

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

	<u>Wk. 1 September 6</u>	<u>Wk. 2 September 13</u>	<u>Wk.3 September 20</u>
CHORISTER	Dianne High	Praise Team	Allen Rebman
WORSHIP LDR	Gary Bashore	Praise Team	John Wise
CHILD STORY	Mike & Sarah Kolbe	Ashley Koch	Abby Christ
PIANIST	Diane Duell	Praise Team	Sarah Brubaker
AUDIO	Alan Bashore	Todd Rebman	Todd Rebman
WORSHIP CTR	Tanya Feathers	Tanya Feathers	Sandra Keeney
USHERS	Bob & Wendy Lingle S. Forry & L. Rebman	Gerald & Jim Bowman Scott Bohn & J. Brubaker	Ken Duell / John High Jacob Koch/D. Umberger

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.



“...Come over to Macedonia and help us. “

Acts 16: 9

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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., 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
 Geiger Memorial, Philadelphia, PA



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

Challenge Question

Where could God be opening a door for me to share the gospel?

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

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



As a Church Family, we express our sincere sympathy and Christian love to the family and friends of Beth Ann Stuck-Moats, who passed away on Friday, August 28th, 2026. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Oct. 31st, 11:00 AM at Little Swatara COB.

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$	4,712.50
Building	\$	80.00
Family Assistance	\$	50.00
Maintenance	\$	102.50
Sunday School	\$	62.25
Feed Them	\$	
Global Food Initiative	\$	
Food Pantry	\$	10.00
Mission of the Month	\$	275.00
Brethren Housing Assoc.	\$	
VBS offering	\$	
Total	\$	5,292.25

GENERAL FUND BUDGET
 2026
 \$ 347,035.00

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship - 19 & 78
 Virtual Worship - 14
 Sunday School - 31

CLOSED

Church office will be closed Monday, September 7th in observation of Labor Day



September 6, 2026
 8:30 Worship Service

Welcome & News

Humor

Worship Songs

"Jesus Does"
 "To not worship you"
 "This is our God"
 "Heaven changes everything"

Prayer

Scripture - James 2:1 NIV

Catch of the Day - "Favorites"

Deep Dive

1. Who are your absolute favorite people in the world?
2. What makes someone your favorite?
3. Why would God not want us to have favorites?
4. What are subtle ways we can show favoritism without realizing it?
5. How would our church look different if we treated every person as someone Christ values?

Kids Praise - "Good God Almighty"

Prayer

Sending Forth

*Please note Sept 13th the 8:30 AM service will be in the sanctuary

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

September 6, 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)

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Call to Worship

God, your presence is here among us. We gather worshipping you and knowing the open doors you give us to share the gospel. Help us to be faithful in proclaiming your holy name. Let our song now rise to thee.

Opening Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" blue hymnal #120

Offertory Thought and Prayer

Hymn "Joys are flowing like a river" blue hymnal #301

Children's Moment

Hymn "Oh, For A Thousand Tongues To Sing" blue hymnal #110

Scripture Reading - Acts 16: 6-10

Message - "Open Doors"

Closing Hymn "Soon and very soon" blue hymnal #611

Sending Forth

Postlude



ANNOUNCEMENTS



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



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



COBY's Bike & Hike
September 13, 2026

At the Lititz Church of the Brethren, 300 W. Orange St., Lititz PA.
For details and information go to: <https://cobys.org/bike-and-hike>



Lunch N' Learn
@ Londonderry Village

September 30, 2026 / 12:00 pm / Fellowship Hall in the Snell Community Center on the Londonderry Village Campus / Reservations Required.

Alpaca Farming: Meet & Greet the Eastland Alpacas with Eastland Alpacas

Kevin and Sue of Eastland Alpacas will share a look into alpaca farming and what it takes to care for these gentle animals. They will talk about daily farm life, how alpaca fiber is used, and more. Guests will also have the chance to meet two calm alpacas.



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



Exercise Classes will Resume Wednesday, Sept. 16th

Women's Exercise Class 8:45 a.m.

Seated Class 10:00 a.m.

Londonderry Village Auxiliary Apple Dumpling Fundraiser

The Londonderry Village Auxiliary is having an Apple Dumpling Fundraiser. The cost is \$6.00 for a regular dumpling and \$6.25 for sugar-free. Sycamore Springs Orchard will be making the dumplings. Sunday, September 13 will be the last day to order, and they will have to be paid in advance. Checks should be payable to Londonderry Village Auxiliary. The dumplings will be delivered to our Church on Saturday, October 10th for you to pick up Sunday, October 11th. There is an order sheet on the table in the Narthex.

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, 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

- 6 Promotion Sunday
- 7 Labor Day—church office closed 
- 8 11:30 am Widows Luncheon / Ctry Fare
- 10 8:30 am Quilting 
- 13 Grandparents Day
Food Pantry Collection Sunday
VBS Volunteer Breakfast 
- 16 Newsletter deadline 
- 17 8:30 am Quilting
9:30 am packing food bags for Bethel Food Pantry / Salem
Evang. Lutheran Church, Bethel
- 18 8:00 am Feed Them / kitchen
3:00 pm Bethel Food Pantry / Salem Evang.
Lutheran Church 
- 20 Potluck Sunday
Spiritual Nurture Team meeting 
- 21 7:00 pm Music & Worship
Team meeting
- 22 9:00 am Women's
Fellowship mtg / FH

CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

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