



Myerstown Church of the Brethren

Scriptural Message

To everything there is a season,
A time for every purpose under heaven:

2 A time [a]to be born,
And a time to die;
A time to plant,

And a time to pluck what is planted;

3 A time to kill,
And a time to heal;
A time to break down,

And a time to build up;
4 A time to weep,

And a time to laugh;
A time to mourn,
And a time to dance;

5 A time to cast away stones,
And a time to gather stones;

A time to embrace,
And a time to refrain from embracing;

6 A time to gain,
And a time to lose;

A time to keep,
And a time to throw away;

7 A time to tear,
And a time to sew;

A time to keep silence,
And a time to speak;

8 A time to love,
And a time to hate;

A time of war,
And a time of peace.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

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When I was in my senior high youth group in church, I was asked to read this passage from Ecclesiastes 3 during our morning worship service. It was on a Sunday when we were recognizing all the seniors in our church who were graduating from high school.

I remember how that morning worship service was such a joyful time of celebration for all of us in the church! We had several seniors that year who achieved their accomplishment of graduation! The writer of Ecclesiastes speaks about this:

“I know that nothing is better for them than to rejoice, and to do good in their lives, and also that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor- it is the gift of God.” (Ecclesiastes 3:12-13)

But the writer of Ecclesiastes also speaks about the people who are dealing with a loss of life. “To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, And a time to die.” (Ecclesiastes 3:1-2)

We have been experiencing a time, in our church, where we have had several deaths. All of us struggle with death, in our own way. For some people, death is “the end,” but for others, death is the beginning our new and resurrected life with Jesus in heaven. But how does God see death?

For the writer of Ecclesiastes, death is just one of many chapters in life that God created: “He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.” (Ecclesiastes 3:11)

God has a purpose and a reason for every chapter in our lives. We can expect times of sorrow, but in the end, we are re-assured that God is in control of every chapter in life.

But the greatest celebration is what God did as an answer for death; He sent Jesus: As the apostle Paul said in I Corinthians 15:54-55 “Death is swallowed up in victory. O Death, where is your sting? O Hades where is your victory? The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law, but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

If we follow Jesus we will live our lives in victory!
Thanks be to God!

Hope to see you on Sunday:

Pastor Marty

Attendance & Offering

Attendance average for June 1 – June 30, 2018

Sunday School - 47

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, and Clara Miller.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Prayer Walk

It is time for the Lebanon County School Prayer Walk. It will be held on Saturday, August 25th, at 10:00 a.m. at the ELCO Middle School. We will stroll in small groups and silently pray for the upcoming school year, students, teachers, and school staff. There is a sign up sheet in the gathering place.

August Wedding Anniversaries

- 5th Carl & Nancy Hartman
Bill & JoAnn Rager
Dave & Anne Smith
- 14th Mike & Crystal Liskey
- 17th Brian & Rachel Liskey
- 19th Paul & Kelly Shutter
- 27th Jon & Becky Jenkins
- 30th Kevin & Heather Wenrich

Commissions and Church Board Meeting

Date: July 17, 2018

Meeting was called to order @ 8:03 p.m.

by temporary Chairperson – Andy Heisey

Present were: Secretary – Mark Landis, Jr.

Prayer by: Pastor Marty

Present were: Pastor Marty Moyer

Secretary’s Report of June 19, 2018

Not Approved Due to No Quorum Present

Treasurer’s Report of June 30, 2018

Not Approved Due to No Quorum Present

Board reports were given but not approved due to no quorum present.

Commission Reports & Members Present

Ministry & Evangelism Commission:

No members present.

No report.

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

Christmas in July is July 25th at 6:00 p.m. at the Susan Dowhower House. We will play BINGO, sing Christmas carols, read the Christmas story and supply snacks, BINGO prizes and hand out Christmas presents.

We are getting donations for the Raiders Treasure Chest. We will continue to collect until Aug. 5th. August 7th is “National Night Out”. Women’s Fellowship is going to have games and balloons. Anyone willing to help, please contact Jess Singer. This event is at the Myerstown Playground.

There are volunteers helping at the Lebanon Area Fair on July 28th at a refreshment stand for “On Fire”. Annual School Prayer Walk is on Aug. 25th at 10:00 a.m. at the ELCO Middle School. We will put in bulletin.

Received CVLI (video license). We will let Women’s Fellowship and the Youth aware so they can use it or any other group.

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

We are going to ask the Homebuilders Sunday School class if they want to order their curriculum and be reimbursed or if they would like for the commission to order for them.

We defined what “Leave of Absence” will look like.

We worked on finalizing the Youth Leader Guidelines which will be shared with Janet Dubble and Pete from the district.

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

We are looking for someone to take over the chicken bar-b-que in May. Whitey and Dottie are willing to help anyone who wants to take it over. They have all the paperwork from previous bar-b-que's. We have all the supplies to insulate the refrigerator/freezer. We just need to set a date to do the work. We have some repairs to make to the boiler in the furnace room. We need to replace a valve and a gasket.

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

Pastor Report

Sermons: 2 (no sermon on Annual Conference Sunday, and Teen Challenge Sunday)

Home Visits: 11

Hospital Visits: 5

Attempted Visits: 2

Funerals: 2 Bill Yoh Sr. and Kathryn Miller

Funeral Visits with Families: 4

Bible Studies Taught: 1

Sunday School Classes Taught: 2 (Homebuilders Class, Assisted Youth S.S.)

Church Commission Meetings Attended: Spiritual Nurture on June 21, Board Meeting

Vacation Days Used: 2 (June 28-29)

Sick Days Used: 0

Church Activities Attended

-Helped-out with Bible School, June 24-27

-Attended Annual Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio July 4 – 8

Upcoming Schedule

Vacation: September 30 – October 6th

Upcoming Sermons:

July 22: "He Is Our Peace"

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Interests & Concerns

Pastor Marty listed various members who are suffering for health reasons; or passed away and he lifted the families up in prayer.

Adjournment

Pastor Marty closed in prayer at 8:20 p.m.

August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Christopher Hostetter Ricky Mauser II Kerri Penrose	2 JoAnn Houtz Elmer Weidman	3 Trent Dohner Lawrence Kisler	4 Norah Gantz Jason Ruth
5	6 Shirley Brandt Brandon Deitz Ashley Ebersole Ashley Shirk	7	8 Shane Strobel	9 Sherrie Mauser Nathan Sanchez	10 Jessica Shirk Zachary Stump	11 Lori Lentz Brandon Saunders
12 David Ceresini Lori Herr Carson Reppert	13 Kristi Achey Kathleen Donley Eric Whitman	14 Robert Beisel Travis Carroll	15 Sandy Fox	16	17 Derek Fulk Megan Hibshman Valerie Snyder	18 Breana Krick
19 Daniel Moyer Fred Strobel, Jr.	20	21 Hunter Leahy	22 Stephen Hess Jason Krall Michael Morgan	23 Cindy Sattazahn	24	25 Steven Kline
26 Mark Bomberger Geoffrey Heller Bradley Liskey	27 Grace Burke Ken Liskey	28 Ricky Mauser Jennifer Mease Alane Perry	29	30 Branden Bell Troy Dohner Brian Gruber	31 Cynthia Behney Bret Brandt	

August 2018

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