



## Myerstown Church of the Brethren

### Scriptural Message

*5 When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked, 6 but the angel said, "Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, [a] who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body. 7 Now go and tell his disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died."*

*Mark 16:5-7*

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**April 2017**

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



### DEATH IS CONQUERED

The prophet Isaiah spoke of the Savior who was to come in Isaiah 53. "Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief...

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows...

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed....

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth....

He was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?....

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt....

He poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors."

This is indeed the perfect picture of Jesus and His sacrifice on the Cross of Calvary to redeem mankind. There has been no other who so perfectly fulfilled all of the prophecies of the Old Testament as did Jesus.

Read the accounts written in the Gospels of the arrest, trial and crucifixion of Jesus our Lord. See how every word of prophecy was fulfilled in Jesus. Praise the Lord for the story did not end on the Cross or in the Tomb.

Christ arose!

Consider the great hymn, Christ Arose.

Low in the grave He lay – Jesus, my Savior! Waiting the coming day – Jesus, my Lord!

Up from the grave He arose, with a mighty triumph o'er His foes. He arose a victor from the dark domain, and He lives forever with His saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

1 Corinthians 15 tells what this all means for us.

"But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.... So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.... I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." Hallelujah!

## April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> Seth Dimond
<b>2</b> Bonnie Gerhart Zachery Sullivan	<b>3</b> Bonnie Lackey	<b>4</b> Sandy Gassert Kathy Heisey Ruth Heller Emily Hibshman Sheila Messersmith	<b>5</b> Austin Chatfield Dalton Ebersole	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Timothy Frederick MollyHoffer
<b>9</b> Gerald Houtz Brock Miller	<b>10</b> Jackson Hoffer James Mease Abigail Umbenhauer	<b>11</b> Cory Burke Kimberly Shutter	<b>12</b> Gary Brown Todd Eckert Erlene Wagner	<b>13</b> Bonnie Mease Megan Spangler Glenn Rambler Gail Wolf	<b>14</b> Leon Brubaker Jessica Houtz Madison Miller	<b>15</b> Bonnie Hays Travis Kisler Michael Risser
<b>16</b> Harvey Berger Sabrina Hewler Jeremy Herr Mark Landis, Jr. Craig Reppert	<b>17</b> Diane Dubble Paul Heller`	<b>18</b> Claire McClure Mikayla Walmer	<b>19</b> Ruth Saul Lois Sheets	<b>20</b> Lisa Liskey Sage Sherk John Zimmerman, Sr.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Jennifer Fetzer Ryan Krall Emalyn Walmer
<b>23</b> Luke Carroll Tamara Caroll Grace Dubble Sara Koppenhave Schott Schaetzle	<b>24</b> Bruce Behney Carol Daubert Beth Perry	<b>25</b> Kurt Forry Tyler Penrose Abrielle Miller	<b>26</b> Robert Long William Singer James Smith	<b>27</b> Sheri Daubert	<b>28</b> Kathy Dubble Payton Fuhrman Charisma Meyers Kelly Shutter	<b>29</b> Carter Dubble Geroge Heller III
<b>30</b> Whitney Hoover	<b>Notes:</b>					

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2 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Youth Mtg. 6:00 – 7:30 pm	3 Praise Team 7:00 pm	4	5 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Prayer Mtg. 6:30 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	6	7	8 EGG HUNT
9 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Love Feast 6:30 pm	10 Praise Team 7:00 pm	11 PIZZA HUT DAY	12 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Prayer Mtg. 6:30 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	13 Sharing Cupboard 10-1	14 Youth Easter Flower Sale  Sharing Cupboard 3-6	15 Youth Easter Flower Sale
16 Sunrise Service 7:00 am Sunrise Breakfast 7:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	17 Praise Team 7:00 pm	18 Executive Mtg. 6:30 pm Commission Mtg. 7:00 pm Board Mtg. 8:00 pm	19 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Prayer Mtg. 6:30 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	20	21	22
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## **Attendance & Offering**

Attendance average for February 1 – February 28, 2017

Worship Service – 158

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### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **Mother/Daughter Tea**

Our Mother/Daughter Tea is Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. Get your tickets in the Gathering Place and reserve a table of 8. Deadline to purchase tickets is April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cost is Adults - \$8, Children 5-12 - \$5 and under 5 is free. No ticket sales at the door.

### **Easter Sunrise and Breakfast**

The Easter sunrise service and breakfast is on April 16<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:00 a.m. The sunrise service will be held at the Myerstown Park Pavilion followed immediately by breakfast in the New Fellowship Hall. The cost for breakfast is \$2.00, children under 5 are free. Tickets will be on sale on March 26<sup>th</sup> after church in the Gathering Place and will be available each Sunday through April 9<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, see any member of the Missions and Fellowship Commission.

### **Love Feast**

Love Feast and Communion will be April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

### **Attention**

It's that time of year when you probably are cleaning out good but unused or unwanted items. The annual Bazaar is November 18<sup>th</sup> (mark your calendar), but we are already accepting items for the "White Elephant" table. The items are stored in the Sharing Cupboard area until November. See or call Dottie Nagle or Jean Bomberger.

### **Save the Date**

Vacation Bible School is June 25-29. This year VBS theme is Camp Out. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Leslie Fuhrman or Jess Singer.

### **Chicken BBQ**

We will be having a chicken bbq on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. till 6:00 p.m. at Smith's Candies. The cost is \$7.00 and that includes ½ chicken, baked potato and drink.

### **April Wedding Anniversaries**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Delbert & Sandy Gassert  
Ken & Nancy Liskey
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Aaron & Barb Zimmerman
- 4<sup>th</sup> Dan & Susie Auman
- 6<sup>th</sup> Joel and Linda Fahnestock
- 12<sup>th</sup> Roy & Barb Wenger
- 14<sup>th</sup> Marty & Jill Fidler
- 25<sup>th</sup> Lloyd & Kitty Wenger
- 26<sup>th</sup> Leon & Eleanor Brubaker
- 28<sup>th</sup> Robert & Jeannette Beisel
- 29<sup>th</sup> Stuart & Debbie Wagner

## TEN COMMANDMENTS OF HUMAN RELATIONS

1. **SPEAK TO PEOPLE.** There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
2. **SMILE AT PEOPLE.** It takes 72 muscles to frown and only 14 to smile.
3. **CALL PEOPLE BY NAME.** The sweetest music to many ears is the sound of one's own name.
4. **BE FRIENDLY AND HELPFUL.** If you would have friends, be friendly.
5. **BE CORDIAL.** Speak and act as though everything you do is pleasurable.
6. **HAVE A GENUINE INTEREST IN PEOPLE.** People like to be noticed and appreciated.
7. **BE GENEROUS WITH PRAISE, BE CAUTIOUS WITH CRITICISM.** Overcome them with goodness.
8. **BE CONSIDERATE OF THE FEELINGS OF OTHERS.** Try walking in their shoes.
9. **BE THOUGHTFUL OF THE OPINIONS OF OTHERS.** Respect their viewpoints.
10. **BE ALERT TO GIVE SERVICE.** What counts most in life is what we do for others.



Free books in Gathering Place.  
Help yourself.

**Commissions and Church Board Meeting**

**Date: March 21, 2017**

**Meeting was called to order @ 8:05 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 February 21, 2017**

**Approved at Council March 6, 2017**

**Treasurer's Report of February 28, 2017**

**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

For Sunrise Service, Seth Dimond will be the speaker.

We were pleased with response to the recent Praise & Worship service.

April 9<sup>th</sup>, Teen Challenge will provide the entire service with music from their choir.

Children's Day is June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Youth Sunday is moved to June 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Transition Team will have its first meeting on Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Missions & Fellowship Commission:** Co-Chairpersons – Janet Dubble, Susie Dundore  
Leslie Fuhrman, Kim Horn, Kristi Keath

Devotions by Susie Dundore

We discussed the Easter breakfast. We are asking people for food donations and will be selling tickets the next few Sundays. We will set up on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

We are trying to get Ross Garrett to come and give a presentation to give people a better understanding of Go Beyond week of Service. The week of service is May 13<sup>th</sup> through May 20<sup>th</sup>. Various activities are planned in the community.

Pastor Jack's last Sunday is Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. We are planning an "indoor picnic" and we will supply meat and drinks. We will be asking the congregation to bring a salad or dessert. There will possibly be games after lunch.

We are looking at the book "A Short History of the Myerstown Church of the Brethren – 1708-1983". We would like to start a project to continue the history....1983 to present.

Must change "Christmas in July" due to conflict on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Will contact Susan Dowhower house to see if there is a good date for them.

It is time to start thinking about new members for this commission. We will need one, possibly two new members for 2018.

**Christian Education Commission:** Lindsey Dimond, Christine Blackwell,  
Jessica Singer, Lisa Maurer

Christine opened our commission in prayer.

Easter gifts for the children will be planting flowers. Will be getting pots and seeds at the dollar store.

Easter egg hunt is April 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Created goodie bags.

Planned the age groups and where to hide the eggs and how the egg hunt is going to work. A story will be read as an opening before the egg hunt.

Egg hunt will take place and then a craft and light refreshment will follow.

Talked about graduation. Going to get a JOY gift card. Give to graduates on Children's day which is June 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

We received a letter from Bayer plant next door requesting a new key to the fellowship hall. In past years MCoB has agreed to let Bayer use our facility as an emergency evacuation. We will see that they get a new key.

To date, we have received enough money to proceed with replacing the air conditioning system for the Youth/Kid Zone. Whitey has contacted Triangle Refrigeration to place the order. We will be removing some of the old equipment ourselves to save some costs.

We would like to thank everyone for their donations in supporting this project.

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

Talked about transfer of \$6,000 electronically instead of paper check from general fund to building fund.

### **Pastor Report**

Was called to visit some folks in the hospital  
Looking forward to serving till the end of May.  
Looking forward to June 17<sup>th</sup> wedding.

### **Unfinished Business**

None

### **New Business**

None

### **Interests & Concerns**

There is a concern on how to improve communication of sick and elderly in our church. Passing of the microphone on a Sunday morning with joys or concerns is one option that was mentioned.

Treasurer asked about a Quick Books class, and she may be signing up.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by aye vote at 8:45 p.m.