Little Swatara Church - Pastor Matthew S. Christ

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

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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. 4 September 27	Wk. 1 October 4	Wk. 2 October 11
CHORISTER	Praise Team	Dianne High	Praise Team
WORSHIP LDR	Savannah Metzler	Gary Bashore	Praise Team
CHILD STORY	S. Metzler / K. Myers	Mike & Sarah Kolbe	Ashley Koch
PIANIST	Praise Team	Diane Duell	Praise Team
AUDIO	Todd Rebman	Alan Bashore	Todd Rebman
WORSHIP CTR	Sandra Keeney	Jennifer Speraw	Jennifer Speraw
USHERS	Richard & Michelle Yenser Andrew & Chris Brubaker	Bob & Wendy Lingle S. Forry & L. Rebman	Gerald & Jim Bowman Scott Bohn & J. Brubaker

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)

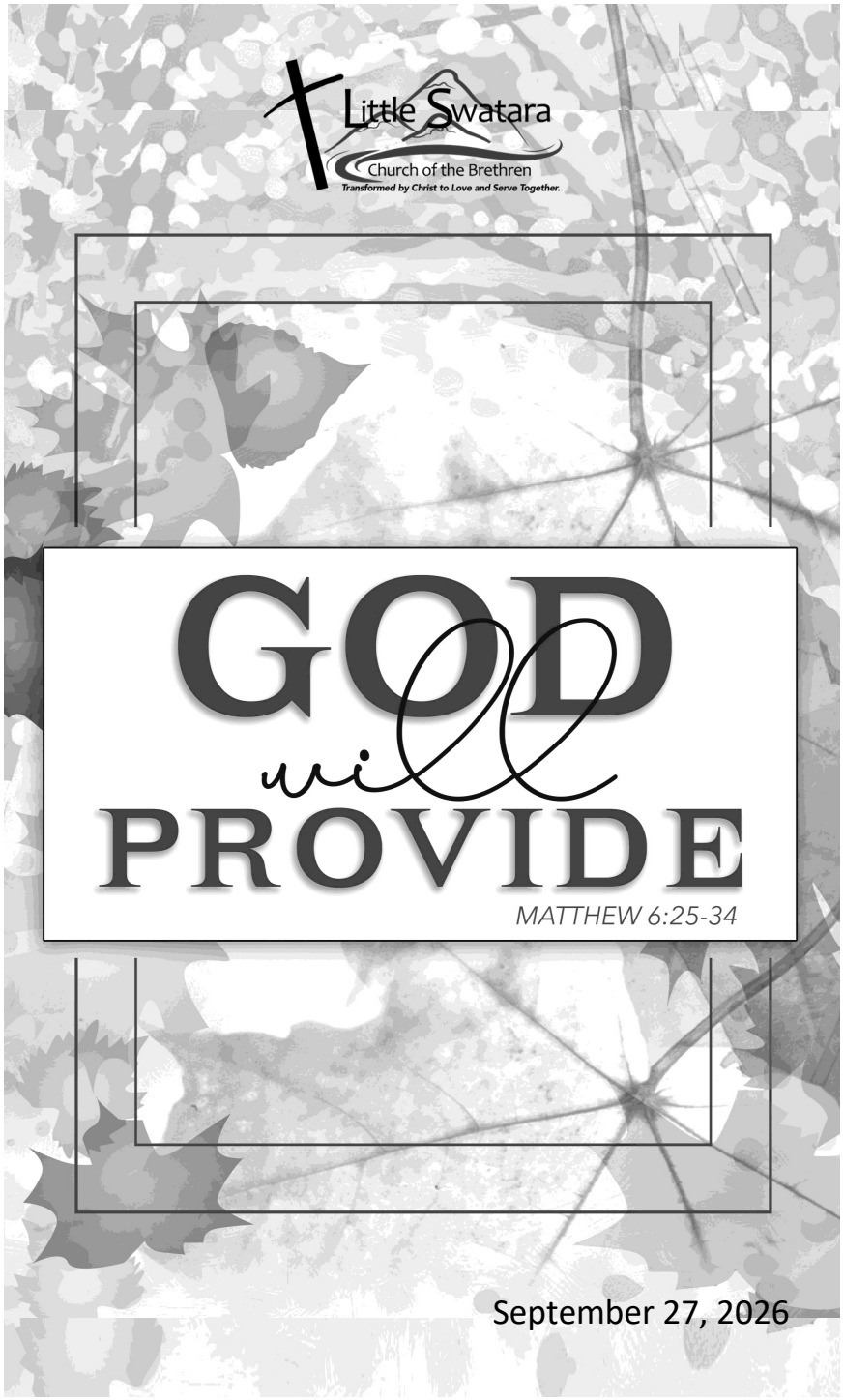
Adults

Young Adults – Oak Room (Fellowship Hall Level)

Salt & Light 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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LITTLE SWATARA CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
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FB: @Little SwataraCoB *** Wi-Fi Guest/pw: brethren

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
Jean Smith
Light of the Gospel, Cresskil, NJ



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

Challenge Question

Where do I worry the most in life?

As we prepare for love feast next week, ask yourself the following questions:

-Are you still in the faith as you declared at your baptism?

-Are you, as far as you know, in peace and union with the church?

-Will you still labor with the Brethren for an increase of holiness both in yourself and others?



Our deepest sympathy & prayers for Mark & Karen Myers on the loss of Karen's Uncle Jack Bruin, who passed away on Monday, September 21st, 2026

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	$	4,370.50
Building	$	20.00
Family Assistance	$	50.00
Maintenance	$	97.50
Sunday School	$	28.01
Feed Them	$	25.00
Global Food Initiative	$	
Food Pantry	$	10.00
Mission of the Month	$	600.00
Brethren Housing Assoc.	$	
VBS offering	$	
Total	$	5,201.01

GENERAL FUND BUDGET
2026
$ 347,035.00

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 23 & 73
Virtual Worship - 17
Sunday School - 37

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



September 27, 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
"Help Is On The Way"
"Strong"
"Honest"
"Who You Say I Am"

Prayer

Casting Out

Scripture - Hebrews 13:6 NIV

Catch of the Day - "Helper"

Deep Dive
1. What does it mean for someone to have confidence?
2. What's the connect between helper and being afraid?
3. What are ways God helps us?
4. In what ways can we help one another?
5. People hurt people, so what does it mean "what can mere mortals do to me?"

Kids Praise - "Every Move I Make"

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

September 27, 2026
10:30 AM Worship Service

Prelude "Psalm 23" (I am Not Alone)
"Sometimes A light Surprises" Purple Hymnal 618

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

Pastoral Prayer

Call to Worship
God, we're just so grateful for you. You're an awesome God. We love you and we praise you all our days long. Lord, we need you.

Opening Worship "Lord I Need You" projected
"No Longer Slaves" projected

Offertory Thought and Prayer
Offertory Music "Be Alright"

Children's Moment

Worship "Revelation Song" Purple Hymnal #415

Scripture: Matthew 6. 25 - 34

Sermon: Me Worry

Closing Worship "Thy Word" projected

Sending Forth

Real People
Real Problems
Responding to Christ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The October issue of the **Newsletter** has arrived & is on the counter at the mailboxes

Please remember to check your church mailbox





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

Everyone is welcome!



Friday, October 16th
6:00—8:00 PM



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



Our next Women's Fellowship Meeting will be Monday, October 20, 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	canned fruit	pasta
Cereal	juice	peanut butter
Granola bars	soup	rice

Please ensure all items are unopened and not expired.



Chow-Chow Orders

We will be making chow-chow on Tuesday, 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 your help.**

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

28 Christian Ed meeting

29 5:30 om Preschool CPR class / FH

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 8:00 AM Berks Co. Farm Women / FH & K
4:00 PM Home School Group / R. Brown / FH

4 Love Feast

5 Chow-Chow canning / K

6 5:00 PM M & E meeting / FH
7:00 PM Leadership Team meeting

7 8:45 AM Women's Exercise class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise class / FH

8 8:30 AM Quilting

10 12:00 PM 50+ club mtg / FH

11 Harvest Home Sunday
Food Pantry Collection

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