



Myerstown Church of the Brethren

Scriptural Message

6 *“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*

Deuteronomy 6:6-9

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This past week was our Vacation Bible School and we had the opportunity to gather together people from ages 3 to 70+ to use the theme of SPORTS to learn about Jesus and God’s love for us all. The best part of being on a sports team is sharing experiences together. Success comes from cooperation and respect, even when someone makes a mistake. Even Jesus chose a team to show us what TEAM Spirit is all about.

Our verse for the week was “Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” (Ephesians 4:32, NIV). As we focused on teamwork, we used the Bible to learn how Jesus worked together with his team of disciples to spread the love of God.

“Give me the “T” – Team means We, not Me!

Jesus Chooses His Team (Matthew 4:18–22; 9:9; Mark 1:16–34; John 1:35–51; Luke 5:1–11). We were introduced to a God who loves us and wants us on his team. We discovered that we have TEAM Spirit when we partner with others to accomplish goals. Through teamwork we can accomplish more than when we are alone.

“Give me the “E” – Everyone deserves my respect

Jesus Shows Respect (Luke 19:1–10). We discovered that everyone deserves respect because they were created by and loved by God. The Bible tells us that God created people in His image. That alone makes each person worthy of respect. Some people may act in ways that make us question their worthiness for respect. However we must remember that God created these people too. Even when we can’t respect their behavior, we can respect them as people made in the image of God.

In the Bible, Jesus showed respect to Zacchaeus, a person deemed undeserving by most people. When Jesus showed love and respect to Zacchaeus, it changed his life. Zacchaeus changed his dishonest ways and became a follower of Jesus. When we show respect to everyone, it can change lives. That is a powerful motivator for showing respect.

Give me the “A” - All of us make mistakes.

Jesus Fixes Peter’s Mistake Luke 22:47–51

We discovered that we all make mistakes and that God will forgive us when we ask for His help. Just as we all make mistakes and need forgiveness, we have also all been on the receiving end of mistakes. When that happens, we actually need to give forgiveness just as much as we need to receive forgiveness.

Choosing to forgive keeps us spiritually and emotionally healthy. We all make and are the victims of mistakes. How we respond makes all the difference.

Give me the “M” - My attitudes and actions matter.

Jesus Forgives Others (Matthew 27:11–50; Luke 23:1–48). We discovered that Jesus can help us choose to have good attitudes and actions. Our Bible story this day was about how Jesus was betrayed and crucified, but still responded with love and forgiveness. He is the ultimate example of how important actions and attitudes are. His forgiveness gives hope to the world and makes it possible for people to have a relationship with God. Jesus made it possible for all of us to join God’s team.

Team Spirit!

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit (Acts 1 and 2)

We discovered that the Holy Spirit can help us to be good teammates with Jesus. This Bible story was about Jesus promising to send the best team member of all, the Holy Spirit. For Christians it can be hard to make the choices God wants us to make and tell people about Jesus. We need to understand that when we are a part of Jesus’ team, we are not alone. We not only have each other to support us, but we have the power of the Holy Spirit to guide us and give us power. He can give us the strength to make the right choice even when it is difficult. He is the ultimate team member. He fills us with TEAM Spirit that really makes a difference. May God bless our ministry together as a team who wants to win people for Jesus Christ!

July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Cliff Behney Rebecca Brossman	2 Rachael Liskey Brayden Miller	3	4 Joel Hoffer Shana Strobel	5	6 Tania Fasnacht Mara Fulk Lester Hartranft Michael Motter Sidney Wagner	7
8	9 Michael Wolf, Jr.	10 Jeremy Arnold Connor Daubert Joel Fahnestock Ezra Hibshman Sharon Seldomridge	11 Jeff Albright Janelle Merkey Haley Sherk	12 Martin Hartranft JoAnn Rager	13 Kenneth Fox	14
15 Dorothy Brown Michelle Dohner	16 Barry Gibble Jena Koppenhaver Winston Lackey, Jr. Joyce Wagner	17 Alexander Burke	18 Algirda Semeska Denise Stump Jen Zimmerman	19	20	21 Elaine Landis Joan Mauser Lois Wealand
22 Lisa Eckert Greta Koppenhaver Braeden Penrose Glenn Weik	23 Adam Heisey, Jr. Candace Morgan James Strobel Barbara Weidman	24	25 Vaughn Daubert	26 Roy Wenger, Jr.	27 Raymond Brown	28 Brandon Batz Chase Herr Brittany Miller Adam Wenger
29	30 Kylie Brown Megan Brown Ryan Laubach	31				

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1 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	2	3	4 ANNUAL CONFERENCE	5 ANNUAL CONFERENCE	6 ANNUAL CONFERENCE	7 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
8 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am ANNUAL CONFERENCE	9	10 PIZZA HUT DAY	11	12 Sharing Cupboard 10-1	13 Sharing Cupboard 3-6	14
15 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	16	17 Executive Mtg. 6:30 pm Commission Mtg. 7:00 pm Board Mtg. 8:00 pm	18	19	20	21 NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE
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Commissions and Church Board Meeting

Date: June 19, 2018

Meeting was called to order @ 8:04 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 May 15, 2018

**Approved as presented at June 11, 2018
Council Meeting**

Treasurer’s Report of May 31, 2018

Approved as presented by Aye Vote

Commission Reports & Members Present

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

“Piercing Word” will present their program on “Romans Highlights” on Sunday evening, October 21st. A potential minister for filling the pulpit in Pastor Marty’s absence would be David Martin from Krall’s Mennonite Church.

July 8th we will have Bill Litman for our speaker and we still need a worship leader.

July 15th we will have Teen Challenge lead our worship.

October 6th is Praise and Worship Night. We are looking for a speaker.

October 7th through October 10th is Revival and James Myer is our speaker.

We will combine the Night of Music with the Praise and Worship Night.

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

Teen Challenge will be here on July 15th. We will have a luncheon in the Gathering Place after the service. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place for donations. There will be an announcement in the bulletin.

Christmas in July at Susan Dowhower House is Wednesday, July 25th. There is a sign-up sheet for presents for the residents. Commission members will supply prizes for BINGO and take snacks. Linda and Kim will take cookies, Megan will take chips and pretzels and Susie will take popcorn.

We are donating a basket for Londonderry Village Chicken BBQ Auction. We are asking for items from local merchants for this basket. The auction is going to be held on July 28th.

Zion United Methodist Church sent a letter in regard to “ELCO Raiders Treasure Chest”. This is a clothing and school supply give away to take place on August 18th. They are asking for donations of new or clean used clothing from infant to adult.

We are looking into CVLI (church video license) for our church so we can have more events.

We are baking cookies for Londonderry Village chicken BBQ Auction. The baking will be Wednesday, July 25th.

Christian Education Commission: - Christine Blackwell, Jessica Singer

We met after church on Sunday June 10. Members present were Jess Singer, Christine Blackwell, Leslie Fuhrman, Lindsey Dimond and Janet Dubble attended as board chair.

We accepted Melissa Wilson's resignation from our commission.

We approved that Melissa Wilson and Rachel Moyer were going to be taking a leave of absence as advisors for the youth group for an undetermined length of time.

We also approved that Matt and Karen Sanchez will be stepping up and being youth leaders with Seth and Lindsey Dimond.

Little Swatara has agreed to have the 4 that are attending National Youth Conference partner with their group so it is not needed to have an additional adult attend from our church.

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

Property committee cleaned the church roof.....we fixed some seams around air conditioner units and cleaned the drains.

We discussed ways of insulating the walk-in refrigerator and freezer.

Balsbaugh Insurance got us a new reduced rate with Goodville Mutual Casualty Company.

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

Pastor Report

Sermons: 4 (no sermon on Children's Sunday, June 10. I attended the worship service)

Home Visits: 9

Hospital Visits: 9

Attempted Visits: 2

Funerals: June Swisher, on May 30

Graveside Service: Linda Stroebel's mother, on May 31

Bible Studies Taught With Rachel 4 (Men's and Women's)

Sunday School Classes Taught: 1 (assisted Rachel in teaching on June 10)

Church Commission Meetings Attended: Spiritual Nurture on May 31

Vacation Days Used: 0

Sick Days Used: 0

Church Activities and Commission Meetings

-Church Board Meetings: May 15

-Church Council Meeting: June 11

-Awards Ceremony: ELCO Middle School, June 11

-Senior Choir practices (until they ended for the summer)

- Upcoming Schedule

Helping With Bible School: June 24th – June 27th.

Vacation: June 28-29th, September 30 – October 6th

Annual Conference: July 4 – 8th. Gone Sunday, July 8th

Teen Challenge: Coming to do our worship service on July 15th. (no sermon from me)

Upcoming Sermons:

June 24: "The Storm!" Mark 4:35-41

July 1: "His Compassions Fail Not!" Lamentations 3:22-33

Unfinished Business

A deposit was given to Camp Swatara toward a board retreat reservation which we will not be using. That money will be used by Christian Education Commission toward the Camp Swatara fund allocation.

New Business

It was approved by motion, second and aye vote to lease a new copier from Executive Image Solutions, Inc. It was approved by motion, second and aye vote to have Andy Heisey be chairperson for the July 17th board meeting since Janet Dubble will be away.

Interests & Concerns

A Disaster Relief 5K is planned for September 22nd at 8:00 a.m. We are looking to get a group from our church to attend this event.

Adjournment

Pastor Marty closed in prayer at 9:00 p.m.

Attendance & Offering

Attendance average for May 1 – May 31, 2018

Sunday School - 52

Worship Service – 142

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, Nettie Krall, Mary Lineweaver, Iris Liskey, Clara Miller, and Kathryn Miller.

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.

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.

Help Needed

We are in need of help for the Nursery during the Worship Hour and for Children's Church. Please contact Leslie Fuhrman if you are willing to take a turn in the nursery and Crystal Liskey if you are willing to help with Children's Church.

T-Shirts

Women's Fellowship has t-shirts for sale with the church name on the front left and on the back. Cost of the shirt is \$10. If anyone would like to purchase one, please contact either Leslie Fuhrman or Jess Singer.

Walk and Talk

Looking for a way to keep active this summer? Come join the Women's Fellowship group on Tuesday evenings to walk around Fairlane Ave Park. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the lot off Fairlane Ave. (by the playground). Our weekly walks will begin July 2nd.

Teen Challenge

On July 15th, Teen Challenge will be here for the Worship Service. Mission & Fellowship Commission is having a reception in the Gathering Place afterwards. A sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place for food.

ELCO Raiders Treasure Chest

Mission & Fellowship Commission is collecting School supplies and clothing for the Zion United Methodist Church in Myerstown "ELCO RAIDERS TREASURE CHEST". They are collecting new or clean used clothing, infant to adult and also shoes, belts, scarves, hats, gloves, etc. Collection will continue till Aug. 5th. If you have any questions, see a commission member.

Christmas in July

Sign up sheet is in the Gathering Place for the residents of the "Susan Dowhower House"...Christmas in July". Bring the presents to church by July 25th. If anybody is interested in going with we read the Christmas Story, sing Christmas Carols and play Bingo. refreshments, drink. July 25th, 6:00 pm.-7:30 p.m. If you have questions, ask a Mission & Fellowship Commission member.

July Wedding Anniversaries

1st Corey & Alison Wenger
4th Larry & Robin Kisler
Brian & Jennifer Chatfield
15th Bob & Toni Noll
16th Matt & Samantha Krick
17th Eric & Lindsay Layser
19th Richard & Carol Daubert
25th Fred & Linda Strobel
26th Charlie & Kathy Krall
29th Mark & Jean Bomberger