



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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Myerstown Church of the Brethren

February 2015

Ministry through Faith,
Vision, and Action

From Pastor Dean's Desk

Praise Him!

Life does have its moments! There are times where our hearts are on the mountaintops and there are times where our hearts are in the deepest valleys. We can, as a believer in Jesus, know that we are not forsaken and have the confidence and the hope that our God is always by our side.

How do we know that God is with us? One way we know that He is with us is the fact that He says that He will never leave us. His Word is always true and has never been proven to be wrong. Another way to know that He is with us is to know Him in a personal way. After having a personal relationship with Him we will feel His presence and the Spirit will give that special peace and comfort that the world can never offer.

I am overwhelmed by the love of God. However, I grieve for those that do not have a relationship with our God, the creator of the universe. My prayer is for all of us to continually seek His presence and love and be a witness for His kingdom.

I Am Not Alone **Words From Song by Kari Jobe**

**When I walk through deep waters
I know that you will be with me
When I'm standing in the fire
I will not be overcome**

**Through the valley of the shadow
Oh I will not fear**

**I am not alone
I am not alone
You will go before me
You will never leave me**

Baptisms from January 25, 2015



*Left to right: Tom Hoffman, Patti Hauck,
Ashley Yoh, Noelle Eberly, Rowan Faehling,
Sage Sherk, Leah Bradnick, Victoria Maurer,
Lori Ruth*

Attendance & Offering

Attendance average for December 1 – December 31, 2014

Sunday School – 82
Worship Service – 234

Beginning Checkbook Balance – General Fund		\$100,930.27
Income		\$ 27,256.29
Expenses		\$ 27,219.31
Voided Check		\$ <u>0.00</u>
Ending Checkbook Balance		\$100,967.25
Beginning Checkbook Balance – Building Fund		\$ 11,687.02
Income		\$ 7,646.92
Expenses		\$ <u>5,859.65</u>
Ending Checkbook Balance	0.00%	\$ 13,474.29
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, Iris Liskey, 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, Iris Liskey

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.

Freezer Needed

If anyone has a freezer that they are not using or don't need anymore, please consider donating it to the Sharing Cupboard. Please contact Anna Mae Snyder.

Save the Date

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

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

Annual Women's Spiritual Retreat

Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2015
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Lunch is \$7 and paid the day of the program
Where: Blue Ball Church of the Brethren
Speaker: Nancy Shoap
Theme: Promise, Blessing & Praise
Deadline: February 15, 2015
Sign the sheet on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, see Lois Romberger.

February Wedding Anniversaries

7th Harvey & Betty Berger
15th Dan & Barb Heffner
21st John & Nancy Laysen
25th William & Sharon Kline

Commissions and Church Board Meeting

Date: January 20, 2015

**Meeting was called to order @ 8:04 p.m.
Present were: Treasurer – Robert Dubble
Present were: Secretary-Robert Noll**

by Chairperson – Robert Biddle

Prayer by: Pastor Dean

Secretary’s Report of November 18, 2014

Approved as presented by Aye Vote

Treasurer’s Report of January 19, 2015

Approved as presented by Aye Vote

Commission Reports & Members Present

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

Ken opened with prayer.

A copy of the budget was briefly reviewed by members.

A scholarship request was made to match a grant by Lancaster Bible College for Christopher Johns. We recommend that the budget be configured to provide \$500 for this matching grant. Note: If we decline, this nullifies the LBC grant.

Early reservations are due for conference delegates. Conference is July 11-15 in Tampa, Florida. We are looking for a maximum of 3 delegates. Bob Biddle is willing to attend.

We have need for a speaker on March 22, 2015. Karl Faehling will be asked to speak. An alternate would be Kevin Kreider.

On March 29, 2015, the special music will be the Yeater sisters.

Ken Wager will request Bob Kettering from Lititz Church of the Brethren for Spiritual Enrichment Sunday.

Sunday, February 1st is our Sunday to broadcast on WLBR, we will use the service that was recorded on January 18, since February 1st is the trial sermon for Pastor Randy.

Our commission is in the process of reviewing the job description for Pastor.

There was a motion and second to match the \$500 from Lancaster Bible College for Christopher Johns. The funds will come from the Student Ministry Fund.

Motion approved by an aye vote

There was a motion and second to approve the revised job description for Pastor. It is policy #006A.

Motion approved by an aye vote

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

We reviewed and made final edits to the 2015 church directory.

We received a letter of resignation from Sherrie Liskey for this commission and we will submit for board approval.

We discussed and planned for this commission’s role in helping with the carry-in meal on February 1st.

There was a motion and second to accept the resignation from Sherrie Liskey.

Motion approved by an aye vote

Christian Education Commission: Co-Chairpersons – Linda Zimmerman and Judy Umbenhauer
Grace Ziegler, Jennifer Murray

Linda opened with devotions.

Ed Liskey resigned from our commission , so we are in need of another member. We have accepted his resignation.

Judy attended a Child Protection Program that was offered at Camp Swatara this past Saturday. We discussed as to what we will have to make our church in compliance with the new rulings and we are to review the notes that Judy received at this program.

We discussed Prayer Pals and till next meeting we should have that in place in the near future.

Judy will contact JOY about ordering materials for the next quarter.

JOY is offering a presentation of Bible School materials for this summer on a Monday evening in January and will be attended by Jen Zimmerman, Linda Zimmerman and Christine Blackwell.

We are still in need of teachers for grades 2 and 3 and grades 4, 5, and 6. Courtney Dubble and Allison Kline are helping with the Youth Group.

This was a motion and second to accept the resignation from Edwin Liskey.

Motion approved by an aye vote

Trustee and Property Commission: Chairperson - George Nagle, Charlie Krall

We received a letter from the Red Cross about reviewing our shelter agreement. We will be looking for people to replace Dean and Lois as contacts.

Whitey replaced the broken fan blades on the heating and cooling unit that is on the roof near the mailboxes.

Jean Barnhart agreed to lock and unlock the church on Sunday mornings.

A key was given to Royer's Flowers for the purpose of delivering flowers when no one is at the church.

The automatic door opener for the handicap access has been repaired.

We are planning on upgrading the lights in the New Fellowship Hall to all LED lights sometime in February. We already have all the LED bulbs and paid for.

There was a motion and second to have Jean Barnhart lock and unlock the church for Sunday and other special events as required. The church will reimburse Jean Barnhart \$100.00 per month.

Motion approved by an aye vote

Finance and Stewardship Commission: Mark Bomberger, Ryan Liskey, Glenn Hassinger
Andrew Heisey, Tom & Dolly Hoffman

As of December 31, 2014

Year to Date Budgeted to General Fund	\$276,837
Year to Date Actual to General Fund	<u>236,352</u>
Difference	-\$ 40,484

Year to Date Budgeted to Building Fund	\$ 70,315
Year to Date Actual to Building Fund	<u>67,052</u>
Difference	-\$ 3,263

Mortgage Balance	\$410,377
Sharing Cupboard Savings Account	\$ 10,003
Building Fund Balance	\$ 10,127
Music Fund CD Balance	\$ 15,571

We reviewed treasurer's report.

Pastor Lengel's Report

Greetings to the Myerstown Church of the Brethren! Since the last board meeting I have been involved with the following: had two anointings, officiated at one funeral, visited in hospitals, nursing homes, and homes, attended the Brethren Minister's support meeting, attended a meeting on Brethren Medical Missions in Haiti, preached on Sunday mornings, led Bible studies on Wednesday nights, attended a local ministerial meeting where we planned the Good Friday services, and attended a Living Hope Symposium for victims of abuse. I continually seek prayer for the Church as together we through Christ can see great things happening to the glory of God.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

There was a motion and second to elect Steve Krick as Vice Chair of the Church Board due to resignation of Edwin Liskey.

Motion approved by an aye vote

There was a motion and second to hold a special council meeting on February 1, 2015, following the morning worship service for balloting of Pastor Randy Devor.

Motion approved by an aye vote

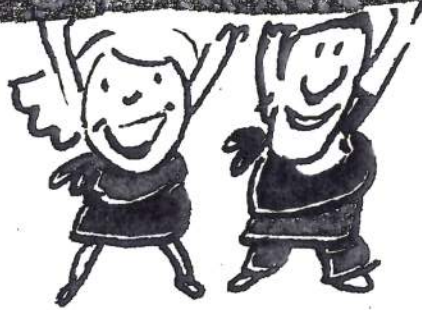
Interests & Concerns

There was some discussion on the new laws on Child Protection and also the cost of the clearances and who will pay the cost. The Christian Education Commission will be reviewing and will report back at a later date.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:05

"FUN" DRAISER NIGHT!



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

WHO: MYERSTOWN CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

WHEN: Feb. 10

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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February 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Brandon Burke Darryl Daubert Clark Heisey Brett Wenger	2 Seiarra Burke Robert Fasnacht Faye Paga	3 Elias Hogeland Grant Hogeland	4 Peggy Fox	5 Marissa Chatfield Ruth Firestone Amanda Ream	6 Donald Hickernell Derek Thomas	7
8 HannahArnt Brett Lentz Marcie Yoh	9 Sonja Heisey Ashley Schucker	10 Eric Hartranft Eric Laysen Taryn Miller-Bell	11 Jasmyn Burke Eric Derr Lynnea Weaver Corey Wenger	12 Debra Arnold Dale Brubaker Evelina Krall Samantha Krick Jackson Leonard	13 Carol Sanchez	14 Jennifer Chatfield Barbara Lesher
15 Sandra Tripp	16 Justin Hocker Roland Smith	17 Matthew Boltz Terry Mack, Jr. Aiden Miller Barry Spangler	18 Grayson Beamesderfer Verna Forney Gavin Speraw Nancy Wolfe	19 Randy Brownm Tammy Gruer Wyatt Stehr Jose Torres	20 Roy Derr, Jr. Dean Ebersole, Jr. Mary Hartranft	21 Lori Hassinger Aaron Sullivan
22 Christopher Johns Brandon Krick	23 Cameron Fuhrman Earl Liskey Ryan Liskey Sheila Meyers	24	25 Abby Bender Betsy Jane Berger Nathan Sherk Ardell Smith Clara Wenrich	26 Andy Bender Paul Bucchoz Laura Gibl John Hays Danielle Perry Catherine Schott	27 Jean Barnhart Joseph Levensgood, Jr. Peter Potena	28 Dean Ebersole Dick Forney

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Hand Chimes 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	2 Praise Team 7:00 pm	3 Quilting & Knotting 8:00 am	4 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	5	6	7
8 Hand Chimes 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	9 Praise Team 7:00 pm	10 Quilting & Knotting 8:00 am PIZZA HUT DAY	11 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	12 Sharing Cupboard 10-1	13 Sharing Cupboard 3-6 DATE NIGHT	14
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Family Order Form

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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%		\$	Office Depot \$25.00	4%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings \$25.00	8%		\$	Foot Locker \$25.00	9%		\$	Office Max \$25.00	5%		\$
				GameStop \$25.00	3%		\$	Old Navy \$25.00	14%		\$
								Olive Garden® \$25.00	9%		\$

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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	6%		\$
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%		\$

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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%		\$

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