



Myerstown Church of the Brethren

Scriptural Message

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever.”

-Psalm 111: 10

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January 2015

Ministry through Faith,
Vision, and Action

From Pastor Dean's Desk



A New Year of Joy!

Another new year has arrived! The calendars change, the clocks keep ticking, and life goes on. The scripture below talks about having “joy” in our lives and that we should rejoice. A Christmas season has just passed where we talked about joy. The question for each of us as we approach another year is whether or not we are filled with joy.

The dictionary would define joy as follows: “the emotion of great delight or happiness caused by something exceptionally good or satisfying.” Is there something in your life that is exceptionally good or satisfying?

I believe in my own life there are happy and sad days. However, as a believer, I know there is hope and the promise of eternal life can give me a great joy. The challenge for me and many of us is to “live in the joy” that the Lord brings to each one of us that confesses His name.” My prayer for each of us is that we allow that joy to fill our hearts!

Philippians 4: 4-7

Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon.

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

The search committee is excited to announce that a trial sermon is scheduled for Sunday February 1, 2015 during our regular Sunday Morning Worship. What this means is that the search committee has a candidate that they would like to bring in front of the congregation and have that candidate give a trial sermon. After the sermon it is the members of the congregation's responsibility to vote on the candidate to determine if that person will lead our congregation. At that time we will be casting one vote on both the candidate and the negotiated financial package that the search committee believes is appropriate.

In the past the trial sermon has typically only been a one day affair. However, the search committee believes in giving the congregation ample time to meet and mingle with the candidate (Pastor Randy Devor & his wife Becky). With that said, the search committee is planning an entire weekend of events that everyone and anyone in the congregation is invited to attend. Please see the scheduled events below for more information.

Pastor Randy's Trial Sermon Weekend

Thursday, January 29, 2015

- 5:30 PM Meet & Greet / Question & Answer
- 7:00 PM Bible Study – Lead by Pastor Randy
- Deacon Board Meet & Greet / Question & Answer

Friday, January 30, 2015

- 6:00 PM Youth & Young Family Meet & Greet / Question & Answer
- 7:00 PM Ice Cream Social – Entire Congregation

Saturday, January 31, 2015

- 8:00 AM Breakfast with the Board
- 10:00 AM Meet Sunday School Teachers & Children's Worship Leaders
- 5:30 PM Pig Roast Dinner
- 7:00 PM Mini Sermon
- Meet & Greet / Question & Answer

Sunday, February 1, 2015

- 9:00 AM Combined Sunday School Class – Introduction of Candidate
- 10:00 AM Trial Sermon
- 11:15 AM Congregational Vote
- 12:00 PM Carry In Meal

If you have any questions about these events please contact a search committee member

Over the course of the next few weeks the search committee will be providing the congregation information that we used in making our decision about Pastor Randy (i.e. Recorded Sermons, Pastoral Profile, Financial Package, etc...). It is your responsibility as church members to engage in these events and vote on Sunday February 1st. Please do not take this process lightly; be in prayer about the process and be sure to ask the questions you want answered. This weekend will determine the future of our church.

-Search Committee Members

Susie Auman • Lori Martin • Linda Zimmerman • Charlie Krall • Steve Krick • Bob Biddle • Rob Dubble

Attendance & Offering

Attendance average for November 1 – November 30, 2014

Sunday School – 91
Worship Service – 223

Beginning Checkbook Balance – General Fund		\$ 99,675.49
Income		\$ 19,944.39
Expenses		\$ 18,689.39
Voided Check		\$ <u>0.00</u>
Ending Checkbook Balance		\$100,930.27
Beginning Checkbook Balance – Building Fund		\$ 13,146.08
Income		\$ 4,400.59
Expenses		\$ <u>5,859.65</u>
Ending Checkbook Balance	0.00%	\$ 11,687.02
Music Fund CD	3/18/13	\$ 15,567.95

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.

Please remember these people in your prayers

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

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.

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, Orpha Doutrich

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.

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.

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.

Sunday School Teachers

The Christian Education Commission is looking for Sunday School teachers for the 5th and 6th grade class and the Youth class. If you feel called to serve the Lord in this way, please contact any commission member.

Save the Date

We will be doing pictures for the new pictorial directory on Aug. 6th, 7th & 8th and Sept. 17th, 18th & 19th.

LVBH Auxiliary Dues

Dues is by donation or lifetime membership is \$100. We will be collecting until January 11, 2015. See Lois Romberger for payment or any questions

Prayer Pals to Start in January

Children will be paired with an adult partner. Adults are asked to pray for their prayer partner throughout the year. Please consider joining to support our children as they grow in their faith life. Watch the bulletin for more information.

CHECKING OUT LIBRARY BOOKS

Sign yellow tablet on drawer stand
Date Title Author Your name
Books due in 30 days returning to stand.
Former librarians Jackie & Joyce
2015 new librarians Anissa & Sandy

January Wedding Anniversaries

1st David & Janet Dubble
15th Elmer & Barbara Weidman

If We Only Understood

Could we but draw back the curtains
That surround each other's lives,
See the naked heart and spirit,
Know what spur the action gives,
Often we would find it better,
Purer than we judge we should;
We should love each other better
If we only understood.

Could we judge all deeds by motives,
See the good and bad within,
Often we would love the sinner,
All the while we loathe the sin.
Could we know the powers working
To o'erthrow integrity,
We should judge each other's errors
With more patient charity.

If we knew the cares and trials,
Knew the efforts all in vain,
And the bitter disappointment,
Understood the loss and gain
Would the grim eternal roughness
Seem-I wonder-just the same?
Should we help where now we hinder?
Should we pity where now we blame?

Ah! We judge each other harshly,
Knowing not life's hidden force;
Knowing not the fount of action
Is less turbid at its source.
Seeing not amid the evil
All the golden grains of good;
Oh, we'd love each other better
If we only understood.
---Rudyard Kipling

A Call to Support our Brothers and Sisters in Nigeria

The ongoing disturbing news from Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) continues to sadden all of our hearts. Rev. Dr. Musa Mambula, who is well known as a writer, educator and current National Spiritual Advisor for EYN, has been visiting a number of congregations in our district to share about the persecution of Christians by Boko Haram terrorists in Northern Nigeria. As a result, many persons here in the ANE District are discussing and talking about what we can do to offer help for the seemingly overwhelming needs of our church family so many miles away.

Two district-led informational gatherings are being planned to raise awareness of and support for the response of the Church of the Brethren in the US to this crisis.

Meetings are scheduled for:

<p>Sunday evening January 4, 2015 7 PM</p> <p>Hempfield CoB 1186 Stevens Street, Manheim PA</p>	<p>Sunday evening January 11, 2015 7 PM</p> <p>Indian Creek CoB 821 Main Street, Harleysville PA</p>
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A central focus of the meetings will be a presentation on the US church's planned response, which will be given by Roy Winter of Brethren Disaster Ministries at Hempfield and by MMB chair-elect Don Fitzkee at Indian Creek. Both events will include first-hand accounts of the situation in Nigeria from Musa Mambula, a time of prayer, and an offering for the Nigeria Crisis Fund.

At their October meeting, the Mission and Ministry Board (MMB) heard a report from Jay Wittmeyer of Global Mission and Service and Roy Winter of Brethren Disaster Ministries on the denomination's plan to expand our response to this situation, using funds from a newly created Nigeria Crisis Fund. The Board allocated up to \$1.5 million to this fund and is seeking to raise a total of \$2.8 million for the first year of a multi-year response.

In her *Newsline* report on MMB actions Cheryl Brumbaugh-Cayford explained, "The denomination will continue to honor the intentions of the gifts received to the EYN Compassion Fund, but donors are encouraged to support the next phase of the relief effort by directing their gifts to a new Nigeria Crisis Fund within the Emergency Disaster Fund."

Please mark these dates on your church calendars and be sure to encourage attendance by all who would like to be better informed about denominational efforts and by all who would like to be a part of offering support to our brothers and sisters in Nigeria.

January 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Eliza Beamesderfer	2 Jean Bomberger	3 Allison Behney Martin Fidler III
4	5 Betty Ann Varela Barbara Zimmerman	6 Carl Hower Donna Leshner	7 Alessandro Fulk Gail Reppert	8	9 Louisa Arnt Noel Gruber Jennifer Heisey Vicky Heisey Gloria Hower	10 Cindy Liskey
11 Wesley Eberly Travis Gerhart Wilbur Wagner	12 Miriam Ackerman Marvin Ritzman Cooper Shwalm	13 Dan Auman Fern Behney Chad Carroll Mark Landis, Sr.	14 Kyle Arnold Florence Ebersole	15 Brent Hays Kimberly Wenger	16 Austin Thomas Eli Wenrich	17 Joshua Harvey
18 Barry Arnold Brittany Darone Doreen DiScuillo	19 Bonnie Deurer Dezirae Dohner	20 Mike Koppenhaver	21 Diane Dubble	22	23 Scott Wagner	24 Kristy Laubach Jason Wholbruck
25 Katie Abrams Christina Burke Phares Eshleman Travis Hibshman	26	27 Lamar Fahnestock	28 Christian Ebling Mark Reppert	29 Barbara Heffner Landon Leonard John Mauser Madison Rambler	30 Patricia Gobble Victoria Maurer	31 Neil Batdorf Lori DiFulvio Lori Leonard Margaret Wenger

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2	3
4 Hand Chimes 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	5 Junior Choir 6:30 pm Praise Team 7:15 pm	6 Quilting & Knotting 8:00 am Music Committee Mtg. 7:00 pm	7 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	8 Sharing Cupboard 10-1	9 Sharing Cupboard 3-6	10
11 Hand Chimes 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Bread and Cup Communion	12 Junior Choir 6:30 pm Praise Team 7:15 pm	13 Quilting & Knotting 8:00 am PIZZA HUT DAY	14 LVBH Service 7:00 pm	15	16	17
18 Hand Chimes 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	19 Junior Choir 6:30 pm Praise Team 7:15 pm	20 Quilting & Knotting 8:00 am Executive Mtg. 6:30 pm Commission Mtg. 7:00 pm Board Mtg. 8:00 pm	21 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	22 Sharing Cupboard 10-1	23 Sharing Cupboard 3-6	24
25 Hand Chimes 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	26 Junior Choir 6:30 pm Praise Team 7:15 pm	27 Quilting & Knotting 8:00 am	28 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	29 Spiritual Nurture Mtg. 7:00 pm	30	31

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%		\$	Build-A-Bear Workshop \$25.00	8%		\$	Gap \$25.00	14%		\$
Ace Hardware \$25.00	4%		\$	Burger King \$10.00	4%		\$	Giant Food Stores \$25.00	4%		\$
Advance Auto Parts \$25.00	7%		\$	Cabela's \$100.00	11%		\$	Giant Food Stores \$50.00	4%		\$
Aeropostale \$25.00	10%		\$	Cabela's \$25.00	11%		\$	Giant Foods \$100.00	4%		\$
Amazon.com \$100.00	3%		\$	Carrabba's Italian Grill \$25.00	8%		\$	Groupon.com \$25.00	7%		\$
Amazon.com \$25.00	3%		\$	Cheesecake Factory \$25.00	5%		\$	Gymboree \$25.00	13%		\$
American Eagle Outfitters \$25.00	10%		\$	Children's Place \$25.00	12%		\$	Hard Rock Cafe \$25.00	10%		\$
American Girl \$25.00	9%		\$	Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00	11%		\$	Hardee's \$10.00	5%		\$
Applebee's \$25.00	8%		\$	Christmas Tree Shops \$25.00	7%		\$	Icing \$10.00	9%		\$
Applebee's \$50.00	8%		\$	Claire's \$10.00	9%		\$	IHOP \$25.00	8%		\$
Arby's \$10.00	8%		\$	Clarion Hotels \$100.00	4%		\$	iTunes® \$25.00	5%		\$
AT&T 125 Minute Prepaid Card \$9.50	20%		\$	Clarion Hotels \$50.00	4%		\$	jcpenny \$100.00	5%		\$
Babies"R"Us \$20.00	3%		\$	Cold Stone Creamery \$10.00	8%		\$	jcpenny \$25.00	5%		\$
Banana Republic \$25.00	14%		\$	Comfort Inn \$100.00	4%		\$	KFC \$5.00	8%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$10.00	9%		\$	Comfort Inn \$50.00	4%		\$	Kmart \$25.00	4%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25.00	9%		\$	Cracker Barrel \$10.00	9%		\$	Kmart \$50.00	4%		\$
Bass Pro Shops \$100.00	9%		\$	CVS/pharmacy \$25.00	6%		\$	Kohl's \$100.00	4%		\$
Bass Pro Shops \$25.00	9%		\$	Dairy Queen \$10.00	3%		\$	Kohl's \$25.00	4%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$10.00	13%		\$	Darden® Restaurants \$25.00	9%		\$	L.L.Bean \$100.00	16%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	13%		\$	Dell Computer \$100.00	4%		\$	L.L.Bean \$25.00	16%		\$
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25.00	7%		\$	Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$	Lands' End \$100.00	16%		\$
Best Buy® \$100.00	3%		\$	Disney \$100.00	2%		\$	Lands' End \$25.00	16%		\$
Best Buy® \$25.00	3%		\$	Disney \$25.00	2%		\$	LongHorn Steakhouse® \$25.00	9%		\$
Bob Evans \$10.00	10%		\$	Domino's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$	Lowe's \$100.00	4%		\$
Bon-Ton \$25.00	8%		\$	Dressbarn \$25.00	8%		\$	Lowe's \$25.00	4%		\$
Boscov's \$25.00	8%		\$	Dunham's Sports \$25.00	8%		\$	Macaroni Grill \$25.00	11%		\$
Boston Market \$10.00	12%		\$	Dunkin' Donuts \$10.00	3%		\$	Marshalls \$25.00	7%		\$
Boston Store \$25.00	8%		\$	Eat'n Park \$10.00	10%		\$	Men's Wearhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
Bruster's Ice Cream \$10.00	8%		\$	Eat'n Park \$25.00	10%		\$	Michaels \$25.00	4%		\$
Buca di Beppo \$25.00	8%		\$	Eddie Bauer \$25.00	10%		\$	Nike \$25.00	12%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings \$10.00	8%		\$	Express \$25.00	10%		\$	Nutrisystem \$50.00	12%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings \$25.00	8%		\$	Foot Locker \$25.00	9%		\$	Office Depot \$25.00	4%		\$
				GameStop \$25.00	3%		\$	Office Max \$25.00	5%		\$
								Old Navy \$25.00	14%		\$
								Olive Garden® \$25.00	9%		\$

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

Total Due All Columns: \$

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Panera Bread \$10.00	9%		\$
Panera Bread \$25.00	9%		\$
Papa John's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$
Payless Shoes \$20.00	13%		\$
PetSmart \$25.00	4%		\$
Pizza Hut (Not AK or HI) \$10.00	8%		\$
Qdoba Mexican Grill \$25.00	7%		\$
Rainforest Cafe \$25.00	9%		\$
Red Lobster® \$25.00	9%		\$
Red Robin \$25.00	9%		\$
Rite Aid \$25.00	4%		\$
Ruby Tuesday \$25.00	8%		\$
Sam's Club \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Sam's Club \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Sears \$100.00	4%		\$
Sears \$25.00	4%		\$
Sears Auto Service Center \$100.00	4%		\$
Sears Auto Service Center \$25.00	4%		\$
Sheetz \$100.00	3%		\$
Sheetz \$25.00	3%		\$
Staples \$100.00	5%		\$
Staples \$25.00	5%		\$
Starbucks \$10.00	7%		\$
Starbucks \$25.00	7%		\$
SUBWAY® Restaurants \$10.00	3%		\$
Supercuts \$25.00	8%		\$
T.J. Maxx \$25.00	7%		\$
Taco Bell \$10.00	5%		\$
Tanger Outlets \$25.00	8%		\$
Target \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Target \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Target \$50.00	2.5%		\$

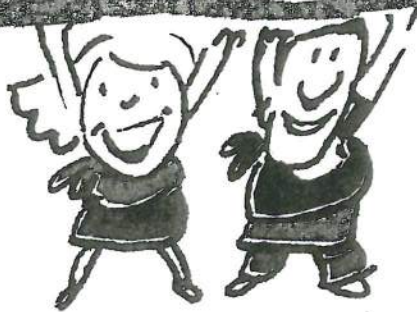
Product	%	QTY	Total
Texas Roadhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
TGI Fridays \$25.00	9%		\$
The Home Depot \$100.00	4%		\$
The Home Depot \$25.00	4%		\$
Toys"R"Us \$20.00	3%		\$
Walgreens \$25.00	6%		\$
Walmart \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Walmart \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Wawa \$25.00	1.5%		\$
Wendy's \$10.00	4%		\$

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

Total Due All Columns:

\$

"FUN" DRAISER NIGHT!



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

WHO: MYERSTOWN CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

WHEN: Jan. 13

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

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Total Spent \$ _____ (to be filled out by Pizza Hut® employee and attached to the receipt)

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Please complete and return to a Pizza Hut® employee at the time of purchase

My Name is _____

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