



Myerstown Church of the Brethren

Scriptural Message

12 For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. 13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into[a] one Spirit. 14 For in fact the body is not one member but many.

15 If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body? 16 And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body? 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling? 18 But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased.

1 Corinthians 12:12-18

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



Last week in Bible School, I was teaching the older elementary kids, ages 8-12. At this age, it is natural for the boys to want to be together, and the girls to be together. In fact, for most of the week of Bible School, the boys were in competition with the girls!

One evening, there was a competitive game of volleyball. It was a close match with the boys edging the girls, 15-14. (we did not have time for the team to win by two points!) What impressed me the most about this game was not the competition between the boys and the girls, but how well the boys and girls played together as a team. I was impressed with how well the boys played together when it came to which kid was to serve the ball. There was no “I want to serve the ball! No, I want to! Let this kid serve the ball!” They all talked among each other, and they decided together who would serve the ball. They learned to play together as a team. That is a good model for the church today.

That is my prayer as I begin ministry here at Myerstown Church of the Brethren. I pray that we would learn to do ministry together as a team. This will take time, work, and patience with each other. But the way to work well together as a team is to have a proper spirit.

The apostle Paul gives us a model for how we are to do ministry in the church. He says “For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ.” (I Corinthians 12:12) If there is one theme we can take from this passage it is this: “Unity does not mean uniformity.” That means that each member will bring a different gift, but they will not separate over their differences.

Many times, people in the church throw up their hands and conclude that we can’t work together because of ‘this and that.’ It might be called a generational difference. It might be called ‘I like this type of music over that.’ And we fuss over these differences.

But the church has always been this way! In fact, Paul says that “God has set the members, each one of them, in the body as He pleased.” (I Corinthians 12:18) God made the church to be made up of members who have different gifts, yet the same spirit, which comes from God.

May we all have that same spirit of not only unity, but an appreciation for our differences. And may God bless our ministry together as a team who wants to win people for Jesus Christ!

In Christian love,
Pastor Marty

Attendance & Offering

Attendance average for May 1 – May 31, 2017

Worship Service – 135

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 and June Swisher.

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.

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.

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 18th (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.

Christmas in July

Mission and Fellowship Commission "Christmas in July" at the Susan Dowhower House. A list of residents and sizes are in the Gathering Place. Please pick a name or more than 1 and bring in a wrapped present for them valued at about \$5. All gifts should be placed in The Gathering Place by Sunday, July 9th. For more information, call Susie Dundore at 628-1060.

Looking for a way to keep active this summer? Come join the Women's Fellowship group on Tuesday evenings to walk around Fairlane Ave Park. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the lot off Fairlane Ave. (by the playground). Our weekly walks will begin the first week in June.

Good as Gold Certificate

If you are planning on going to Camp Swatara this summer, don't forget to get your "Good as Gold" certificate from Mike and Crystal Liskey.

Greeters

We are in need of Sunday School greeters for the months of July, August and September. The greeters responsibility is to hand out the Sunday bulletins from 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Please prayerfully consider serving in this capacity. See Breena Krick to sign up. Thanks!

Mt. Gretna Bible Festival Massed Choir Concert

Sunday, July 30th at 7:00 p.m. at the Mt. Gretna Tabernacle. About 200 voices will be conducted by internationally known composer, pianist, and conductor Joe Martin. The choir will premiere an anthem written by Joe to celebrate the Campmeeting's 125th Anniversary. All are welcome to attend. A free-will offering will be taken. MCoB has several members that will be singing in this choir.

Women's Camp

ANE District Women's Fellowship Camp is Aug. 20th – 22nd at Camp Swatara. Sue Gannon will be speaking on the theme "A Radical Restoration". For more information on this please see the packet in the Gathering Place.

Pew Communion is July 16th during the worship service.

Four Diamonds 5K and Fun Walk
 Registration for Team Ashley for the 2017 Conquer Run/Walk is now open. The cancer run/walk will be held on Saturday, September 23rd beginning at 7:30 am at HersheyPark Stadium. If you would like to join Team Ashley or make an on-line donation, you can feel free to do so using the following link: <https://fourdiamonds.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.team&teamID=7051>
 Registration is open until September 18th. However, if you register prior to August 1st the fees are discounted and you will receive an event packet including a t-shirt. If you have any questions or would like to make a donation to Team Ashley, please see either Jason or Chrissy Zimmerman. Thank you.

July Wedding Anniversaries

1st Corey & Alison Wenger
 4th Larry & Robin Kisler
 Brian & Jennifer Chatfield
 15th Bob & Toni Noll
 16th Matt & Samantha Krick
 17th Eric & Lindsay Layser
 19th Richard & Carol Daubert
 21st Wilbur & Gloria Keppley
 25th Fred & Linda Strobel
 26th Charlie & Kathy Krall
 29th Mark & Jean Bomberger
 Larry & Nancy Miller

How to Use the Bible

When in sorrow
 Read John 14

When men fail you
 Read Psalm 27

When you worry
 Read Matthew 6:19-34

When you are in danger
 Read Psalm 91

If you have the blues
 Read Psalm 34

When God seems far away
 Read Psalm 39

If you are discouraged
 Read Isaiah 40

If you are lonely or fearful
 Read Psalm 23

If you feel down and out
 Read Romans 8:39

When you want courage for your task
 Read Joshua 1

When the world seems bigger than God
 Read Psalm 90

When you want rest and peace
 Read Matthew 11:25-30

When leaving home for labor and travel.
 Read Psalm 121 107:23-31

If you get bitter or critical
 Read 1st Corinthians 13

If thinking of investments and returns
 1Read Mark 10:17-31

For a great invitation – A great opportunity
 Read Isaiah 55

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Cliff Behney
2 Rachael Liskey Brayden Miller Sherry Sullivan Molly Tobin	3	4 Gracie Faehling Mark Heinz Joel Hoffer Shana Strobel	5	6 Tania Fasnacht Mara Fulk Lester Hartranft Michael Motter Robert Sullivan Sidney Wagner	7	8
9 Michael Wolf, Jr.	10 Jeremy Arnold Connor Daubert Joel Fahnestock Ezra Hibshman Sharon Seldomridge	11 Jeff Albright Janelle Merkey Lucas Dubble Haley Sherk	12 Martin Hartranft JoAnn Roager	13 Kenneth Fox	14 Courtney Dubble	15 Dorothy Brown Michelle Dohner
16 Barry Gibble Jena Koppenhaver Winston Lackey, Jr. Joyce Wagner	17 Alexander Burke	18 Algirda Semeska Denise Stump Jen Zimmerman	19 Chrissy Zimmerman	20 Bill Dubble	21 Elaine Landis Joan Mauser Lois Wealand	22 Lisa Eckert Greta Koppenhaver Braeden Penrose Glenn Weik
23 Adam Heisey, Jr. Candace Morgan James Strobel Barbara Weidman	24 Nancy Miller	25 Vaughn Daubert	26 Roy Wenger, Jr.	27 Raymond Brown Brenda Mishoe	28 Brandon Batz Chase Herr Brittany Miller Adam Wenger	29
30 Kylie Brown Megan Brown Ryan Laubach	31	Notes:				

July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	10	11 PIZZA HUT DAY	12	13 Sharing Cupboard 10-1	14 Sharing Cupboard 3-6	15
16 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	20 Spiritual Nurture Mtg. 7:00 pm	21	22
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Commissions and Church Board Meeting

Date: June 20, 2017

**Meeting was called to order @ 8:03 p.m.
Present were: Treasurer – Christa Bender
Present were: Secretary – Mark Landis, Jr.**

by Chairperson – Robert Noll

Prayer by: Pastor Marty

Present were: Pastor Marty Moyer

Secretary's Report of May 16, 2017

Approved at Council Meeting

Treasurer's Report of June 20, 2017

Approved as presented by Aye Vote

Commission Reports & Members Present

Ministry & Evangelism Commission: Co-Chairpersons – David Dubble

Upcoming services

July 2: Scott Krall

July 9: two representatives from EYN (Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) Will hold a combined Sunday school and be in charge of the worship service.

September 10 (Rally Day): Pastor Marty has consented to lead the worship service.

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

Devotions and prayer by Kim Horn.

June 25th is Installation Service for Pastor Mary. There will be a carry-in meal after the service. 146 people have signed up and there will be 27 sides and 56 desserts. We will set-up at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. Several people are visiting from Nigeria and giving a presentation during the Sunday School hour and during the worship service on July 9th. We will be making a sign-up sheet for people to bring snacks for after the service.

Christmas in July on July 13th at Susan Dowhower House. We will be taking snacks and prizes to play BINGO. Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Place for \$5 gifts for the residents.

National night out in Myerstown is August 1st from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Women's Fellowship is planning an event for that night and our commission will help.

Rally Day is Sept. 10th. There will be a fellowship meal after the service.....we will discuss more at next few meetings.

VBS update – 30 families are registered with 40-50 children attending.

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

Linda opened our commission in prayer.

VBS starts this Sunday, June 25th. Everything is ready to go. We have about 30 kids signed up. Those teaching the lessons are Rachel Moyer, Marty Moyer and Janet Dubble.

We would like to see better attendance records being taken.

Youth Sunday School class is checking into curriculum for the fall.

Rachel Moyer has interest in starting a Bible study and wondered if she needed approval.

Linda will contact Toni about a list of names that have child abuse clearances, so we can keep on top of this.

We will contact current Sunday School teachers to see if they would like to continue in the fall.

We are looking into gifts to recognize the Sunday School teachers.

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

We discussed changing gas line in kitchen on Saturday, July 8th for Martin's Appliance on July 10th. We look at place above one of the kitchen windows is broken...how to correct the problem.

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

Pastor Report

Sermons: 1

Home Visits: 7

Attempted Visits: 5

Church Activities Attended: Two Sunday School Classes: Home Builders, Young Adults. I attended, and gave a report at Church Council on June 12. Met with executive board on June 12. Attended the Dominican Fundraiser Breakfast on June 11.

I met with transition team on my first day on June 12. I attended six commission meetings last week: Missions and Fellowship, Ministry and Evangelism, Christian Education, Finance and Stewardship, Property and Trustee, and Spiritual Nurture.

I will plan to help with Vacation Bible School next week. I will teach the older elementary students.

Summary

As I begin my ministry here, I want to make building relationships a priority. I will make home visitation a priority for the first year, in order to build relationships with the people in the church.

I had a good meeting with the Transition Team last Monday. I was made aware of the church conflict, and I want to thank the church for making the conflict known to me from the start. I will also make a priority to solve the church conflict to the best of my ability.

We are in a crucial time in the life of the church, which means that everyone in the church needs to do their best to build unity, and more important, to lift the church in prayer.

Rachel and I strongly agree that God has led us here to Myerstown C.O.B. We are glad to be here! And we will do our best to serve the church in love and unity!

My next Sermon will be entitled "Calling on the Name of the Lord" from Acts 2:17-21. The main point from this text is an important message for the church: The Holy Spirit was poured out on the people, and the people were from a variety of ages. It was an intergenerational pouring out on the Holy Spirit! God wants to pour out His Holy Spirit to all ages, and to all who call upon His name!

Unfinished Business

Lebanon Valley Brethren Home (Londonderry Village) Rep to Policy #4 for Missions & Fellowship Commission.

New Business

None

Interests & Concerns

Pastor Marty had "Reserved for Pastor" parking sign removed. He did not want a special parking spot.

Adjournment

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