



Myerstown Church of the Brethren

Scriptural Message

And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. 2 In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. 3 For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, 4 they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. 5 And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.

2 Corinthians 8:1-5

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May 2019

Ministry through
Faith, Vision, and Action

(Read II Corinthians 8:1-5)

I believe if there is one quality that the church needs today, it is joy! Joy is simply defined in the Bible as 'calm delight, or gladness of heart.' Joy is one of the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit. (Galatians 5:22) That should tell us that we cannot create our own joy, by our own power. Joy is given to us as a 'gift from God.'

We make the mistake of thinking that joy is something that 'I need to make.' Then we look for things in the world that we believe will give us joy, when they do not.

As I write this, it is the first week after Easter Sunday. I keep on thinking back to our Easter Sunday service, and how much of a joy it was to be in there in church! That Easter service was a gift from God that created joy in all of us! We need to do our best to continue to be in that spirit of joy when we are in church!

The month of May is coming-up soon. May is one of my favorite months of the year. We will have some Sundays here in May that I believe will be uplifting in the church. May 12 will be Mother's Day, and our youth will be leading our morning worship. Let's support our youth by coming to church and participate in a joyful spirit of worship.

May 26, we will observe Memorial Day. This will be a Sunday when we honor those men and women who served in our wonderful country! We can be thankful that we live in a country where we have the freedom to worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

If there is any place where we should have the joy of the Lord, it is in church. I hope to see you here!

Pastor Marty

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Attendance & Offering

Attendance average for March 1, 2019 – March 31, 2019

Sunday School – 37

Worship Service – 118

Beginning Checkbook Balance – General Fund	\$25,337.11
Income	\$19,334.31
Expenses	\$16,716.73
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$27,954.69
Beginning Checkbook Balance – Building Fund	\$ 5,015.64
Income	\$ 2,517.88
Expenses	\$ 1,644.82
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$ 5,888.70
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.

Sunday, June 2nd

Blackwood Brothers Concert here at Myerstown Church of the Brethren

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.

Graduates

If anyone is graduating this year, please let Toni in the church office know.

Chicken BBQ

We will be having a chicken bbq on Wednesday, May 22nd from 3:00 p.m. till 6:00 p.m. at Smith's Candies. The cost is \$7.50 and that includes ½ chicken, baked potato and drink.

Tickets for Chicken BBQ

Chicken BBQ tickets are in the Gathering Place in packs of 25 tickets. All money from sold tickets and all tickets that are not sold MUST be returned to Bob Noll by Sunday, May 12th.

May Wedding Anniversaries

- 6th Mike & Greta Koppenhaver
- 7th Seth & Lindsey Dimond
- 10th Scott & Lori Martin
- 16th Justin & Trisha Hocker
- 28th Ken & Joyce Wagner

Commissions and Church Board Meeting

Date: April 23, 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 March 19, 2019

Approved as presented by Aye Vote

Treasurer’s Report of March 31, 2019

Approved as presented by Aye Vote

Commission Reports & Members Present

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

Pastor Marty opened with prayer.

Our commission would like to thank Mark Landis, Jr. for being the speaker for the Easter morning Sunrise Service. It was well attended. We would also like to thank the Missions & Fellowship Commission for taking care of the breakfast.

We would like to thank those who have taken part in the Sunday morning worship service as worship leaders.

We are also looking to continue this program going forward.

We would look to ask Glenn Hassinger for the worship service on July 7th when Pastor Marty is at Annual Conference. We would also need a worship leader.

Looking to have special services for Memorial Day, Father’s Day and Pentecost Sunday.

Looking to maybe hold a Sunday evening music night in the fall.

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

Easter breakfast went well, there were approximately 60-64 people served. \$146 was raised for VBS.

Good Neighbor Awards to be presented to ELCO Middle School students. Four students are selected to receive the awards. They will be presented with a certificate and a gift card.

Susie met with Becky, director of YWAM and she will be giving a presentation on Sunday, April 28th.

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

We are still looking for something for Children’s Day, June 2nd. We are in the process of contacting Good Ship Puppeteers.

We had a successful egg hunt for members of the church. All the children left with an overflowing basket of eggs.

We are in the process of getting information out about VBS. We are also looking for volunteers to help that week to make it successful. VBS will be held June 23rd through June 27th. The theme is “ROAR”.

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

No report given.

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

March 31, 2019	
Year to Date Budgeted to General Fund	\$48,266.25
Year to Date Actual to General Fund	43,768.08
Difference	(4,498.17)
Year to Date Budgeted to Building Fund	4,935
Year to Date Actual to Building Fund	11,600
Difference	6,665
Mortgage Balance	\$ 77,624
Building Fund Balance	\$ 6,789
Music Fund CD Balance	\$ 12,303
Sharing Cupboard Savings Account	\$ 11,462

Pastor Report

Sermons: 5

Led Love Feast and Communion Service: April 14

Home Visits: 17

Hospital Visits: 7

Home Communion: 7

Funeral Visitation: 2

Memorial Services: 2 (Betty Berger, Tim Dubble)

Church Commission Meetings Attended: Spiritual Nurture Meeting on March 28, Pastoral Evaluation meeting with Ministry Commission and Pete Kontra, on March 20, Church Board Meeting, March 19.

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 on April 10
- Attended District Minister's Meeting at Ephrata C.O.B. on April 13
- Met with Galen Hackman for Mentor
- Went with group to M.C.C. workday on March 31
- Participated in Community Good Friday Service on April 19
- Had a pastoral support group breakfast on April 13

Vacation Scheduled: May 12-16

Ethics Training Event Coming-up for all District Ministers: May 18, Brethren Village. 9-3 p.m.

Annual Conference: July 3-7, Greensboro, N.C. (gone Sunday, July7)

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Storm water Assessment Fee will most likely be coming from the Myerstown Borough. Our church fee will possibly be \$2,700 per year; but at this time it is still in the planning stages.

Church Revitalization and Conflict Resolution team has started their studies and data gathering with Dr. Laura Hamilton.

Interests & Concerns

None

Adjournment

Pastor Marty closed in prayer at 7:57 p.m.

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Dixie Gasper Jeremy Lackey Crystal Leahy Shelby McClure Matthew Shutter Wesley Stehr	3	4
5 Lori Fox	6 David Dubble Pat Schott Gwen Wenger	7 Stephanie Shutter Kitty Wenger	8 Jason Burke Verna Grosteffon Eric Layser, Jr.	9 Kathryn Hartranft Cate Liskey Wilma Mauser Brad Reppert Pam Sunday	10	11 Sara Behney Corrine Hankins Joel Hibshman John Layser Philip Potena Stuart Wagner
12 Beckett Albright James Krall	13 Dennis Hartranft	14 Jami Freed Brenda Lentz Lori Ruth	15 Dorothy Nagle Blake Shirk Geoffrey Shutter	16 Jeanette Beisel Michael Snyder	17 Stanley Eckert Brianna Hoglund	18 Dennis Brubaker Mike Leahy
19	20 Joanne Fahnestock Janet Post Carl Wenger Daniel Whitman	21 Kenn Gross Declan Shelly	22 Julie Haring Claire Moyer Roarke Singer	23 Dennis Seldomridge	24 Bryson Brown Jay Lentz Larry Swonger	25 Chris Frederick Eileen Heller Isaiah Hostetter
26 Jennifer Hostetter	27 David Bender Sara Hartranft Nettie Krall Findley McClure	28 Dennis Dieffenbach	29 Faye Brubaker Debbie Wagner	30 Debbie Frederick Anna Mae Kupp Linda Smith Lois Yoder	31 David Beisel Frank DiScuillo	

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	2	3	4
5 Hand Chimes 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am GOLDEN AGE DINNER	6 Bible Study 7:00 pm	7 Music Committee Mtg. 7:00 pm	8 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	9 Sharing Cupboard 10-1	10 Sharing Cupboard 3-6	11
12 Hand Chimes 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	13 Bible Study 7:00 pm	14 PIZZA HUT DAY	15 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	16	17	18
19 Hand Chimes 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	20 Bible Study 7:00 pm	21 Executive Mtg. 6:30 pm Commission Mtg. 7:00 pm Board Mtg. 8:00 pm	22 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm CHICKEN BBQ 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm	23 Sharing Cupboard 10-1	24 Sharing Cupboard 3-6	25
26 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	27 MEMORIAL DAY	28	29	30 Spiritual Nurture Mtg. 7:00 pm	31	