



## Myerstown Church of the Brethren

### Scriptural Message

*But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.*

*Hebrews 8:6*

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June 2015

Ministry through Faith,  
Vision, and Action

From Pastor Randy's Desk



We Have a Promise!

Deuteronomy 28:1

And it shall come to pass, if you shall hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD your God, to observe and to do all His Commandments, which I command you this day, that the LORD your God will set you on high above all nations of the Earth.

Did you catch that? GOD has given us a great promise in this wonderful chapter. We have a "Promise of Blessings!" Now listen, I know that there are those, who would argue that GOD did these things for Israel, under the old Covenant, and that they are not for us Christians today, under the New Covenant. However, there is nothing in the Bible to even remotely suggest that! In fact, what your Bible does say is that we have a much better Covenant, based on better Promises than anything in the Old Covenant (Hebrews 8:6).

Hear how GOD has Promised to Bless you and listen to the five great things that are said.

1. And all these blessings shall come on you, and overtake you, (28:2):  
Wow! What this is literally saying is that the "Blessings of the LORD" will chase you down. That means you don't have to go looking for them, for they will find you. What a promise!

2. The LORD shall command the blessing upon you, (28:8):  
Right now, at this moment, all you have to do is believe, that GOD, is commanding blessing upon you. However, you must believe it, you must expect it, and then, you will receive it.

3. And the LORD shall make you plenteous in goods, (28:11):  
The LORD promises "plenty;" and what He has promised, is "goods" meaning everything that you need, whatever it might be.

4. The LORD shall open unto you His good treasure, (28:12):  
As Christians, what the LORD is actually telling us, is that we literally have access to the treasure house of Heaven. The promise just keeps getting better!

5. "And the LORD shall make you the head and not the tail," (28:13):  
The LORD intends for you to have victory; to be Blessed, in all things as we put our Faith in Trust in Him! This is what we have in JESUS CHRIST through the Cross!

## Attendance & Offering

Attendance average for April 1 – April 30, 2015

Sunday School – 73  
Worship Service – 284

Beginning Checkbook Balance – General Fund		\$102,016.19
Income		\$ 28,838.95
Expenses		\$ 23,140.80
Voided Check		\$ <u>0.00</u>
Ending Checkbook Balance		\$107,714.34
Beginning Checkbook Balance – Building Fund		\$ 16,085.62
Income		\$ 6,562.58
Expenses		\$ <u>11,537.90</u>
Ending Checkbook Balance	0.00%	\$ 11,110.30
Music Fund CD	3/18/13	\$ 15,571.83

### Attention all Quilters

On Tuesday mornings we are quilting and knotting in the ladies aid room at 8:00 a.m. All are welcome to come and help.

Let's remember in thought and prayer those living in nursing homes/assisted living homes: Clara Miller, Mary Lineweaver, Nancy Moyer, June Swisher, Helen Wenger, Arlene Crouse, Joanne Ealy, Orpha Doutrich, Iris Liskey, Neal Dohner, Dan Heffner

### Please remember these people in your prayers

Betty Jane Berger, Bud Brubaker, Mary Ann Gible, Dan Heffner, Bill Yoh, Sr., Mark Ziegler

### Pizza Hut

We are still continuing to have Pizza Hut Day the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Look for the paper in your newsletter or on the bulletin board.

### LVBH Volunteers

The LVBH is in need of volunteers in the following areas...people who are willing to visit with our residents, read to the residents, offer wheelchair rides, or just sit and talk with the residents. They also need people who would like to fill water mugs in the Alpha and Leffler units. If you are able to give just one hour or more of your time each week, call Mary Lee Harpel at 838-5406, ext. 3186.

### Home Care

### **Gift Cards**

The gift card order is always the first Sunday of the month. Look for your order form in the newsletter or on the bulletin board. The list of businesses is always changing. If there is a business that you would like to know about, call the church office at 866-5517 to see if those cards would be available. How many cards do you think you can use in a month's time? You don't have to give the card as a gift, you can use them yourself.

### **Sunday School Teachers**

The Christian Education Commission is looking for Sunday School teachers for the 5th and 6th grade class and the Youth class. If you feel called to serve the Lord in this way, please contact any commission member.

### **Save the Date**

We will be doing pictures for the new pictorial directory on Aug. 6th, 7th & 8th and Sept. 17th, 18th & 19th.

### **Save the Date**

Vacation Bible School is July 5-9, 2015. This year VBS will be traveling to Everest. Come climb with us as we conquer challenges with God's mighty power. We NEED you! Sign up for volunteers is available in the Gathering Place. See Anissa Mogel, Christine Blackwell, or Jennifer Zimmerman if you have any questions

### **Holiday Bazaar**

The Annual Holiday Bazaar is Nov. 21st, but it's not too early to mark your calendar to save the date. Also, if you are cleaning out unwanted items, you can donate them for the "White Elephant" sale at the bazaar. We can store items until then for you. See Anna Mae Snyder, Jean Bomberger or Dottie Nagle if you have any questions.

### **Brethren Disaster Relief Trips**

There are 3 Brethren Disaster Relief Trips planned to Toms River, New Jersey. If you are interested in going on any of these trips, please see Glenn Hassinger. They are May 31st – June 6th, Aug 30th – Sept. 5th and Dec. 13th – Dec. 19th.

### **Clothing Drive**

Youth will be collecting gently used clothing items for a clothing drive in August. As you are Spring cleaning those closets, if you find you're ready to clean out some unwanted or outgrown items, please feel free to drop donations in the youth zone! We will take it from there! This is a great way for our youth to give back to the community

### **Council Meeting**

Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. is Council Meeting. Executive committee will meet at 6:30 p.m.

### **KEEP THE DATE**

Knoebels Church Picnic on Saturday August 15th. Sign-up sheet to follow.

### **Christmas in July**

Once again we are having a Christmas in July party for the residents of the Susan Dowhower House. It will be on Tuesday July 28th at 6 pm. All are welcome to attend. We could use people to help! We usually read a Christmas story followed by singing Christmas songs and playing BINGO with the residents. They love their BINGO!!!!. Then we distribute their gifts and snacks for everybody. We all have a wonderful time! It feel's good to give to the less fortunate in our community! They appreciate everything we do for them. Won't you come out and help? There will be a list of names and sizes out in the Gathering Place in June. Please feel free to pick a name or more and bring in a wrapped present for them.

### **T-shirts**

The Belize Team is selling our "Keep Calm and be a Conqueror" T-shirts. The inspiration for these shirts comes from Romans 8:35 & 37. All proceeds from these shirts will be used to purchase and hand out food to those in need in Belize City. Hunger is a huge hardship in Belize. We hope to raise \$500 by selling these shirts which will allow us to buy enough food for 20 families for 2 weeks! Please consider purchasing a shirt. They are \$20 and we have adult sizes small-XL.

### **1<sup>st</sup> time campers**

Sunday June 7th immediately following the morning worship there will be a short question and answer meeting for all parents and campers of "1st time" campers. We will meet in the library.

### **Camp Swatara**

For anyone going to Camp Swatara, do not forget to get your "Good as Gold Certificate" from Mike or Crystal Liskey. You need to present the certificate at registration.

### **June Wedding Anniversaries**

2nd	Carl & Allison Kline
5th	Matthew & Rachel McClure
7th	Randy & Grace Burke
11th	Darryl & Nancy Wolfe
12th	Robert & Evelina Krall Robert & Tania Fasnacht
13th	Brad & Megan Tobin
14th	Ralph & Miriam Ackerman
16th	Brett & Lori Lentz
21st	Dan & Ashly Landis
28th	Chris & Jen Hostetter Brandon & Tracey Krick Brian & Jennifer Murray
29th	Dick & Verna Forney

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am CHILDREN'S DAY	<b>8</b> Council Mtg. 7:00 pm	<b>9</b> PIZZA HUT DAY	<b>10</b> Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm	<b>11</b> Sharing Cupboard 10-1	<b>12</b> Sharing Cupboard 10-1	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Executive Mtg. 6:30 pm Commission Mtg. 7:00 pm Board Mtg. 8:00 pm	<b>17</b> Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm	<b>25</b> Sharing Cupboard 3-6 Spiritual Nurture Mtg. 7:00 pm	<b>26</b> Sharing Cupboard 3-6	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Notes:</b>			

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Emily Hockerk William Miller June Swisher	3 Michelle Daubert	4 Christa Bender Wyatt Daubert Brittany Hogeland Cora Jenkins	5	6 Tina Ebersole
7	8	9 Leah Bradnick Lori Ceresini Molly Dubble Noah Dubble Casey Daubert Andy Heisey Mary Ann Gibble Christie Kroll	10 Frances Leffler Brent Mauser Helen Wenger	11 William Kline Darryl Wolfe	12 Christine Blackwell Weston Fouch Thomas Hess Lisa Maurer Alaina Miller Heather Miller	13 Jackie Burke Brett Gerhart Sophia Krick Brooke Liskey Trina Miller
14	15	16 Neil Donley Daryl Heisey Stephanie Ebling Airik Mutschler Dori Noonan Bill York Jr	17 Dylan Hocker	18 Craig Forney	19 Lucas Faheling Connie Hartranft	20 David Wenger Kelly Whitman
21	22	23	24 Abby Zimmerman	25	26 Robert Gibble Hunter Hartranft Nicholas Reichard	27 Kevin Motter Barbara Wenger
28	29 Donald Reichard	30 Arlene Crouse Lisa Ebersole				