



## Myerstown Church of the Brethren

### Scriptural Message

22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. 25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

26 If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless. 27 Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

James 1:22-27

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February 2019

Ministry through Faith,  
Vision, and Action

***“For whoever gives you a cup of cold water to drink in My name, because you belong to Christ, assuredly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.” Mark 9:41***

I am now beginning my 28<sup>th</sup> year of pastoral ministry. As I look back over those years, I think about how it all began.

I believe my calling into ministry began when I was involved with Brethren Service. I entered Brethren Volunteer Service as a “young” 20 year old, as I explored where God was leading me, as I served Him, in service. I worked at the Brethren Service Center one year after I was in BVS, driving the truck for Church World Service. (Which brought me to the Myerstown church, for the first time. This was when the clothing was stored in an old garage. This was in 1980.)

During my time at the Brethren Service Center, we also moved pastors when they were moving to their next pastoral placement. As I helped to move these pastors, it gave me an idea of what pastors go through when they move. Little did I ever think that I would eventually be “one of them”!

On Sunday, February 3, Lord willing, we will honor our Service Witness as a Church of the Brethren, during our morning worship service. If there is anyone in the church who has ever helped with a service project, workcamp, missions trip, BVS, or worked at New Windsor, MD for a service project, let me know.

Our service, when it is done in the name of Jesus, is a wonderful way to witness and share the Love of Jesus with others! And you will never know where the Lord will lead you!

Hope to see you Sunday! Pastor Marty

## **Attendance & Offering**

Attendance average for December 1 – December 31, 2018

Sunday School - 30

Worship Service – 119

### **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, Iris Liskey, and Clara Miller.

### **Pizza Hut**

We are continuing to have Pizza Hut Day the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 do you think you can use in a month? You don't have to buy a card to give away, you can use them yourself.

### **Offering envelopes**

The offering envelopes for 2019 are in your mailbox. If you did not receive a set of envelopes and would like to have some, please contact Toni in the church office or Ralph and Mim Ackerman.

### **Outside Custodian**

If anyone is interested in mowing the grass this coming spring, summer and fall, please notify Whitey Nagle or anyone on the Property Committee.

### **Movie Night**

Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> is movie night for all the ladies. Please bring an appetizer to share and we will start at 6:00 p.m. Movie will start at 7:00 after a short time of fellowship.

### **Old Directory**

If you would like to bring in your old directory, we can reuse the spines on them. There will be a box in the Gathering Place for you to put the directory. Thank you!

### **Sharing Cupboard**

Celebrate the 2019 "Souper" Bowl by donating soup and other food items for the Sharing Cupboard. Items will be collected in the Gathering Place from February 3<sup>rd</sup> through February 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Camp Swatara**

March 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> is spring weekend At Camp Swatara for grades 1 through 8. If interested, please check the camp page at [campswatara.org](http://campswatara.org)  
There is also information on all the camps that are offered for the summer program.

### **Mennonite Central**

Mennonite Central Committee, Materials Resource Center, needs our help. The MRC relies on thousands of volunteers to do the hands-on work of the center. Churches, families, school groups and retirees donate their time to pack resources and work on recycling projects. We will be volunteering at the Ephrata Work Center on March 30, 2019 from 9 am 12 pm. We will meet at church at 8:15 am. This is for ages 7 – adult and we need 15 people or more, There will be a sign-up sheet in The Gathering Place as the time gets closer. Please save the date so you can join us. For more info see Susie Dundore 717-628-1060

### **Council Meeting**

March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. is Council Meeting.

### **February Wedding Anniversaries**

7<sup>th</sup> Harvey & Betty Berger

21<sup>st</sup> John & Nancy Layser

25<sup>th</sup> William & Sharon Kline

## February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> Brandon Burke Darryl Daubert Clark Heisey Jessica Singer Brett Wenger	<b>2</b> Seiarra Burke Robert Fasnacht
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Peggy Fox	<b>5</b> Marissa Chatfield Ruth Firestine Amanda Ream	<b>6</b> Donald Hickernell Charlette Singer Derek Thomas	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Hannah Arnt Brett Lentz Marcie Yoh	<b>9</b> Sonja Smith Ashley Schucker
<b>10</b> Eric Hartranft Eric Laysen Taryn Miller-Bell	<b>11</b> Jasmyrn Burke Lynnea Weaver Corey Wenger	<b>12</b> Debra Arnold Evelina Krall Jackson Leonard	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Jennifer Chatfield Barbara Leshner	<b>15</b> Sandra Tripp	<b>16</b> Justin Hocker
<b>17</b> Aiden Miller Barry Spangler	<b>18</b> Verna Forney Gavin Speraw	<b>19</b> Tammy Gruber Wyatt Stehr Jose Torres	<b>20</b> Dean Ebersole, Jr. Mary Hartranft	<b>21</b> Lori Hassinger Aaron Sullivan	<b>22</b> Christopher Johns	<b>23</b> Cameron Fuhrman Earl Liskey Ryan Liskey Sheila Meyers
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Betty Jane Berger Jackson Liskey Clara Wenrich	<b>26</b> Paul Buccholz John Hays Danielle Perry Catherine Schott	<b>27</b> Jean Barnhart Joseph Levengood, Jr. Peter Potena	<b>28</b> Dean Ebersole Dick Forney		

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<b>3</b> Hand Chimes 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	4	5	<b>6</b> Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	7	8	9
<b>10</b> Hand Chimes 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	11	<b>12</b> PIZZA HUT DAY	<b>13</b> Londonderry Village 7:00 pm	<b>14</b> Sharing Cupboard 10-1	<b>15</b> Sharing Cupboard 3-6	16
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**Commissions and Church Board Meeting**

**Date: January 15, 2019**

**Meeting was called to order @ 7:45 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 November 20, 2018  
and December 18, 2018**

**Approved as presented by Aye Vote**

**Treasurer’s Report of November 30, 2018  
And December 31, 2018**

**Approved as presented by Aye Vote**

**Commission Reports & Members Present**

**Ministry & Evangelism Commission:** Chairperson – David Dubble,  
Robert Noll, Pastor Marty

Pastor Marty opened with prayer.

We are finalizing the plans for the Night of Music being held on March 9, 2019. Graze Ziegler is heading up this program for our commission.

Linda Zimmerman has volunteered to be our church delegate for annual conference this year. We are asking for board approval and to pass on to council for approval. There will be no cost to our congregation for her to attend.

Pastor Marty has asked for permission to have a prayer concern box placed in the Gathering Place or sanctuary for people to use.

Music Committee has suggested on the second Sunday of the month to have members of church who play instruments to maybe play some selections,. We will look into this.

Motion and second to approve Linda Zimmerman as our delegate to annual conference was approved by aye vote.

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

We are collecting non-perishable food items for the Sharing Cupboard from February 3<sup>rd</sup> through February 24<sup>th</sup>. Susie will put announcement in bulletin and Kim will make a display for the Gathering Place.

March 30<sup>th</sup> we are going to Mennonite Central Committee workplace. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place. This is for ages 7 years old and older. Our time is 9:00 a.m. till 12 noon. We will car pool.

There will be a Brethren Disaster Relief trip to Lumberton, NC in September. We already have enough people signed up to go (7 people are going).

We will be planning a breakfast for Easter morning after the Sunrise Service.

The resignation of Megan Thomas was approved by motion, second and aye vote.

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

There will be an informational Bible School meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup> presented by J.O.Y.  
There will be an egg hunt. We will be asking the youth to fill the eggs and also asking the church for candy donations.  
Checking to see if there are Lula Bibles and if not, we will be ordering 2 for the 2 babies born in December.  
We will be contacting those that need updated clearances.

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

The floor in the Gathering Place was cleaned and waxed.  
Cleaned snow from sidewalks.  
Ken Gross was added to this commission for a 3 year term. This was approved by motion, second and aye vote.

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

## **Pastor Report**

Sermons: 4

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: short message

Bread and Cup Communion Service: January 13

Candlelight Memorial Service: January 6

Home Visits: 8

Hospital Visits: 3

Attempted Visits: 5

S.S. Classes Taught: Homebuilders class on December 30. Assisted in the youth S.S. class on December 23.

Church Commission Meetings Attended: Church Board, Music Committee Meeting on January 8.

Vacation Days Used: 3 for Christmas break, December 26-28

Sick Days Used: 0

### Church Activities Attended

Senior Choir Practices

Help to Teach Bible Studies

### Upcoming Sermons:

January 20 "The Beginning of Miracles!" John 2:1-11

January 27: "Jesus Opens The Book!" Luke 4:14-21

February 3: Service Sunday "Brethren In Service" James 1:22-27

## **Unfinished Business**

Discussed the program on Conflict Resolution and Church Revitalization offered by the district. Our cost for this would be \$2,000 (which those funds have been donated and are available now).

There was a motion, second and aye vote to proceed with this program.

## **New Business**

None

## **Interests & Concerns**

None

## **Adjournment**

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