

Little Swatara Church - Pastor Matthew S. Christ

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

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

WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

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

ORGANIST Marlene Blatt

CHURCH SIGN CHANGER: September – S. Forry October - D. Long November—P. Timmins

Wk.3 September 20

Wk. 4 September 27

Wk. 1 October 4

CHORISTER	Allen Rebman	Praise Team	Dianne High
WORSHIP LDR	Pastor Matt Christ	Savannah Metzler	Gary Bashore
CHILD STORY	Abby Christ	S. Metzler / K. Myers	Mike & Sarah Kolbe
PIANIST	Sarah Brubaker	Praise Team	Diane Duell
AUDIO	Todd Rebman	Todd Rebman	Alan Bashore
WORSHIP CTR	Sandra Keeney	Sandra Keeney	Jennifer Speraw
USHERS	Ken Duell / John High Jacob Koch/D. Umberger	Richard & Michelle Yenser Andrew & Chris Brubaker	Bob & Wendy Lingle S. Forry & L. Rebman

WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30 am & 10:30 am **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES 9:30 – 10:15 am**

Children/Youth

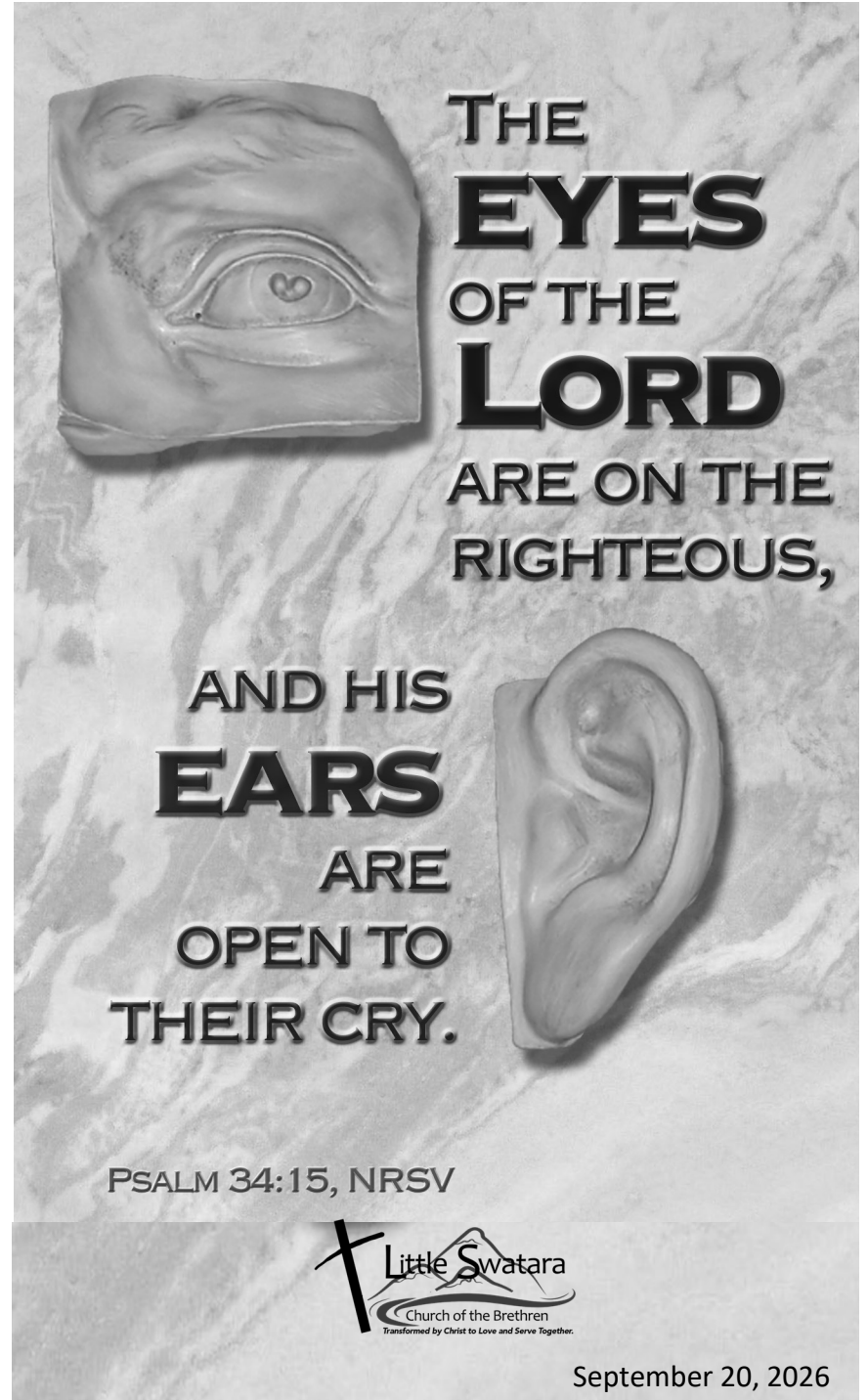
Preschool – Preschool Room, Sanctuary Level
Children's (Grades K to 5 – Pine Room
(Fellowship Hall Level)
Youth (Grades 6 to 12) – Youth Room (Fellowship
Hall)

Adults

Young Adults – Oak Room (Fellowship
Hall Level)
Revelations 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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PSALM 34:15, NRSV

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Church of the Brethren
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LITTLE SWATARA CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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Outreach: *The Gathering Place Café*, 8490 Lancaster Ave, Bethel
Contact: gatheringplacecafe.com / Phone: 717-933-5958
Café Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., & Sat. 6-10am (closed Wed.)

Prayer Concerns

Let us remember the shut-ins and elderly not able to be with us today.

Gerald Bowman
William Long
Jennifer Speraw
Mountville COB



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

Challenge Question

What hidden battles are you fighting only God knows?



TODAY

In the Fellowship Hall
Immediately following
the 10:30 church service

Please remember to check your church mailbox



We're so glad
**YOU'RE
HERE!**

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$ 5,465.00
Building	\$ 80.00
Family Assistance	\$ 50.00
Maintenance	\$ 350.00
Sunday School	\$ 52.00
Feed Them	\$ 100.00
Global Food Initiative	\$
Food Pantry	\$ 150.00
Mission of the Month	\$ 225.00
Brethren Housing Assoc.	\$
VBS offering	\$
Total	\$ 6,477.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET
2026
\$ 347,035.00

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 22 & 71
Virtual Worship - 30
Sunday School - 57

Large Print Bulletins & Children's Bulletins are on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please help yourself.



**September 20, 2026
8:30 Worship Service**

Welcome & News

Humor

Reeling In

"Lord center us on you. Remove any burdens, any distractions that we can fully worship you. You are so worthy of our praise."

Praise

"Gratitude"

"Rescue"

"Good, Good Father"

"Build My Life"

Prayer

Casting Out

Scripture - Matthew 5:13-16

Catch of the Day - "Influence"

Deep Dive

1. What are foods we add salt to?
2. How does that impact the food?
3. What or who are our greatest influences in life?
4. How do we define a positive or negative influence?
5. What kind of influence do we have on others?
6. How does Jesus influence us?

Kids Praise - "Good God Almighty"

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September 20, 2026
10:30 AM Worship Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(We are so excited to have you join us for worship today. Kindly sign & pass the register)

Quilt Dedication

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Senior Choir "O, Sing to the Lord"

Call to Worship

God, we gather as one body knowing your goodness and your mercies are upon us. We praise thee for your unfailing love. We worship you in holiness.

Hymn "We praise thee, O God" blue hymnal #99

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Senior Choir "My Feet Are Tired"

Children's Moment

Hymn "My life flows on" blue hymnal #580

Message: "God Only Knows".

Scripture - Psalm 34:17-22

Closing Hymn "O worship the King" blue hymnal #66

Sending Forth



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Please mark your calendar for the
Brethren Disaster Relief Auction
to be held at the Expo in Lebanon
September 25 and 26, 2026



Part-time Cook wanted!!!

We are seeking a dependable and hardworking Cook to help at our popular café. Approx. 20-25 hrs./week
For more information or to apply, please contact Patty Timmins @717-679-7381, or Mike Peace.@717-933-8495

- Hayrides
- Pumpkin Painting
- Friends by the Fire
- Food
- and more



HAYRIDE & FALL FEST

Friday, October 16th
6:00—8:00 PM

Everyone is welcome!



Londonderry Village Auxiliary
2026 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), and butter toffee pecans.

Orders will be taken between now and Sunday, Oct. 18th. An order sheet is on the table in the narthex. Linda Bowman will pick up the orders and bring them to the church on Nov. 15th. Checks must be made payable to the **Londonderry Village Auxiliary**. Checks &/or cash may be given to:

Linda Bowman - Mailbox # 55

NOTE - COLLEGE STUDENT

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

FREE

ANE District's 5th Annual Older Adult Coffee House

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

2:00 PM—3:30 PM

Lancaster COB, 1601 Sunset Ave., Lancaster, PA 17601



Women's Fellowship

Our next Women's Fellowship Meeting will be
Monday, September 22nd 2026 at 9:00 A.M

Upcoming events:

Breakfast Buffet: October 24th, 2026 from 7:00 —10:00 am

Annual Christmas Bazaar: November 7th, 2026 from 8:00 am—1:00pm

Women's Christmas Brunch: November 21st, 2026 from 9— 11:00 am
in the Cottage at Country Fare.

ANE District Conference Service Project

The ANE Program & Arrangements Committee is inviting us to participate in this year's District Conference service project by supporting the Central PA Food Bank in Harrisburg, PA! The representatives from LSCOB will be taking these items with them to conference on October 3rd, 2026

A collection box will be in the narthex to collect needed food items. The deadline for contributions is Sunday, September 27th. Monetary donations are also acceptable. Make checks payable to ANE District (memo: CPFB)

Most needed food items:

Canned vegetable

Cereal

Granola bars

canned fruit

juice

soup

pasta

peanut butter

rice

Please ensure all items are unopened and not expired.



Chow-Chow Orders

We will be making chow-chow on Tuesday, Sept. 22nd & Monday, Oct. 5th starting at 8:00 AM. If you have empty quart or pint jars, please place them on the counter in the kitchen.

An order form is on the table in the Narthex, or contact any member of Women's Fellowship. **We would appreciate help both days.**

Also let us know if you have any vegetables to donate.

Quarts \$9.00 Pints \$5.00



BRETHREN
Disaster Ministries

September Mission of the Month Brethren Disaster Relief

What's Happening in:

September

- 20 Potluck Sunday
Spiritual Nurture Team meeting
- 21 7:00 pm Music & Worship Team meeting
- 22 9:00 am Women's Fellowship mtg / FH
Ministry Teams minutes due
- 23 8:45 AM Women's Exercise class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise class / FH
- 24 8:30 am Quilting
- 25-26 Disaster Relief Auction, Lebanon Expo
- 26 7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast / café
- 28 Continuing Ed meeting
- 30 8:45 AM Women's Exercise class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise class / FH



October

- 1 8:30 am Quilting
- 2-3 District Conference
- 3 1:00 pm 50+ Club mtg / FH



CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Jubilee Choir - Thurs. 6:15—6:45 pm
Senior Choir - Thurs. 7-7:45 pm
Bell Choir - Thurs. 7:45—8:30 pm
Praise Team - Wed. 7:15 pm