



Myerstown Church of the Brethren

Scriptural Message

“when you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites...but when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”

Matthew 6:16-18

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Love Feast and Communion is scheduled for Sunday evening, March 25th at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Like any church tradition and practice, I always believe it is important to use scripture as a basis as to why we observe Love Feast, as members of the Church of the Brethren.

Luke 22:14-20

As part of the Jewish observance of Passover it is traditional that the youngest person ask several questions, one of which is, “Why is this night different from all the others?”

The Brethren should ask that same question about the Love Feast service. Simply put, it’s important because it was important to Jesus.

We would do well, at least for Love Feast, to look back at our Brethren Heritage. Why was Love Feast a three-day celebration? Why did Love Feast bring the Brethren together from so many surrounding Brethren Congregations? Why did the host congregation house so many people from the surrounding churches?

One Brethren writer answers that question: “Early Brethren leaders recognized the critical importance of the agape meal for the maintenance and growth of the faith community.”

Notice what the writer says: Love Feast is for the ‘maintenance and growth of the faith community.’ It is to revive our spirits, and help us to grow, while we observe an important evening that Jesus went through!

For the next four Sunday’s, I will preach a series of sermons on the importance of Love Feast and Communion. Hope to see you on Sunday!

Attendance & Offering

Attendance average for January 1 – January 31, 2018

Sunday School - 52

Worship Service – 137

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.

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.

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.

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.

Candy

Christian Education committee is asking for help from the congregation. We are asking for donations of candy that can be stuffed inside plastic eggs for the egg hunt. We are asking that all candy be put in the gathering place by Sunday, March 18th. Thank you everyone for your support.

Council Meeting

March 5th at 7:00 p.m. is Council Meeting.

Easter Lily

It is time to order your Easter Lily. 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 March 4th. Sign the sheet on the bulletin board.

Easter Egg Hunt

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on March 24th at 10:00 a.m. for all children ages nursery through 5th grade. Please make sure you sign-up in the Gathering Place. There will be a story before the egg hunt and after the hunt there will be a craft and then a hot dog lunch.

Praise Dinner

The Praise Dinner will be held on Tuesday, April 10th at 6:00 PM at the Lebanon Expo Center. The evening includes a buffet style dinner and music by The Talleys and inspiration by Robert Kettering. The event benefits COBYS Family Services, Evangelical Seminary, Friendship Community and On Fire Youth Ministry. Tickets are \$125 per person or \$1,250 for a table of 10 guests. Contact Rose Walmer at 717-866-8403.

Easter Sunrise Breakfast

The Easter sunrise service and breakfast is on April 1st, beginning at 7:00 a.m. The sunrise service will be held at the Myerstown Park Pavilion followed immediately by breakfast in the New ellowship Hall. The cost for breakfast is \$2.00, children under 5 are free. Tickets will be on sale beginning on March 4th after church in The Gathering Place and will be available each Sunday through March 25th. There will be a sign up sheet in The Gathering Place for breakfast items that are needed. If you have any questions, see any member of the Missions and Fellowship Commission.

Londonderry Village

Londonderry Village is collecting jewelry and other items for their annual yard sale. They are asking for donations of rings, necklaces, bracelets, watches, jewelry boxes, purses, and sunglasses. Jewelry can be costume jewelry or fine quality jewelry in any condition. Items can be for both men and women. Look for the donation display in The Gathering Place during the month of March.

Pumpkin Rolls

Women's Fellowship has decided to sell the remaining pumpkin rolls for \$6 each. Contact Dottie Nagle or Toni in the office if you would like to purchase any pumpkin rolls.

March Wedding Anniversaries

6 th	Dean & Katrina Wagner
14 th	Mark & Elaine Landis
17 th	Stan & Karen Eckert
24 th	Bill & Judi Fulk
30 th	Glenn & Lois Hassinger

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Nicholas Achey Randy Burke Judy Umbenhauer Sherri Yermalovich	2 Linda Fahnestock Breianna Heller Abigail Hostetter Kaya Laubach	3
4 Karter Fetzer James Gibble Seth Wagner	5 Lori Martin	6 Orpha Doutrich Maggei Reichard Jeff Stehr	7 Robert Ebersole Kendalynn Fetzer Tyler Gruber Linda Krall Michael Krall Randy Light	8 Rosa Espenshade Karen Hamilton George Heller IV Walter Sattazahn	9 Kenneth Wagner	10
11 Jasmine Dohner Jason Umbenhauer Nancy Wenrich	12 Winston Lackey, Jr.	13	14 Sopia Brown Carey Krall Lonna Lackey Robert Perry	15 Joshua Jenkins Emma Liskey Ainsley McClure	16 Martin Fidler Bill Rager	17 Sara Gantz Leroy Hartranft Emma Umbenhauer
18	19 Landis Kupp	20 Michael Lesher Edward Swisher	21 Mary Lou Wagner	22 Emily Lesher Philip Lesher Audrey Motter	23 Ambert Hartranft Macey Schwalm	24
25 Brian Penrose	26	27	28	29 Dan Bell Jason Krall	30 Angela Martin Jaren Rambler Kevein Wenrich	31 Adam Fox Casey Krall

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Women's Fellowship Mtg. 7:00 pm	2	3
4 Hand Chimes 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	5 Council Mtg. 7:00 pm	6	7 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	8 Sharing Cupboard 10-1 Bible Study 6:00 pm	9 Sharing Cupboard 3-6	10
11 Hand Chimes 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	12 Praise Team 7:00 pm	13 PIZZA HUT DAY	14 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	15 Bible Study 6:00 pm	16	17
18 Hand Chimes 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	19 Praise Team 7:00 pm	20 Executive Mtg. 6:30 pm Commission Mtg. 7:00 pm Board Mtg. 8:00 pm	21 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	22 Sharing Cupboard 10-1 Bible Study 6:00 pm	23 Sharing Cupboard 3-6	24 Egg Hunt
25 Hand Chimes 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Love Feast 6:30 pm	26 Praise Team 7:00 pm	27	28 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	29 Sharing Cupboard 10-1 Bible Study 6:00 pm Spiritual Nurture Mtg. 7:00 pm	30	31

Commissions and Church Board Meeting

Date: February 20, 2018

Meeting was called to order @ 8:02 p.m.

by Chairperson – Robert Noll

Present were: Secretary – Mark Landis, Jr.

Prayer by: Pastor Marty

Present were: Pastor Marty Moyer

Secretary’s Report of January 23, 2018

Approved as presented by Aye Vote

Treasurer’s Report of January 31, 2018

Approved as presented by Aye Vote

Commission Reports & Members Present

Ministry & Evangelism Commission: Co-Chairpersons – David Dubble, Steve Krick

We will check to see if Dawn and Randy Marks are available to schedule for a program.
“Piercing Word” ? Women’s Fellowship
Discussed the Retreat on March 17th.

Missions & Fellowship Commission: Co-Chairperson – Janet Dubble, Susie Dundore
Linda Zimmerman, Kim Horn, Megan Thomas

Janet went to Londonderry Village for an auxiliary meeting.
Londonderry Village has a big yard sale every year. This year it is Friday, June 1st and Saturday, June 2nd.
They are collecting jewelry, purses, sunglasses, watches and jewelry boxes. We will put an announcement in the bulletin and make a display to collect these items.
Londonderry Village also has a spring “wish list”. They need donations to purchase various items such as kitchen aid mixer, positioning cushion, chairs, gift cards, etc. We will put an announcement in bulletin.
They also have a program “Sweets on Saturday” where volunteers go in on Saturdays and serve a “sweet treat” to the residents.
For the Easter breakfast we will make a menu and put a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place for people to sign up to bring food. Toni will print tickets.
We are going to review the Welcome Packts and update them.
Mennonite Center Committee in Ephrata has a warehouse where volunteers assemble health kits and school kits. They are open every Saturday morning till May 12th.

Christian Education Commission: - Co-Chairperson – Leslie Fuhrman
Christine Blackwell, Jessica Singer, Melissa Wilson

We discussed the child clearances and the need to update and/or add.
The Egg Hunt is March 24th.

Plan A – We will have the egg hunt outside weather permitting.

Plan B – We will have the egg hunt inside if the weather is bad.

Marty and Rachel will do the story before the egg hunt starts.

We will put an announcement in the bulletin about candy donations due by March 18th.

Melissa will do a craft with the children.

Lunch of hot dogs will be provided along with snacks.

PA Sunday School Assoc. (Teacher Workshop) www.SundaySchoolHelp.org – we will look into this.

Jess Singer and Leslie Fuhrman attended the VBS meeting and chose the theme "Team Spirit"

Children's Day is June 3rd. We will contact Good Ship Grace Puppeteers for part of the service. Then have children in the church participate.

Trustee and Property Commission: – Chairperson – George Nagle, Dale Houtz,
Scott Martin, Mark Landis, Jr.

The Property Committee did some checking on our gas bill with UGI. We had them check the meter and they replaced it. UGI found that the meter was off 6.8% and we got a credit of \$679.00 on our gas bill. We would like to check on some way to insulate the walk in refrigerator and freezer.

Finance and Stewardship Commission: Chairperson- Andrew Heisey,
Glenn Hassinger, Tim Fetzer

Pastor Report

Sermons: 4 (extra sermon at the worship service at Londonderry Village)

Home Visits: 11

Hospital Visits: 8

Attempted Visits: 6

Anointings: 1 (Bill Yoh, Sr.)

Bible Studies Teaching: 2

Church Commission Meetings Attended: Spiritual Nurture, Board Retreat Meetings (2).

Church Activities Attended: Men's & Women's Bible Study, Lebanon Area Brethren Minister's meeting, Youth Spaghetti Supper, Senior Choir Practices, Youth Super Bowl Party.

No vacation or sick days used for period.

Upcoming Schedule

Church Board Retreat: March 17: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Love Feast & Communion: March 25th, 6:30 p.m.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

The Kitchen Committee recommended changes to Policy #60.
These changes were approved as presented by motion, second and aye vote.

Interests & Concerns

None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by aye vote at 8:30 p.m.