



Myerstown Church of the Brethren

Scriptural Message

For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

1 Corinthians 11:23-25

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“O Lord God of Israel, You are righteous, for we are left as a remnant, as it is this day. Here we are before You, in our guilt, though no one can stand before You because of this!” (Ezra 9:15)

As I was reading the above scripture text from Ezra 9:15 I thought of a pop song from 1986 called “Living on a Prayer,” by Bon Jovi. Although the words to this song do not fit the context that Ezra wrote, there are similarities. Here are the words to a portion of the song:

‘We’ve got to hold on to what we got, it doesn’t make a difference if we make it or not, We’ve got each other and that’s a lot for love, We’ll give it a shot, Woah, we’re half way there, Woah, livin on a prayer..’

Both Ezra and Bon Jovi were speaking to a people who were ‘down on their luck.’ Life was tough for the guy who works on the dock and they go on strike. Life is tough for the waitress who works all day and brings home something for her man. But they are determined to make it, by living on a prayer.

Ezra was writing to the Jews who have sinned by intermarrying with the Canaanites. After God saved them from the Egyptians, and after the Jews returned and rebuilt the temple, life was looking pretty good! But here the people willfully sinned against God, after God blessed them, and Ezra was heart-broken for his people!

And all Ezra could say before God was: “Here we are before You, in our guilt, though no one could stand before You because of this!” They were living on a prayer before God.

When we look at the church today, and the people of the church, we are only ‘living on a prayer.’ Our world is getting more sinful, the overall church has its challenges, and the only thing we have left is prayer.

Beginning on World Communion Sunday, Oct 1, I will begin a series of sermons on prayer. I hope that you can all come to our Love Feast and Communion Service on Sunday Evening, Oct. 1, at 6:30. The Sermon for Sunday morning is entitled “Lord, Teach Us To Pray” from Luke 11:1-13.

I hope that we can all come together during this crucial time in the church, as we learn about the prayers from the Bible. Because we are living in a time where we are “Living on a Prayer”

God Bless You All! Pastor Marty.

Attendance & Offering

Attendance average for August 1 – August 31, 2017

Worship Service – 127

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.

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.

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.

Bazaar News

Our annual bazaar is Saturday, November 18th, the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Mark your calendar now to keep the date open! Tables will be available to rent for \$10 for your crafts, etc. If you have items for the "White Elephant" tables, they can be stored in the Sharing Cupboard area until the bazaar. More details later. See Anna Mae Snyder, Dottie Nagle or Jean Bomberger with questions.

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.

Love Feast

Sunday, Oct. 1st at 6:30 p.m. is Love Feast and Communion.

Chicken Pot-Pie Supper

The Fellowship Hall committee is planning a chicken pot-pie supper on Nov. 11th, followed by a Karl Hausmann piano program. Tickets are in the Gathering Place to be sold. Any questions, please contact Earl Liskey.

Save the Date

Women's Fellowship Christmas Breakfast will be December 9th from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at Dutchway Restaurant. Cost of the breakfast is \$13.00 which includes meal, drink and tip. Bring a \$1.00 gift for our gift exchange. For more information contact Susie Dundore at 717-628-1060.

2018 Church Directory

Changes for the 2018 Church Directory are due by mid October.

October Wedding Anniversaries

- 3rd Mike & Crystal Leahy
- 13th Jason & Christine Zimmerman
- 15th Raymond & Dorothy Brown
- 18th Bruce & Cindy Behney
- 20th Earl & Cindy Liskey
- 24th Andrew & Jaime Heisey

Commissions and Church Board Meeting

Date: September 19, 2017

Meeting was called to order @ 8:13 p.m.

by Chairperson – Robert Noll

Present were: Secretary – Mark Landis, Jr.

Prayer by: Pastor Marty

Present were: Pastor Marty Moyer

Secretary's Report of August 15, 2017

Approved as presented by Aye Vote

Treasurer's Report - NONE

Commission Reports & Members Present

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

We discussed Spiritual Renewal Service on Nov. 5th through 8th. Music is lined up for every service. Worship leader will be Pastor Marty. We will check with head usher for ushers. Advertising will be in Merchandisers, Lebanon Daily News and WLBR.

We discussed the budget.

Discussed ideas for filling 2 commission seats.

Discussed starting a Men's Bible study.

Worship leaders will be chosen by Pastor Marty as he needs them.

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

Prayer by Kim Horn.

Trunk of Treat – Plan for the weekend before Halloween.....Saturday or Sunday afternoon. Rachel Moyer is going to work with us to plan this event.

Leslie Fuhrman and Megan Thomas are going to organize Operation Christmas Child. We received the materials and will start advertising in the bulletin in October. We will be collecting the boxes until November 12th.

We will plan a field trip to the packing warehouse to help pack the Operation Christmas Child boxes. Janet will check on the dates. All volunteers must be at least 13 years of age.

There is a youth event on Sunday, Oct. 22nd at Grantville. The speaker will be Olympic Gold Medalist, David Boudia. On Fire Banquet at Midway on Oct. 23rd and David Boudia is speaking there as well.

2018 Directory changes are due by mid October.

Social media policy is being developed.

Pumpkin roll making help has been tremendous.

Brethren Disaster Trip being planned for next year.

Kristi Keath has resigned from the commission effective immediately. Resignation was accepted with an aye vote.

Megan Thomas has agreed to serve on this commission. Approval for Megan given with an aye vote.

Christian Education Commission: Chairperson – Linda Zimmerman,
Christine Blackwell, Lindsey Dimond, Jess Singer, Melissa Wilson

Share some curriculum that Jess found for the preschool program. Free church resources from Life Church.

Gave lullabies to Kendalyn (Tim and Jen Fetzer's baby)

Bibles were presented on rally day (Allie, Megan, Paige, Josh, Abrielle, & Brittney)

Attendance sheets were distributed and memo was given to take the attendance.

Sunday curriculum was ordered for home builders.

Melissa will gather info for NYC

VHS tapes from the library, we will put out in gathering place and mark free.

Look ahead to Christmas gifts for the students. Possibly a devotional, or story book.

Read the letter from Christa and Andy to resign from Christian education.

Melissa and Rachel would like to send the junior high group to a work camp the week the high school are at NYC.

Andy and Christa Bender have resigned as youth leaders effective immediately. Resignation was accepted with an aye vote.

Lisa Maurer has resigned from this commission effective immediately. Resignation was accepted with an aye vote.

Melissa Wilson has agreed to serve on this commission. Approval for Melissa was given with an aye vote.

The following have agreed to be the new youth leaders:

Melissa Wilson

Rachel Moyer

Seth Dimond

Lindsey Dimond

Approval for the above mentioned to be youth leaders was given with an aye vote.

The following are 2 scheduled youth events:

Oct 7 bake sale at the kid's consignment sale

Oct 8 cookout/devotions at the Dimond's

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

We were contacted by Life Skills from Northern Lebanon High School that they would like to bring challenged kids into the church to help clean and perform other simple jobs. They would be supervised by an adult. Their teacher is a church member, Amanda Albright. We have had a similar arrangement in the past with IU13. We recommend to allow them to provide this service as long as they have insurance. Approval for the Life Skills group was given with an aye vote.

We repaired a commode in both the ladies room and men's room.

The freezer was serviced.

Work needs to be done on the lights in the library.

Whitey is needing to stop doing the outside maintenance. It is time for someone else to take care of the grounds. If anyone is interested, please contact Whitey Nagle or Bob Noll.

Christa Bender has resigned as Treasurer effective immediately. Resignation was accepted with an aye vote.

There was a motion to allow Larry Rabold Accounting to be our acting treasurer so we can get bills paid and follow through with all checks and balances. Motion was approved by an aye vote. A financial review committee has been formed. The members are: Jill Fidler, Mike Liskey and Megan Thomas.

Pastor Report

Sermons: 5

Home Visits: 32

Hospital Visits: 2

Attempted Visits: 12

Work Visits: 1

Anointings: 3 Bud Wagner, Mary Ann Gobble, Michael Hughes

Church Activities Attended: Tour of C.O.B.Y.'s (Sept. 18), Attended Area Brethren Minister's Breakfast in Lebanon, Attended Church Board Meeting (Sept. 19), Attended 3 Executive Board Meetings, Attended 2 Senior Choir Practices, Attended Rally Day Cover-Dish, Led a Youth Parents Meeting (Sept. 7), Attended the Music Committee Meeting (Sept 5), Attended Spiritual Nurture Meeting on Aug. 31, Led a "reconciliation meeting" on August 18, had a Breakfast Meeting with Ron Brubaker (Sept. 7).

Brethren Biblical Beliefs and History Class: will begin on October 1, at 9 a.m. sharp.

Love Feast & Communion: Oct. 1 – 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Schedule

Disaster Relief Auction: Friday, Sept. 22

Vacation: September 23-28

District Conference: October 7

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Approved to have Larry Rabold Accounting be our acting treasurer and check signer. Seeking approval at council meeting to continue with Larry Rabold Accounting to continue this.

Approved Policy #67 A Financial Review of all Auxiliary Accounts of the church will be done on an annual basis.

Approved Policy #68 All Auxiliary Accounts will be required to give a financial report at all council meetings.

Approved to send letter to congregation (with minor changes as per discussed) on events that have taken place over last number of months.

With the resignation of the youth leaders they closed the youth checking account and approximately \$1,000 was given to church as the "account balance". Many feel there should have been more funds in the account, yet no records of expenses or receipts have been given despite attempts to collect this information.

The board has voted on and approved with an aye vote to not take any further action on this matter.

There was a motion and second to approve the treasurer and clerk as check signers as stated in church By-Laws, Article III, Item 4.

Motion approved by aye vote

Interests & Concerns

Pastor Marty is impressed with the support and enthusiasm of all church members. He sees members rallying together to help in whatever way possible.

The importance to handle all items immediately and in an upfront and open matter was discussed.

There was concern expressed to support and uphold the youth in any and all ways possible.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by aye vote at 9:15 p.m.

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Love Feast 6:30 p.m.	2 Pumpkin Roll Baking 8:00 am Pumpkin Roll Filling 5:30 pm Praise Team 7:00 pm	3	4 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	5 Women's Fellowship Mtg. 7:00 pm	6	7 DISTRICT CONFERENCE Children's Consignment Sale 8:00 Youth Selling Baked Goods at Sale
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29 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	30 Council Meeting 7:00 pm	31				

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1 Pearl Fetter Parker Strunk	2 Joanne Ealy	3 Ellie Dietrich Bill Yoh Aaron Zimmerman	4 Carol Dieffenbach Judith Fulk William Muth	5 Geroge Nagle Georgetta Weik	6 Evan Layser Toni Noll Bruce Weaver Ashley Zimmerman	7 Anita Hartranft Nancy Layser Kyle Wagner
8	9 Jill Fidler William Fulk	10 Dylan Bohr	11	12 Kim Horn	13 Brittany Ceresini Amber Heisey Crystal Liskey	14 Delani Hogeland
15 Erin Dietrich	16 Robert Ebersole	17	18 Elizabeth Wohlbruck	19	20 Ryan Lentz Linda Miller	21 Tammy Landis
22 Beth Dubble-Smith	23 Jason Behney Kristi Fidler	24 Grace Ruth Ashley Yoh John Zimmerman, Jr.	25 Jodi Hartranft Katrina Wagner Mary Wolfe	26 Andrew Miller Brenda Strobel Derek Wagner	27 Bob Noll Alison Wenger Heather Wenrich	28 Kathy Krall Nancy Hartman
29 Dale Houtz	30 Eleanor Brubaker	31	Notes:			