



Myerstown Church of the Brethren

Scriptural Message

58 Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.
I Corinthians 15:58

12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 3:12-14

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February 2020

Ministry through
Faith, Vision, and Action

Read 1 Corinthians 15:58, Philippians 3:12-14

Have you ever walked away from something, and later-on you regret walking away? We do this with jobs, marriages, and many other decisions we make in our lives. And many times, when we choose to walk away, we later regret it!

The apostle Paul was someone who never walked away from his calling as an apostle for Jesus Christ! Paul suffered through many trials in his calling as an evangelist for Jesus Christ. He suffered through many beatings, hardships, and even jail time, because of his faith in Jesus Christ! But not once did he ever walk away. Instead he remained steadfast!

And this is why he encourages us as Christians to be steadfast in our work for the Lord. He says, **“be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.”**
(I Corinthians 15:58)

I believe the above verse is meant for Myerstown C.O.B. We sometimes think all of our work is in vain. But then we see Paul’s words of encouragement. In fact, Paul sets the example of what it means for us to set a goal: **“forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead. I press toward the goal of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”** (Phil. 3:13-14)

Be encouraged! God is not done with us yet! Hope to see you in church!

Pastor Marty

Attendance & Offering

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

Sunday School – 19

Worship Service - 95

Home Care

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers 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 2nd Tuesday of the month. Look for your paper in the newsletter or on the bulletin board.

2020 Directory

If you have any corrections or additions for the 2020 directory, please notify JoAnn in the church office or a member of the Missions and Fellowship Commission.

Offering envelopes

The offering envelopes for 2020 are in your mailbox. If you did not receive a set of envelopes and would like to have some, please contact JoAnn in the church office or Ralph and Mim Ackerman.

Council Meeting

March 2nd at 7:00 p.m

February Wedding Anniversaries

21st John & Nancy Layser
25th William & Sharon Kline

Commissions and Church Board Meeting

Date: January 21, 2020

Meeting was called to order @ 7:38 p.m.

by Chairperson – David Dubble

Present were: Secretary – Mark Landis, Jr.

Prayer by: Grace Ziegler

Present were: Pastor Marty Moyer

Secretary’s Report of December 17, 2019

Approved as presented at Aye Vote

Treasurer’s Report of December 31, 2019

Approved as presented by Aye Vote

Commission Reports & Members Present

Ministry & Evangelism Commission: Chairperson – Grace Ziegler
David Dubble, Linda Zimmerman, Pastor Marty

Dave Dubble, Grace Ziegler, Pastor Marty Moyer and Linda Zimmerman were in attendance.
Grace Ziegler volunteered to be Chairman of our commission and Linda Zimmerman will be secretary.

March 15, 2020 - 7:30 pm - Piercing Word

October 4-7 - Renewal services – Pastor Jim Bauer.

A suggestion was made that we should look into getting a sign to promote programs at our church.
It was mentioned that our church get more involved with mission projects. Grace suggested we donate 4 times a year with an amount of \$50.00 to the Lebanon Rescue Mission and we are asking for Board approval.

We are looking into bringing in a Christian juggler, Chris Ivey, to come to our church for an evening of fun and fellowship, working with the Missions and Fellowship Commission for refreshments afterward.
Easter Sunrise Service will be held, April 12th and we’re checking into getting a speaker.

Missions & Fellowship Commission: Chairperson - Janet Dubble
Kim Horn, Sharon Seldomridge, Tammy Landis

Present were Janet Dubble, Tammy Landis, Sharon Seldomridge, and Kim Horn.

Devotions by Janet.

48 Operation Christmas child boxes, 572 items donated to Sharing Cupboard during reverse advent, 6 scarves, 21 hats, 38 pairs of socks donated to ELCO and On Fire.

Women’s Fellowship is under our commission looking for a president

Janet gave Women’s Fellowship update. No fall consignment sale
Christmas breakfast December 12, 2020
Bazaar – November 21, 2020
Pumpkin rolls – September
May 9? – Mother/daughter banquet
May 3rd - Golden Age dinner

Balance in Women’s Fellowship fund over \$12,000.

2020 Church Director – looked over and checked spelling, dates, commissions.

Mortgage has been paid. Glen Hassinger has written a letter regarding the history of the church and building and addition’s. Mortgage burning and meal will be planned.

Christian Education Commission: - Chairperson – Christine Blackwell
Melissa Wilson, Cindy Sattazahn, Walter Sattazahn

Rachel and Christine are new VBS coordinators; will attend VBS meeting at JOY Bookstore.
Easter egg hunt open to public – maybe April 4th, will have lunch and story in beginning; ask congregation to donate candy.

Susie Dundore has resigned from teaching 3-5 year old Sunday School class; will send children down to Judy's class for now.

Looking into Sunday School workshop in Chambersburg, PA October 24th.

Want to promote Sunday School more; will announce in Worship Service about what classes we have.

Linda Zimmerman will be the Camp Swatara Representative for our church.

Approval of Susie Dundore's resignation from teaching approved by motion, second, and aye vote.

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

We replaced washer in spigots in janitor closet.

Cleaned snow from walkways.

Replaced brake on plow tractor.

Finance and Stewardship Commission: Chairperson Bob Noll,
Glenn Hassinger

We received the paperwork from the bank for our mortgage showing it is paid.

Pastor Report

Sermons: 4

Christmas Eve Sermon: December 24

Funeral: Michael Snyder, January 20

Funeral Family Visitation: January 13

Funeral Visitation: Michael Snyder, January 20

Home Visits: 18

Hospital Visits: 4

Attempted Visits: 6

Pre-Marriage Counseling Session: January 16

Bible Studies: 3 (teaching on my own)

Taught Home-builders S.S. Class: December 22

Church Commission Meetings Attended: Church Board Meeting, Music Committee meeting, January 7.

Vacation Days Used: 3, December 27-29

Sick Days Used: 0

Church Activities Attended

-Senior Choir Practices

-Praise Team Practices

-Prayer Group

-Live Nativity, December 24

-Christmas Eve Service: December 24

Upcoming Schedule

Vacation Sunday Request: March 29. (one day only)

Upcoming Sermons

January 26: "The Strength of my Life!" Psalm 27:1, 4-9

February 2: "Prognosticators!" James 4:13-17

February 9: "A Higher Power!" Matthew 5:13-20

Unfinished Business

Discussion brought up on signage for our church.

Discussion also on how to publicize events which are happening in the church.

New Business

None

Interests & Concerns

Board chair David Dubble expressed his appreciation for all the folks who are serving on the board this year.

Adjournment

We adjourned at 8:18 p.m. with prayer by Pastor Marty.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	3 Bible Study 7:00 pm	4	5 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	6 Ladies Aide 9:00 am	7	8
9 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	10 Praise Team 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	11 PIZZA HUT DAY	12 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	13 Ladies Aide 9:00 am Sharing Cupboard 10 am-1 pm	14 Sharing Cupboard 3-6 pm	15
16 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	17 Praise Team 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	18 Executive Mtg. 6:30 pm Commission Mtg. 7:00 pm Board Mtg. 8:00 pm	19 Londonderry Village Service 7pm	20 Ladies Aide 9:00 am	21	22
23 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	24 Bible Study 7:00 pm	25	26 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	27 Ladies Aide 9:00 am Sharing Cupboard 10 am-1 pm Spiritual Nurture Meeting 7pm	28 Sharing Cupboard 3-6 pm	29

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Brandon Burke Darryl Daubert Clark Heisey Jessica Singer Brett Wenger
2 Seiarra Burke	3	4	5 Ruth Firestine	6 Donald Hickernell Charlette Singer Derek Thomas	7	8 Hannah Arnt Brett Lentz Marcie Yoh
9 Sonja Smith	10 Eric Hartranft Eric Layser Taryn Miller-Bell	11 Jasmyrn Burke Lynnea Weaver Corey Wenger	12 Evelina Krall	13	14	15 Sandra Tripp
16 Justin Hocker	17 Aiden Miller Barry Spangler	18 Verna Forney Gavin Speraw	19 Wyatt Stehr Jose Torres	20 Dean Ebersole, Jr. Mary Hartranft	21 Lori Hassinger	22
23 Cameron Fuhrman Earl Liskey Ryan Liskey Sheila Meyers	24	25 Jackson Liskey Clara Wenrich	26 Paul Buccholz John Hays Catherine Schott	27 Jean Barnhart Joseph Levengood, Jr. Peter Potena	28 Dean Ebersole Dick Forney	29