fall within these budgeted categories. Our General Fund provides for all the expenses for our church to keep it up and running.

As we all know from personal experience, the cost of living has gone up significantly over the past few years. Our church expenses have also continued to increase as the same items cost more and more. Each year, over the past 5 years, we have begun the year with a significant decrease in our General Fund balance, as compared to the prior year. It is vital to the health of our congregation that the General Fund be the main recipient of our giving. Please prayerfully consider investing in the life of the church by giving to the General Fund, to support our local ministry, building and property upkeep and budgeted outreach.

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with any member of the Stewardship & Property team.

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.



Jubilee Choir -Thursday 6:15 –6:45 PM

Senior Choir - Thursday 7—7:45 PM

Bell Choir - Thursday 7:45—8:30 PM

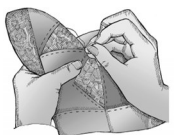
Praise Team - Wednesday 7:15 PM

Chow-Chow Orders



The first batch of chow chow is ready to be picked up. We will be making the last batch on Monday, Sept 29th starting at 8:00 AM. Please bring your jars to be refilled & place your order on the form on the table in the Narthex, or contact any member of Women's Fellowship. **We would appreciate your help.**

Quilters Needed !



QUILTING GROUP

The Quilting Group is in need of help. Experience and anyone willing to learn quilting. You do not need to be a member of LSCOB to join this group of quilters. Come join us at 8:30 AM on Thursdays in the Ladies Aide Room on the lower level (enter at the kitchen entrance) Please spread the word.



Our next Women's Fellowship Meeting will be Tuesday, September 23rd, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.

Upcoming events:

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

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

Brethren Disaster Relief Auction

at the Expo in Lebanon

September 26 and 27, 2025



Baked Goods Needed

Baked goods are needed for the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction bake tables. i.e.. pies, cookies, breads, cakes, muffins, anything baked. Gluten free items are appreciated. Clearly mark with an ingredient list to avoid allergy problems. No refrigerated items, please..

Pie plates will be available on the table in the narthex. or use disposable containers. Baked items may be dropped off at our Church kitchen before 9:00 A.M. Friday, September 26th or you may deliver them directly to the Expo early Saturday morning, September 27th.

Londonderry Village Auxiliary 2025 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).

Orders will be taken until Oct. 12th. An order sheet will be placed on the table in the narthex. Linda Bowman will pick up the orders and deliver them to the church on Nov. 18th. Checks must be made payable to the **Londonderry Village Auxiliary**. Checks &/or cash may be given to:

Linda Bowman - Mailbox # 55



September Mission of the Month
Brethren Disaster
Ministries

What's Happening in:

September

- 21 All-Church Potluck meal
Spiritual Nuture meeting
9:00 AM B. Brubaker reunion / pav.



- 23 9:00 AM Women's Fellowship meeting / FH
Ministry Team Minutes due

- 24 7:00 PM Online Bible Study



- 25 Quilting—cx
8:45 AM Women's exercise class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise class / FH



- 27 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast / cafe



- 29 8:00 AM chow chow canning / kitchen



October

- 1 8:45 AM Women's exercise class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise class / FH
7:00 PM online Bible study



- 2 8:30 am Quilting
6:00 PM 50+ Club mtg / FH



- 5 Love Feast



- 12 7:00 PM Leadership Team mtg

CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

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



BREAKFAST BUFFET

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
INVITES YOU TO A FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025
7:00 - 10:00 A.M.

LITTLE SWATARA CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
(Located 1 mile West of Rehrersburg on the left)

~BY DONATION~

Thank You

