



Myerstown Church of the Brethren

Scriptural Message

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

1 Chronicles 16:34

*To the end that my glory may sing
praise to You and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to
You forever.*

Psalms 30:as

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**November 2017
Faith,**

**Ministry through
Vision, and Action**

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” (Colossians 3:16-17)

Thanksgiving has always been a special holiday for me. There are many thanksgiving traditions that I remember as a child, that I hold-on to in my life as an adult today.

But I wonder how many people really know how Thanksgiving started in our nation? Most people will point to the pilgrims coming to America as the first Thanksgiving, and that needs to be part of our history as a nation. But it wasn't until 1789 that George Washington made Thanksgiving official as a national holiday.

I have the entire “Presidential Thanksgiving Proclamation” copied at the end of the newsletter. Notice how Washington signed the Proclamation: “In the year of our Lord, 1789

I especially liked how Washington urged us, as citizens of our nation, to “humbly offer our prayers and supplications to the great Lord... “ and for God to “pardon our national and other transgressions.”

What an important message for our nation today! Without God in our lives, and without God in our nation, we will fall! This is why Thanksgiving is such an important holiday to observe!

Be thankful for God's blessings! Be thankful for our nation and people!

Attendance & Offering

Attendance average for September 1 – September 30, 2017

Sunday School - 51

Worship Service – 121

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.

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.

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.

2018 Church Directory

Contact Toni in the church office for any changes to the 2018 directory.

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.

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.

Community Thanksgiving Service

There will be a community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday evening, Nov. 19th at 7:00 p.m. at Stoneridge Poplar Run Theater.

Apple Dumplings

The ladies are making apple dumplings on Thursday, Nov. 16th at 8:00 a.m. All help is greatly appreciated.

Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 18th is quickly approaching. The hours are 8:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. for the bazaar. We appreciate all baked goods, candy, etc. Your items can be dropped off anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Friday the 17th. We have a lot of good cooks and bakers, so let's make this the best year ever! Contact Ruth Saul with any questions about baked goods.

Please plan to come out and support this event. We will have pumpkin rolls and apple dumplings available, also egg sandwiches for breakfast and soup, hot dogs and bbq for lunch. See or call Jean Bomberger with any questions.

P.S. Don't forget to check out the "White Elephant" tables!

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

Christmas Poinsettias

It is time to order your Christmas Poinsettia. The plants will be in 6 inch pots and have 5-6 blooms and the cost is \$6.75. Deadline to order and pay is Nov. 19th. Sign the sheet on the bulletin board.

Pumpkin Roll pick is Nov. 16th from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Shopping

Have you started Christmas shopping? Did you know that you can purchase gift cards from the church and then use them to buy your Christmas gifts? You can also pay your Kohl's charge by using a Kohl's gift card. Giant Food Store cards make a great gift, or you can purchase them and use it yourself for your groceries. Like to go out for dinner, why not look over the gift card list and decide where you might want to eat this month? The possibilities are endless and by purchasing gift cards, you are helping the church.

Install the New Church APP on your smart phone to:

- view and listen to recorded services
- see important documents like the weekly bulletin, monthly newsletters, board and commission reports, sermon notes, and more
- get information about upcoming events
- get notifications for upcoming events
- receive notification of cancellations and rescheduled events

The APP is FREE to use. Go to <http://myerstowncob.org/church-app/> to get the download link and installation instructions.

See David or Janet Dubble if you have any questions.

November Wedding Anniversaries

- 6th Mark & Tammy Landis
Jason & Leslie Fuhrman
- 9th Bud & Mary Lou Wagner
- 11th Bill & Nancy Wenrich
Landis & Anna Kupp
- 18th Leroy & Kathryn Hartranft
- 21st Gregory & Kim Horn
- 23rd John & Joan Mauser

Commissions and Church Board Meeting

Date: October 17, 2017

Meeting was called to order @ 8:03 p.m.

by Chairperson – Robert Noll

Present were: Secretary – Mark Landis, Jr.

Prayer by: Pastor Marty

Present were: Pastor Marty Moyer

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

Secretary’s Report of September 19, 2017

To be approved by Council October 30, 2017

Treasurer’s Report of September 30, 2017

To be approved by Council October 30, 2017

Commission Reports & Members Present

Ministry & Evangelism Commission: Co-Chairperson – Steve Krick

We discussed the speaker Mike Borden from YWAM and his speaking fee. Assigned nights to musicians for each evening. Discussed evening offerings for revival service.

We discussed the district dues of paying \$50/member.

Total Ministry and Evangelism budget for 2018 would be \$119,785.00.

We approved the request from the youth leaders for the youth to do the morning worship in months that have 5 Sundays.

Two committee members have terms that expire this year.....Grace Ziegler and Steve Krick. Currently there are two openings on the Ministry and Evangelism Commission. Steve Krick has decided not to serve another term.

Missions & Fellowship Commission: Co-Chairperson – Susie Dundore
Leslie Fuhrman

We agreed on our budget and cut some items.

We need a COBY’s rep and also a rep for Londonderry Village. The following is a list of our appointments:

Disaster Response – Earl Liskey

Lebanon County Christian Ministries – Glenn and Lois Hassinger

Disaster Relief Sale – Toni Noll

Mission Coordinator – Susie Dundore

Operation Christmas Child – Leslie Fuhrman and Megan Thomas

Church Directory – Commission

A request to do refreshments in December instead of November.

Hurricane Bucket Project – We filled 9 buckets and had monetary gifts to fill an additional 12 buckets.

Operation Christmas Child Warehouse in Baltimore, Maryland was filled, so there will be no trip this year.

We will need some items for Trunk or Treat.

The church history is being worked on.

We went through the 2018 Church Directory.

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

Devotions were led by Linda Zimmerman.

We finalized our budget.

The Children's Christmas Program will be during the Sunday School hour on December 17th. We will look at program ideas in November.

We decided on devotional books for the children and a J.O.Y. gift certificate for the adult teachers for Christmas gifts.

We will move \$1000 from Youth Activities into an account for National Youth Conference.

We are moving \$100 from Sunday School Conference to Teacher Appreciation.

We are combining Youth Activities/Conference and Youth Advisors Conference into National Youth Conference.

Trustee and Property Commission: Mark Landis, Jr.,

Replaced wash bowl and spigots in rear ladies restroom near pastor's office.

Repairs were made on walk-in freezer.

Cleaned clogged drain in kitchen.

Checked on price for new vacuum for custodians. Will purchase a new vacuum for \$425.00.

Reduced budget \$12,500 from last year.

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

Pastor Report

Sermons: 4. Plus extra sermon at Londonderry Village on October 11

Love Feast and Communion Leading: October 1

Home Communion: 12 (5 are on the list that I have not gotten to yet)

Attempted Home Communion: 7 (includes ones who has dementia, or are not alert or well)

Home Visits: 15

Hospital Visits: 8

Anointings: Larry and Nancy Miller on October 9

Funerals: Assisted Glenn for Brenda Mishoe

Funeral Visitation: For Nancy Miller, home visitation

Brethren Class Teachings: 3

Church Activities Attended: Attended District Conference on October 7, Led worship service at Londonderry Village on October 11, Attended Brethren Relief Auction on September 23, Attended funeral for Ed Liskey, Attended Deacon's Meeting on October 3, Senior Choir Practices on Wednesday evenings, Church Executive and Board Meeting.

Took Vacation: September 23 – 28. (8 vacation days taken for 2017)

Upcoming Schedule

Officiating at Nancy Miller's Funeral: Thursday, October 19. Viewing from 5-7 p.m. Service at 7p.m. Meal following the service.

Announcement: On the Sundays when the senior choir sings, I will need worship leaders. If you are interested in helping me lead worship contact me. If you know of anyone who is having surgery, or is in the hospital, contact me.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Interests & Concerns

A complete breakdown of the budget will be distributed at council meeting.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by aye vote at 8:40 p.m.

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Randy Wagner	2 Linda Strobel	3 George Wolfe	4
5 Kathryn Gibble Greg Horn	6	7 Lloyd Wenger	8	9 Sandy Rodriguez	10	11
12 Jody Maurer Juliana Mishoe Riley Mishoe	13	14 Lindsey Dimond Leslie Fuhrman	15 Gloria Brandt	16	17 Erin Umbenhauer	18
19 Kiara Fulk Sharon Kline	20 Richard Daubert Phyllis Hickernell Jeff Laubach Nancy Younker-Torres	21 Bruce Meyers	22	23	24 Tim Fetzer	25 Lois Hassinger
26 Ruth Dundore John Hunsicker	27 Sherry Weaver	28 Robert Krall Grant Liskey Shirley Ritzman Mary Jane Smith	29	30 Carl Hartman	Notes:	

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	2	3	4
5 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	6 Praise Team 7:00 pm	7	8 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	9 Sharing Cupboard 10-1	10 Sharing Cupboard 3-6	11 Pot Pie Dinner
12 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	13 Praise Team 7:00 pm	14 PIZZA HUT DAY	15 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	16	17	18 Holiday Bazaar 8:00 am–1:00 pm
19 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Community Thanksgiving Service 7:00 pm	20 Praise Team 7:00 pm	21 Executive Mtg. 6:30 pm Commission Mtg. 7:00 pm Board Mtg. 8:00 pm	22	23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	24 Sharing Cupboard 3-6	25
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