



Myerstown Church of the Brethren

Scriptural Message

*30 Even youths shall faint and be
weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;
31 but they who wait for the Lord shall
renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like
eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.*

Isaiah 40:30-31

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NO RESOLUTIONS

I have resolved to make no New Year resolutions. Instead I will continue to seek the Lord's guidance and will for my life and ministry.

I will, therefore, turn first to Scripture for guidance. In Philippians 3:13b-14 Paul tells us, "One thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

I will forget all those things in the past which bring heartache and division and press on to unity in the Spirit. I will put any failures aside and press on to victory in Jesus. I will seek to serve the Lord and his people with determination to show the love of Jesus in all life and relationships.

This is echoed by Paul in 2 Corinthians 13:11, "Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you."

I will rejoice in the Lord with each new day and live each day with great expectations. Philippians 4 reminds us to "rejoice in the Lord always." I will serve the Lord with a glad heart for "He has made me glad."

I will seek to be at peace with everyone.

If anyone should introduce another gospel or lead away from the truth of God's word and accept anything contrary to the Word I must reject such. But the little things which so often separate us I will also reject and work to be agreeable with all God's people.

If we commit ourselves to these simple principles we can move forward knowing we are not alone but we walk together, and even more, God will bless us throughout this year and into the glorious future.

Will you join me in this commitment?

Attendance & Offering

Attendance average for November 1 – November 30, 2016

Sunday School - 53

Worship Service – 180

Home Care

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

Pizza Hut

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

LVBH Volunteers

The LVBH is always in need of volunteers. Did you that that every other month some lady's from the church go to the home to play BINGO with the residents? Contact Anna Mae Snyder if you would like to help.

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. How many cards to you think you can use in a month? You don't have to buy a card to give away, you can use them yourself.

Annual Conference

If anyone is interested in being an alternate delegate for Annual Conference, please notify Bob Noll. Annual Conference is in Grand Rapids, Michigan June 28th through July 2nd.

Praise and Worship Service

The Ministry & Evangelism Commission is planning a Praise and Worship night to be held on Saturday evening, March 4th. This will be a night of singing hymns, praise songs, quartets, duets, hearing testimonies and anything else that brings praise to our Lord and Savior. We would like to see as many people involved as possible and would encourage each of you to be involved in this great night! This is NOT a talent night. Don't feel like you are not talented enough to be involved. All that is required is a love for the Lord and a desire to honor and worship him! To be involved in this great night, please contact any member of the Ministry & Evangelism Commission which is Nicole Hauck, Grace Ziegler, Allison Kline, Dave Dubble or Steve Krick. We look forward to hearing from you and having a great night of praise and fellowship on March 4th!

Candle Lighting/Memorial Service

We will be having our annual Candle Lighting Service on Sunday, January 1st for loved ones that passed away during the year 2016. Please notify Toni in the church office at 866-5517 if you desire to light a candle during this service. A family member(s) is encouraged to light the candle.

Secret Sister

Women's Fellowship is starting a "Secret Sister" program for the year 2017. If you would like to be a secret and brighten someone's day and also have some surprises during the year, please consider joining us. At Christmas next year, we will have a Christmas Tea and reveal ourselves to each other.

Offering envelopes

The offering envelopes for 2017 are in your mailbox. If you did not receive a set of envelopes and would like to have some, please contact Toni in the church office or Ralph and Mim Ackerman.

January Wedding Anniversaries

1st David & Janet Dubble

15th Elmer & Barbara Weidman

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

January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Memorial Candle Lighting	2 Praise Team 7:00 pm	3 Quilting 9:00 am	4 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Prayer Mtg. 6:30 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	5	6	7
8 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Bread and Cup Communion	9 Praise Team 7:00 pm	10 Quilting 9:00 am	11 LVBH Service 7:00 pm	12 Sharing Cupboard 10-1	13 Sharing Cupboard 3-6	14
15 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	16 Praise Team 7:00 pm	17 Quilting 9:00 am Executive Mtg. 6:30 pm Commission Mtg. 7:00 pm Board Mtg. 8:00 pm	18 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Prayer Mtg. 6:30 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	19	20	21
22 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	23 Praise Team 7:00 pm	24 Quilting 9:00 am	25 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Prayer Mtg. 6:30 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	26 Sharing Cupboard 10-1 Spiritual Nurture Mtg. 7:00 pm	27 Sharing Cupboard 3-6	28
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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 Gloriw Hower	10 Cindy Liskey	11 Wesley Eberly Travis Gerhart Wilbur Wagner	12 Miriam Ackerman	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 Joshus Harvey	18 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 Fahnestock	28 Christian Eblin 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:			