



Myerstown Church of the Brethren

Scriptural Message

17 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams.

18 And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy.

19 I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath: blood and fire and vapor of smoke.

20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord.

21 And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Acts 2:17-21

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

Acts 2:1-4

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord[a] in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

May 20 is Pentecost Sunday, which is known as The Birthday of the Church. It is an important Sunday to mark down on your calendar, mainly because God sent the Holy Spirit down to earth.

When we read Acts 2 we see what happened on the Day of Pentecost. There are significant events that we need to know. The first event is that the apostles and the devout men from every nation were there in one accord. (Acts 2:1) This means that there were no divisions within the leaders of the early church, at the time that God sent the Holy Spirit. No one could say, "I have the Holy Spirit, and you don't!"

The second event that happened at Pentecost was the Holy Spirit spoke to seventeen different people, from seventeen different nations. (Acts 2:9-11) Only God would be able to do a miracle like that! It tells us that God speaks through many different languages today! God was speaking to each one of these languages "the wonderful works of God." (Acts 2:11)

The third event that happened at Pentecost was that Peter explained to everyone that Pentecost was a fulfillment of prophecy from Joel 2:28-32. Peter said this, in order to correct some people who said that Pentecost was nothing except people who were "full of new wine." (Acts 2:13)

Whenever God is moving and doing miracles among people, you will always have people who will deny it! And the only way to prove whether something is from the Holy Spirit or not, is to back it up with scripture. Peter did exactly that before the critics.

The fourth event that happened at Pentecost was that Peter preached the Gospel Message before some of the Jews who did not believe that Jesus is Lord. The result of Peter's sermon was that some of these Jews were "cut to the heart." (Acts 2:37) Peter gave these people the opportunity to repent and get baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. That way, they would receive "the forgiveness of sins, and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38)

The fifth event that happened was that "three thousand souls were saved" at the time of Pentecost. (Acts 2:41) This is the reason why some churches hold baptisms on Pentecost Sunday. This is being obedient to what the scriptures tells the churches to do!

All of these events at Pentecost point us to the power of the Holy Spirit! And this is the reason why we should honor this important day on the church calendar! God gave us the Holy Spirit, in order for us to receive this miracle, and how God used the Holy Spirit to begin and grow the church!

HAPPY PENTECOST! Hope to see you on Sunday!

Attendance & Offering

Attendance average for March 1 – March 31, 2018

Sunday School - 53

Worship Service – 126

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.

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.

Graduates

If anyone is graduating this year, please let Toni in the church office know.

Kitchen Cleaning

The Church kitchen could use a good cleaning. On Saturday, June 2nd at 8:00 am, we are asking anybody and everybody to come and bring buckets and rags. Many hands make light work. Everyone's help will be appreciated.

May Wedding Anniversaries

- 6th Mike & Greta Koppenhaver
- 7th Seth & Lindsey Dimond
- 10th Scott & Lori Martin
- 16th Justin & Trisha Hocker
- 28th Ken & Joyce Wagner

Commissions and Church Board Meeting

Date: April 17, 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 March 27, 2018

Approved as presented by Aye Vote

Treasurer’s Report of March 31, 2018

Approved as presented by Aye Vote

Commission Reports & Members Present

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

We briefly discussed the Night of Music planning.

Steve Krick will fill the pulpit on May 6th.

Steve has registered the church as a host with Harvest America. We are expecting more details soon.

Discussed the retreat. No specifics at this time.

We discussed having the Teen Challenge Choir for a Sunday morning service followed by a carry-in meal. Following Harvest America which is June 10th.

Briefly discussed ideas for Father’s Day program.

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

Linda opened with prayer.

We discussed the Welcome Packet and reviewed the present one. We are working on updating and making a new Welcome Packet.

Discussed asking people to join our commission.

Mailboxes were updated recently.

Discussed having a carry-in church picnic on June 10th.

We raised \$125 from the Easter breakfast and we are using the money to purchase gift cards for the Londonderry Village wish list.

Good Neighbor awards for ELCO Middle School students will be issued. We will find out the date to present the awards.

Christmas in July at Susan Dowhower House.....tentative date is July 25th.

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

Children’s Day is June 3rd. We are waiting to hear back from Good Sheppard Puppeteers. Kids will play music, help usher and do the welcome.

We are going to create a schedule for the Nursery for during Sunday School. We will be rotating with the commission members.

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

We discussed replacing the copier.

We need to get a 6 foot step-ladder.

Leak at the hall where the mailboxes heating/air unit at the roof connection.

Got estimate to strip the floor in the Gathering Place and bathrooms to scrub re-coat with wax. Floorkeepers
\$1,247.00

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

Pastor Report

Sermons: 3. Did a "commissioning send-off" for work project group on April 8

Good Friday Sermon: at the community Good Friday Service at Poplar Run

Home Visits: 11

Hospital Visits: 1

Home Communion: 13

Funeral Visitation: Madalyn Nauman (Sharon Kline's Mother)

Bible Studies Taught With Rachel 2 (Men's and Women's)

Taught Homebuilders S.S. Class: 2 Sundays

Church Activities and Commission Meetings

- Attended Sunrise Service, and Breakfast
- Attended All Senior Choir Practices
- Assisted Rachel, for one Sunday, in teaching Youth S.S.

Vacation Days for the period: 0

Sick days: 0

Schedule

- Moving Day: May 5. Steve Krick will fill the pulpit on May 6.
- Annual Conference: July 4 – 8. Need pulpit filled on July 8th.

Church Board Retreat

Needs discussion

National Day of Prayer: Tuesday, May 3

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

It was voted on to take the \$753.28 remaining in the Search Committee Fund and move it to the equipment fund.

Approved by motion and second by aye vote

Deadline to submit items for the bulletin must be given to Toni Noll by Wednesday.

Interests & Concerns

Concern and a plan being put into place to update our visitation communication.

Concern on filling the Church Board vacancies.

It's approaching 1 year since Pastor Marty has been here. The Board is reviewing a pastor evaluation form which will be sent to each member to fill out and return. Form to be finalized at next month meeting.

Adjournment

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

On October 8, 2016, Hurricane Matthew hovered over Edgecombe County and most of Eastern North Carolina dropping about 14 inches in rain in parts of the County. Flash flooding occurred all over the County during the storm. Immediately following the storm, creeks flooded, and within a few days, the Tar River Flooded. At the Tarboro Town Bridge, the Tar River crested at 36.2 ft, just a few inches short of the historical record set after Hurricane Floyd in 1999 of nearly 42 ft.

(http://edgecombecountync.gov/hurricane_matthew.php)

Doing disaster relief is one of my favorite things to do for several reasons. One is obviously helping those that are in need and do not have the means to rebuild their houses. Another is the social aspect of it all. What I mean by that is the relationship building that goes on when many come together to meet a common goal. From the church groups, to the Disaster Organizations, to the homeowners themselves. All are bound in this unique community of rehabilitation and healing.

From Myerstown COB there were six of us who went: Earl Liskey, Ken Liskey, Susie Dundore, Ken and Amelia Gross, and me (Melissa Wilson). For the Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM) usually we are housed by ourselves and a construction leader from BDM lead us in what to do with the houses. BDM was in transition that week to a new site, so we went as representatives for them to work with the Methodist in Torboro NC.

Our housing was an old hospice center converted into volunteer housing. It consisted of multiple kitchens, bunk beds area for men and women, and several different dining rooms. The women had four showers inside and the men drew the short stick with the showers being outside. It is great we had all this space because we shared it with two other groups.

Each day we had a scrumptious breakfast from Susie at 7 am, devotions, and out on the site by 8 am. In the evenings, after taking much needed showers, we would play cards, sight see the historical district, watch tv, or compete in ping pong challenges. On Wednesday one of the local churches invited us to have dinner with them where we enjoyed a wonderful meal and fellowship time.

At first our group was paired with two electricians and worked on finding wires and putting in electrical boxes. As the week went on, we were moved to a different house and fixed electrical boxes, put insulation in, and started on scraping the popcorn ceiling off. Talk about a challenging and messing job! We ended the week hanging dry wall and prepping for the finishing work on it.

In short, it was a tiring but enjoyable week. We learned new skills, reused old ones, and had a lot of fun. I would highly encourage anyone to join us next time. No matter what your skills are, there is always work to be done.



The gang and the homeowner of the house we worked on.



Getting ready to leave on our trip.

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Steve Krick	2 Dixie Gasper Jeremy Lackey Crystal Leahy Shelby McClure Matthew Shutter Wesley Stehr	3	4	5 Lori Fox
6 David Dubble Pat Schott Gwen Wenger	7 Stephanie Shutter Kitty Wenger	8 Jason Burke Verna Grostefon Eric Layser, Jr.	9 Kathryn Hartranft Cate Liskey Wilma Mauser Brad Reppert Pam Sunday	10	11 Sara Behney Corrine Hankins Joel Hibshman John Layser Philip Potena Stuart Wagner	12 Beckett Albright James Krall
13 Dennis Hartranft	14 Jami Freed Brenda Lentz Lori Ruth	15 Dorothy Nagle Blake Shirk Geoffrey Shutter	16 Jeanette Beisel Michael Snyder	17 Stanley Eckert	18 Dennis Brubaker Mike Leahy	19
20 Joanne Fahnestock Janet Post Carl Wenger Daniel Whitman	21 Ken Gross Declan Shelly	22 Julie Haring Claire Moyer Roarke Singer	23 Dennis Seldomridge	24 Bryson Brown Jay Lentz Larry Swonger	25 Chris Frederick Eileen Heller Isaiah Hostetter	26 Jennifer Hostetter
27 David Bender Sara Hartranft Nettie Krall Findley McClure	28 Dennis Dieffenbach	29 Faye Brubaker Debbie Wagner	30 Debbie Frederick Anna Mae Kupp Linda Smith Lois Yoder	31 David Beisel Frank DiScullo Mary Lineweaver	Notes:	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Music Mtg. 7:00 pm	2 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	3 Bible Study 6:00 pm Women's Fellowship 7:00 pm	4	5
6 Hand Chimes 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Golden Age Dinner	7 Praise Team 7:00 pm	8 PIZZA HUT DAY	9 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	10 Sharing Cupboard 10-1 Bible Study 6:00 pm	11 Sharing Cupboard 3-6	12 Mother/Daughter Brunch
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