



## Myerstown Church of the Brethren

### Scriptural Message

*“Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss.”*

2 Corinthians 13:11-12

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### PARTING IS SWEET SORROW

Once again I come to a time of departure. This has been true several times now for me as I conclude a time of ministry. I have enjoyed sweet fellowship with the congregation and thus have sorrow that I must leave you. But that comes to those who are in ministry.

The Apostle Paul was often filled with longing to see his beloved friends and often saying goodbye. To the Romans he wrote, “I long to see you, that I may impart some spiritual gift to strengthen you... I am eager to preach the gospel to you also in Rome.” Romans 1:11, 15. In other letters he often expressed his love for the churches and many individuals as well. He often continued to encourage his friends even though he was not directly with them.

His heart was filled with love for all the people. And he gave instructions about loving one another. He wrote to the Romans in chapter 12, Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Jesus had much to say about love. In John chapters 13 – 15 He encourages us, A new commandment I give you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another... If you love me, you will keep my commandments. “Love”, “loves” and “loved” occurs more than 20 times in this discourse.

Love is the hallmark of a Christian. I love you all and will miss you. But I will still hold you in my heart.

Otis Skillings wrote a great song. We are one in the bond of love. We are one in the bond of love. We have joined our spirit with the Spirit of God, We are one in the bond of love ... I pray that the lessons of love will find receptive hearts and you will be found in the bond of love.

May the Lord bless you and keep you, now and forevermore.

Love,  
Pastor Jack

## June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> William Leahy	<b>2</b> Emily Hocker June Swisher	<b>3</b> Michelle Daubert
<b>4</b> Christa Bender Wyatt Daubert Brittany Hogeland Cora Jenkins	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Tina Ebersole	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Leah Bradnick Lori Ceresini Casey Daubert Andy Heisey Mary Ann Gibble Charlie Krall	<b>10</b> Brent Mauser
<b>11</b> William Kline Carryl Wolfe	<b>12</b> Christine Blackwell Weston Fouch Thomas Hess Lisa Maurer Alaina Miller Heather Miller	<b>13</b> Jackie Burke Brett Gerhart Sophia Krick Brooke Liskey Trina Miller	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Neil Donley Daryl Heisey Stephanie Ebliling Airik Mutschler Bill Yoh, Jr.	<b>17</b> Dylan Hocker
<b>18</b> Craig Forney	<b>19</b> Lucas Faehling Connie Hartranft	<b>20</b> David Wenger Kelly Whitman	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Abby Zimmermanb
<b>25</b> Robert Gibble Hunter Hartranft Nicholas Reichard	<b>26</b> Kevin Motter Brent Wall Barbnara Wenger	<b>27</b> Benjamin Moyer	<b>28</b> Marty Moyer Donald Reichard	<b>29</b> Arlene Crouse Lisa Ebersole	<b>30</b>	<b>Notes:</b>

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> Women's Fellowship Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am  CHILDREN'S DAY	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Sharing Cupboard 10-1	<b>9</b> Sharing Cupboard 3-6	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am  YOUTH SUNDAY	<b>12</b> Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	<b>13</b> PIZZA HUT DAY	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Executive Mtg. 6:30 pm Commission Mtg. 7:00 pm Board Mtg. 8:00 pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Sharing Cupboard 10-1	<b>23</b> Sharing Cupboard 3-6	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Carry-In Meal Installation Day for Pastor Marty  VBS 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	<b>26</b> VBS 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	<b>27</b> VBS 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	<b>28</b> VBS 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	<b>29</b> VBS 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  Spiritual Nurture Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	<b>30</b>	<b>Notes:</b>

## **Attendance & Offering**

Attendance average for April 1 – April 30, 2017

Worship Service – 166

### **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.

Good as Gold Certificate - Anyone going to Camp Swatara this year, don't forget to get your "Good as Gold" certificate from Mike or Crystal Liskey.

### **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.

**Council Meeting** is June 12, 2017.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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!

### **Camp Swatara Volunteer**

Camp Swatara is in need of volunteers in the food service department. The following is the times needed.

1. Work 9 am – 12 pm and stay for lunch
2. Arrive for lunch at 12 pm and work from 1 pm – 4 pm
3. Work from 4 pm to 7 pm with a break for supper.

Contact Bob Biddle at 933-8510, Ext. 106 or [rbiddle@campswatara.org](mailto:rbiddle@campswatara.org) if you would like to help out.

### **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.

## **Graduates**

Casey Daubert is graduating from Cedar Crest High School. Casey will be attending Penn State Harrisburg where she will study Forensic Science.

Austin Thomas is graduating from ELCO High School. Austin is going into the Navy in August where he will be training to be a Hospital Corpsman,

Kristi Fidler graduated from Temple University. Krsiti graduated with a degree in Media Communications.

### **June Wedding Anniversaries**

2<sup>nd</sup> Carl & Allison Kline

5<sup>th</sup> Matthew & Rachel McClure

7<sup>th</sup> Randy & Grace Burke

12<sup>th</sup> Robert & Evelina Krall

14<sup>th</sup> Ralph & Miriam Ackerman

16<sup>th</sup> Brett & Lori Lentz

23<sup>rd</sup> Steve & Breena Krick

28<sup>th</sup> Chris & Jen Hostetter  
Brian & Jennifer Murray

29<sup>th</sup> Dick & Verna Forney

**Commissions and Church Board Meeting**

**Date: May 16, 2017**

**Meeting was called to order @ 8:10 p.m.**

**by Chairperson – Robert Noll**

**Present were: Secretary – Mark Landis, Jr.**

**Prayer by: Pastor Jack**

**Present were: Pastor Jack Harpold**

**There were not enough members present to have a quorum. A meeting was held but no business was conducted.**

**Secretary's Report of April 18, 2017**

**To be approved by Council June 12, 2017**

**Treasurer's Report of April 17, 2017**

**To be approved by Council June 12, 2017**

### **Commission Reports & Members Present**

**Ministry & Evangelism Commission:** Co-Chairpersons – David Dubble  
Grace Ziegler, Nicole Hauck

We will check if Randy and Dawn Marks will provide the service on Rally Day, September 10<sup>th</sup>.  
Discussed the possibility of joint programs for the community.  
June 4<sup>th</sup> is Children's Day.  
June 11<sup>th</sup> is Youth Sunday and the youth will provide the service.  
Our commission can meet with Pastor Marty on June 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>.

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

Good Neighbor Awards at ELCO Middle School will be presented at Awards Assembly in the beginning of June.  
Celebratory Dinner for Pastor Jack will be held on May 28<sup>th</sup>. The sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Place until  
May 21<sup>st</sup>.....82 people have signed up so far. We discussed the menu and set-up.  
Christmas in July is scheduled for July 13<sup>th</sup> at Susan Dowhower House. We discussed collecting gifts for the  
residents. We want to plan another project later in the year to benefit the Susan Dowhower House.  
Community Wide Cleanup Day for Go Beyond is May 20<sup>th</sup> and any participants are welcome.  
Pastor Marty will be meeting with each commission and individually. June 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 will suit all  
the members of our commission.  
We are seeking a representative for Londonderry Village (Lebanon Valley Brethren Home).

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

Linda opened our commission in prayer.  
Kickoff for Bible School will be next Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.  
This Way Up is booked for Children's Day, June 4<sup>th</sup>.  
Cards and gift cards will be given to all graduates.  
Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> is Youth Sunday.  
Volunteer clearances are good for 5 years. Youth over the age of 14 must have a clearance if alone with  
children.  
We will be putting a notice in the bulletin about volunteer substitute teachers.  
Randy and Dawn Marks volunteered to do a program for Rally Day.

**Trustee and Property Commission:** Mark Landis, Jr., Dale Houtz

We replaced broken toilet seat in men's room near pastor's office.  
Air conditioning and heating unit in Youth Center should be completed by the end of week, May 19<sup>th</sup>.  
Light dimmer is being repaired today, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Pastor Report**

Wow, my last report. It's time to say, "So long." I hope to visit from time to time although Ministerial ethics requires that I keep my distance when the new pastor arrives.

Attended Board meeting.  
Led Bible study.  
Participated in Choir.  
Participated in Golden Age dinner.  
Gideons pastors appreciation dinner  
Wenger Praise banquet

Visitation includes the following: Harvey and Betty Jane Berger, Larry and Nancy Miller, Buddy and Mary Lou Wagner, Deb Tucker and others that I did not record. I also had folks visit me in the church office. The last few weeks have challenged me with much that has to be done yet not having time to do it all.

There are still challenges to be faced and overcome within the congregation. My prayers will be with the congregation as you transition to the future.



## **Unfinished Business**

None

## **New Business**

Line Item for Council: The Church Board is requesting council approval to transfer \$4,030 from student ministry fund and \$2,000 from Missions and Fellowship's special concerts fund budget line item to offset the additional money of approximately \$6,000 needed for moving expenses for Pastor Marty.

## **Interests & Concerns**

None

## **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by aye vote at 8:55 p.m.