



# Myerstown Church of the Brethren

## Scriptural Message

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*Judges 6:11-12*

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Ministry through Faith,  
Vision, and Action

From Pastor Randy's Desk



### Removing the Oppressors Judges 6:11-12

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In Judges 6:1 we read: And the Children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years.

Despite what Israel had seen regarding the great victory over Sisera, they once again lapsed into apostasy. The Lord allowed Midian to prevail against Israel. The people of God, who were to be the strongest on the face of the Earth, are now reduced to living in dens and caves, because of fear. They had planted fields, but the enemy came in as grasshoppers and they consumed all the food. So Israel, is reduced to starvation; such are the wages of sin! The Lord allowed all of this, because of Israel's idolatry; let us as Christians not think that because this is the day of Grace, that God operates any differently; He doesn't!

Israel now finds herself again under the heel of the oppressor, all because of sin. These were God's People, the mightiest nation on Earth; however, sin will make slaves of those who engage in it.

When the Lord appears to Gideon, He calls him a "mighty man of valor." God calls Gideon strong because he knew himself to be weak, and he believed the LORD to be mighty. Gideon was in the place of misery because he chose to follow God instead of accepting, as others did, the tyranny of the Midianite oppressors. Because God visited there, the Bible says: "Then Gideon built an Altar there unto the LORD, and called it Jehovah-Shalom," which means "the God of Peace," meaning peace with God.

Gideon's victory started with him first destroying the idols in his own home. Public victories cannot be won in the absence of private victories. With sin removed, and done so by virtue of the slain lamb, typifying Christ, peace is now restored.

With spiritual peace restored, then and only then can we have peace in every other capacity. In other words, the Lord would have Gideon destroy the oppressor, which he did. As for us, all of our victory is found in the Cross of Christ! Let us first find our peace in the Cross and then God will help us restore our nation, the United States of America.

## Attendance & Offering

Attendance average for June 1 – June 30, 2015

Sunday School – 39  
Worship Service – 199

Beginning Checkbook Balance – General Fund		\$104,455.22
Income		\$ 25,518.22
Expenses		\$ 48,628.17
Voided Check		\$ <u>0.00</u>
Ending Checkbook Balance		\$ 81,345.27
Beginning Checkbook Balance – Building Fund		\$ 10,911.29
Income		\$ 7,451.51
Expenses		\$ <u>5,859.65</u>
Ending Checkbook Balance	0.00%	\$ 12,503.15
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.

### Please remember these people in your prayers

Betty Jane Berger, Bud Brubaker, Mary Ann Gible, Lois Romberger, 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.

### Home Care

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

### 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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Youth Clothing Exchange**

The Youth Group Clothing Exchange is quickly approaching! We have been getting many donations thus far. Thank you to everyone who has been dropping items off! We really want this to be a huge success! We are still in need of additional items. Especially school aged children's clothing! Please let everyone you know that we are doing this and willing to take items. Please contact Andy or Christa Bender with any questions.

### **KEEP THE DATE**

Knoebel's Church Picnic on Saturday,  
August 15th. Sign-up sheet to follow.

### **2015 Pictorial Directory**

The dates for family picture taking for the 2015 pictorial directory have been set and scheduling will take place beginning on June 28. All families will receive a complimentary 8x10 professional portrait along with a printed directory just for participating. The first round of pictures will be taken on August 6 and 7, from 2:00 to 9:00, and August 8 from 10:00 to 5:00 at the church. You can schedule an appointment to have your pictures taken in three ways:

1. Schedule your appointment online by going to the church website at [www.myerstowncob.org](http://www.myerstowncob.org) and clicking on "Schedule your Time for Pictures for Pictorial Directory";
2. Look for sign-up table after church services in The Gathering Place on June 28, July 5, and 12;
3. For assistance call Janet Dubble at 717-270-1157

Our directory won't be complete without you. Sign up today! For those that are not able to schedule in August, the next scheduled dates are September 17, 18, 19.

## **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.

If you are in need of the Health History Form to be filled out to send with your child to camp, please contact Mike or Crystal Liskey or pick one up in the Gathering Place.

**The Christian Education Commission** is praying for our congregation. Has God placed a calling on your heart to work with our youth? Our church is currently in the need for Youth leaders and Sunday School teachers. Please include this need in your prayers. If God opens your heart to this opportunity, contact any of the Christian Education members.

## **Thank you**

Thank you everyone for the love, prayers, concerns, phone calls, visits, delicious meals, flower plants and cards and all acts of kindness and Pastor Randy for his visits. Thank you everyone for everything

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Lois Romberger

## **NEEDED: VOLUNTEERS TO ASSEMBLE 400-500 CWS SCHOOL KITS**

When: Monday, Aug. 10, 7:00 p.m.

Where: Mt. Lebanon Campmeeting Dining Hall

Three miles North of Lebanon on Route 343 (7th St.)

Needed:

... Drivers to transport CWS school kits to New Windsor

... Donations (\$2 per kit) for New Windsor to transport kits to disaster locations

Contact: Jeanne Smith at 273-9503 (Lebanon phone)

## **August Wedding Anniversaries**

3<sup>rd</sup> Bill & Edna Yoh  
5<sup>th</sup> Dave & Anne Smith  
8<sup>th</sup> Lucas & Corinne Eberly  
9<sup>th</sup> Travis & Erin Brubaker  
Eli & Ashley Shirk  
10<sup>th</sup> Bruce & Beth Perry  
Ken & Deb Arnold  
13<sup>th</sup> Jay & Michelle Dubble  
14<sup>th</sup> Mike & Crystal Liskey  
Tim & Katie Macrina  
17<sup>th</sup> Brian & Rachel Liskey  
19<sup>th</sup> Paul & Kelly Shutter  
26<sup>th</sup> Neal & Jackie Dohner  
27<sup>th</sup> Jon & Becky Jenkins  
30<sup>th</sup> Kevin & Heather Wenrich

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Pictures for Pictorial Directory	<b>7</b> Pictures for Pictorial Directory	<b>8</b> Pictures for Pictorial Directory
<b>9</b> Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> PIZZA HUT DAY	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Sharing Cupboard 10-1	<b>14</b> Sharing Cupboard 3-6	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Executive Mtg. 6:30 pm Commission Mtg. 7:00 pm Board Mtg. 8:00 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Sharing Cupboard 10-1 Spiritual Nurture Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	<b>28</b> Sharing Cupboard 3-6	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Promotion Sunday Presentation of Bibles	<b>31</b>	<b>Notes:</b>				