



Myerstown Church of the Brethren

Scriptural Message

7 Scriptures for the first day of school

Proverbs 1:7

1 Samuel 12:24

Proverbs 15:5

Joshua 1:9

Philippians 4:6

Proverbs 3:5-6

Psalms 56:3-4

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Read Acts 16:25-34

What happens when a church is in crisis? Prayer, and the gospel message of Jesus Christ is the only solution to that crisis. This is what happened to the Philippian jailer who was ready to commit suicide: He got saved, and he heard the word of the Lord after there was prayer for him.

The setting of the scene in Acts 16:25-34 is a jail cell. Paul and Silas got thrown in this prison for preaching the salvation of Jesus Christ to a girl who was practicing witchcraft, and making a profit out of fortune telling. Paul and Silas had the boldness to pray and cast out the evil spirit in this girl. And when the people saw that this profit business of fortune telling was in trouble, this girl's master took Paul and Silas to the authorities, and they threw Paul and Silas in jail.

When they were in jail, Paul and Silas were not shaken; instead they prayed and sang hymns to God. The Bible says after this that, "Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken.." Then the Philippian jailer was about to kill himself, when Paul and Silas came to his rescue and told him about Jesus. Then the jailer, and his household were saved!

I believe this passage has a similar message for the church today. The church today is in a crisis. Like the foundation of the prison which was shaken by an earthquake, the foundation of the church is being shaken. And the only way the church can be saved is through prayer and the preaching of the gospel message.

And we as Christians should not be shaken by anything that would interfere in proclaiming the Gospel message! Instead we need to be faithful in prayer and the listening of the Word of God. This needs to be our goal, as a church, for the rest of the year. I pray that we, as a church, can be faithful in getting back to the basics of proclaiming the Gospel Message to all people.

Hope to see you Sunday! Pastor Marty

Attendance & Offering

Attendance average for July 1 – July 31, 2018

Sunday School - 37

Worship Service – 105

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.

Disaster Relief Auction

Mark your calendar now for the 40th Anniversary of the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction to be held Sept. 21st and 22nd. There are many activities during this 2-day period. Come and eat or just come for the fellowship.

Love Feast

Sunday, Oct. 7th at 6:30 p.m. is Love Feast and Communion.

Night of Gospel Music

Sept. 15th at Myerstown Church of Brethren
Those participating are:
Cindy Smith – Mt. Zion Road Church
Bob Kettering – Lititz Church
Faithful Men – Little Swatara Church
Ashley Butters – Midway Church
Men's Quarter – Myerstown Church
Instrument – Youth
Kara & Trent Miller – Middlecreek Church

Piercing Word

Piercing Word will be presenting
"Sermon on the Mount"
Oct. 21st at 7:00 p.m. – Myerstown Church
of the Brethren

Choir Practices to Resume

Senior Choir will be resuming on Sept. 5th
at 7:30 p.m.
Bell Choir will be resuming on Sept. 19th at
6:15 p.m.

COBYS Bike & Hike

Take a walk, ride a bike, or go on a cycle
ride (and eat ice cream) to benefit the
ministries of COBYS Family Services.
Sunday, September 9th, at Lititz Church of
the Brethren. Learn more at
www.cobys.org/bike-and-hike

Run for Relief

Sept. 22nd at the Disaster Relief Auction at
8:00 a.m. is the 5K Run for Relief. If you are
interested in participating in this run,
contact Jess Singer.

Chime Choir

Chime Choir starts September 9th. We are looking for new members (kindergarten and up) and hope you will join us.

Parents/grandparents are welcome to assist younger players (and encouraged for children K-2). You do not need to be able to read music. Rehearsals are at 8:30 on Sunday mornings. We play during the church service 4 times a year. Please see Jennifer Zimmerman if your child is interested or you need more information. 717-503-8960 or jzimmerman615@yahoo.com

Chicken Bar-B-Que

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. If no one volunteers, this will be discontinued.

Rally Day

Bring a Friend to Rally Day and for the Carry in Dinner on September 9th after worship service in the new fellowship hall. Bring a hot & cold dish for Fun, Food, Fellowship!

2019 Directory

Any changes in the Church Directory for 2019, notify Toni or a Mission & Fellowship commission member.

Kit Assembly

Mennonite Central Committee needs our help. With all the disasters around the world. We will be working on various kits at the Ephrata Work Center on September 15th from 9 am-12 pm. We will meet at church at 8:15am. This is for ages 7 – adult and we need 15 people or more, Sign up sheet in Gathering Place. For more info see Susie Dundore 717-628-1060.

September Wedding Anniversaries

4th Jason & Carey Krall
9th Jay & Brenda Lentz
11th Bill & Marcie Yoh
17th LaMar & Joane Fahnstock
Dale & JoAnn Houtz
19th Bob & Kathryn Gibble
21st George & Dottie Nagle

Commissions and Church Board Meeting

Date: August 21, 2018

Meeting was called to order @ 8:03 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 June 19 & July 17, 2018

Approved as presented by Aye Vote

Treasurer's Report of June 30 & July 31, 2018

Approved as presented by Aye Vote

Commission Reports & Members Present

Ministry & Evangelism Commission: Co-Chairperson – David Dubble,
Pastor Marty

Upcoming Events:

Sept. 15th – Night of Music

Oct. 7th – 10th – Revival with James Myer. Pastor Marty and Jim Myer will officiate Love Feast on October 7th. Speakers fee and mileage will be offered as remuneration.

Oct. 21st – 7:00 p.m. "Piercing Word" will present Sermon on the Mount.

Brethren Hour will end December 31st. There will be no more payments.

We discussed ideas to promote board membership.

We discussed ideas to have a PR person to be responsible for advertising.

We discussed ideas to build up the spiritual life of the church.

We began discussing the budget.

Steve Krick has resigned from church board. This was accepted and approved by motion, second and aye vote.

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

We started with prayer.

Prayer Walk at ELCO is on Saturday, Aug. 25th at 10:00 a.m. No one has signed up, but all are still welcome to just "show up".

Rally Day is on Sept. 9th. We will have a carry-in dinner. We will announce in church and put in bulletin. Everyone should bring a cold and a hot dish. Members will bring drinks (2 gallon each). We will come in early (8:30) to set-up.

Movie license (CVLI) has been obtained. Women's Fellowship and Youth group have been made aware. Mennonite Central Committee needs help with assembling kits for various needs on Sept. 15th from 9 -12. We will meet at the church at 8:15 and carpool. Ages 11 years old to adult. We need 15 people to be able to participate. Sign-up sheet will be in the Gathering Place on Sunday We will also put in bulletin.

Looking at 2019 church directory. We will put in bulletin for any changes to be made.

We went over the budget.

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

Rally Day will be Sept. 9th. We will present Bibles to those entering second grade and 6th grade. Pastor Marty will be preaching.

We looked at the budget and made cuts where we felt needed.

We looked over the youth leader guidelines and going to ask for board approval.

Going to ask Melissa and Rachel for their letter of resignation as youth leaders.

Looked over the policies to approve and discussed the evaluation. We liked the grid eval best.

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

Repairs were made to the boiler in the furnace room. Replaced valve and gasket. Called Dept. of Labor and Industry inspector and sent a picture of what was repaired.

The insulation work has been completed on the refrigerator/freezer at the kitchen. Thank you to everyone for the help to complete the project. It was finished on Saturday, Aug. 18th. The materials were paid by Fellowship Hall Committee and Women’s Fellowship.

Received a letter from a group who wants to start the Myerstown Area Christian School. They would like to rent part of our church.

A motion, second and aye vote was approved to look into the possibility of leasing part of the church basement for a non-profit Christian school program that is looking to start July 1, 2019.

Still looking for someone to take over the chicken Bar-B-Que in May. If no one volunteers, it will be discontinued.

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

Pastor Report

Sermons: 4

Bread and Cup Communion Sunday: July 22nd

Home Visits: 28

Hospital Visits: 9

Attempted Visits: 10

Funeral Visitations: 2 (Faye Philips and Darryl Daub)

Sunday School Classes Taught: 1 homebuilders. (need a teacher this Sunday)

Church Commission Meetings Attended: Church Board Meetings, July 17 and August 21

Vacation Days Used: 0

Sick Days Used: 0

Church Activities Attended

-Christmas in July at Susan Downhower house on August 1

-On Fire Ministry Booth at Lebanon County Fair on July 28

-Lebanon Area Brethren Minister's Meeting on July 18 and August 8

-National Night Out: (cancelled due to rain, on August 7)

Upcoming Schedule

Vacation: August 25th and 26th, This Sunday: Pete Kontra filling pulpit. "The Most Important One"
Mark 12;28-34

September 3-6. (Here for Sunday, Sept. 2)

October 3-6 (no need to fill the pulpit)

Upcoming Sermons

September 2: "Be Strong In The Lord" Ephesians 6:10-20

September 9: "Rally Day" "Pure Religion Before God" James 1:17-27

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Bob Noll has agreed to serve on the church board. This was approved by motion, second and aye vote. Bob Noll was asked and has agreed to be church board vice chairperson. This was approved by motion, second and aye vote.

The music CD was handled with Brian Fisher thru Wells Fargo. Brian is no longer with Wells Fargo. A motion was made to keep the CD with Brian. This was approved by motion, second and aye vote.

A pastoral ministry review form has been made and approved by church board with some minor modifications.

2 new policies were made and approved by motion, second and aye vote.

Policy #69 on social Media Policy & Guidelines and Policy #70 on Guidelines for Youth Advisors.

We discussed the development of Leave of Absence Policy; but the board voted that our Resignation Policy, #017 can be applied and utilized for volunteer positions.

David Stauffer met with the board tonight and the board is recommending by a motion, second and aye vote to have David Stauffer be our new Church Moderator, pending council approval.

Interests & Concerns

None

Adjournment

Pastor Marty closed in prayer at 9:06 p.m.

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Sara Keller Nate Walmer
2 Kaylee Haring	3 Sarah Hoglund	4 Brian Smith Dean Wagner	5	6 Janet Dubble Nancy Liskey	7 Bob Messersmith	8
9 Dean Ebersole Alexandra Lackey Alexis Liskey Walter Sattazahn, Jr. Jeff Umbenhauer	10 Greg Brown Chad Shelly William Wenrich	11 Mike Liskey Rachel Moyer	12	13 Kenneth Arnold Keith Fulk Clara Miller	14 Ella Heisey Rebecca Jenkins Robin Kisler Mildred Strangarity Michael Stump Alicia Yoh	15 Hannah Liskey
16 Wyatt Herr Karen Sanchez David Sheetz	17 Aaron Varela	18 Kate Wall Annie Smith	19 Sam Behney, Jr.	20 Samuel Krall Jane Spangler	21 Michael Deitz Michael Wolfe, Jr.	22 Anna Mae Snyder
23 Aggy DiScuillo Amelia Gross Aaron Krall Evan Krall John Jenkins Jean Soliday	24	25 Rachael McClure	26 Wyatt Bomberger Bill Post Tristan Ruth	27 Edna Yoh	28 Linda Schaetzle	29 Cody Bashore Jonathan Jenkins Chelsea Reppert
30 Susan Dundore Brian Liskey						

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	3	4 Music Committee Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	5 Senior Choir 7:30 pm	6 Women's Fellowship Norwex Party 7:00 pm	7	8
9 Chime Choir 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Rally Day and Carr-In Meal	10	11 PIZZA HUT DAY	12 Senior Choir 7:30 pm	13 Sharing Cupboard 10-1 Bible Study 6:00 pm	14 Sharing Cupboard 3-6	15 Night of Gospel Music 7:00 p.m.
16 Chime Choir 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	17	18 Executive Mtg. 6:30 pm Commission Mtg. 7:00 pm Board Mtg. 8:00 pm	19 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	20 Bible Study 6:00 pm	21 Disaster Relief Auction	22 Disaster Relief Auction
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