



## Myerstown Church of the Brethren

### Scriptural Message

*3 When I look at your heavens, the  
work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars, which you  
have set in place,  
4 what is man that you are mindful of  
him,  
and the son of man that you care for  
him?*

*Psalm 8:3-4*

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*Myerstown Church of the Brethren*

May 2017

Ministry through Faith,  
Vision, and Action



## OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD

Psalm 8 reminds us of our Majestic God.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!...

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

While on vacation I had the opportunity to walk through a fantastic aquarium at times with an array of fish on both sides and above at the same time. As I looked at the vast array of beautiful fish I was struck with awe as I thought of our Creator God.

The fish of many varieties and beautiful colors reminded me that God created it all. How can anyone see such varieties and beauty and deny that there is a designer behind it all.

I think also that man is just a little lower than the angels. Yet God gave man dominion over all the animals and the fish and the birds of the heavens and I consider that God must have created such variety for our pleasure (as well as His).

All of nature speaks of a creator God.

Psalm 14 tells us however, "The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God.'" Many deny the existence of God.

My experience with many people over the years is that those who do not acknowledge God are involved in habits and life styles that would be a violation of God's will. The only way they can be comfortable is to deny God's existence and our accountability to Him.

O Lord, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## **Attendance & Offering**

Attendance average for March 1 – March 31, 2017

Worship Service – 155

### **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, and June Swisher.

### **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.

### **"Thinking of You" card shower**

Ms Kathryn Miller  
1125 Birch Road Apt 301  
Lebanon PA 17042

### **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.

### **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.

### **Pastor Jack**

May 28 is the last day that Pastor Jack will be our interim pastor. To show our appreciation for all that he has done for our church, the Missions and Fellowship Commission is planning a "picnic style" fellowship meal following the service. Hot dogs and sauerkraut will be provided and we are asking that everyone that attends bring a salad, a side dish, or a dessert. For the purpose of planning the food purchases, please sign up in The Gathering Place between April 30 and May 21.

### **Graduates**

If anyone is graduating this year, please let Toni in the church office know. Graduates will be honored on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Saturday** May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at Schaefferstown fire company the Dominican Republic group welcomes back Damascus road and lighthouse revival. Free admission with food, fun, and raffles.

### **Go Beyond Week**

The Go Beyond week of service is May 13-21. The following activities are scheduled in Myerstown. Details will be provided as soon as they are available.

May 13 – Prayer walk

May 20 – Community-wide cleanup

May 20 – Fireplace Christian Fellowship – free picnic, clothing store, and children's outreach

May 15-19 – (dates subject to change) – Project at Agape Shelter in Lebanon – need skilled craftsmen

### **May Wedding Anniversaries**

6<sup>th</sup> Mike & Greta Koppenhaver

7<sup>th</sup> Seth & Lindsey Dimond

10<sup>th</sup> Scott & Lori Martin

16<sup>th</sup> Justin & Trisha Hocker

20<sup>th</sup> Michael & Barbara Krall

28<sup>th</sup> Ken & Joyce Wagner

30<sup>th</sup> Nathan & Jessica Sherk

## May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Steve Krick	<b>2</b> Dixie Gasper Jeremy Lackey Crystal Leahy Shelby McClure Matthew Shutter Wesley Stehr	<b>3</b> Mary Anne Diamond	<b>4</b> Katie Macrina	<b>5</b> Lori Fox	<b>6</b> David Dubble Pat Schott Gwen Wenger
<b>7</b> Stephanie Shutter Kitty Wenger	<b>8</b> Jason Burke Verna Grosteffon Eric Laysen, Jr.	<b>9</b> Kathryn Hartranft Cate Liskey Wilma Mauser Brad Reppert Pam Sunday Brad Tobin Jason Zimmerman	<b>10</b> Joshua Zimmerman	<b>11</b> Sara Behney Corrine Hankins Joel Hibshman Matthew Krick Tabitha Krick John Laysen Philip Potena Stuart Wagner	<b>12</b> Beckett Albright James Krall	<b>13</b> Dennis Hartranft
<b>14</b> Jami Freed Brenda Lentz Lori Ruth	<b>15</b> Dorothy Nagle Blake Shirk Geoffrey Shutter	<b>16</b> Jeanette Beisel Logan Krick Michael Snyder	<b>17</b> Stanley Eckert	<b>18</b> Dennis Brubaker Mike Leahy	<b>19</b> Ian Long	<b>20</b> Joanne Fahnestock Janet Post Carl Wenger Denial Whitman Rebecca Wolfe
<b>21</b> Ken Gross Declan Shelly	<b>22</b> Julie Haring Claire Moyer Aiden Schwalm Roarke Singer	<b>23</b> Maverick Eblingh Dennis Seldomridge	<b>24</b> Bryson Brown Jay Lentz Larry Swonger	<b>25</b> Chris Frederick Eileen Heller Isaiah Hostetter	<b>26</b> Jennifer Hostetter	<b>27</b> David Bender Sara Hartranft Nettie Krall Findley McClure
<b>28</b> Dennis Dieffenbach Jason Schwalm	<b>29</b> Faye Brubaker Emma Landis Debbie Wagner	<b>30</b> Debbie Frederick Anna Mae Kupp Jeremy Krick Linda Smith Lois Yoder	<b>31</b> David Beisel Frank DiScuillo Mary Lineweaver	<b>Notes:</b>		

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Praise Team 7:00 pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Bell Choir 6:15 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	<b>4</b> Women's Fellowship 7:00 pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Golden Age Dinner Youth Mtg. 6:00 – 7:30 pm	<b>8</b> Praise Team 7:00 pm	<b>9</b> PIZZA HUT DAY Music Mtg. 7:00 pm	<b>10</b> Bell Choir 6:15 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	<b>11</b> Sharing Cupboard 10-1	<b>12</b> Sharing Cupboard 3-6	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	<b>15</b> Praise Team 7:00 pm	<b>16</b> Executive Mtg. 6:30 pm Commission Mtg. 7:00 pm Board Mtg. 8:00 pm	<b>17</b> Bell Choir 6:15 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm  Chicken BBQ	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
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**Commissions and Church Board Meeting**

**Date: April 18, 2017**

**Meeting was called to order @ 8:04 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 March 21, 2017**

**Approved as presented by Aye Vote**

**Treasurer's Report of March 31, 2017**

**Approved as presented by Aye Vote**

**Commission Reports & Members Present**

**Ministry & Evangelism Commission:** Co-Chairpersons – David Dubble  
Grace Ziegler, Allison Kline

Our group discussed the Sunrise Service with thanks to Seth Dimond for speaking and to Earl Liskey for his music leadership.

We discussed the need to recruit more volunteers as worship leaders. We would also like to reduce the number of announcements (already in the bulletin) in order to preserve the time for the music and sermon.

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

Youth Sunday will be June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Marty Moyer's first service will be June 18<sup>th</sup>. Installation of the new pastor will be June 25<sup>th</sup>.

We are proposing we purchase two computers for the Church Secretary and Pastor Marty. The initial estimate for this was \$1,786. Dave Dubble will explore options along with Toni. Compatibility for these 2 units is key. (budget allotment is \$3,500).

Pastor Jack has requested for his final 6 weeks that he reduce office hours.

In addition, he will focus visitation on hospital patients rather than routine visits. Our commission fully supports this.

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

Kristi Keath opened with prayer.

We had a very successful Easter breakfast.....around 50 people attended. \$104 for VBS.

May 28<sup>th</sup> is Pastor Jack's Farewell dinner. We will have a picnic style lunch. Picnic food for the congregation.

May 13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> is Go Beyond Week. Information will be in the bulletin and newsletter.

Good Neighbor Awards in May/June. ELCO Middle School with Susan Harper.

Planning for Christmas in July at the Susan Dowhower House in Lebanon.

Church history project is being planned.

**Christian Education Commission:** Chairperson – Linda Zimmerman,  
Lindsey Dimond, Christine Blackwell, Jessica Singer, Lisa Maurer

Linda opened our commission in prayer.

There were about 35 children that attended the egg hunt.

Everyone seemed to like the Easter gifts.

Children's Day is June 4<sup>th</sup>. We will be contacting "This Way Up". Those graduating are Austin Thomas and Hunter Leahy. Christine will make cards and get J.O.Y. gift cards.

The downstairs Sunday School classes will be combined during the summer months.

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

We removed the old air conditioning unit from the Kid Zone. Triangle will start installation of the new unit next Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks to everyone that helped remove the old system.

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

## **Pastor Report**

How fast the year has passed. It is hard to believe my time with Myerstown Church is approaching the end. I had some goals in mind which have not been fully realized. Yet I think much good has come. I sense this congregation is coming together for a brighter tomorrow. The work is not finished nor will it be until Jesus comes again.

For God's will to be done in the Myerstown Church of the Brethren the people must have a purpose to support and encourage the Body of Christ through prayer and presence. There must be a willingness for each member to hear the call to rally around Jesus. He is the one who established the church and all we do should bring glory and honor to Jesus. We must daily be asking, "What would Jesus do?"

With Jesus at the center of all we do we will accomplish much.

Attended Board meetings, and Spiritual Nurture meeting and Congregational Business Meeting.

Visitation includes the following: Mary Lineweaver, Nancy Moyer, Iris Liskey, Harvey and Betty Jane Berger, Mark and Elaine Landis, Arlene Crouse, Orpha Doutrich, Linda Zimmerman, Kathryn Miller, Deb Tucker and others that I did not record.

## **Unfinished Business**

None

## **New Business**

We now need a Dutchway card to shop for the church. Christa Bender is handing them out. One person from the Board will be in attendance at the Board table in the Gathering Place each Sunday. Bob Noll will make schedule for this.

## **Interests & Concerns**

It appears our new pastor and family are close to finalizing a lease on a townhome next to Jackson Elementary School.

## **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by aye vote at 8:30 p.m.