



Myerstown Church of the Brethren

Scriptural Message

“Yet even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.” – Joel 2:12-2:13 ESV

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**Ministry through Faith,
Vision, and Action**



IN THE END TIMES?

But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. 2 Timothy 3:1-5 ESV

In the last days there will come times of difficulty. Is it possible to have more trouble than we are now experiencing.

Families are disintegrating. Homes have become battle grounds. Even in the newspaper comic strips, one presents a family with constant conflict between parents and their teenage son. The son wishes to cast off all traditional standards.

Violence is escalating. People live in despair. Drug abuse is rampaging. In Philadelphia there were 900 drug overdose deaths in 2016. In Chicago there were well over 700 murders last year, around two every day. Teenagers are committing suicide at an alarming rate, often because of serious bullying.

Pornography is epidemic destroying lives and marriages. It leads to depravity destroying young lives before they have hardly started. That which was at one time almost universally considered sin is now accepted by society and even promoted as good. Those who oppose such depravity are now considered evil and often are harassed and even made out to be criminals.

In the past those who supported a candidate for political office would simply be disappointed at the outcome of the election if their candidate lost. Now they stage major protests with violence and destruction.

On the world scene we find radical Islamists creating terror in many nations around the globe. In our own country there have been several attacks perpetrated in the name of Islam. Christians are a primary target but even moderate Muslims are targeted as well. People of faith are targets in the media and the courts. The courts have turned morality upside down. Even many churches have bought the lies of Satan and have turned from the truth of God's Word.

When will this come to an end? Only when Jesus comes again. There are several Scripture passages which speak to the conditions in the world that will precede the return of our Lord. We can expect things to get worse.

What shall we do? We must follow the Word, preach the gospel of peace, and pray for the people.

AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE WE SHALL SERVE THE LORD.

Attendance & Offering

Attendance average for December 1 – December 30, 2016

Worship Service – 159

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.

Special Music

On February 12th during the worship hour, Karl Hausmann will be our special music.

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!

Paint Party

Women's Fellowship is having a paint party on Feb. 4th. We will be starting off with light refreshments at 9 a.m. and start painting at 9:30 a.m. Cost to create your masterpiece is \$40. Please sign up in the Gathering Place.

Easter Lily

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to order your Easter Lily. Cost is \$6.50. Deadline to order is March 19th.

Camp Swatara

The following are spring weekends (Grades 1-3: March 17-19, Grades 7-9: March 17-19, and Grades 4-6: March 24-26). There is information about summer camps, family camps, and other camp activities in the Gathering place. If you have any questions, see Mike or Crystal Liskey.

Tax Receipts

The tax receipts for the year 2016 are in the mailboxes. Please don't forget to check your mailbox.

Council Meeting

March 6th at 7:00 p.m. is Council Meeting

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship has reorganized.

The following is a list of the officer:

Leslie Fuhrman – President

Jessica Singer – Vice President

Lindsey Dimond – Secretary

Dorothy Nagle – Treasurer

The following is a list of stated meetings for the year.

March 2, May 4, June 1, August 3 and October 5

April 30 is the Mother/Daughter Tea and

December 9 is the Christmas Breakfast

Watch the bulletin for more evenings of fun, fellowship and of course some food!

February Wedding Anniversaries

7th Harvey & Betty Berger

21st John & Nancy Layser

25th William & Sharon Kline

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Brandon Burke Darryl Daubert Clark Heisey Jessica Singer Brett Wenger	2 Seiarra Burke Robert Fasnacht Faye Pagan	3 Elias Hogeland Grant Hogeland	4 Peggy Fox
5 Marissa Chatfield Ruth Firestine Amanda Ream	6 Donald Hickernell Charlette Singher Derek Thomas	7	8 Hannah Arnt Brett Lentz Marcie Yoh	9 Sonja Smith Ashley Schucker	10 Eric Hartranft Eric Layser Taryn Miller-Bell	11 Jasmyrn Burke Eric Derr Lynnea Weaver Corey Wenger
12 Debra Arnold Eveline Krall Samantha Krick Jackson Leonard	13	14 Jennifer Chatfield Barbara Leshner	15 Sandra Tripp	16 Justin Hocker Roland Smith	17 Matthew Boltz Terry Mack, Jr. Aiden Miller Barry Spangler	18 Grayson Beamesderfer Verna Forney Gavin Speraw Nancy Wolfe
19 Tammy Gruber Wyatt Stehr Jose Torres	20 Roy Derr, Jr. Dean Ebersole, Jr. Mary Hartranft	21 Lori Hassinger Aaron Sullivan	22 Christopher Johns Brandon Krick	23 Cameron Fuhrman Earl Liskey Ryan Liskey Sheila Meyers	24	25 Abby Bender Betty Jane Berger Jackson Liskey Nathan Sherk Ardell Smith Clara Wenrich
26 Andy Bender Paul Buccholz John Hays Danielle Perry Catherine Schott	27 Jean Barnhart Joseph Levengood, Jr. Peter Potena	28 Dean Ebersole Dick Forney	Notes:			

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Prayer Mtg. 6:30 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	2	3	4
5 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Youth 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	6 Praise Team 7:00 pm	7	8 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Prayer Mtg. 6:30 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	9 Sharing Cupboard 10-1	10 Sharing Cupboard 3-6	11 Youth Game Night 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
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Commissions and Church Board Meeting

Date: January 17, 2017

Meeting was called to order @ 8:00 p.m.

by Chairperson – Robert Noll

Present were: Secretary – Mark Landis, Jr.

Prayer by: Pastor Jack

Present were: Pastor Jack Harpold

Secretary’s Report of November 15, 2016

Approved as presented by Aye Vote

Treasurer’s Report of November 7, 2016

Approved as presented at November Council

Treasurer’s Report of December 31, 2016

Approved as presented by Aye Vote

Commission Reports & Members Present

Ministry & Evangelism Commission: Co-Chairpersons – David Dubble, Steve Krick
Grace Ziegler, Nicole Hauck, Allison Kline

We discussed plans for the Praise & Worship Night on March 4th. There will be music, testimony and prayer. Representatives from First Church of the Brethren have been invited to join us. We want to encourage our congregation to join in and participate....to share what God is doing in their lives. We will have a special planning meeting on Jan. 31st at 6:00 p.m.

Regarding Pastoral Search activities, Craig Smith had suggested we have a “Transition Team”, to introduce and assist the new pastor. In addition, we will be drafting an orientation outline to identify key contact people for various functions within the church. Nicole Hauck will get further direction from the District.

We reviewed and finalized the appointment list for inclusion in the next church directory.

Missions & Fellowship Commission: Co-Chairpersons – Janet Dubble,
Leslie Fuhrman, Kim Horn

Devotions by Janet

We reviewed and edited final draft of 2017 church directory.

We started updating the mailboxes.

Christian Education Commission: Co-Chairperson – Linda Zimmerman
Lindsey Dimond, Christine Blackwell, Jessica Singer

Linda opened our commission in prayer.

Jess Singer has agreed to serve on our commission with board approval. We are happy to have her on our commission.

Bible School for 2017 will be June 25- June 29

We went through the directory to check the dates. Who do we talk to about changing the children’s Christmas program.

Items to consider

- Sunday school curriculum
- Sunday school classes for the summer
- Christmas program for 2017
- group/speaker for children’s day/rally day
- Easter gifts

Trustee and Property Commission: Chairperson – George Nagle, Charles Krall
Dale Houtz, Mark Landis, Jr., Scott Martin

Insulation was installed above the ceiling in the Men’s and Women’s bathrooms to keep the heat and cool stable.

We looked over the directory concerning anything related our commission.....all looks correct.

Whitey cleaned debris from the roof.

Update on the air conditioning for the youth/kid zone funds are as follows: The estimated cost to replace the unit was \$22,000.00. As of last Sunday, we have received \$15,283.00, which leaves an estimated need of \$6,717.00. A big thank you to all who have donated so far.

Finance and Stewardship Commission: Chairperson - Andrew Heisey, Mark Bomberger

Pastor Report

No Report

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Interests & Concerns

Ushers talking being heard by members during the church service. They will be asked to be quiet while standing in the back.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by aye vote at 8:25 p.m.