



Myerstown Church of the Brethren

Scriptural Message

2 Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; 3 meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, 4 that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.
5 Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. 6 Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

Colossians 4:2-6

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**April 2018
through Faith,**

Ministry

Vision, and

Action

*“I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.”
(Philippians 1:3-6)*

The apostle Paul was not just a great evangelist and teacher of the Gospel, he was someone who had a heart for the people of the churches he visited. You can hear his heart for the people in his words from Philippians.

We should all have a heart like Paul did, for the people in our church here at Myerstown! There should be this bond between us that cannot be broken because of our love for each other!

I would encourage you to lift each family/member in prayer beginning on April 1. We also received a challenge from the district to pray for the church that we are assigned to each week, beginning on April 1st and going to the end of the year. On April 1st we are called to pray for the Hanoverdale Church of the Brethren in Hummelstown, Pa.

But we need to begin our prayers for our church and the people of the church. I would simply ask that you take the church directory and pray over the names of the people in the directory.

Pray particularly for our church leaders on the church board. This is a very important time in the life of the church, and the church needs leaders who will lead effectively, and in a Christ-like manner. But they need our prayers!

Let us remember the words of the apostle Paul that “He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.” We should all be under the work of Jesus Christ in the church! May God bless you as you serve Him!
Love in Christ, Pastor Marty

Attendance & Offering

Attendance average for February 1 – February 28, 2018

Sunday School - 50

Worship Service – 124

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.

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.

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.

Save the Date

Vacation Bible School is June 24-28. This year VBS theme is "Team Spirit". If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Leslie Fuhrman or Jess Singer.

Chicken BBQ

We will be having a chicken bbq on Wednesday, May 23rd from 3:00 p.m. till 6:00 p.m. at Smith's Candies. The cost is \$7.00 and that includes ½ chicken, baked potato and drink.

Attention

It's that time of year when you probably are cleaning out good but unused or unwanted items. The annual Bazaar is November 17th (mark your calendar), but we are already accepting items for the "White Elephant" table. The items can be stored in the Sharing Cupboard area.

April Wedding Anniversaries

- 1st Ken & Nancy Liskey
- 2nd Aaron & Barb Zimmerman
- 6th Joel and Linda Fahnestock
- 12th Roy & Barb Wenger
- 25th Lloyd & Kitty Wenger
- 26th Leon & Eleanor Brubaker
- 28th Robert & Jeannette Beisel
- 29th Stuart & Debbie Wagner

Commissions and Church Board Meeting

Date: March 27, 2018

Meeting was called to order @ 8:05 p.m.

by Chairperson – Janet Dubble

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 at March 5th Council

Treasurer’s Report of February 28, 2018

Approved as presented by Aye Vote

Commission Reports & Members Present

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

We discussed the Board Retreat. We as a commission agree that the church needs spiritual revival as the top priority. We need feedback from the board.

Harvest America.com – Do we want to participate? It was decided we will participate on June 10th from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. We are a host church for a live simulcast from Arlington, Texas.

We discussed possible new members for our commission.

Our commission will check into a program by “Piercing Word” for the future.

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

Susie opened the meeting with prayer.

We discussed the Easter Sunrise Breakfast and everything seems to be in order. We decided not to sell tickets next year and have it by donation.

We discussed rescheduling the MCC workday and couldn’t come up with a date so we decided to wait till fall.

Londonderry Village News – jewelry collection was successful and thank you for all the donations.

Monies from the Easter breakfast will go towards the wish list at Londonderry Village.

There was \$750 taken from the missions line item in our budget to the group going on the Brethren Disaster Relief trip for food and gas which will be reimbursed from the Church of the Brethren Disaster Relief. It was reported that the Disaster Relief trip will be April 15th through 21st and 6 from our church and one from Frieden’s Church are going to Tarboro, North Carolina to work on hurricane relief from Hurricane Matthew. They will be joined with a group from a Methodist Church and staying at an old Hospice Center.

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

Going to draft a letter to be put in mailboxes for those that still need to have their clearances.

Good Shepard Puppeteers will be here for Children’s Day. The cherub choir will sing, we will have a kids play, the youth will usher and older school age will have prayer.

There will be an announcement in the bulletin about graduates.

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

We are planning to raise the sink in the kitchen.

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

Pastor Report

Sermons: 3

Love Feast & Communion Service: March 25th (67 in attendance)

Home Visits: 10

Hospital Visits: 7

Attempted Visits: 1

Anointings: 1

Bible Studies Taught: 3 (Men's and Women's)

Church Activities and Commission Meetings

-Attended the Easter Egg Hunt

-Attended All Senior Choir Practices

Vacation Days for the period: 0

Sick days: 0

Church Board Retreat

Need to discuss purpose. Two priorities needed: There is a need for spiritual renewal in the church, and spiritual renewal starts with the church leaders. The scriptural basis for this need is:

Acts 6:3-4 "Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

We also need guidance and direction from the Holy Spirit, and the church board concerning the direction where the church will go in the future. (Goals needed)

Proverbs 29:18 "Where there is no vision, the people perish..."

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

There is a prayer program starting April 1st where churches will be praying for each other. A District prayer calendar will be posted.

Interests & Concerns

Trent Charles, a 2 year old on our prayer list has leukemia and is now in remission.

Concern to try and fill the vacancies that exist on the Church Board, including Board Vice Chair.

A sincere thanks was expressed by all for Bob Noll's leadership for the past number of years as Board Chairman and before that as Church Clerk.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by aye vote at 8:40 p.m.

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Seth Dimond	2 Zachery Sullivan	3 Bonnis Lackey	4 Kathy Heisey Ruth Heller Sheila Messersmith	5 Austin Chatfield Dalton Ebersole	6	7
8 Timothy Frederick Molly Hoffer	9 Brock Miller	10 Jackson Hoffer James Mease Abigail Umbenhauer	11 Cory Burke Kimberly Shutter	12 Gary Brown Todd Eckert Erlene Wagner	13 Bonnie Mease Megan Spangler Gail Wolf	14 Leon Brubaker Jessica Houtz Madison Miller
15 Bonnie Hays Travis Kisler Michael Risser	16 Harvey Berger Sabrina Heller Jeremy Herr Mark Landis, Jr. Craig Reppert	17 Diane Dubble Paul Heller	18 Claire McClure Mikayla Walmer Brenda Weierbach	19 Ruth Saul Lois Sheetz	20 Lisa Liskey Sage Sherk John Zimmerman, Sr.	21
22 Jenifer Fetzer Ryan Krall Emalyn Walmer	23 Luke Carroll Tamara Carroll Grace Dubble Sara Koppenhave Scott Schaetzle	24 Bruce Behney Carol Daubert Beth Perry	25 Kurt Forry Tyler Penrose Abirelle Miller	26 William Singer James Smith	27 Sheri Daubert	28 Payton Fuhrman Charisma Meyers Kelly Shutter
29 George Heller III	30 Whitney Hoover	Notes:				

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunrise Service 7:00 am Breakfast 7:30 am Hand Chimes 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	2 Praise Team 7:00 pm	3	4 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	5 Bible Study 6:00 pm	6	7
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