



Myerstown Church of the Brethren

Scriptural Message

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"Now, therefore," says the Lord,
"Turn to Me with all your heart,
With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning."
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So rend your heart, and not your garments;
Return to the Lord your God,
For He is gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger, and of great kindness;
And He relents from doing harm.

14
Who knows if He will turn and relent,
And leave a blessing behind Him—
A grain offering and a drink offering
For the Lord your God?

15
Blow the trumpet in Zion,
Consecrate a fast,
Call a sacred assembly;

16
Gather the people,
Sanctify the congregation,
Assemble the elders,
Gather the children and nursing babes;
Let the bridegroom go out from his chamber,
And the bride from her dressing room.

17
Let the priests, who minister to the Lord,
Weep between the porch and the altar;
Let them say, "Spare Your people, O Lord,
And do not give Your heritage to reproach,
That the nations should [b]rule over them.
Why should they say among the peoples,
'Where is their God?' "

Joel 2:12-17

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March 2019

**Ministry through
Faith, Vision, and Action**

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me." (Psalm 51:10)

On Wednesday, March 4, we will observe Ash Wednesday which is the first day in the season of Lent. Lent is officially observed in the church as a forty-day period of penitence and prayer, which ends on Easter Sunday.

Some Christians fast during the season of Lent. It is an individual choice. Others choose to give something up during the 40 day period. But Jesus tells us in **Matthew 6**, that when you fast, do not appear before people that you are fasting, **"but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly."** **(Matthew 6:18)**

I was reading about how some Christian traditions observed the 40-day season of Lent. And one thing stood out for me, that we should all observe. Not only did Christians fast, during this season, some Christians included "prayers and charitable works." I thought that would be a good way for us to observe the season of Lent.

In the Gathering Place at church, there are copies of a Lenten Devotional which I would encourage everyone to look at. The devotional is entitled, "New World Coming." The author's name is Edward Poling, and he makes the following statement:

"Lent is a season for transformation, a time to turn inward and consider the health of our own souls. It's a time for the rediscovery of our spirituality, examining where we are faithfully following Jesus, as well as where we miss the mark. It will not be through the stroking of our egos, or the advancement of our personal agenda. It is a passage of humility, obedience, servanthood, and even death."

In this Lenten devotional, you will be led to the three chapters of Matthew 5-7, which is Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Through these readings, along with your prayers, you will be stretched to grow in your faith in Jesus Christ! And may we all grow together, as we move through Holy Week and Easter, and remember the sacrificial death and Resurrection of our Lord! **HOPE TO SEE YOU SUNDAY!**

Attendance & Offering

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

Sunday School - 34

Worship Service – 116

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, Jeannette Hartman, Nettie Krall, 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.

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.

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.

Camp Swatara

March 29th – 31st is spring weekend
At Camp Swatara for grades 1 through
8. If interested, please check the camp page
at 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 4th at 7:00 p.m. is Council Meeting.

Annual Women's Spiritual Retreat

Wednesday, March 20th at South Lebanon
Community Church is a women's retreat.
Speaker will be Lisa Landis, announcer on
WJTL. Registration is due by March 3rd. More
information is on the bulletin board.

Baked Goods

The youth are selling baked goods at the
Women's Fellowship Consignment Sale on
March 16th. If you would like to donate
some baked goods, please contact Karen
Sanchez or Lindsey Dimond.

Calling all Hershey Park lovers

Discount tickets available to order through
March 17th. Ticket price is \$33.00. Let
Leslie Fuhrman know if you are interested
and money is due at the time of the order.

Spaghetti Supper

There will be a spaghetti supper Saturday,
April 6th at 5:00 pm. Tickets prices are
.....Adults \$10, children 6-12 \$5, under 6 is
free. Tickets will go on sale March 3rd.
Proceeds will be split between the youth
and the general budget.

Sunday, June 2nd

Blackwood Brothers Concert at MCoB.

Mission & Fellowship Commission

needs snacks, drinks for Music Night
on March 9th. Sign up sheet in
Gathering Place.

March Wedding Anniversaries

6 th	Dean & Katrina Wagner
14 th	Mark & Elaine Landis
30 th	Glenn & Lois Hassinger

Commissions and Church Board Meeting

Date: February 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 January 15, 2019

Approved as presented by Aye Vote

Treasurer's Report of January 31, 2019

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.

Plans have been finalized for Night of Gospel Music to be held on March 9, 2019. There will be 13 different groups providing music. A free-will offering will be taken and be given to the Sharing Cupboard, Brethren Disaster Relief and YWAM. Missions & Fellowship will provide light refreshments for after the program. We discussed the progress of the reviews that were distributed. We will be meeting with Pastor Marty in the future to discuss.

Started discussion on plans for Easter Sunrise service in the park. Breakfast to follow by Missions & Fellowship.

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

Collection of food for Souper Bowl is going well.....we are still collecting for another week.

Brethren Disaster Relief trip is schedule for September 22nd through 28th. We are unsure where they are going at the present time.

Easter Sunrise Service is April 21st. We will be organizing breakfast for after the service. Proceeds will go to Vacation Bible School.

Workday at Ephrata MCC has a lot of people signed up to go.

Light refreshments are needed for music night on March 9th. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the Gathering Place. Susie will announce this in church on Sunday.

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

Leslie will go to J.O.Y. to purchase the Bible School kit. The theme this year is "ROAR"!

Easter Egg Hunt will be April 13th. This will be for church families and a friend.

We will put an announcement in the bulletin asking for donations of candy to fill the plastic eggs. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place.

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

Cleaned snow a few times.
Replace washers in sink in kitchen.

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

Pastor Report

Sermons: 5 (extra sermon at Londenderry village on Feb. 13)

Home Visits: 33

Hospital Visits: 4

Attempted Visits: 15

Annointings: Leroy Hartranft on January 17, and Walter Sattazahn on February 10

S.S. Classes: assisted in teaching the youth S.S. class

Church Commission Meetings Attended: Spiritual nurture meeting on January 31.

Vacation Days Used: 0

Sick Days Used: 0

Church Activities Attended

Senior Choir Practices

Help to Teach Bible Studies

Led worship at Londenderry Village on February 13

Attended Camp Representatives Dinner on Feb. 10

Upcoming Sermons:

February 24: "What Happens When We Die?" (part 1) I Cor. 15:35-38, 42-50

March 3: "What Happens When We Die?" (part 2) I Cor. 15:51-58

March 6: Ash Wednesday, First Day of Lent.

March 10: First Sunday of Lent

April 14: Palm Sunday, April 21: Easter Sunday

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Interests & Concerns

Dr. David Jeremiah will be at the Giant Center on Thursday, April 11th. Admission is free for this event.

Adjournment

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Nicholas Achey Randy Burke Judy Umbenhauer Sherri Yermalovich	2 Linda Fahnstock Breianna Heller Abigail Hostetter Kaya Laubach
3	4 Karter Fetzer James Gibble Seth Wagner	5 Lori Martin	6 Orpha Doutrich Maggie Reichard Jeff Steht	7 Robert Ebersole Kendalynn Fetzer Tyler Gruber Linda Krall Michael Krall Randy Light	8 Rosa Espenshade Karen Hamilton George Heller IV Walter Sattazahn	9 Bryce Hoglund Kenneth Wagner
10	11 Jasmine Dohner Jason Umbenhauer Nancy Wenrich	12 Winston Lackey, Jr.	13	14 Sophia Brown Carey Krall Lonna Lackey Robert Perry	15 Joshua Jenkins Emma Liskey Ainsley McClure	16 Martin Fidler Bill Rager
17 Sara Gantz Leroy Hartranft Emma Umbenhauer	18	19 Landis Kupp	20 Michael Lesher Edward Swisher	21 Mary Lou Wagner	22 Emily Lesher Philip Lesher Audrey Motter	23 Amber Hartranft Macey Schwalm
24	25 Brian Penrose	26	27	28	29 Dan Bell Jason Krall	30 Angela Martin Keven Wenrich
31 Adam Fox Casey Krall						

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Hand Chimes 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	4 Council Mtg. 7:00 pm	5	6 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	7 Bible Study 6:00 pm Women's Fellowship Mtg. 7:00pm	8	9
10 Hand Chimes 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	11	12 PIZZA HUT DAY	13 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	14 Sharing Cupboard 10-1 Bible Study 6:00 pm	15 Sharing Cupboard 3-6	16 Children's Consignment Sale 8:00 am – 2:00 pm
17 Hand Chimes 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	18	19 Executive Mtg. 6:30 pm Commission Mtg. 7:00 pm Board Mtg. 8:00 pm	20 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	21 Bible Study 6:00 pm	22	23
24 Hand Chimes 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	25	26	27 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	28 Sharing Cupboard 10-1 Bible Study 6:00 pm Spiritual Nurture Mtg. 7:00 pm	29 Sharing Cupboard 3-6	30 Mennonite Central Committee Work Day 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
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