



Myerstown Church of the Brethren

Scriptural Message

10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity. 11 Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: 12 I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. 13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:10-13

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Read Philippians 4:10-13

When I was 9 years old, I went out for Little League Baseball. Our team lost every game of the season! To make things worse for me, I struck out many times as a batter.

But there was one game that things changed for our team, and me. It was the last game of the season. And we were involved in a 'slug-fest' with another team. One inning they were up. Another inning we were up. And we were gaining momentum!

Then I was up to bat. I watched the first pitch, and the umpire called a strike. That got me down. As the pitcher threw the next ball, I thought, 'o.k., I'm going to swing the bat and see what happens!' I swung, and I heard this smack, and the next thing I saw was the ball going through the infield! I got a hit! And it felt so good!

Our team ended-up in a draw that night where there was no winner and no loser because the game lasted too long into the night. But I felt like a winner that night, even though that was the only hit I would have in my two-year Little League Career. However, when I think back to my Little League years, I always think of the game where I got a hit!

The apostle Paul says, "**I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.**" (Phil. 4:13) That verse has always given me hope through the years. It tells me that whatever I think is impossible, God will find a way to get it done!

Take encouragement in God's promise that whatever situation that you think is impossible, God will find a way to get it done. Not by your power, but only through the power of the Holy Spirit!

Hope to see you in church! Pastor Marty

Attendance & Offering

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

Sunday School – 24

Worship Service - 98

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.

Pizza Hut

We continue to have Pizza Hut Day the 2nd 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 23rd, but we are already accepting donations for the "white elephant" tables. The items can be store in the Sharing Cupboard area.

Christmas Breakfast

Women's Fellowship Christmas Breakfast will be December 14th from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at Cedar Grill Restaurant. This year we are doing something a bit different. Everyone will be ordering from the menu and paying themselves. Bring a \$1.00 gift for our gift exchange. For more information contact Jess Singer.

Pot Pie Dinner

We are having a pot pie dinner on November 2nd from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. and takeout at 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adult and \$5.00 for children 6-12, under 6 is free. Tickets are due back Oct. 27th.

Then Sings My Soul

"Then Sings My Soul" will be here at Myerstown Church of the Brethren on Sunday, November 10 at 3:00 P.M. to present a musical production inspired by Billy Graham.

Bazaar News

Our annual bazaar is Saturday, November 23rd, the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Mark your calendar now to keep the date open! Tables will be available to rent for \$10 for your crafts, etc. If you have items for the "White Elephant" tables, they can be stored in the Sharing Cupboard area until the bazaar.

Community Thanksgiving Service

There will be a community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday evening, Nov. 24th at 7:00 p.m. at Stoneridge Poplar Run Theater.

Christmas Poinsettias

It is time to order your Christmas Poinsettia. The plants will be in 6 inch pots and have 5-6 blooms and the cost is \$7.00. Deadline to order and pay is Nov. 17th. Sign the sheet on the bulletin board.

Apple Dumplings

The ladies are making apple dumplings on Thursday, Nov. 21st at 8:00 a.m. All help is greatly appreciated.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Yes, it's that time already! Time to think about Christmas and working together to collect gift-filled shoeboxes for children around the world. The boxes are being collected from now through Sunday, November 17th. Look for brochures explaining how to pack your shoebox at the table in The Gathering Place. You can use either a cardboard (boxes are available in The Gathering Place) or a plastic shoebox. Women's Fellowship is going to paying the shipping for all the boxes. If you have questions, see Kim Horn, Linda Zimmerman, or Janet Dubble.

2020 Directory

Any changes in the Church Directory for 2020, notify Toni or a Mission & Fellowship commission member

November Wedding Anniversaries

6th Mark & Tammy Landis
Jason & Leslie Fuhrman
9th Bud & Mary Lou Wagner
11th Bill & Nancy Wenrich
Landis & Anna Kupp
14th Matt & Karen Sanchez
18th Leroy & Kathryn Hartranft
21st Gregory & Kim Horn
23rd John & Joan Mauser

Compelling Vision Process 2019 District Conference Report

In Proverbs 29:18 we are reminded that “Where there is no vision, the people perish, but they that keepeth the law, happy are they” (KJV). In The Message, Eugene Peterson paraphrases it this way: “If people can’t see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; but when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed.”

At the outset we stated that it was our fervent prayer that as a result of this journey:

- relationships with one another would be deepened, transcending points of disagreement and more fully reflecting Christ’s body;
- we would be able to celebrate the ongoing activity of God’s Spirit at work among us;
- we would be open to what God is calling us to do together as Christ’s disciples;
- the vision ultimately articulated would be compelling—not as an external obligation, but because it lays claim to our hearts, our imaginations, and our spirits, shaping our identity and inspiring our ministry at all levels of the church;
- and we would wholeheartedly embrace a way forward, centered in Jesus, affirming contextual creativity as we boldly seek to embody that vision, for the Glory of God and our neighbors’ good. This continues to be our prayer.

We hope those who have participated in the process have already experienced a taste of this and that all will join us in this prayer as the process continues to unfold.

November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Randy Wagner	2 Linda Strobel
3	4	5 Kathryn Gibble Greg Horn	6	7 Lloyd Wenger	8	9 Sandy Rodriguez
10	11	12 Jody Maurer	13	14 Lindsey Dimond Leslie Fuhrman	15 Gloria Brandt	16
17 Erin Umbenhauer	18	19 Kiara Fulk Sharon Kline	20 Richard Daubert Phyllis Hickernell Jeff Laubach Nancy Younker-Torres	21 Bruce Meyers	22	23
24 Tim Fetzer	25 Lois Hassinger	26 Ruth Dundore John Hunsicker	27 Sherri Weaver	28 Robert Krall Grant Liskey Mary Jane Smith	29	30 Carl Hartman

November 2019

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					1	2 Pot Pie Dinner
3 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	4 Bible Study 7:00 pm	5	6 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	7 Women's Fellowship 7:00 pm	8	9
10 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am "Then Sings My Soul" 3:00 pm	11 Bible Study 7:00 pm	12 PIZZA HUT DAY	13 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	14 Sharing Cupboard 10-1	15 Sharing Cupboard 3-6	16
17 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	18 Bible Study 7:00 pm	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	22	23 HOLIDAY BAZAAR 8:00 am -1:00 pm
24 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	25 Bible Study 7:00 pm	26	27	28 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	29 Sharing Cupboard 3-6	30

Commissions and Church Board Meeting

Date: October 15, 2019

Meeting was called to order @ 7:45 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 September 17, 2019

Approved as presented by Aye Vote

Treasurer’s Report of September 30, 2019

Approved as presented by Aye Vote

Commission Reports & Members Present

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

Pastor Marty opened with prayer.

The Gideons did a short presentation on September 29th. The program was very informative.

The 100th Anniversary will be held on October 20, 2019 at Heidelberg Church of the Brethren at 7:00 p.m.

Don Fitzkee is scheduled to be the speaker.

The Spiritual Renewal services were held on October 6th through October 9th. Chris Smith was the speaker and the offering was given to the Sharing Cupboard.

“Then Sings My Soul” program is going to be held on November 10th at 3:00 p.m. The program is based on the ministry of Billy Graham.

We discussed the possibility of having Don Fitzkee’s message from District Conference viewed sometime soon. We also discussed having him present a Sunday morning message.

We are working on a list of possible speakers available to fill the pulpit as needed.

It was decided to keep our budget numbers for the upcoming year the same as this past year.

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

Operation Christmas Child is in full swing. You can pack a box or place a box for miscellaneous items in the Gathering Place. Women’s Fellowship is going to pay the shipping for all the boxes.

We are going to do a Reverse Advent Calendar – details to come mid November.

There were 1200 pumpkin rolls made and we are sold out!

The Children’s Consignment Sale is Saturday, October 19th. There are 21 consignors signed up.

The Holiday Bazaar is November 23rd. Vendors are signing up.

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

Women’s Fellowship has asked for a list of children and teachers because they are buying gifts for Christmas.

We are going to copy cd’s for the kids for the Christmas program.

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

We replaced a bad light in the library.
Put old light in quilting room, it still works.

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

Pastor Report

Sermons: 3

Led Love Feast and Communion: October 6

Worship Leader for Revival Services: October 6-9

Home Visits: 22

Hospital Visits: 8

Home Communions: 5

Anointings: 2 Joan Mauser and Mary Ann Gibble

Church Commission Meetings Attended: Deacons Meeting, September 26

Vacation Days Used: 0

Sick Days Used: 0

Church Activities Attended

-District Conference Delegate, October 5

-Lunch meeting with Galen Hackman, Oct. 3

-Lunch meeting with Pete Contra, October 7

-Meeting for District Conference Report with church delegates, October 14

-Church Board Meeting

Upcoming Schedule

-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

October 20: "Wrestling With God" Genesis 32:22-31

October 27: "How Lovely Is Your Tabernacle!" Psalm 84:1-7

Unfinished Business

New budget of \$195,561 will be sent to council for discussion. Our current income does not support a budget of this amount.

New Business

Discussed options of ways to handle our church board, as we have less church members and continue struggling to fill our church board as it is structured and written in our constitution.

Interests & Concerns

None

Adjournment

We adjourned at 8:40 p.m.