



Myerstown Church of the Brethren

Scriptural Message

23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 25 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. 27 Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. 28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 29 For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

1 Corinthians 11:23-29

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April 2019

Ministry through
Faith, Vision, and Action

(Read I Corinthians 11:23-29)

Our Love Feast and Communion service is coming-up on Palm Sunday, April 14, at 6:30 p.m. This is an important time in our faith in God, and in our relationships with each other in the church. As we approach this time, I want us to take into prayer our "preparation time" prior to Love Feast.

The preparation time before Love Feast is important for us, as Believers in Christ. It has a two-fold purpose: To examine our relationship with Jesus Christ, and to examine our relationships with our brothers and sisters in the church. Both of these purposes go together in our spiritual life in the church.

The apostle Paul states that "whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord." (I Corinthians 11:27)

Jesus goes even further and says "if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother (or sister) has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, (or sister) and then come and offer your gift." (Matthew 5:23-24)

The Brethren have always held The Love Feast Service in a "High and Holy Manner" in the church." Why? Because we value, not only our relationship with Jesus Christ, but our relationships with each other in the church.

Therefore, I have prepared Three questions that we need to take into our thoughts and prayers before Love Feast. These three questions were asked to each family before Love Feast, at the time when the Brethren had the "Annual Deacons Visit" before Love Feast.

- 1) Are you still in the faith of the Gospel as you declared at your baptism?
- 2) Are you, as far as you know, in peace and union with the church?
- 3) Will you still labor with the Brethren for an increase of holiness both in yourselves and others?

Take some time, and meditate on these questions. And may the Lord Bless each one of you! Pastor Marty

Attendance & Offering

Attendance average for February 1, 2019 – February 28, 2019

Sunday School – 34

Worship Service – 116

Beginning Checkbook Balance – General Fund	\$28,075.61
Income	\$17,430.00
Expenses	\$20,168.50
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$25,337.11
Beginning Checkbook Balance – Building Fund	\$ 5,280.29
Income	\$ 5,595.00
Expenses	\$ 5,859.65
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$ 5,015.64
Music Fund CD	\$12,303.30

Home Care

Lets remember in thought and prayer those living in nursing homes/assisted living homes: Arlene Crouse, Orpha Doutrich, Joanne Ealy, Florence Ebersole, Jeannette Hartman, Nettie Krall, Iris Liskey and Clara Miller.

Pizza Hut

We continue to have Pizza Hut Day the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Look for your paper in the newsletter of 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. Howe 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.

Spaghetti Supper

Mark your calendar.....we are having a Spaghetti Supper on April 6th. Price is \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 6-10 and under 5 is Free. We will be serving from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 2nd

Blackwood Brothers Concert here at Myerstown Church of the Brethren

Praise Dinner

The Praise Dinner will be held on Tuesday, April 16th at 6:00 PM at the Lebanon Expo. All funds raised benefit COBYS Family Services, Evangelical Seminary, Friendship Community and On Fire Youth Ministry. Tickets are \$125 each include a buffet style dinner, inspirational speaker Dr. Tony Blair and music by Sanctuary. Contact Rose Walmer at 717-866-8403 or rwalmer@wengers.com

Candy

The Christian Ed Commission is looking for donations of candy to fill the plastic eggs for the Children's Egg Hunt on April 13th. Please put candy in box in the Gathering Place.

Kitchen Help

Camp Swatara is in need of help in the kitchen for the month of May when schools and organizations are at camp. Please check the list on the bulletin board for time slots that need to be filled. If you can help, please contact Chef Bob Biddle at rbiddle@campswatara.org

Love Feast

April 14th at 6:30 p.m. is Spring Love Feast

Sunrise Breakfast

Easter Sunrise Breakfast will be at 7:30 a.m. following the Sunrise Service on April 21st. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place for food and tickets will go on sale April 7th.

Egg Hunt

The Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 13th at 9:00 a.m.

Save the Date

Vacation Bible School is June 23-27. This year VBS theme is "Roar". If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Leslie Fuhrman or Jess Singer.

Attention

It's that time of year when you probably are cleaning out good but unused or unwanted items. The annual Bazaar is November 23rd (mark your calendar), but we are already accepting items for the "White Elephant" table. The items can be stored in the Sharing Cupboard area.

April Wedding Anniversaries

1 st	Ken & Nancy Liskey
2 nd	Aaron & Barb Zimmerman
6 th	Joel and Linda Fahnstock
12 th	Roy & Barb Wenger
25 th	Lloyd & Kitty Wenger
26 th	Leon & Eleanor Brubaker
28 th	Robert & Jeannette Beisel

Commissions and Church Board Meeting

Date: March 19, 2019

Meeting was called to order @ 7:35 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 February 19, 2019

Approved as presented at March 4th Council

Treasurer’s Report of February 28, 2019

Approved as presented by Aye Vote

Commission Reports & Members Present

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

Pastor Marty opened with prayer.

Our commission would like to thank Grace for her work in getting the musicians for the recent night of Gospel Music. We would also like to thank Pastor Marty in helping with the opening and closing portions of the program. Our thanks also to the Mission & Fellowship commission for providing refreshments. The night was a great success. There were 114 people in attendance and the offering was \$443.25, which will be distributed equally between YWAM (Youth With A Mission) and the church Sharing Cupboard.

Our commission has met with Pastor Marty and Pete Kontra from the district to discuss the results of the recent survey taken and are going to meet again in the future.

Pastor Marty has given our commission dates where he would like to have a worship leader to assist with the Sunday morning service. We will be looking to fill those dates with members of the congregation.

The youth will lead the Sunday morning service on Mother’s Day, May 12, 2019.

The Blackwood Quartet will present a program on June 2, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. The program will be open to the public and a free-will offering will be taken to cover their expenses.

We discussed having the group Piercing Word present a program in the fall. They have been here before and it was well received.

We would look to do another night of music in spring 2020.

We are looking to move forward with the Music committee’s suggestion of having members of the congregation to provide instrumental music on a given Sunday of the month.

We are looking for a speaker for the Easter Sunrise Service.

Missions & Fellowship Commission: Chairperson – Susie Dundore,
Linda Zimmerman

Easter Sunrise Breakfast will be April 21st for the Sunrise Service. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place for people to bring food. Tickets will go on sale April 7th. Money from the breakfast will go to VBS. 15 people are going to Mennonite Central Committee on March 30th.

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

We discussed and finalized the time of the egg hunt. It will be April 13th at 9:00 a.m. This year is if for church members and a friend.

We would also like for all youth social media accounts to be deleted at this time. The youth advisors don't use them with the kids or the families and Rachel is the only person posting at this time.

We discussed Children's Day which is June 9th. Jess emailed Goodship Puppeteers.

Trustee and Property Commission: – Mark Landis, Jr., Dale Houtz, Ken Gross

Preventative and small maintenance being handled as it comes up.

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

Pastor Report

Sermons: 2

Home Visits: 14

Hospital Visits: 2

Attempted Visits: 1

Phone Calls: 2 (to set-up visit)

Baptisms: 1 (Walter Sattazahn)

S.S. Classes: Taught Homebuilders Class on March 10.

Church Commission Meetings Attended: Pastoral Evaluation meeting with Ministry Commission and Pete Kontra, on March 7, Church Council, March 4.

Vacation Days Used: 0

Sick Days Used: 0

Church Activities Attended

- Help to teach Bible Studies on Revelation.
- Attended all Senior Choir Practices.
- Attended Lebanon Area Brethren Minister's Group Meeting.
- Participated, and Led the Night of Gospel Music on March 9
- Made a showing at the Kid's Consignment sale, last Saturday.

Upcoming Sermons

March 24: "Are You Thirsty?" Isaiah 55:1-9

March 31: "A New Creation" II Corinthians 5:16-21

Unfinished Business

Spiritual Revitalization program is being developed by the district for our congregation. Further information will be forthcoming.

New Business

There is a date conflict for next month's board meeting with the annual Praise Dinner event. We will move the board meeting to the following Tuesday, April 23rd.

Interests & Concerns

None

Adjournment

Pastor Marty closed in prayer at 7:55 p.m.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Seth Dimond	2 Zachery Sullivan	3 Jaycee Hogleund Bonnie Lackey	4 Kathy Heisey Ruth Heller	5 Austin Chatfield Dalton Ebersole	6
7	8 Timothy Frederick Molly Hoffer	9 Brock miller	10 Jackson Hoffer James Mease Abigail Umbenhauer	11 Cory Burke Kimberly Shutter	12 Gary Brown Todd Eckert Erlene Wagner	13 Bonnie Mease Megan Spangler Gail Wolf
14 Leon Brubaker Jessica Houtz Madison Miller	15 Bonnie Hays Travis Kisler Michael Risser	16 Harvey Berger Sabrina Heller Jeremy Herr Mark Landis, Jr. Craig Reppert	17 Diane Dubble Paul Heller	18 Claire McClure Mikayla Walmer Brenda Weierbach	19 Ruth Saul Lois Sheetz	20 Lisa Liskey Sage DSherk John Zimmerman, Sr.
21	22 Jenifer Fetzer Ryan Krall Emalyn Walmer	23 Luke Carroll Tamara Carroll Grace Dubble Sara Koppenhaver Scott Schaetzle	24 Bruce Behney Carol Daubert Beth Perry	25 Kurt Forry Tyler Penrose	26 William Singer James Smith	27 Sheri Daubert
28 Payton Fuhrman Charisma Meyers Kelly Shutter	29 George Heller III	30 Whitney Hoover				

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Bible Study 7:00 pm	2	3 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	4	5	6
7 Hand Chimes 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	8 Bible Study 7:00 pm	9 PIZZA HUT DAY	10 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	11 Sharing Cupboard 10-1	12 Sharing Cupboard 3-6	13 Egg Hunt 9:00 am
14 Hand Chimes 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Love Feast 6:30 pm	15 Bible Study 7:00 pm	16	17 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	18	19	20
21 Sunrise Service 7:00 am East Breakfast 7:30 am Hand Chimes 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	22 Bible Study 7:00 pm	23 Executive Mtg. 6:30 pm Commission Mtg. 7:00 pm Board Mtg. 8:00 pm	24 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	25 Sharing Cupboard 10-1 Spiritual Nurture Mtg. 7:00 pm	26 Sharing Cupboard 3-6	27
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