



**Myerstown Church of the Brethren**

***Scriptural Message***

30 So the Lord saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. 31 Thus Israel saw the great work which the Lord had done in Egypt; so the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord and His servant Moses.

Exodus 14:30-31

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July/August 2019

Ministry through  
Faith, Vision, and Action

Read Exodus 14:30-31

In honor of Independence Day on July 4th I will devote my page on a very important topic, which is the birth of our nation.

Exodus, chapters 1-14 records the liberation of God’s chosen people, from the oppression of the Egyptians. Through the ten plagues, and by the crossing of the Red Sea, God delivered His chosen people to begin a new nation.

David Barton, in his article from the “Founding Father’s Bible,” makes the comparison of our Founding Fathers to the liberation of God’s people, as it is recorded in Exodus. Barton says this:

“This entire Biblical narrative was a source of inspiration to the Founding Fathers, who saw themselves in similar circumstances of oppression and tyranny from which they pleaded for Divine intervention and deliverance.”

Patrick Henry, in his famous “Give Me Liberty Or Give Me Death,” speech in 1775 in Virginia, reminded the people of the pillar of cloud and the pillar of fire which guided the children of Israel (**Exodus 13:21-22**); of the water gushing from the rock of Horeb (**Exodus 17:6**); and of the miraculous passage of the Red Sea (**Exodus 14**) Patrick Henry concluded by declaring that:

“The same God still ruled in the heavens- that He was watching from His throne the oppressions of His people in America, and that He was still strong to deliver and mighty to save.” (**Psalm 24:8, Zephaniah 3:17**)

The following year, in 1776, our nation was founded. On July 2, 1776, Congress voted to approve the complete separation from the tyranny rule of King George III, from Great Britain. And on July 4, 1776, Congress approved the new Declaration of Independence.

On the Liberty Bell, these words are inscribed, which is taken from **Leviticus 25:10** “**Proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all inhabitants thereof.**”

As we honor July 4th, think about the honor and sacrifice our Founding Fathers made for us in establishing our nation, and let us thank God for the United States of America!

Pastor Marty

## **Attendance & Offering**

Attendance average for May 1, 2019 – May 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, Jeannette Hartman, and Iris Liskey.

### **Pizza Hut**

We continue to have Pizza Hut Day the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Look for your 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. You can buy your groceries or gas for your vehicles.

### **Attention**

It's that time of year when you are probably cleaning out good but unused or unwanted items. The annual bazaar is November 23<sup>rd</sup>, but we are already accepting donations for the "white elephant" tables. The items can be store in the Sharing Cupboard area.

**Mt. Gretna Bible Festival  
Massed Choir Concert**

Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Mt. Gretna Tabernacle. About 175 voices will be conducted by internationally known composer Mary McDonald. All are welcome to attend. A free-will offering will be taken. Several members of the MCoB senior choir will be participating in this event.

**Lebanon Rescue Mission**

Mission & Fellowship is collecting Jello and Instant Pudding for the Rescue Mission in Lebanon. Any flavor, please place the items in the Gathering Place.

**Dr. Laura Hamilton** is continuing her work as she guides us through church revitalization and spiritual care. She has been meeting with church leaders individually and in small groups. She plans to schedule a time to meet with the church body in the near future. These meetings will be announced to the congregation when they are scheduled. Please keep our Pastor, all of our church leaders, and those of you who make up our congregation in your prayers. If you have any questions, please contact Janet Dubble.

**Run for Relief**

September 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. is the Fifth Annual 5K Race plus Kid Fun Run. Proceeds will benefit Brethren Disaster Relief Auction.

**July Wedding Anniversaries**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Corey & Alison Wenger
- 4<sup>th</sup> Larry & Robin Kisler
- 15<sup>th</sup> Bob & Toni Noll
- 19<sup>th</sup> Richard & Carol Daubert
- 25<sup>th</sup> Fred & Linda Strobel
- 26<sup>th</sup> Charlie & Kathy Krall
- 29<sup>th</sup> Mark & Jean Bomberger

**August Wedding Anniversaries**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Carl & Nancy Hartman  
Bill & JoAnn Rager
- 14<sup>th</sup> Mike & Crystal Liskey
- 17<sup>th</sup> Brian & Rachel Liskey
- 30<sup>th</sup> Kevin & Heather Wenrich

**Commissions and Church Board Meeting**

**Date: June 18, 2019**

**Meeting was called to order @ 7:50 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 May 21, 2019**

**Approved as presented at June 10, 2019  
Council Meeting**

**Treasurer’s Report of May 31, 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.

We discussed the fall Spiritual Enrichment weekend and also the speaker. We also talked about the amount of days of having Spiritual Enrichment. Grace will talk to Chris Smith.

Our commission has approved the request by Toni Noll, our secretary, to reduce her hours over the summer. She will be taking off on Tuesday’s and will work the rest of the week at regular hours. She will be on vacation the week of July 20<sup>th</sup> through July 27<sup>th</sup>. She will check e-mail’s while on vacation and will be doing the bulletin. She will then e-mail the bulletin to Dave or Janet Dubble to be printed.

We discussed the children’s story format guidelines going forward. Grace is going to talk to Rachel about this.

Grace reported that the group “Then Sings My Soul” will present a program on November 10, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. This program is based on the ministry of Billy Graham.

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

We collected \$115 for YWAM.

Rescue Mission is in need of jello and instant pudding. An announcement will be placed in the bulletin and a box will be place in the Gathering Place.

There are 11 volunteers for the food booth at the Lebanon Area Fair.

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

VBS plans were finalized.  
We discussed children who will be receiving Bibles.

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

We got 6 new LED lights for the library which need to be installed.  
We are going to look into putting some dehumidifiers in the downstairs Sunday School rooms.  
We are checking about getting duct work cleaned in the gym.  
Whitey was on the roof and cleaned seed pods off the roof and cleaned the drains.  
We contacted Matt Crocker, a roofer about the leaking roof.  
Thermostats in the gym have been set to the recommendation of Triangle Refrigeration. The thermostat boxes have been locked.

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

### **Pastor Report**

Sermons: 1

Home Visits: 6

Hospital Visits: 3

Attempted Visits: 3

Church Commission Meetings Attended: Church Board and Church Council meetings

Vacation Days Used: 0

Sick Days Used: 0

Sunday School Classes: Assisted in teaching the youth class on June 16. Will fill-in to teach the Homebuilders Class on June 23 and June 30.

## Upcoming Schedule

Funeral For Pearl Fetter: This Saturday, June 22, 11 a.m. at the church.

Upcoming Funeral For Clara Miller: T.B.A. Funeral planned to be at the church.

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

## Upcoming Sermons

June 23: "Great Things From God" Luke 8:26-39

June 30: "Are You Fit For The Kingdom?" Luke 9:51-62

## **Unfinished Business**

None

## **New Business**

Pastor Marty has taken on a part-time summer job of approximately 13 hours per week. He assures us his hours have some flexibility. He also assures us the work of the church takes priority over this summer job.

## **Interests & Concerns**

None

## **Adjournment**

Pastor Marty closed in prayer at 8:15 p.m.

## July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> ANNUAL CONFERENCE	<b>4</b> ANNUAL CONFERENCE	<b>5</b> ANNUAL CONFERENCE	<b>6</b> ANNUAL CONFERENCE
<b>7</b> Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am ANNUAL CONFERENCE	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> PIZZA HUT DAY	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Sharing Cupboard 10-1	<b>12</b> Sharing Cupboard 3-6	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Executive Mtg. 6:30 pm Commission Mtg. 7:00 pm Board Mtg. 8:00 pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Pew Communion	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Bell Choir 6:30 pm	<b>25</b> Sharing Cupboard 10-1 Spiritual Nurture Mtg, 7:00 pm	<b>26</b> Sharing Cupboard 3-6	<b>27</b>
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	<b>1</b> Cliff Behney Rebecca Brossman	<b>2</b> Rachael Liskey Brayden Miller	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Joel Hoffer Shana Strobel	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Tania Fasnacht Mara Fulk Lester Hartranft Michael Motter Sidney Wagner
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Michael Wolf, Jr.	<b>10</b> Jeremy Arnold Connor Daubert Joel FaHNESTOCK Ezra Hibshman Sharon Seldomridge	<b>11</b> Jeff Albright Janelle Merkey Haley Sherk	<b>12</b> Martin Hartranft JoAnn Rager	<b>13</b> Kenneth Fox
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Dorothy Brown Michelle Dohner	<b>16</b> Barry Gible Jena Koppenhaver Winston Lackey, Jr. Joyce Wagner	<b>17</b> Alexander Burker	<b>18</b> Algirda Semeska Denis Stump Jen Zimmerman	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Elaine Landis Joan Mauser Lois Wealand	<b>22</b> Lisa Eckert Greta Koppenhaver Braeden Penrose Glenn eik	<b>23</b> Adam Heisey, Jr Candace Morgan James Trobel Barbara Weidman	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Vaughn Daubert	<b>26</b> Roy Wenger, Jr.	<b>27</b> Raymond Brown
<b>28</b> Brandon Batz Chase Herr Britany Miller Adam Wenger	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Emerson Albright Kylie Brown Megan Brown Ryan Laubach	<b>31</b>			



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				1 Women's Fellowship Mtg. 7:00 pm	2	3
4 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	5	6	7	8 Sharing Cupboard 10-1	9 Sharing Cupboard 3-6	10
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				<b>1</b> Christopher Hostetter Ricky Mauser II Kerri Penrose	<b>2</b> JoAnn Houtz Elmer Weidman	<b>3</b> Trent Dohner Lawrence Kisler
<b>4</b> Norah Gantz Jason Ruth	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Shirley Brandt Brandon Deitz Ashley Ebersole Ashley Shirk	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Shane Strobel	<b>9</b> Sherrie Mauser Nathan Sanchez	<b>10</b> Jessica Shirk Zachary Stump
<b>11</b> Lori Lentz Brandon Saunders	<b>12</b> David Ceresini Lori Herr Carson Reppert	<b>13</b> Bristi Achey Kathleen Donley Eric Whitman	<b>14</b> Robert Beisel Travis Carroll	<b>15</b> Sandy Fox	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Derek Fulk Megan Hibshman Valerie Snyder
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Daniel Moyer Fred Strobel, Jr.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Hunter Leahy	<b>22</b> Stephen Hess Jason Krall Michael Organ	<b>23</b> Cindy Sattazahn	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Steven Kline	<b>26</b> Mark Bomberger Geoffrey Heller Bradley Liskey	<b>27</b> Grace Burke Ken Liskey	<b>28</b> Ricky Mauser Jennifer Mease Alane Perry	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Branden Bell Troy Dohner Brian Gruber	<b>31</b> Crynthia Behney Bret Brandt