Myerstown Church of the Brethren

Scriptural Message

Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.
Philippians 4:8

Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it flow the springs of life.
Proverbs 4:23

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February 2016 **Ministry through Faith, Vision, and Action**

A Christian

Several years ago, a preacher from out-of-state accepted a call to a church in Houston , Texas . Some weeks after he arrived, he had an occasion to ride the bus from his home to the downtown area.
When he sat down, he discovered that the driver had accidentally given him a quarter
too much change. As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, 'You'd better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it.' Then he thought, 'Oh, forget it, it's only a quarter. Who would worry about this little amount? Anyway, the bus company gets too much fare; they will never miss it. Accept it as a 'gift from God' and keep quiet.'

When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door, and then he handed the quarter to the driver and said, 'Here, you gave me too much change ' The driver, with a smile, replied, 'Aren't you the new preacher in town?'
'Yes' he replied. 'Well, I have been thinking a lot lately about going somewhere to worship. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. I'll see you at church on Sunday.'

When the preacher stepped off of the bus, he literally grabbed the nearest light pole, held on, and said, 'Oh God, I almost sold your Son for a quarter.'

Our lives are the only Bible some people will ever read. This is a really scary example of how much people watch us as Christians, and will put us to the test! Always be on guard -- and remember -- You carry the name of Christ on your shoulders when you call yourself 'Christian.'

Watch your thoughts; they become words.
Watch your words; they become actions.
Watch your actions; they become habits.
Watch your habits; they become character.
Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

I'm glad a friend forwarded this to me as a reminder.
So, I choose to forward it to you - my friend. God bless you; I hope you are having a wonderful day!

If you don't pass this on to anybody, nothing bad will happen; but, if you do, you will have ministered to someone.

The Will of God will never take you to where the Grace of God will not PROTECT you...Stay FAITHFUL and Be GRATEFUL

Attendance & Offering

Attendance average for December 1 – December 30, 2015

Sunday School – 66
Worship Service – 188

Beginning Checkbook Balance – General Fund			$37,517.11
Income			$31,319.09
Expenses			$24,398.85
Voided Check			$ 0.00
Ending Checkbook Balance			$44,437.35
Beginning Checkbook Balance – Building Fund			$13,264.71
Income			$10,264.69
Expenses			$ 5,859.65
Ending Checkbook Balance		0.00%	$17,886.75
Music Fund CD	8/31/15		$12,263.42

Please remember these people in your prayers

Betty Jane Berger, Bud Brubaker,
Mary Ann Gibble, Lois Romberger,
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: Clara Miller, Mary Lineweaver, Nancy Moyer, June Swisher, Arlene Crouse, Joanne Ealy, Orpha Doutrich, Iris Liskey

Gift Cards

The gift card order is always the first Sunday of the month. Look for your order form in the newsletter or on they 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.

The Christian Education Commission is praying for our congregation. Has God placed a calling on your heart to work with our youth? Our church is currently in the need for Youth

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.

Easter Lily

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to order your Easter Lily. Cost is $6.50. Deadline to order is March 6th.

Church cancellation

In the event that church is cancelled, it will be announced on WLBR 1270, WDAC 94.5 and will also be put on the website.

Speakers for February

February 7th - John Kline
February 14th - Don Wick
February 21st – Joe Detrick
February 28th - Ron Brubaker

leaders and Sunday School teachers. Please include this need in your prayers. If God opens your heart to this opportunity, contact any of the Christian Education members.

Tax Receipts

The tax receipts for the year 2015 are in the mailboxes. Please don't forget to check your mailbox.

Council Meeting

February 29th at 7:00 p.m. is Council Meeting

February Wedding Anniversaries

7th	Harvey & Betty Berger
21st	John & Nancy Layser
25th	William & Sharon Kline

Commissions and Church Board Meeting **Date: January 19, 2016**

Meeting was called to order @ 8:12 p.m. **by Chairperson – Robert Noll**
Present were: Treasurer – Christa Bender
Present were: Secretary-Mark Landis, Sr. **Prayer by: Steve Krick**

Secretary's Report of November 17, 2015
December 8, 2015 **Approved at presented by Aye Vote**

Treasurer's Report of December 8, 2015
December 31, 2015 **Approved as presented by Aye Vote**

Commission Reports & Members Present

Ministry & Evangelism Commission: Chairpersons – Steve Krick, David Dubble
Graze Ziegler, Nicole Hauck

Dave is going to ask about Rick Conrad preaching on March 6th.
No word from David Weiss.
Craig Gaunt moving to another church.
Mike Bordon, Director at YWAM will speak at Easter Sunrise Service. Grace will talk to him about getting paid or donating to YWAM - $75.
Joe Detrick can meet to interview – going to set up meeting for Feb. 9 at 6:30. He is preaching Feb. 21st with Grace as worship leader.
Janet Dubble is worship leader for Feb. 7th.
We have pastors scheduled through Feb. 21st.
Possible Kim Fox, pastor at New Hope Bible Church merging with Faith Baptist. Steve will call him to discuss possible interview.
Ron Brubaker will be called for Feb. 28th.
We need to make sure we are greeting new visitors…possible gift or packet?
Palms for Palm Sunday, March 20th. Nicole will talk to Susie or Toni about ordering.
We are looking for a preacher for Easter Service, either Don Fitzkee or Paul Brubaker.
Reporting to congregation – Ask Allison Kline to write up a letter to congregation and Steve will deliver it Jan. 24th.
Still need worship leader for Feb. 28th.
Nicole Hauck will be worship leader March 6th.
Wait to see what happens with Joe Detrick's interview before scheduling more guest preachers.

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

We started the meeting with devotions by Susie Dundore.
Christa Bender stopped in to discuss mission trips fundraiser. She asked if they can use church letterhead to ask businesses for donations. April 30th is a Damaskus Road concert at Richland Firehall. They are also having a winter yard sale in the Fellowship Hall.
We are finalizing the church directory and will choose artwork for directory.
Our commission will volunteer for door greeters as able.
We discussed options for new outreach activities for 2016.
We are in the process of updating the mailboxes.

Christian Education Commission: Co-Chairpersons – Linda Zimmerman, Judy Umbenhauer
Lisa Maurer

Vacation Bible School has been set for July 10th-14th and we are in need of a volunteer for director.
We are in need of two members for our commission as Jen Murray has given her letter of resignation and we were looking through the directory for possible members.
Sunday School material has been ordered for the spring and was ordered from Brethren Press.
We are in need of a church librarian and would appreciate anyone who would volunteer.
We were contacted about organizing the Easter Egg Hunt, so we talked about that as well as Children's Day and Rally Day.
We will be planning a quarterly program for the children.

Motion and second to accept resignation of Jen Murray from Christian Education Commission approved by aye vote.

Trustee and Property Commission: Chairperson – George Nagle, Duey Peiffer,
Dale Houtz

The property committee would like to thank all the help we had to replace the air handler radiator in the furnace room, that supplies heat and air in the youth room. There was a new radiator stored in furnace room for at least 15 years or more. The only expense we had was $200 for pipe fittings. We feel we saved at least $1,000 installation costs by having church members help with this project.
We also had the motor repaired on air handler and thanks for the help for removing and replacing it.
Ceiling has been repaired in sanctuary and repainted.

Finance and Stewardship Commission: Mark Bomberger, Glenn Hassinger

December 31, 2015

Year to Date Budgeted to General Fund	$283,524
Year to Date Actual to General Fund	249,242
Difference	-$ 34,281
Year to Date Budgeted to Building Fund	$ 74,708
Year to Date Actual to Building Fund	70,315
Difference	-$ 4,392
Mortgage Balance	$357,265
Sharing Cupboard Savings Account	$ 8,957
Building Fund Balance	$ 13,817
Music Fund CD Balance	$ 12,263

We reviewed Treasurer's Report

Pastor Report

No Report

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Constitution and Policy books are available to all church board members.
Janet Dubble was approved to the Board Vice Chairperson by motion, second and aye vote.
New policy #65, Funeral Meals, will be provided by the church for all members and their immediate family. There will be no cost for funeral meals, but a donation would be appreciated. The policy was approved by motion, second and aye vote.

Interests & Concerns

None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by aye vote at 8:45 p.m.

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	1 Brandon Burke Darryl Daubert Clark Heisey Jessica Singer Brett Wenger	2 Seiarra Burke Robert Fasnacht Faye Pagan	3 Elias Hogeland Grant Hogeland
7	8 Hannah Arnt Brett Lentz Marcie Yog	9 Sonja Heisey Ashley Schucker	10 Eric Hartranft Eric Layser Taryn Miller-Bell
14 Jennifer Chatfield Barbara Lesher	15 Sandra Tripp	16 Justin Hocker Roland Smith	17 Matthew Boltz Terry Mack, Jr. Aiden Miller Barry Spangler
21 Lori Hassinger Aaron Sullivan	22 Christopher Johns Brandon Krick	23 Cameron Furhman Earl Liskey Ryan Liskey Sheila Meyers	24
28 Dean Ebersole Dick Forney	29		

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Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Peggy Fox	5 Marissa Chatfield Ruth Firestine Amanda Ream	6 Donald Hickernell Charlette Singer Derek Thomas
11 Jasmyn Burke Eric Derr Lynnea Weaver Corey Wenger	12 Debra Arnold Dale Brubaker Evelina Krall Samantha Krick Jackson Leonard	13
18 Grayson Beamesderfer Verna Forney Gavin Speraw Nancy Wolfe	19 Tammy Gruber Wyatt Stehr Jose Torres	20 Roy Derr, Jr. Dean Ebersole, Jr. Mary Hartranft
25 Abby Bender Betty Jane Berger Jackson Liskey Nathan Sherk Ardell Smith Clara Wenrich	26 Andy Bender Paul Buccholz John Hays Danielle Perry Catherine Schott	27 Jean Barnhart Joseph Levengood, Jr. Peter Potena

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February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
	1 Junior Choir 6:30 pm Praise Team 7:00 pm	**2**	**3** Bell Choir 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm
7 Hand Chimes 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	**8** Junior Choir 6:30 pm Praise Team 7:00 pm	**9** PIZZZA HUT DAY	**10** Bell Choir 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm
14 Hand Chimes 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Youth Mtg. 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	**15** Junior Choir 6:30 pm Praise Team 7:00 pm	**16** Executive Mtg. 6:30 pm Commission Mtg. 7:00 pm Board Mtg. 8:00 pm	**17** Bell Choir 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm
21 Hand Chimes 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	**22** Junior Choir 6:30 pm Praise Team 7:00 pm	**23**	**24** Bell Choir 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm
28 Hand Chimes 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Youth Mtg. 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	**29** Junior Choir 6:30 pm Council Mtg. 7:00 pm	**Notes:**	

Thu	Fri	Sat
4	**5**	**6**
11 Sharing Cupboard 10-1	**12** Sharing Cupboard 3-6	**13**
18	**19** Youth Game Night 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	**20**
25 Sharing Cupboard 10-1 Spiritual Nuture Mtg. 7:00 pm	**26** Sharing Cupboard 3-6	**27**