



Myerstown Church of the Brethren

Scriptural Message

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 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God,
 That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;
 Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
 Your young men shall see visions,
 Your old men shall dream dreams.
 18
 And on My menservants and on My maidservants
 I will pour out My Spirit in those days;
 And they shall prophesy.
 19
 I will show wonders in heaven above
 And signs in the earth beneath:
 Blood and fire and vapor of smoke.
 20
 The sun shall be turned into darkness,
 And the moon into blood,
 Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord.
 21
 And it shall come to pass
 That whoever calls on the name of the Lord
 Shall be saved.'

Acts 2:17-21

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June 2019

Ministry through
Faith, Vision, and

Action

Read Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost Sunday

What would the "Day of Pentecost" look like in the church today? A better question to think about is, "would God do this miracle in the church today?"

One way to answer this question is to look at the current situation of the overall church today,. How much are people committed to the church today; plus, how committed are people in desiring to grow in their spiritual life with God? Is the church seeking spiritual growth?

I believe most of us would say that the church has shifted over the years: Many people and families are not as committed to the church today, compared to the 1960's and 1970's or even the 1980's. But the number of people in church is not the biggest concern; the biggest concern is a lack of spiritual depth.

Let's look at the spiritual life of the church during the time of Pentecost. In **Malachi 4:4**, God told Israel, "**Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord**". What happened next, in time, was that there was 400 years where God was completely silent: There were no prophets sent to the people and the nation of Israel. Why? I can only believe that the people were far removed from God.

Then, came the Day of Pentecost, where God made Himself known in a mighty way! In **Acts 2:2** the Bible says "**And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting**".

The main point to know about the Day of Pentecost is that it all came "**from heaven**". It was all of God, and nothing to do with man, or denominations. God spoke from heaven! And it came at a time when people were far removed from God.

The church might not experience another Day of Pentecost; only God knows. But the people in the church can always commit themselves to spiritual growth in the Lord. And watch the Lord do a work!

Mark your calendar for June 9th Pentecost Sunday. Look forward to seeing you in church!

Pastor Marty

Attendance & Offering

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

Sunday School – 42

Worship Service – 131

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.

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.

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.

Sunday, June 2nd

Blackwood Brothers Concert here at Myerstown Church of the Brethren. There will be a free-will offering taken for their ministry.

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.

Good as Gold Certificate

If you are planning on going to Camp Swatara this summer, don't forget to get your "Good as Gold" Certificate from Mike and Crystal Liskey.

June Wedding Anniversaries

5th Matthew & Rachel McClure
7th Randy & Grace Burke
12th Robert & Evelina Krall
14th Ralph & Miriam Ackerman
16th Brett & Lori Lentz
28th Chris & Jen Hostetter
29th Dick & Verna Forney

YWAM

Mission and Fellowship Commission is collecting monetary donations for YWAM....cash or checks . A donation box in the gathering place.

On Fire

On Fire needs volunteers for the Lebanon Fair food stand for Saturday, July 27th. Sign up sheet in Gathering Place.

The Dash

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning.....to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time they spent alive on earth and now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own, the cars...the house...the cash.

What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard; are there things you'd like to change?

For you never know how much time is left that still can be rearranged.

To be less quick to anger and show appreciation more and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before. If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile...remembering what this special dash might only last a while.

So, when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash, would you be proud of the things they say about how you lived your dash?

Commissions and Church Board Meeting

Date: May 21, 2019

Meeting was called to order @ 7:38 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 April 23, 2019

Approved as presented by Aye Vote

Treasurer’s Report of April 30, 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.

Laura Hamilton joined our commission meeting.

Our commission would like to thank the youth for leading the Sunday morning worship service on Mother’s Day, May 12th.

Grace talked about different programs that we may want to consider for future services. She also suggested a Child Evangelism program for the future. Grace is going to get more information.

Looking to maybe have a program in the fall based on the ministry of Billy Graham. The program is “Then Sings My Soul”. Grace is going to contact them to see if Sunday, October 20th for an afternoon program. We would look to start at 2 p.m.

We would look to maybe have Max Meyer fill the pulpit on a Sunday when Pastor Marty is on vacation.

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

Good Neighbor Awards will be presented to 5 ELCO Middle School students at the Awards Assembly on June 4th. They will be presented with a certificate and a \$20 gift card from J.O.Y. Bookstore.

Susie is getting pamphlets from YWAM and they will be placed in the bulletin. We will place a box in the Gathering Place for donations.

On Fire asked if we could get volunteers to man the refreshment stand at the Lebanon Area Fair on Saturday night (night of the demolition derby).

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

Children’s Day is June 2nd. There will be a children’s story and Pastor Marty will speak.
We are looking for volunteers for VBS. If anyone is willing to help please contact either Leslie Fuhrman or Jessica Singer.
We received a letter of resignation from Cindy Liskey from teaching the preschool class as of June 30th.

Resignation of Cindy Liskey from teaching the preschool class as of June 30th was accepted with motion and aye vote.

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

We now have Lawn Care Innovations to mow our lawn and they are the same people that clean our snow.
We would like to replace the six lights in the library with new LED lights.

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

Pastor Report

Sermons: 3

Home Visits: 13

Hospital Visits: 4

Church Commission Meetings Attended: Executive and Church Board Meetings.

Vacation Days Used: 6 May 11-16

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 May 8
 - Attended Gideons Banquet for Pastors on May 7
 - Met with Galen Hackman for Mentor on April 25
 - Attended Ethics Training for Ordained Ministers at Brethren Village on May 18. (C.E.U.)
 - Participated in a music program/birthday party at Cedar Haven Home on May 5.
- Annual Conference: July 3-7, Greensboro, N.C. (gone Sunday, July7)

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Interests & Concerns

None

Adjournment

Pastor Marty closed in prayer at 8:08 p.m.

June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	3 Bible Study 7:00 pm	4	5 Women's Fellowship Mtg. 7:00 pm	6	7	8
b9 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	10 Council Mtg. 7:00 pm	11 PIZZA HUT DAY	12	13 Sharing Cupboard 10-1	14 Sharing Cupboard 3-6	15
16 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	17 Bible Study 7:00 pm	18 Executive Mtg. 6:30 pm Commission Mtg. 7:00 pm Board Mtg. 8:00 pm	19	20	21	22
23 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am VBS	24 VBS	25 VBS	26 VBS	27 Sharing Cupboard 10-1 Spiritual Nurture Mtg, 7:00 pm VBS	28 Sharing Cupboard 3-6	29
30 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am						

June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 William Leahy
2 Emily Hocker	3 Michelle Daubert	4 Wyatt Daubert Brittany Hogeland Cora Jenkins	5	6 Tina Ebersole	7	8
9 Lori Ceresini Casey Daubert Andy Heisey Mary Ann Gibble Charlie Krall	10 Brent Mauser	11 William Kline Matt Sanchez	12 Christine Blackwell Weston Fouch Thomas Hess	13 Jackie Burke Brett Gerhart Sophia Krick Brooke Liskey Trina Miller	14 Bob Hoglund	15
16 Neil Donley Daryl Heisey Airik Muschler Bill Yoh, Jr.	17 Dylan Hocker	18 Craig Forney	19 Connie Hartranft	20 David Wenger Kelly Whitman	21	22 Brantley Shirk
23	24 Abby Zimmerman	25 Hunter Hartranft Nicholas Reichard	26 Robert Gibble Kevin Motter Brent Wall Barbara Wenger	27 Benjamin Moyer Melissa Wilson	28 Marty Moyer Donald Reichard	29 Arlene Crouse Lisa Ebersole
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