



Myerstown Church of the Brethren

July 2014

Ministry through Faith,
Vision, and Action

From Pastor Dean's Desk



Myerstown Church of the Brethren

Scriptural Message:

*"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,
give thanks in all circumstances; for this
is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."*

- 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

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The Repeat Offender

In Luke 15: 11-32 we read about the prodigal son, the brother, and the loving and forgiving father. We read about the younger son that wanted his inheritance from his father immediately before his father even died. The father granted his wishes and the son foolishly spent the inheritance with a wild life style and eventually was beyond being broke.

The father welcomed him back through love and grace. Several questions we may want to ask. Do we think the father wanted to see his son go through poverty and hunger? Do we think the father should have simply forgiven his son for all the misery and hardships and the heartbreak he caused his family?

The father without question welcomed his son back to the family! What can we learn from the father? Would the son ever have come back without forgiveness and grace? Did the son deserve grace from the father? Author Steve Brown writes, "***Children will run from law, and they'll run from grace. The ones who run from law rarely come back, but those who run from grace always come back.***"

What is Grace?

One author writes "*Grace is unconditional acceptance given to an undeserving person by an unobligated giver.*"

Attendance & Offering

Attendance average for May 1 – May 31, 2014

Sunday School – 68
Worship Service – 213

Beginning Checkbook Balance – General Fund		\$ 95,759.08
Income		\$ 27,676.77
Expenses		\$ 23,424.99
Voided Check		\$ 0.00
Ending Checkbook Balance		\$100,010.86
Beginning Checkbook Balance – Building Fund		\$ 12,937.66
Income		\$ 3,757.29
Expenses		\$ 5,859.65
Ending Checkbook Balance	0.00%	\$ 10,835.30
Music Fund CD	3/18/13	\$ 15,556.27

Attention all Quilters

On Tuesday mornings we are quilting and knotting in the ladies aid room at 8:00 a.m. All are welcome to come and help.

Home Care

Let's remember in thought and prayer those living in nursing homes/assisted living homes: Phares Eshleman, Clara Miller, Mary Lineweaver, Nancy Moyer, June Swisher, Helen Wenger, Arlene Crouse, Joanne Ealy

Please remember these people in your prayers

Betty Jane Berger, Bud Brubaker, Mary Ann Gible, Dan Heffner, Bill Yoh, Sr., Mark Ziegler

LVBH Volunteers

The LVBH is in need of volunteers in the following areas...people who are willing to visit with our residents, read to the residents, offer wheelchair rides, or just sit and talk with the residents. They also need people who would like to fill water mugs in the Alpha and Leffler units. If you are able to give just one hour or more of your time each week, call Mary Lee Harpel at 838-5406, ext. 3186.

Pizza Hut

We are still continuing to have Pizza Hut Day the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Look for the paper in your 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. If there is a business that you would like to know about, call the church office at 866-5517 to see if those cards would be available. How many cards do you think you can use in a month's time? You don't have to give the card as a gift, you can use them yourself.

Vacation Bible School

"Take a Walk on the Wild Side" and join us at VBS this summer! VBS will be held July 13-17, 2014 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and any child ages 3-5th grade is eligible to participate. Please take a registration form from the lobby and return to the VBS table or Lisa Liskey, or register online at www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/MCOB2014
Invite your friends!!

Coupon Exchange

We are starting a coupon exchange to help benefit the church community. Those who get the news paper and do not clip coupons are encouraged to bring their unwanted inserts and put them in the box in the lobby. We will also accept clipped coupons that you will not use. We will clip the coupons and they will be available for anyone to take on a first come first serve basis. Let's help each other save some money! Please see Lisa Liskey with any questions.

Picnic at Knoebels

The Missions and Fellowship Commission is planning a picnic at Knoebels Grove on Saturday, August 23rd. We will have a dedicated pavilion for our group, however you must your own picnic lunch. Parking is free and there is no admission fee. Discounted tickets are available. We will have a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place. See any commission member for questions.

Christmas in July

We are having a Christmas in July party for the residents of the "Susan Dowhower" house. There will be a list of the residents names and their shirt sizes in the Gathering Place. Please sign-up for 1 or more residents for a wrapped \$5 gift. The party is Tuesday, July 29th at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend the party!

Mural in Old Fellowship Hall

Canvas painting of JESUS' ASCENSION was moved & preserved from old church as memorial gift from
Leroy Balsbaugh
through his sister Beulah

Christian Education Commission

The commission is still searching for youth advisors. If you feel the calling for this task, please notify Ed Liskey or any member on the Christian Education Commission.

July Wedding Anniversaries

1st Corey & Alison Wenger

4th Larry & Robin Kisler
Brian & Jennifer Chatfield

15th Bob & Toni Noll

16th Jeremy & Tabitha Krick
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

We are looking to serve and help the ones in need, from disasters such as hurricanes, flooding and things people can't always prepare for. We hold a heifer Auction on September 26, 2014 @ 11:00 am. We are asking local churches to donate monetary donations or a calf, heifer or cow. If you have any questions please contact Bob Lentz (717)821-5616 or Terry Shuey (717)304-9454 we need to hear back by August 4, 2014

Sincerely,

Disaster Relief Heifer Auction Committee

Commissions and Church Board Meeting

Date: June 17, 2014

**Meeting was called to order @ 8:13 p.m.
Present were: Treasurer – Robert Dubble
Present were: Secretary-Robert Noll**

by Chairperson – Robert Biddle

Prayer by: Ed Liskey

Secretary's Report of May 20, 2014

Approved by Council Meeting June 9, 2014

Treasurer's Report of June 16, 2014

Approved as presented by Aye Vote

Commission Reports & Members Present

Ministry & Evangelism Commission: Chairperson – Kenneth Wagner, Allison Kline, Lori Martin,
Kathy Dubble

Joyce Wagner will be replacing Jackie Dohner as the delegate for Annual Conference.
Our commission reviewed job descriptions for Senior Choir Director and Bell Choir Director.
We updated the pastoral job description and reviewed it.
Jeff Carter will be here for Spiritual Enrichment on November 2, 2014.
We will have an alternate speaker for Allison Kline on July 6th. Ed agreed to speak.
The responsibility for Children's Church will be transferred from our commission to Christian Education Commission.

Missions & Fellowship Commission: Co-Chairpersons – Sherrie Liskey and JoAnn Houtz
Janet Dubble, Crystal Liskey

Pictorial Directory

Received contact information for Life Touch from Susie Dundore.
We need to get a box of materials from Kathy Krall.
Plan is to schedule pictures for fall 2015.
Janet will contact Life Touch.

Christmas in July

It will be held on July 29th.
Bake cookies, bring snacks and drinks
Read Christmas story
Sing Christmas Carols
Play BINGO
JoAnn will contact Susie Auman to see if the youth will join us.

Knoebels on August 23rd

Sign up sheet is in Gathering Place
Tickets available for 20% discount from Weis Markets.
Keep in bulletin. We will ask Toni to put in newsletter.

Mission Trip to Belize

Summer of 2015
Recommend approval of Board. Commission has approved.
Fundraisers - October 25th Damaskus Road Concert
Spaghetti Meal in the future
We will check with Toni on availability of church for Damaskus Road Concert

Prayer Walk on August 23rd
Phyllis will attend
Announcement will be put in bulletin in early August
Sunday on Sept. 7th
Will finalize plans at August meeting

Motion and second to approve the Mission Trip to Belize in the summer of 2015. Approved by an aye vote.

Christian Education Commission: Chairperson – Edwin Liskey, Jen Murray,
Linda Zimmerman

Ed led us in devotions

Rally Day has been changed to Sept. 7th and Dawn and Randy Narks will be here that day and a covered dish luncheon will be after the service.

Children's Day seemed to be enjoyed by all and a special thanks to those who helped.

Promotion Sunday will be August 31st and we will be ordering Bibles for those entering 2nd grade and those going into the youth class.

"The Story" series will be discontinued from July 31st to August 31st.

Judy Umbenhauer expressed a desire to join the Christian Education Commission.

Andy and Christa Bender have volunteered to serve as Youth Advisors and we are still looking for another couple to join them. An announcement will continue to be in the bulletin to encourage someone to come forth.

Vacation Bible School time is fast approaching and will be held July 13th to 17th. Anyone wishing to volunteer their services should stop at the table in the Gathering Place or contact Lisa Liskey.

Our commission was asked to provide curriculum for the 3rd and 4th graders for Children's Church.

Motion and second to approve Judy Umbenhauer to serve on the Christian Education Commission. This term is till 2016. Approved by an aye vote

Motion and second to approve Andy and Christa Bender as Youth Advisors. They will need to get the Child Protection paperwork done. Motion approved by an aye vote

Trustee and Property Commission: Chairperson - George Nagle

We have new ballasts, tube to replace light in hall.

There were requests about changing the lock on the main doors. There are a lot of keys out there.

People have keys that are not members.

The cost will be \$500 to \$600 for about 20 locks and about 50 keys.

Jen Zimmerman has requested the use of the church for her children's music program this summer, as in previous years.

A company called Tuxedo called to see if they can use our lot on July 15th for a bus trip. It was decided to let them use the far end of the upper lot only.

After some discussion and the possible use of a card or fob system, it was decided that the Commission would get some additional costs and a decision to be made at a later date.

Motion and second to allow Jen Zimmerman the use of the church for her music program that was done in previous years. Motion approved by an aye vote

Finance and Stewardship Commission: Mark Bomberger, Ryan Liskey

As of May 31, 2014

Year to Date Budgeted to General Fund	\$115,348
Year to Date Actual to General Fund	<u>91,835</u>
Difference	-\$ 23,513

Year to Date Budgeted to Building Fund	\$ 29,298
Year to Date Actual to Building Fund	<u>23,195</u>
Difference	-\$ 6,103

Mortgage Balance	\$440,230.17
Sharing Cupboard	\$ 18,293.42
Building Fund Balance	\$ 13,141.30
Music Fund CD Balance	\$ 15,564.03

We reviewed monthly reports and year to date reports.

Our commission suggests using chicken bbq profit of \$2,279.25 as follows:

\$759.75 to Youth Center

\$1,519.50 to Building Fund

Motion and second to approve the recommendations from the Finance and Stewardship Commission that the profit from the recent chicken bbq be distributed as follows: 1/3 to Youth Center (\$759.75), 2/3 to Building Fund (\$1,519.50). Motion approved by an aye vote

Pastor Lengel's Report

Greetings to the Myerstown Church of the Brethren! In the last month I have participated in the following: attended one funeral, visited in homes, hospitals, and nursing homes, had one baby dedication, attended the Brethren Support Minister's group, attended board and executive meeting, attended the Damaskus Road Concert in support of Christa and Abby Bender, preached on Sunday mornings, and did have vacation. I, continually get inspired when I read God's Word and as we have been following "The Story" I am in awe of how the Word of God is always true. My prayer is that as a congregation we look to what the Bible has to say on how we should live our lives and continually connect our lives with Him and not the world that leads us away from what really matters.

Unfinished Business

Motion and second to accept the resignation from Joyce Wagner from the Nominating Committee. Motion approved by an aye vote

Motion and second to accept the resignation from Megan Walmer from the Ministry and Evangelism Commission. Motion approved by an aye vote

Motion and second to not use the money from the commissions out of their budget line item that was discussed at the April 2014 Church Board Meeting. Motion approved by an aye vote

New Business

None

Interests & Concerns

None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:08

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Cliff Behney Jordan Mogel Jevin Reazer	2 Rachael Liskey Brayden Miller Sherry Sullivan Molly Tobin	3 Richard Deck	4 Gracie Faehling Mark Heinz Joel Hoffer Shana Strobel	5
6 Tania Fasnact Mara Fulk Lester Hartranft Michael Motter Robert Sullivan Sidney Wagner	7	8	9 Gary Miller Michael Wolf, Sr.	10 Jeremy Arnold Connor Daubert Joel Fahnestock Ezra Hibshman Sharon Seidomridge	11 Janelle Merkey Lucas Dubble Haley Sherk	12 Martin Hartfanft JoAnn Rager
13 Kenneth Fox	14 Courtney Dubble	15 Dorothy Brown Michelle Dohner	16 Barry Gibble Jena Koppenhaver Winston Lackey, Sr. Joyce Wagner	17 Alexander Burke	18 Algirdas 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 George Pagan	26 Roy Wenger, Jr.
27 Raymond Brown Brenda Mishoe	28 Brandon Batz Chase Herr Brittany Miller Adam Wenger	29	30 Kylie Brown Ryan Laubach	31	Notes:	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Annual Conference	3 Annual Conference	4 Annual Conference	5 Annual Conference
6 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Annual Conference	7	8 PIZZA HUT DAY	9	10 Sharing Cupboard 10-1	11 Sharing Cupboard 3-6	12
13 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Bible School 5:30 – 8:00 pm	14 Bible School 5:30 – 8:00 pm Small Group 6:00 pm	15 Bible School 5:30 – 8:00 pm	16 Bible School 5:30 – 8:00 pm	17 Bible School 5:30 – 8:00 pm	18	19 National Youth Conference
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27 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	28 Small Group 6:00 pm	29	30	31 Spiritual Nurture Mtg. 7:00 pm	Notes:	

Family Order Form

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Myerstown Church of the Brethren/PA

The following is a list of gift cards that can be purchased as a fundraising project for the building fund. All orders must be placed by the first Sunday of each month. Thank you for your purchase.

Name	Customer #
Check #	Order Date

Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total
Ace Hardware \$100.00	4.00%		\$	Build-A-Bear Workshop \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Foot Locker \$25.00	9.00%		\$
Ace Hardware \$25.00	4.00%		\$	Burger King \$10.00	4.00%		\$	GameStop \$25.00	3.00%		\$
Advance Auto Parts \$25.00	7.00%		\$	Cabela's \$100.00	11.00%		\$	Gap \$25.00	14.00%		\$
Aeropostale \$25.00	7.00%		\$	Cabela's \$25.00	11.00%		\$	Giant Food Stores \$25.00	4.00%		\$
Amazon.com \$100.00	3.00%		\$	Carrabba's Italian Grill \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Giant Food Stores \$50.00	4.00%		\$
Amazon.com \$25.00	3.00%		\$	Cheesecake Factory \$25.00	5.00%		\$	Giant Foods \$100.00	4.00%		\$
American Eagle Outfitters \$25.00	10.00%		\$	Children's Place \$25.00	12.00%		\$	Groupon.com \$25.00	7.00%		\$
American Girl \$25.00	9.00%		\$	Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00	11.00%		\$	Gymboree \$25.00	13.00%		\$
Applebee's \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Christmas Tree Shops \$25.00	7.00%		\$	Hard Rock Cafe \$25.00	10.00%		\$
Applebee's \$50.00	8.00%		\$	Claire's \$10.00	9.00%		\$	Hardee's \$10.00	5.00%		\$
Arby's \$10.00	8.00%		\$	Clarion Hotels \$100.00	3.00%		\$	Home Depot \$100.00	4.00%		\$
AT&T 125 Minute Prepaid Card \$9.50	20.00%		\$	Clarion Hotels \$50.00	3.00%		\$	Home Depot \$25.00	4.00%		\$
Babies"R"Us \$20.00	3.00%		\$	Cold Stone Creamery \$10.00	8.00%		\$	Icing \$10.00	9.00%		\$
Banana Republic \$25.00	14.00%		\$	Comfort Inn \$100.00	3.00%		\$	IHOP \$25.00	8.00%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$10.00	9.00%		\$	Comfort Inn \$50.00	3.00%		\$	iTunes® \$25.00	5.00%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25.00	9.00%		\$	Cracker Barrel \$10.00	9.00%		\$	jcpenny \$100.00	5.00%		\$
Bass Pro Shops \$100.00	9.00%		\$	CVS/pharmacy \$25.00	6.00%		\$	jcpenny \$25.00	5.00%		\$
Bass Pro Shops \$25.00	9.00%		\$	Dairy Queen \$10.00	3.00%		\$	KFC \$5.00	8.00%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$10.00	13.00%		\$	Darden® Restaurants Gift Card \$25.00	9.00%		\$	Kmart \$25.00	4.00%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	13.00%		\$	Dell Computer \$100.00	4.00%		\$	Kmart \$50.00	4.00%		\$
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25.00	7.00%		\$	Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Kohl's \$100.00	4.00%		\$
Best Buy \$100.00	3.00%		\$	Disney \$100.00	2.00%		\$	Kohl's \$25.00	4.00%		\$
Best Buy \$25.00	3.00%		\$	Disney \$25.00	2.00%		\$	L.L.Bean \$100.00	16.00%		\$
Bob Evans \$10.00	10.00%		\$	Domino's Pizza \$10.00	**10.00%		\$	L.L.Bean \$25.00	16.00%		\$
Bon-Ton \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Dream Dinners \$75.00	8.00%		\$	Lands' End \$100.00	16.00%		\$
Bosco's \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Dressbarn \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Lands' End \$25.00	16.00%		\$
Boston Market \$10.00	12.00%		\$	Dunham's Sports \$25.00	8.00%		\$	LongHorn Steakhouse® \$25.00	9.00%		\$
Boston Store \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Dunkin' Donuts \$10.00	3.00%		\$	Lowe's \$100.00	4.00%		\$
Bruster's Ice Cream \$10.00	8.00%		\$	Eat'n Park \$10.00	10.00%		\$	Lowe's \$25.00	4.00%		\$
Buca di Beppo \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Eat'n Park \$25.00	10.00%		\$	Macaroni Grill \$25.00	11.00%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings \$10.00	8.00%		\$	Eddie Bauer \$25.00	10.00%		\$	Marshalls \$25.00	7.00%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Express \$25.00	10.00%		\$	Men's Wearhouse \$25.00	8.00%		\$
								Michaels \$25.00	4.00%		\$
								Nike \$25.00	12.00%		\$

Make Checks Payable To: *Myerstown Church of the Brethren*

Total Due All Columns:

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Office Depot \$25.00	4.00%		\$	Taco Bell \$10.00	5.00%		\$
Office Max \$25.00	5.00%		\$	Tanger Outlets \$25.00	8.00%		\$
Old Navy \$25.00	14.00%		\$	Target \$100.00	2.50%		\$
Olive Garden © \$25.00	9.00%		\$	Target \$25.00	2.50%		\$
Outback Steakhouse \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Target \$50.00	2.50%		\$
Panera Bread \$10.00	9.00%		\$	Texas Roadhouse \$25.00	8.00%		\$
Panera Bread \$25.00	9.00%		\$	TGI Fridays \$25.00	9.00%		\$
Papa John's Pizza \$10.00	8.00%		\$	Toys"R"Us \$20.00	3.00%		\$
Payless Shoes \$20.00	13.00%		\$	Walgreens \$25.00	6.00%		\$
PetSmart \$25.00	4.00%		\$	Walmart \$100.00	2.50%		\$
Pizza Hut (Not AK or HI) \$10.00	8.00%		\$	Walmart \$25.00	2.50%		\$
Qdoba Mexican Grill \$25.00	7.00%		\$	Wawa \$25.00	1.50%		\$
RadioShack \$25.00	4.00%		\$	Wendy's \$10.00	4.00%		\$
Rainforest Cafe \$25.00	9.00%		\$				
Red Lobster © \$25.00	9.00%		\$				
Red Robin \$25.00	**11.00%		\$				
Rite Aid \$25.00	4.00%		\$				
Ruby Tuesday \$25.00	8.00%		\$				
Sam's Club \$100.00	2.50%		\$				
Sam's Club \$25.00	2.50%		\$				
Sears \$100.00	4.00%		\$				
Sears \$25.00	4.00%		\$				
Sears Auto Service Center \$100.00	4.00%		\$				
Sears Auto Service Center \$25.00	4.00%		\$				
Sheetz \$100.00	3.00%		\$				
Sheetz \$25.00	3.00%		\$				
Staples \$100.00	5.00%		\$				
Staples \$25.00	5.00%		\$				
Starbucks \$10.00	7.00%		\$				
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SUBWAY® Restaurants \$10.00	3.00%		\$				
Supercuts \$25.00	8.00%		\$				

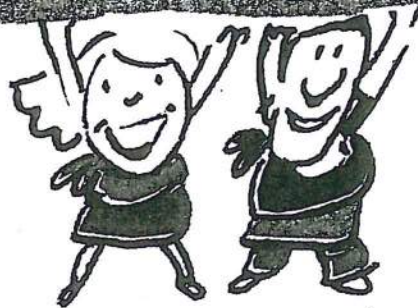
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Total Due All Columns:

\$

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"FUN" DRAISER NIGHT!



Pizza Hut® invites you to come out and support...

WHO: MYERSTOWN CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

WHEN: July 8

TIME: 11:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. (buffet 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

WHERE: Lebanon Pizza Hut

PHONE #: 273-7000



Pizza Hut® will donate 20% of your purchases* on the "Fun"draiser Night to your organization! Just give them the ticket below when you pay!

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Give this one to family or friends or participate again

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