



Jan 2026

Swamp Evangelical Lutheran Church Newsletter

www.swamplutheran.org

Swamp Lutheran Church
275 Swamp Church Rd
Reinholds, Pa 17569
717-336-2849

Ministers :
Congregation

Staff

Pastor:
Rev. Scott V. Brubaker

Admin Asst:
Teresa Renninger

Sexton:
Jonathan Gyorke

Organist/Choir Director:
Susan Kreitz

Assistant Organist:
Grady Daub

Bell Choir:
Doug Kulp

In person worship
8:30AM

Two options available:

- Watch live stream video on YouTube
- Join us inside for in person worship

Welcome to the Season of Epiphany

This is the part of the church year where we celebrate the revealing (Epiphany) of Jesus' divinity through events like the Magi's visit, Jesus' Baptism, and the Transfiguration, showcasing God's light shining in the world and calling believers to share that light. The season begins on January 6 (Feast of the Epiphany-Wise Men) and ends the day before Ash Wednesday (Shrove Tuesday, February 17 – or for us dutchmen, Fasnacht Day!). The Liturgical color is green—don't forget to check out Pastor Scott's sneakers.

The Tradition of Chalking the Door

C+M+B is a traditional Christian inscription of blessing for one's home, often chalked on doorways during Epiphany, symbolizing either the supposed names of the Three Wise Men (Caspar, Melchior, Balthazar) or the Latin phrase "Christus Mansionem Benedicat," meaning "May Christ bless this house," with the plus signs representing the cross and the numbers indicating the year, like 20+C+M+B+26 for 2026.

Instead of chalking, cut out the below inscription and tape above your door (inside is fine) or make your own.

20 + C + M + B + 26

May Christ Bless this House



IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN!

What: The Souper Bowl of Caring is a national movement across the nation working together to fight hunger and poverty in their communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game.

When: Until Super Bowl Sunday, February 8, 2026

Where: Bring canned soup and other nonperishable food items and place them beneath the goal post in the Narthex.

Who: Benefits Swamp Food Pantry

Pastor's Message



Dear friends in Christ,

As we step into a new year together, the season of Epiphany invites us to pause and notice the light of Christ being revealed among us. Epiphany is the season of manifestation—when God's love, first made known to the Magi, continues to shine into the world through Jesus and through us.

The star that guided the wise men still guides God's people today. In a world that can feel uncertain or divided, Epiphany reminds us that Christ's light is not hidden or reserved for a few, but generously shared with all. That light leads us outward—to serve, to welcome, and to love our neighbors in tangible ways.

Here at Swamp Lutheran Church, we see that light reflected in the faithful work of our congregation. One meaningful example this month is the Souper Bowl of Caring food collection drive, led by SLY (Swamp Lutheran Youth). As football fans across the nation gather for the Super Bowl, our youth are reminding us that caring for those who are hungry is a faithful response to God's love. Through this effort, we live out the Epiphany message by letting Christ's compassion shine through simple acts of generosity.

As we begin 2026, I encourage you to ask: Where is God's light being revealed in my life? And just as importantly, how might God be calling me to reflect that light to others? Whether through prayer, service, generosity, or kindness, each of us has a role in making Christ known.

May this season of Epiphany fill your hearts with hope, guide your steps with wisdom, and renew your joy in following Jesus—the Light of the world.

Grace and peace to you in the new year,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pastor Scott".



Generosity Minute

Renewed by God's Generosity

As we step into a new year, we are invited once again to trust in the One who makes all things new. The turning of the calendar reminds us that God's mercies are renewed every morning (Lamentations 3:22-23). Each day is a fresh opportunity to live in response to God's grace—to live generously, faithfully, and with hearts open to the movement of the Spirit.

From the very beginning, God has been a giving God. Out of love, God created the world and breathed life into it. Out of compassion, God entered our human story in Jesus Christ, giving God's own self for the sake of the world. As St. Paul reminds us, "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though Christ was rich, yet for your sake Christ became poor, so that you through Christ's poverty might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9).

This gift of grace shapes how we live and how we give. As Luther taught, all that we have—our lives, our abilities, and our resources—come from God's boundless generosity. We are stewards, entrusted to use these gifts for the good of others and for the glory of God. When we give, whether through tithing, serving, or acts of compassion, we bear witness to the abundance of the One who provides all things.

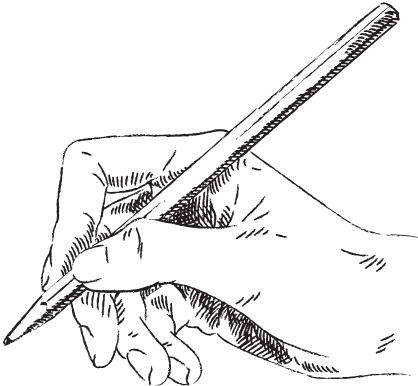
God's promises are sure: "Bring the full tithe into the storehouse... and see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need" (Malachi 3:10). This is not a promise of worldly wealth, but of spiritual fullness—joy, peace, and trust in God's ongoing care.

As 2026 begins, may our lives and our congregation reflect this deep trust in God's provision. Let us give generously, serve gladly, and walk boldly into the future, knowing that the same God who has blessed us in the past will continue to sustain us in the days to come.

"the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully...And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." —2 Corinthians 9:6,8

In Christ's grace,
—Generosity Committee

Notes from the Pastor



Please call the church office at **717-336-2849** when:

- **You are in the hospital or prior to going to the hospital** (or have a relative call for you.) In an emergency, call Pastor Brubaker at **717-598-4663**.
- **You are confined to your home for an extended period of time** because of illness or accident.
- **You are going to a rehab center or a nursing home.**
- **There is a change in your family status** (birth, death, marriage, or divorce).
- **You move to a home, move out of the area, or go away to college or graduate school.** Important for keeping data base current.
- **You schedule a meeting or an event** of a group or committee. To be open and communicative with everyone, we would like to include all scheduling on the Church Calender and in the Weekly Bulletin.

Prayer Requests

Hunter Leisey
John Frantz
Ed Miller
John Wesner
Jeff Kappenstein
Nettie Kreiner
Clair Sweigart
Faith Moyer
Michael A. Crowther
Reba Ranck
Grace Ranck
Ray Fox
Gene Miller
Larry & Jean Wolf
Bobby Hershey
Marilyn Gelsinger
Edie Snyder
Teresa Sweigart
Mel and Troy Ulrich
Earl Myers
Elizabeth Sherman
Judy Habecker
AnnaRose Schannauer
Jerry Landis

Mary Beth Jenkins
Evelyn Gehman
Joan Leed
Ron Adams
Kevin Williams
Susan Levan
Larry Eberly
Janet Bingaman
Gladys Eckenroad
Bonnie Koehle-Koon
Ross Houck
Chris Zander
Kathleen Troutman
Sally Bergman
Keith Reimert
Pam Heisey
Connie Malafarina
Ted Heisey
Regina Reinecker
Karen Klingensmith
Debbie Leed

Sue Van Zant
Alex Merionfeld
Sandy Clouser
Helen Werner
Susan Kreitz
Cody Leisey
Lou Smith
Lowell Haws
Steve Kauffman
Anson Kauffman
Randy Krater
Michelle Moyer
Tayler Moyer
Janet Craley
Lisa Evans
Scott Zook
Dianna Becker
Clarice Haws
Sue Templin
Glenn Beard Sr
Ray Weitzel
Clyde Showalter
Michael Hagy
Laurie Sauder



**"The fewer the words,
the better the prayer".**
Martin Luther

January 10+ Birthdays

RANDY GOCKLEY	1/2
62 ROBERT RD	
EPHRATA PA 17522	
ROBERT SHANK	1/3
712 LINCOLN GARDENS RD	
EPHRATA PA 178522	
LINDA CHRISTY	1/8
67 HAWK VALLEY LANE	
DENVER, PA 17517	
ROBERT BACHMAN	1/11
675 BLUE LAKE ROAD	
DENVER, PA 17517	
JAN RISER	1/17
46 STONY RUN VILLAGE	
DENVER PA 17517	
MARIE MCQUATE	1/17
723 PINE ST	
DENVER PA 17517	



LOWELL HAWS	1/18
712 VINEMONT ROAD	
REINHOLDS, PA 17569	
SALLY BERGMAN	1/19
75 SYCAMORE DR #372	
ELIZABETHTOWN PA 17022	
DEWEY TATE	1/24
1016 GENERAL SUTTER AVE	
LITITZ, PA 17543	
LINDA PRESTON	1/29
149 PRESTON RD	
WERNERSVILLE PA 19565	
JAY HERTZOG	1/30
7417 N VIA CAMELLO DEL NORTE #156	
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85258-3634	

Please advise the office if this is the magic year that you turn 70! Just give Terri a call at 717-336-2849
or email her at secretary@swamplutheran.org

Happy Birthday to others born in January

Garrett Bansner	01
Dale Drake	01
Pat Weitzel	03
Cheryl Chmielewski	06
Dorothy McDonough	06
Jeffrey McDonough, III	06
Ruby McDonough	06
Ryan Martzall	11
Jenna Weachter	11
Bobby Bachman	11



Aubrey Leisey	16
Emily Bansner	16
Alan Worley	20
Avery Posegay	22
Lindsay Matter Showalter	22
Dewey Tate	24
Maya Van Zant	26
Blakely McCafferty	29
Adam Laudenslager	30
Kristin Gockley	31



Clyde Showalter	Anna Adams
Mel & Troy Ulrich	Edie Snyder
Michael A. Crowther	John Elser
Earl Myers	Marion Bergman
Clarice Haws	Gary & Joan Reddig
Joyce Stoner	Bobby Hershey

Jan Sound Tech Schedule

04 Steve Laudenslager
 11 Steve Laudenslager
 18 Steve Laudenslager
 25 Steve Laudenslager

Feb Sound Tech Schedule

01 Steve Laudenslager
 08 Steve Laudenslager
 15 Steve Laudenslager
 22 Steve Laudenslager

Jan Vid Stream Schedule

04 Josh Garrison
 11 Alan Worley
 18 John Frantz
 25 Josh Garrison

Feb Vid Stream Schedule

01 Alan Worley
 08 John Frantz
 15 Josh Garrison
 22 Alan Worley

Jan Coffee Schedule

04 Deb Sweigert
 11 Ray Weitzel
 18 Pam Leisey
 25 Randy Gockley

Feb Coffee Schedule

01 Ray Weitzel
 08 Pam Leisey
 15 Deb Sweigert
 22 John Frantz

Jan Greeters Schedule

04 Deb Sweigert
 11 John Frantz
 18 Brian & Katie Koehle
 25 David & Laraine Kramer

Feb Greeters Schedule

01 Lee & Jodi Showalter
 08 Steve & Karen Laudenslager
 15 John & Sharon Levan
 22 Denise Kidwell

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 1	NEW YEAR'S DAY
January 1	OFFICE CLOSED
January 2	OFFICE CLOSED
January 5	7:00pm Bell Choir
January 6	6:00pm Zoom Bible Study
January 6	7:00pm Welcome Cmte
January 7	7:00pm Choir
January 8	6:30pm Learning Cmte
January 13	6:00pm Zoom Bible Study
January 14	1-4:00pm EASS Food Distribution
January 14	7:00pm Choir
January 19	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY
January 19	OFFICE CLOSED
January 19	7:00pm Bell Choir
January 20	6:00pm Zoom Bible Study
January 21	7:00pm Choir
January 21	7:00pm Church Council
January 23	1:00pm Widow & Widowers Reading Museum,
January 26	7:00pm Bell Choir
January 27	6:00pm Zoom Bible Study
January 27	7:00pm Cocalico Builders of Hope
January 28	7:00pm Choir



In case of inclement weather. Notice of church cancellation will be shared via email to those who are signed up to receive church emails, posted on our website www.swamplutheran.org, posted on WGAL's website, and Swamp Lutheran's Facebook page.

12/16/2025

Swamp Lutheran Church
November 2025 Financial

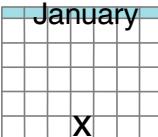
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Treasurers Report November 2025	Nov 2025 Actual	This Year Budget	% of Budget	Remaining	Year-To-Date Actual
Income	\$ 49,466.46	\$ 326,063.00	15%	\$ 276,596.54	\$ 359,654.55
Expense	\$ 31,024.81	\$ 326,063.00	10%	\$ 295,038.19	\$ 393,605.69
OPERATIONS	\$ 739.00	\$ 53,590.00	1%	\$ 52,851.00	\$ 46,401.95
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 6,109.56	\$ 21,350.00	29%	\$ 15,240.44	\$ 40,782.87
BENEFITS	\$ 3,535.56	\$ 36,435.00	10%	\$ 32,899.44	\$ 40,114.76
THROUGH STAFF	\$ 11,637.34	\$ 146,148.00	8%	\$ 134,510.66	\$ 141,167.35
REIMBURSED EXP.	\$ 560.00	\$ -		\$ (560.00)	\$ 3,593.84
PROPERTY	\$ 605.12	\$ 18,050.00	3%	\$ 17,444.88	\$ 19,676.90
WORSHIP	\$ 1,197.87	\$ 7,550.00	16%	\$ 6,352.13	\$ 6,773.84
SERVICE	\$ -	\$ 900.00	0%	\$ 900.00	\$ 992.10
COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 22.28	\$ 750.00	3%	\$ 727.72	\$ 806.97
GENEROSITY	\$ -	\$ 500.00	0%	\$ 500.00	\$ -
WELCOME	\$ -	\$ 5,350.00	0%	\$ 5,350.00	\$ 1,821.03
LEARNING	\$ 238.71	\$ 3,850.00	6%	\$ 3,611.29	\$ 902.71
BENEVOLENCES	\$ 6,379.37	\$ 30,790.00	21%	\$ 24,410.63	\$ 64,336.44
Insurance Claim - Broken Pipe	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 26,264.93

Thank you for serving as greeters.

Please try to be at the front door by 8:10AM

January



January 27 is the deadline for the February Newsletter.

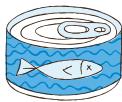
Please reach out to Terri Renninger at 717-336-2849 or email secretary@swamplutheran.org

Your cooperation is appreciated. Thank you!



ALTAR FLOWERS: Altar flowers are needed for February 1st & 8th. If you would like to sponsor a Sunday for the flowers or candle in 2026, please contact Sue Kreitz at 717-283-9444 or John Frantz at 717-606-8994.

Grumbine's Flowers is looking to relocate and will not guarantee fresh altar flower arrangements beyond February 2026. In the event that Grumbine's discontinues service, the flower committee will be discussing options and/or alternatives. In the meantime, please continue to sign up for flower sponsorships via Sue, John, or the flower calendar. Candle sponsorships will not be changing.



FOOD BANK – Needs of the food bank are ongoing and need replenished monthly. There is a need for canned chicken, tuna, soup, paper towels and toilet paper. Please check for a current expiration date. Thank you for helping as you are able. We distribute on the 2nd Wed each month.



Special Request - BOXES. EASS uses approx. 100 boxes monthly for food bank- distribution. Please place them near the youth room entrance. *Thank you!*



THANK YOU to the congregation for purchasing wreaths for Wreaths Across America. Also, thank you to the congregation for participating in laying the wreaths at the Swamp Cemetery.

Kristin and Swamp Lutheran Youth



US FLAGS When a US flag becomes worn, faded, torn or soiled, it should be retired and replaced with a new flag. For those of you interested in retiring your worn US flags, please bring them to the church. We will collect them in the church library and deliver them to the Reinholds VFW who will arrange for them to be retired in proper fashion. Thank you for your consideration.



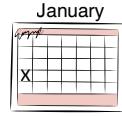
Gently Used Sneakers Needed. SLY is collecting sneakers as a fundraiser. Used sneakers (pairs only; athletic shoes only) may be deposited in the bins located in the Narthex and the social hall lobby. SLY is not able to accept any non-athletic footwear including but not limited to dress shoes, heels, rain boots, sandals, slip-ons, water socks, wedges, and work boots of any kind. Questions may be addressed to Pastor Scott Brubaker at 717-336-2849 or email pastor@swamplutheran.org



Knitters and Crocheters have been asked to provide baby blankets for Veteran Families. Please use soft yarn with not too loose of a pattern and no more than 32" X 32 , " but not less than 27" square or rectangular. There are some copies of baby blanket patterns in the church library where the shawls/blankets are being collected. We need more boy colors than girl colors.



The church needs your help as a volunteer. From time to time members of the church need assistance in getting somewhere or even to get to church. It is not often but when the need arises we would appreciate having some folks who are willing to drive if available. Please call or email Terri at the office to identify yourself as a willing volunteer driver. 717-336-2849 or secretary@swamplutheran.org. God needs our hands and feet to assist those in our church family. Thank you for your consideration.



SAVE THE DATE – January 18

Intergenerational Sunday School Class – Theme is Epiphany

January 18 @ 9:45 AM in Social Hall

Ages 5th grade and older – come one, come all

Builders of Hope, TL:

- The house they rented is no longer available. They are looking for a 3 bedroom house in the Cocalico School District.
- Fundraising and grant applications will begin in hopes of purchasing a house.

Service:

- The next community meal will be January 8th.

Kitchen Krew:

- Our food bank provided food boxes for 56 families with 148 folks in December.
- Also, gave 4 boxes of food to the EASS families we shopped for their kids.
- Assisted the youth with their Thanksgiving meal.

Worship Committee:

- Christmas Eve services will be 4pm and 7pm. At 6:30pm, enjoy pre-service musical prelude.
- The first Sunday after Christmas will be Lessons and Carols.

Welcome:

- 8 folks participated in shopping for 9 EASS kids.
- Total bill was around \$1100.
- Caroling on the 21st after church. Hot chocolate and cookies were served afterward.

Learning:

- They will be collecting soup for souper bowl Sunday after the New Year.

Youth Ministry:

- Youth prepared a meal for a family of 6 and for the youth and adults to eat. 13 folks helped prepare the meal and 16 ate the meal.
- Youth sold 26 wreaths for Wreaths Across America. Thank you to the congregation that purchased wreaths and for participating in the event.
- Special thanks to Laraine and David Kramer for their leadership with Wreaths Across America
- 6 youth and 2 adults will be attending the Winterfest event at the Lancaster Wyndham Convention Hotel January 2-4, 2026.

Property:

- For the safety of our congregation, we contracted with a snow removal service for clearing the parking lot and sidewalks. This cost was \$400 and was not totally covered in the budget.
- The A/C will move forward with Rodney Good Mechanical doing the work.

Generosity:

- The Jars of Joy final total was \$621.52.
- The Good Gifts collected \$470 so far.

Directory:

- The directory is ready to print.

Other items discussed:

- The Pinewood Derby track will be gifted to Pack 61 in Adamstown.
- Inclement weather info—The survey responses indicated that folks would like to cancel as opposed to having a delay. Cancellation info will be sent via email and facebook.
- We are aware of issues with the live streaming and are working on fixing it. We thank you for letting us know.
- Carillon update: Cody talked to several folks about repair. The least amount it would cost would be \$8000. He will continue to work on it.
- Your slate of officers for next year are:

President: Cody Leisey

Vice President: Lee Showalter

Secretary: Danielle Kauffman

Co-Treasurers: Sue Ellen Knauer and Guy Templin

Financial Secretary: Deb Kohl

OFFICERS of COUNCIL

Cody Leisey, President,

Lee Showalter, Vice President

Danielle Kauffman, Secretary

Deb Kohl, Financial Secretary

Guy Templin, Co-Treasurer

Sue Knauer, Co-Treasurer

**CONGREGATIONAL
COUNCIL LIAISONS**

Danielle Kauffman —
Communication, Directory

Sue Ellen Knauer —
Constitution; Service;
Personnel, Generosity

Denise Kidwell — Disaster
Response, Kitchen Krew

Guy Templin — Finance;
Worship

Deb Sweigert — Cocalico
Builders of Hope

Lee Showalter — Property

Pam Leisey — Learning

George Philippopoulos—Safety
& Security

Jen Weitzel - Welcome

Alan Worley –Youth Ministry

Cody Leisey- Worship Study



Have you updated your will and
remembered the ministry of
Christ at Swamp Lutheran?

Swamp Lutheran Church can
be named a beneficiary in your
will and/or in your life insurance
policy.

**Give a gift that celebrates
your life and commitment to
Christ!**

Living Lutheran Launches New Site and Features

The new LivingLutheran.org launches on Monday, December 8. Members of congregations in our synod will be able to set up a free digital membership that offers these perks:

- A welcoming, easy-to-access format.
- A personalized dashboard prioritizing the stories that interest them.
- Access to members-only content, and the ability to save and “like” articles.
- E-news delivery options to get the stories they want, both online and in their email inboxes.

Please visit livinglutheran.org/subscribe to sign up for your free digital membership. Living Lutheran tells the stories of the ELCA, bonding us as a church across congregations, synods, states, regions and countries. For more information, visit livinglutheran.org/subscribe. You'll also find options for individual and group subscriptions to the print magazine. Please email questions to livinglutheran@elca.org.

Lower Susquehanna Synod Lutheran Disaster Response Team updates:

1. LSS Disaster Response Mission Trip 2026 Planning Meeting: Sunday, February 1st, at 4:00 p.m. in the Community Room at Luther Acres, 250 St. Luke Drive, Lititz. The 26th trip of the Lower Susquehanna Synod LDR Team will take place April 26 – May 2, 2026. It will be a return to the western North Carolina region devastated by Hurricane Helene last fall.
2. The second opportunity is an invitation to anyone interested in hearing about our most recent trip to North Carolina. Also on February 1st, our disaster response team will be gathering to tell our stories and show our pictures from the work we did and the experiences we had in North Carolina in November. The presentation will take place in the Community Room at 7:00 p.m. We thank everyone who supported our work and invite them to come and see what they helped make possible. If you have any questions, please let me know!

Questions? Contact Pastor Glenn Beard at gbeard@luthercare.org



Swamp Needs Your Help!

Tell Pastor Scott if you can help or want to learn more
Most pressing needs include:

Communion Extender: We need helpers to take communion to our homebound members. Training provided.

Choir: We welcome singers for Swamp's Chancel Choir.

Bell Choir: Ringers needed for this music ministry.

Learning Committee: We could use new committee members interested in fostering the faith of our disciples, both young and old.

SLY: We need additional leaders on our team to guide this ministry.

Sunday School teachers: Helpers and teachers needed.

Worship Committee: We can always use fresh perspectives on worship.

Generosity Committee: We need additional disciples to help promote generosity to God's work at Swamp.

Property Committee: We need help attending to the property needs of Swamp. Consider adopting a flower bed to maintain or giving of a skill (electrician, plumbing, carpentry, painting, etc.).

Thank You

Council,

Words cannot express just how grateful my family is for the love and support from our church family. My mother's passing was a painful event, but everyone's kindness has helped ease that pain. Thank you so very much!!

Pastor Scott, Jen, Abby & Jay



Swamp Family,

Thank you so much for the hospitality basket and Christmas cards.

Thank you for all the birthday cards I got for my 95th birthday.

Also thanks for the visits

Riley Newby

Paster Scott & congregation

The best gifts
aren't always
under the tree...
they're people like you.



Thank you for the fruit basket and beautiful cards.

Love
Jean Wolf

Swamp Church Family,

Thank you to all who gave gracious Christmas gifts and thoughtful Christmas cards. I am thankful for the friendships and kindness from the Swamp congregation.

Happy New Year to ALL!

Thanks again,
Terri

Attention thrivent® Financial Members. The Thrivent "Action Teams" program is an opportunity for Thrivent members to lead projects that provide service and outreach to the community. Thrivent Financial will provide funds of \$250 for each project to get started and pay for associated expenses. You may request two grants per year. Swamp Lutheran has many needs, like the monthly food pantry, events, etc. that qualify under this program. If you wish to direct your grant request to help with Swamp Lutheran's activities, please reach out to Lori Gockley who will assist you with the process. Email: lgockley2@gmail.com or call 717-203-8551

Welcome to our New Members!



Todd, Michelle, and Tayler Moyer. The Moyer's come to Swamp via transfer from Zion Lutheran, Leola. Todd grew up at Swamp with his childhood home across the street from the church.

Todd is a graduate of Cocalico and earned a BS in Math Ed from Shippensburg University, a MS in Math Ed from Millersville University and an Ed.D. in CITE (Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology in Education) from Temple University. Dr. Moyer is a professor at Towson University in Maryland. Michelle is a graduate of Conestoga Valley and earned her BS in Accounting from Shippensburg University. Michelle is Senior Enterprise Risk Manager for Fulton Bank.

Todd and Michelle are the proud parents of Lauren (Maloney) and Tayler. They enjoy activities at the Lancaster Liederkranz and with their family. Todd enjoys the Phillies, golf, and APBA baseball.

Tayler is an Ephrata graduate and earned her MS in Mathematical Economics with a minor in German. She is employed and an Economist by the US Department of Labor-Bureau of Labor Statistics. She enjoys hanging out with her fiancé Dylan, her friends and family. She has served as the Treasurer for the Friends of Eberbach for the last two years.

The Moyer's list childhood church, the people and Pastor Scott as reasons for coming to Swamp.



Lauren (nee Moyer) and James Maloney. The Maloney's were married at Swamp on December 5. Lauren is the daughter of Michelle and Todd Moyer. Lauren is a graduate of Ephrata and the University of Maryland with a BS in Bioengineering and a BA in Germanic Studies. She is employed as a Test Engineering Lead at Kymanox (medical device testing). James is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown with a BS in Biochemistry and minor in Biology. He is employed as a Field Service Engineer at Agilent Technologies.

Lauren's hobbies include Lancaster Liederkranz, golf, gardening, the Phillies, and craft breweries. James enjoys gaming, golf, hockey and craft breweries.

When asked what attracted them to Swamp, Lauren wrote, "I attended Swamp with my grandparents (Charlie and Anna Mae Moyer) and fell in love with the community and the church. We knew this was the church to have our wedding and start our faith journey together."



Robert and Linda Preston. The Preston's come to Swamp via transfer from St. Daniel's Lutheran in Robesonia. The Reverend James B. Miller officiated their wedding in 1969. The Preston's are the proud parents of two daughters, Elizabeth Schiffert (Christopher) and Laura McNutt (Neal) and six grandchildren.

Robert earned a BS from Elizabethtown College and a M.Ed from Kutztown University. He taught mathematics for four years before a 33 year career as a Project Cost Accountant. Linda graduated from Conrad Weiser and earned her BS in Elementary Education and M. Ed from Kutztown University. She served as a 5th grade teacher at Wilson for three years. She then balanced mothering with substitute teaching and serving as the Manager of Elderly Housing (low income) for Phoebe Ministries.

Robert and Linda have been very active at St. Daniels. Robert served on church council as a member and as president; treasurer, finance and property committees. Linda served on the social ministry and Christian education committees and the choir and food pantry. Linda also volunteered at the Center for Dyslexic Children, Reading.

Robert enjoys gardening while Linda enjoys cooking, baking, and feeding people. They both enjoy their grandchildren very much.

Asked why they chose to join Swamp, they listed a full-time pastor younger than them, excellent hymns and sermons, children's sermons, leadership, zoom bible study, active committees and welcoming parishioners like Bobby Hershey.



Jesus and the Children Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.

l o v e t b h e n l s m o d
i o n s e d i s c i p l e s
a i q b a t n o n t e c t e
u k d o l o r e d t l i q u
o i e r s e c t e l d h t w
u n l a m c s n s e q e i e
o g s e q u i s c i l a a l
r d v e l e x e e i r v u c
a o r e m o l o r d i e e o
u m i n e n d r e t a n e m
c h i l d r e n g a i t v e
u m i n e n d r e t a t v e
r e b u k e d l a f a c i d
n t a l i i n d i g n a n t

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