

Little Swatara Church- Pastor Matthew S. Christ

PHONE: **717-675-3946** Email: PastorMatt@littleswatara.org

Facebook: Matt Christ; Instagram & Snapchat: mdchrist99

OFFICE HOURS: TUE., WED. & THURS. 10:00 AM –12:30 PM

Church Office: 717-933-4723 OFFICE HOURS: Mon - Fri, 8:30 am -12 noon

Secretary—Connie Davis Email: secretary@littleswatara.org

Treasurer—Dianne Younker, 717-269-0803. Email: treasurer@littleswatara.org.

Newsletter Editor: Connie Davis Email: secretary@littleswatara.org

WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

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

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

Wk. 4 September 28

Wk. 1 October 5

Wk. 2 October 12

CHORISTER

Praise Team

Dianne High

Praise Team

WORSHIP LDR

Praise Team

Gary Bashore

Praise Team

CHILD STORY

Savannah Metzler

Ashley Koch

Michael Kolbe

PIANIST

Praise Team

Diane Duell

Praise Team

AUDIO

Todd Rebman

Alan Bashore

Todd Rebman

WORSHIP CTR

Sandra Keeney

Sandra Keeney

Jennifer Speraw

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

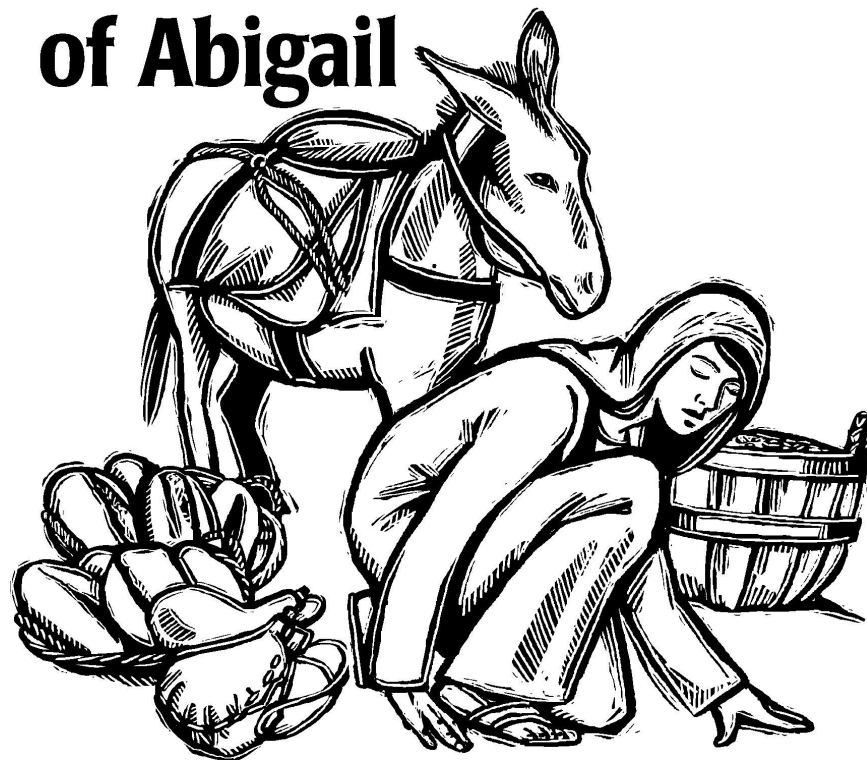
Young Adults – Oak Room (Fellowship Hall Level)

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.

The Wisdom of Abigail



September 28, 2025

Volume LXXIV September 28, 2025 Number 39
LITTLE SWATARA CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
 31 Rehrersburg Rd, PO Box 437, Bethel, PA 19507
 Church Web Page - www.LittleSwatara.org/ phone: 717-933-4723
 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
 Un Nuevo Renacer COB



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

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$	3,602.50
Building	\$	70.00
Family Assistance	\$	50.00
Maintenance	\$	87.50
Sunday School	\$	30.00
Feed Them	\$	
Global Food Initiative	\$	
Food Pantry	\$	10.00
Women's Fellowship	\$	
Mission of the Month	\$	992.00
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
Total	\$	, 4,842.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2025
 \$ 349,661.00

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 17 + 65
 Virtual Worship 18
 Sunday School 30

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



September 28, 2025
8:30 AM Service

Welcome & News

Humor

Prayer

Worship Songs

What An Awesome God"
 "I Speak Jesus"
 "Glorious Day" (Living He Loves Me)
 "Holy Forever"

Scripture - Mark 1:16-20

Catch of the Day - "Left and Followed"

Deep Dive

1. Can you think of things people have left to follow Jesus?
2. What are example of other things we follow?
3. Why do you think these disciples left their business of catching fish to fish for people?
4. What is it about Jesus anyone would want to leave things and follow him?
5. What do you feel prevents people from following Jesus?

Kids Praise - "Do Lord Oh Do Lord Oh Do Remember Me"

Prayer



Thank you to all for the many prayers, phone calls and cards for Earl. He is bed-ridden now and in the care of Bayada Hospice.

The Ebling Family



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

September 28, 2025

10:30 AM Worship Service

Prelude "Awesome God"
"This is Our God"

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

Leader - God, each day there's a battle we try to fight on our own.

People - Yet God, you tell us we're never alone. You're always with us.

Leader - God, let us be surrendered to you as you lead us into victory through your Son, Jesus Christ.

People - For He is the only one we can trust and depend on to see us through.

Opening Hymn "I Am Not Alone" projected
"Waymaker"

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Offertory Music "Almighty"

Children's Moment

Hymn "Raise a Hallelujah" projected

Message - "Under Cover"

Scripture - "1 Samuel 25:9-28"

Closing Hymn "Sing for Joy, O Heavens" 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.

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

Quilters Needed !



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.

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 1st & October 15th





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 – 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

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 Church pavilion for activities for the kids, campfire to toast marshmallows, refreshments and a hayride. Bring your family & friends! All are welcome!



October 18th



Please check your mailbox

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

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



7 7:00 PM Leadership Team mtg

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



9 8:30 AM Quilting



12 Harvest Home Sunday

14 11:30 AM Widows Luncheon / Cty Fare



15 8:45 AM Women's exercise class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise class / FH
7:00 PM online Bible study

CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

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