



Myerstown Church of the Brethren

Scriptural Message

Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

Ephesians 5:20

Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High

Psalms 50:14

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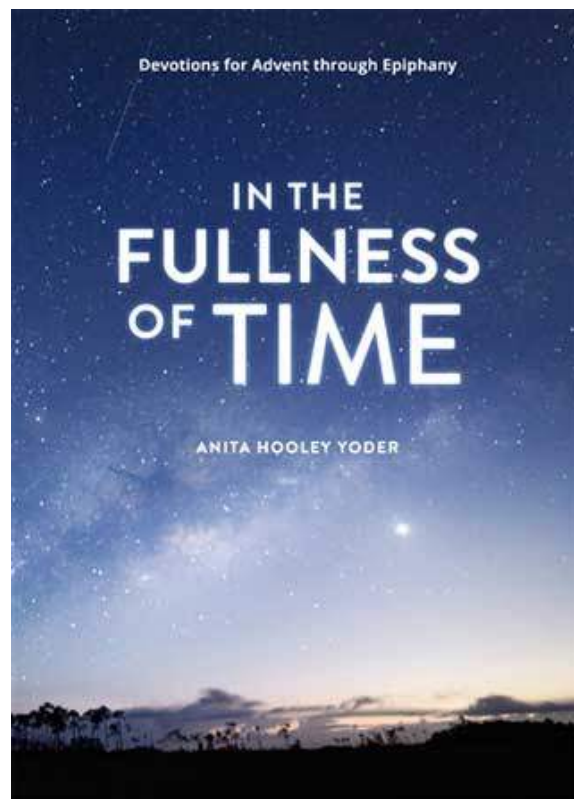
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During Advent we prepare to celebrate the most vulnerable of bodies, the body of an infant. Since God honored the human body by taking residence in it, we are also called to honor bodies — our own, and those around us, especially those suffering. This season may your body and word and spirit come together in meaningful ways as we await Christ, who comes to bring wholeness to all parts of our being.

"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children."

—Galatians 4:4-5, NRSV

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MYERSTOWN CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
January 2016

SUNDAY	SPEAKERS	WORSHIP LEADERS
January 3	Elder Don Wick from Midway C.O.B.	Steve Krick
January 10	Rev. Josiah Ludwick, Youth Pastor of Harrisburg First C.O.B.	Christopher Johns
January 17	Rev. Ralph Moyer, Pastor of visitation from Lititz C.O.B.	Rev. Glenn Hassinger
January 24	Rev. Jon Brenneman, former Pastor of Mt. Wilson C.O.B.	Adam Heisey, Jr.
January 31	Rev. Dr. Peter Hook, taught at Philadelphia Biblical University native of Myerstown	

Ministry & Evangelism Commission

Attendance & Offering

Attendance average for November 1 – November 30, 2015

Sunday School – 71
Worship Service – 200

Beginning Checkbook Balance – General Fund		\$34,385.56
Income		\$20,709.09
Expenses		\$17,577.54
Voided Check		\$ 0.00
Ending Checkbook Balance		\$37,517.11
Beginning Checkbook Balance – Building Fund		\$12,060.49
Income		\$ 7,063.87
Expenses		\$ 5,859.65
Ending Checkbook Balance	0.00%	\$13,264.71
Music Fund CD	8/31/15	\$12,263.42

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 2nd 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

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.

January Wedding Anniversaries

1st David & Janet Dubble
15th Elmer & Barbara Weidman

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.

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.

If We Only Understood

Could we but draw back the curtains
That surround each other's lives,
See the naked heart and spirit,
Know what spur the action gives,
Often we would find it better,
Purer than we judge we should;
We should love each other better
If we only understood.

Could we judge all deeds by motives,
See the good and bad within,
Often we would love the sinner,
All the while we loathe the sin.
Could we know the powers working
To o'erthrow integrity,
We should judge each other's errors
With more patient charity.

If we knew the cares and trials,
Knew the efforts all in vain,
And the bitter disappointment,
Understood the loss and gain
Would the grim eternal roughness
Seem-I wonder-just the same?
Should we help where now we hinder?
Should we pity where now we blame?

Ah! We judge each other harshly,
Knowing not life's hidden force;
Knowing not the fount of action
Is less turbid at its source.
Seeing not amid the evil
All the golden grains of good;
Oh, we'd love each other better
If we only understood.

---Rudyard Kipling

Commissions and Church Board Meeting

Date: December 8, 2015

Meeting was called to order @ 7:05 p.m.

by Chairperson Elect – Robert Noll

Present were: Secretary-Robert Noll

Prayer by: Steve Krick

Secretary’s Report of November 17, 2015

To be approved at January 19, 2016 Church Board Meeting

Treasurer’s Report of December 8, 2015

To be approved at January 19, 2016 Church Board Meeting

With no December Board meeting scheduled due to change of church by-laws, a special board meeting was called to be held on December 8, 2015 for the members of the Church Board for 2016.

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Elect Robert Noll. After a short discussion for the purpose of the meeting, each commission met separately to reorganize and finalize their commission appointments.

Meeting with all members after their short commission meeting, took place as a whole group.

New Business

The chairperson or chairpersons for each commission is as follows:

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| Ministry & Evangelism | Co-Chair – Steve Krick and David Dubble |
| Missions & Fellowship | Co-Chair – Janet Dubble, Susie Dundore |
| Christian Education | Co-Chair – Judy Umbenhauer, Linda Zimmerman |
| Finance & Stewardship | Chairperson – Mark Bomberger |
| Trustee & Property | Chairperson – George Nagle |

Some commissions still need to finalize their appointments and will be completed at the January 19, 2016 board meeting.

There will need to be an election for vice-chairperson for Church Board. This will be held at the January 19, 2016 board meeting.

The Board was made aware of an item in the By-Laws that state any member absent from meetings for three consecutive months, their office shall be declared vacant and filled by the church board. This item is By-Laws Article 1, Section 2, Item B. There was a motion and second that the positions of Ryan Liskey and Kathy Dubble be declared vacant and filled by the church board. This motion is to take effect January 1, 2016.

Motion approved by an aye vote

The following positions are open and need to be filled:

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| Christian Education | 1 member |
| Property & Trustee | 2 members |
| Finance & Stewardship | 1 member |
| Nominating Committee | 4 members |

A booklet containing all the Policies, Constitution and By-Laws were handed out to all members present for their reference if needed.

Interests and Concerns

There was an open discussion from all members present concerning the vote to be taken/cancelled to retain Pastor Randy to the resignation letter from Pastor Randy. The discussion ranged from where we were as a congregation to what happened to where are, where we as a church are going and the next steps to be taken to secure a new pastor.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Eliza Beamesderfer	2 Jean Bomberger
3 Amanda Albright Allison Behney Martin Fidler III	4	5 Betti Ann Varela Barbara Zimmerman	6 Carl Hower Donna Leshner	7 Alessandro Fulk Gail Reppert	8	9 Louisa Arnt Noel Gruber Jennifer Heisey Vicky Heisey Gloria Hower
10 Cindy Liskey	11 Wesley Eberly Travis Gerhart Wilbur Wagner	12 Miriam Ackerman Marvin Ritzman Cooper Schwalm	13 Dan Auman Fern Behney Chad Carroll Mark Landis, Sr.	14 Kyle Arnold Florence Ebersole	15 Brent Hays Kimberly Wenger	16 Austin Thomas Eli Wenrich
17 Joshua Harvey	18 Barry Arnold Brittany Darone Doreen DiScuillo	19 Bonnie Deurer Dezirae Dohner	20 Mike Koppenhaver Bonnie Rittle	21 Diane Dubble	22	23 Scott Wagner
24 Kristy Laubach Jason Wohlbruck	25 Katie Abrams Christina Burke Travis Hibshman	26	27 Lamar Fashnestock	28 Christian Ebling Mark Reppert	29 Barbara Heffner Landon Leonard John Mauser Madison Rambler	30 Patricia Gible Victoria Maurer
31 Neil Batdorf Lori DiFulvio Lori Leonard Margaret Wenger	Notes:					

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2
3 Hand Chimes 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Memorial Candle Lighting	4 Junior Choir 6:30 pm Praise Team 7:00 pm	5 Music Committee Mtg. 7:00 pm	6 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Prayer Mtg. 6:30 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	7	8	9
10 Hand Chimes 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Bread and Cup Communion	11 Junior Choir 6:30 pm Praise Team 7:00 pm	12 PIZZA HUT DAY	13 LVBH Service	14 Sharing Cupboard 10-1	15 Sharing Cupboard 3-6	16
17 Hand Chimes 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	18 Junior Choir 6:30 pm Praise Team 7:00 pm	19 Executive Mtg. 6:30 pm Commission Mtg. 7:00 pm Board Mtg. 8:00 pm	20 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Prayer Mtg. 6:30 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	21	22	23
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