



**Myerstown Church of the Brethren**

***Scriptural Message***

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, 2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, 3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Ephesians 4:1-6

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**“Annual Conference, 2019”**

**Ephesians 4:1-6**

Several people have asked me how conference was this year, and I said, “there were no controversial issues this year!” Praise God!

I want to begin by quoting Annual Conference Moderator Donita Warren in her opening statement: She quoted the above scripture text from **Ephesians 4:1-6**. I thought that was a good opening for the start of conference! This year’s focus at conference was to **“keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”**

The Business Session Focus this year was the ‘Compelling Vision,’ where they set aside all business items for the purpose of seeking the vision for the church at this time.

There were conversations across the denomination, 72 of them to be exact, which included one meeting here in our district at the Palmyra C.O.B. These conversations were to help the overall church understand what is important to congregations and how we can better equip and support one another in this process. Also, how can we come together better as many congregations, and how can we transform and better manage division and conflict that has been a barrier in our denomination?

There were six new church fellowships that were recognized this year. Two of them are in the Atlantic Northeast District: Veritas and Ebenezer.

One of the most discussed question at our tables centered on the question: “What do you wish the church to be in 10 years?” These were the most frequent answers from the delegates: 1) “Christ-Centered” 2) “Worthy of Persecution” 3) “Scripture Centered” 4) “Lived Witness” 5) “Worship That Is Dynamic” 6) “Church needs to be engaged in the Community”

Another question that the delegates answered was the question: “What should our church practices convey?” These were the most popular answers: 1) “Strong Biblical Foundations” 2) “Worship and Honor Jesus” 3) “Humility” 4) “Biblical Passages” 5) “Loving God and Loving Neighbor.” 6) “Authority of Scripture” 7) “Emphasis on the Beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount.”

As you can see, there were several good responses, which keeps me hopeful about the Church of the Brethren!

I want to thank the church for sending me as your delegate. Next year, Annual Conference will be in Grand Rapids Michigan. I would encourage anyone who has never been to Annual Conference to attend! You will not be disappointed! Hope to see you on Sunday! Pastor Marty

## **Attendance & Offering**

Attendance average for June 1, 2019 – June 30, 2019

Sunday School – 30

Worship Service – 105

### **Home Care**

Lets remember in thought and prayer those living in nursing homes/assisted living homes: Orpha Doutrich, Joanne Ealy, Jeannette Hartman, and Iris Liskey.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Choir Practices to Resume**

Senior Choir will be resuming on Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.  
Bell Choir will be resuming on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

### **COBYS Bike & Hike**

Take a walk, ride a bike, or go on a cycle ride (and eat ice cream) to benefit the ministries of COBYS Family Services. Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, at Lititz Church of the Brethren. Learn more at [www.cobys.org/bike-and-hike](http://www.cobys.org/bike-and-hike)

### **Disaster Relief Auction**

Mark your calendar now for the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction to be held September 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. There are many activities during this 2-day period. Come and eat or just come for the fellowship.

### **Love Feast**

Sunday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. is Love Feast and Communion.

### **Rally Day**

Rally Day will be September 15th and there will be a carry-in meak after the Worship Service. Everyone is invited for fun, food, fellowship. Bring a hot dish and/or cold dish. Drink will be provided.

### **Paint Party**

Women's Fellowship is going to have a paint party on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9 a.m. If you would like to come out for fun and fellowship, please contact either Leslie Fuhrman or Jess Singer.

### **IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!!!**

Attention all Pumpkin Rollers! Beginning September 16<sup>th</sup> and continuing thru October, we will be making the awesome pumpkin rolls! We are looking for all willing helpers for this giant project. Baking time starts at 8:00 a.m. and finishes up around 11:30 or so....Filling begins at 5:30 p.m. and usually finishes around 7:30. Our goal is to make 1500. Please come out and help us with this project. Order forms are in your mailboxes. Thank you so much for all the help provided. If you are willing to help, please contact Dottie Nagle or Janet Dubble.

### **September Wedding Anniversaries**

4<sup>th</sup> Jason & Carey Krall  
9<sup>th</sup> Jay & Brenda Lentz  
11<sup>th</sup> Bill & Marcie Yoh  
17<sup>th</sup> LaMar & Joane Fahnestock  
Dale & JoAnn Houtz  
19<sup>th</sup> Bob & Kathryn Gible  
21<sup>st</sup> George & Dottie Nagle

## September 2019

| Sun  | Mon       | Tue  | Wed   | Thu  | Fri  | Sat                                     |
|--|-----------|--|---|--|--|---|
| <b>1</b><br>Sunday School 9:00 am<br>Worship Service 10:00 am                          | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b><br>Music Committee Mtg.<br>7:00 pm  | <b>4</b><br>Senior Choir 7:30 pm                        | <b>5</b><br>Ladies Aide<br>6:30 pm   | <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b>                                |
| <b>8</b><br>Sunday School 9:00 am<br>Worship Service 10:00 am<br><br>COBYS Bike & Hike | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b><br>PIZZA HUT DAY   | <b>11</b><br>Bell Choir 6:15 pm<br>Senior Choir 7:30 pm | <b>12</b><br>Ladies Aide<br>9:00 am<br>Sharing Cupboard<br>10-1                                      | <b>13</b><br>Sharing Cupboard<br>3-6                               | <b>14</b>                               |
| <b>15</b><br>Sunday School 9:00 am<br>Worship Service 10:00 am<br><br>Rally Day        | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b><br>Executive Mtg. 6:30 pm<br>Commission Mtg. 7:00 pm<br>Board Mtg. 8:00 pm | <b>18</b><br>Bell Choir 6:15 pm<br>Senior Choir 7:30 pm | <b>19</b><br>Ladies Aide<br>6:30 pm  | <b>20</b>  | <b>21</b>                               |
| <b>22</b><br>Sunday School 9:00 am<br>Worship Service 10:00 am                         | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b>  | <b>25</b><br>Bell Choir 6:15 pm<br>Senior Choir 7:30 pm | <b>26</b><br>Ladies Aide<br>9:00 am<br>Sharing Cupboard<br>10-1<br>Spiritual Nurture<br>Mtg. 7:00 pm | <b>27</b><br>Sharing Cupboard<br>3-6<br>Disaster Relief<br>Auction | <b>28</b><br>Disaster Relief<br>Auction |
| <b>29</b><br>Sunday School 9:00 am<br>Worship Service 10:00 am                         | <b>30</b> |  |   |  |  |   |

## September 2019

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue   | Wed                                      | Thu                          | Fri  | Sat   |
|--|--|---|--|------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>1</b>   | <b>2</b><br>Kaylee Haring  | <b>3</b><br>Sarah Hogle                     | <b>4</b><br>Brian Smith<br>Dean Wagner   | <b>5</b>                     | <b>6</b><br>Janet Dubble<br>Nancy Liskey   | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>8</b>   | <b>9</b><br>Dean Ebersole<br>Alexis Liskey<br>Walter Sattazahn, Jr.                                      | <b>10</b><br>Chad Shelly<br>William Wenrich | <b>11</b><br>Mike Liskey<br>Rachel Moyer | <b>12</b>                    | <b>13</b><br>Keith Fulk                    | <b>14</b><br>Ella Heisey<br>Rebecca Jenkins<br>Robin Kisler<br>Alicia Yoh |
| <b>15</b><br>Hannah Liskey                                       | <b>16</b><br>Wyatt Herr<br>Karen Sanchez<br>David Sheetz   | <b>17</b><br>Aaron Varela                   | <b>18</b><br>Kate Wall<br>Anne Smith     | <b>19</b><br>Sam Behney, Jr. | <b>20</b><br>Samuel Krall<br>Jane Spangler | <b>21</b><br>Michael Wolfe, Jr.   |
| <b>22</b><br>Anna Mae Snyder                                     | <b>23</b><br>Aggy DiScuillo<br>Amelia Gross<br>Aaron Krall<br>Evan Krall<br>John Jenkins<br>Jean Soliday | <b>24</b>                                   | <b>25</b><br>Rachael McClure             | <b>26</b><br>Tristan Ruth    | <b>27</b><br>Edna Yoh                      | <b>28</b>   |
| <b>29</b><br>Cody Bashore<br>Jonathen Jenkins<br>Chelsea Reppert | <b>30</b><br>Susan Dundore<br>Brian Liskey   |   |  |                              |  |   |

**Commissions and Church Board Meeting**

**Date: July 16, 2019**

**Meeting was called to order @ 7:25 p.m.**

**by Vice Chairperson – Robert Noll**

**Present were: Secretary – Mark Landis, Jr.**

**Prayer by: Pastor Marty**

**Present were: Pastor Marty Moyer**

**Secretary’s Report of June 18, 2019**

**Not Approved Due to No Quorum Present**

**Treasurer’s Report of June 30, 2019**

**Not Approved Due to No Quorum Present**

### **Commission Reports & Members Present**

**Ministry & Evangelism Commission:** Robert Noll, Pastor Marty

Ministry and Evangelism met with Bob Noll and Pastor Marty.

We are going to check and see if maybe Bill Litman would be available to speak for Rally Day. We are looking to maybe have another speaker. Rally Day will be Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> and we are thinking of having a covered dish after the service.

Talked about the planning of a 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the creation of Heidelberg, Richland and Myerstown from the Tulpehocken congregation. Plans are to hold this on October 20, 2019. A committee has been formed and Don Fitzkee will speak on the history and also ask Glenn Hassinger and Levi Ziegler for input. They will be using the old hymnal for songs.

Pastor Marty will contact the Gideon’s for a short presentation on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> or Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> in lieu of special music.

**Missions & Fellowship Commission:** Chairperson – Susie Dundore

Susie worked on the mailboxes.

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

We are going to be contacting those who have clearances that are due to be renewed.

Children going into 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be receiving Bibles.

Crystal Liskey has resigned from Children’s Church. We need to find someone to take this responsibility.

The acceptance of Crystal’s resignation will happen at next months meeting, providing we have a quorum.

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

We replaced 6 fluorescent lights in the library with 6 LED lights.  
The ducts were cleaned in the gym, kitchen and foyer area. Women’s Fellowship paid the bill.  
Kitchen committee purchased 11 new LED lights for the kitchen and paid for cleaning the ducts in kitchen. The kitchen lights are not installed yet.....help is needed for this job.  
We trimmed some low branches till we got rained out and will finish in the near future.  
Replaced light bulb in ceiling in the gym.  
Had the air conditioner repaired in the sanctuary.

**Finance and Stewardship Commission:** Glenn Hassinger, Tim Fetzer

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**Pastor Report**

Sermons: 4

Home Visits: 22

Hospital Visits: 5

Attempted Visits: 5

Funerals: 2 (Pearl Fetter & Clara Miller)

Funeral Visitations: 2

Church Commission Meetings Attended: Church Board on June 10 & July 16

Vacation Days Used: 0

Sick Days Used: 0

Sunday School Classes: Taught Homebuilders Class on June 23 & June 30



## Church Activities Attended

- Helped with Bible School, June 23-27
- Delegate at Annual Conference, Greensboro, N.C. from July 3-7
- Choir Picnic on June 19
- Meeting with Laura Hamilton at the church, on June 20
- Meeting with Mentor, Galen Hackman on June 21
- Meeting with 100th Anniversary Celebration of Myerstown, Richland and Heidelberg congregations at Heidelberg Church on July 9.

## Upcoming Schedule

- Bread and Cup Communion, this Sunday, July 23.
- On Fire Ministry help at Lebanon County Fair, Saturday, July 27.
- 100th Anniversary Celebration: scheduled for Sunday, October 20, 7p.m. at Heidelberg C.O.B. Don Fitzgee, speaker. Historical Celebration of three churches becoming separate congregations. Each church is asked to give a donation for the expense of the service.

## Upcoming Sermons

July 21: "The Treasure of Reconciliation" Colossians 1:15-28

July 28: "You Will Revive Me" Psalm 138

August 4: "Beware of Covetousness!" Luke 12:13-21

Dave Dubble informed me that I am leading Rally Sunday

Gideon Speaker: (need to confirm date) Mitch Keith from the Gideons, we are to contact with a date. They will give a short presentation during worship.

## **Unfinished Business**

None

## **New Business**

None

## **Interests & Concerns**

Person taking care of lawn is doing a great job.

## **Adjournment**

Pastor Marty closed in prayer at 7:45 p.m.

**Commissions and Church Board Meeting**

**Date: August 20, 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 June 18, 2019  
July 16, 2019**

**Approved as presented by Aye Vote**

**Treasurer’s Report of June 30, 2019  
July 31, 2019**

**Approved as presented by Aye Vote**

**Commission Reports & Members Present**

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

Grace opened with prayer.

Grace reported that Pastor David Stauffer will not be able to be our guest speaker for Rally Day due to health reasons. We will contact Mike Bordon from YWAM to be our speaker. Missions and Fellowship is planning on a covered dish that day also.

The Revival speaker will be Chris Smith and we will ask Earl Liskey to coordinate the music.

The Gideons will be doing a short presentation on September 29<sup>th</sup> in lieu of special music.

“Then Sings My Soul” will present a program on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary program will be held on October 20<sup>th</sup> at Heidelberg at 7:00 p.m. Don Fitzkee will be the speaker.

If anyone would like to be worship leader, please contact any member of the Ministry Commission.

Pastor Marty will be having a special program for Labor Day Sunday.

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

Rally Day will be Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. We will have a carry-in meal after church. We will set up on Saturday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>.

There will be an announcement in the bulletin and a sign up sheet in the Gathering Place.

A total of 64 boxes of jello/pudding was collected for the Lebanon Rescue Mission.

Seven large bags of clothing was donated to Raider Treasure Chest (run by Zion United Methodist Church).

Susan Dowhower is put on hold for now.

There is no availability of gym at the end of October or beginning of November, so Trunk or Treat will not take place this year.

Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> will be the start of the pumpkin roll baking.

The Brethren Disaster Relief group is going to Lumberton, NC from Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup>.

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

We worked on a schedule for Children’s Church.

Talked about ideas for the Christmas Program.

We are going to be contacting those who have clearances that are due to be renewed.

Crystal Liskey has resigned from Children’s Church. Acceptance of her resignation was given by a motion, second and aye vote.

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

We installed 6 lights in the Library and we also put 11 new LED lights in the kitchen. Thanks for the help with the lights.

A window glass in the downstairs Sunday School room is leaking gas and needs replaced. George contacted H&M Glass to replace it.

We would like to cut down the 2 maple trees at the rear of the church. The roots are growing under the building and seed pods and leaves are clogging the drains on the roof. Sometimes there are 2 to 3 inches of water on roof. Also the tree at east end of parking lot in front of church is half dead.

Swanger Construction repaired leak in roof at front of church at the restrooms

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

## **Pastor Report**

Sermons: 5

Served Bread & Cup Communion Sunday, July 21

Home Visits: 21

Hospital Visits: 2

Attempted Home Visits: 2

Attempted Home Visits: 7 (with phone calls)

Funeral Visitations: 2 George Weaver, Eugene Weaver

Church Commission Meetings Attended: Deacons Meeting on July 25, Church Board meetings

Vacation Days Used: 0

Sick Days Used: 0

### Church Activities Attended

-National Night Out, on August 6

-Helped with "On Fire Ministry" Booth, Lebanon Fair on July 27

### Upcoming Schedule

-September 8: Grandparents Day.

-September 15: Rally Day

-September 29: Gideon Speaker (10 min. presentation)

-100th Anniversary Celebration: scheduled for Sunday, October 20, 7p.m. at Heidelberg C.O.B. Don Fitzkee, speaker. Historical Celebration of three churches becoming separate congregations.

### Upcoming Sermons

August 25: "The Multitudes Rejoiced! Luke 13:10-17

September 1: Labor Day Recognition, "Rejoice in your Work" Ecclesiastes 3:22

September 8: "Grandparents Day Recognition, "Listen To Our Grandparents!" Titus 2:1-8

September 15: Rally Day. David Stauffer, speaker for S.S. and Worship. S.S. "How do we become a life-saving station?" Worship "Let Your Light Shine" Matthew 5:14-16

## **Unfinished Business**

None

## **New Business**

Discussion on files that date back a decade or 2 or 3 or more that we should go through and reduce storage and make room for more new material storage.

## **Interests & Concerns**

On Fire Ministries sent a thank you note to our church for the group of members from this church that worked their food and drink stand.

## **Adjournment**

We adjourned at 8:10 p.m.