



Myerstown Church of the Brethren

Scriptural Message

Psalm 40:1-5

I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in Him.

Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods. Many, Lord my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.

Psalm 74:15-16

The day is yours, and yours also the night; you established the sun and moon. It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter.

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July/August 2020

Ministry through
Faith, Vision, and Action

I don't know about you, but Cathy and I have discussed several times recently how it seems like we have been on summer vacation since March! For a time, we were both teachers and everyone knows that teachers have the whole summer off! I don't know that we ever experienced that with workshops and graduate school and revising lesson plans, etc., etc. With those stay-at-home orders, the kids at home, and every place you wanted to go being closed, life has been slow since March! Except for the temperatures, it has seemed like summer.

But now summer is here for real and I guess we can just consider it an extended summer vacation except for those who are fortunate enough to be called back to work. But even those summer vacations are going to look different this year. So many of the places you normally may go are still closed or will have new rules on numbers of people allowed such as HersheyPark or, in some places, the beach. My guess is this summer, with incomes less because of job losses or closings, there will be more staycations and backyard beach parties.

But, maybe that's not so bad. Maybe God is trying to teach us something during these days: maybe a little patience and the gift of waiting. So, a little more slowing down might do us some good. Even though we may think we've had enough, maybe we could spend a little more time with God this summer. Those sunny days by the pool would be a good time to read some scripture, find a good devotional and spend some time in prayer. And there are numerous organizations such as food banks and thrift shops that are looking for help. Maybe this summer would be a good time to get serious about that resolution you made to volunteer in some kind of service ministry. With that cell phone that's in your hand, purse or pocket constantly, you could call someone you know is lonely.

"They" keep telling us things will eventually get back a little closer to "normal," but while we're dealing with this "new normal," maybe it's time to create a new normal for our lives as we patiently (or impatiently) wait for whatever is next. As the Scripture says, the day is God's and the night is God's, so maybe this summer we could make a little more of our time God's as well.

In the meantime, God is still on the throne, Jesus is still Lord, the church is still his body in this world, and you are still one of his children called to be his voice, his hands and feet, in the world today. Seems to me there is plenty for us to do this summer even though it's not going to be "normal." Have a wonderful summer!

God bless,
Pastor Dennis

Attendance & Offering

Home Care

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers those living in nursing homes/assisted living homes: Dennis & Faye Brubaker, Bud Brubaker, Orpha Doutrich, Joanne Ealy, Jeanette Hartman, Wilbur & Gloria Keppley, Iris Liskey, and Carl Wenger.

Gift Cards

The gift card order for **July** will be processed on Monday July 6th. Please have your orders in by Sunday July 5th.

August order will be processed on Monday August 3rd. Please have your order in by Sunday August 2nd. 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.

July Wedding Anniversaries

- 1st Corey & Alison Wenger
- 15th Bob & Toni Noll
- 19th Richard & Carol Daubert
- 26th Charlie & Kathy Krall
- 29th Mark & Jean Bomberger

August Wedding Anniversaries

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

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.

Offering envelopes—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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Has been cancelled for this year.

ATTENTION It's that time of year when you probably are cleaning out good but unused or unwanted items. The annual **Bazaar** is November 21st (mark your calendar), but we are already accepting items for the "White Elephant" table. The items can be stored in the Sharing Cupboard area.

The Lebanon Expo 2-Day Auction Event scheduled in late September is canceled over pandemic concerns!
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Londonderry Village Chicken BBQ & Auction will be held on Friday, July 24, and Saturday July 25, 2020. The Londonderry Village BBQ/Auction is being modified this year due to restrictions and caution against the coronavirus. Booklets will be available for you to pick up at the beginning of June in the Gathering Place. The booklet will include an order form that you can clip out and mail in with a check to preorder your dinners.

1. Chicken dinners will be sold for \$10. Dinners include: half chicken, baked potato, applesauce, cookies & bottle of water.
2. Tickets will NOT be issued to pick up chicken dinners this year.

3. There will be NO areas on campus to sit & eat the dinners. Get your chicken dinners at the campus DRIVE-THRU.
4. The Auxiliary BAKE SALE will be modified this year due to anticipated fewer attendees. ALL CAKES, PIES, & WHOOPIE PIES will be baked by campus residents and packaged on July 24th.
5. Any additional details will be made available as we get them.

UPCOMING SERMONS & SCRIPTURES

July 5: "Submit to One Another"
Ephesians 5:15-21
1 Peter 3:8-12

Good relationships happen when our focus is on the needs and desires of the other, voluntarily yielding our desires to the other's out of love.

July 12: "Pray for One Another"
James 5:13-18

Upcoming Bible Study (through Zoom)

Bible Study will resume on July 13th.

Happy 4th of July



JULY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Cliff Behney	2 Rachel Liskey Brayden Miller	3	4 Joel Hoffer Shana Strobel
5	6 Tania Fasnacht Mara Fulk Lester Hartranft Michael Motter Sidney Wagner	7	8	9 Michael Wolf, Jr.	10 Connor Daubert Joel Fahnestock Sharon Seldomridge	11 Jeff Albright Janelle Merkey
12 Martin Hartranft JoAnn Rager	13	14	15 Dorothy Brown	16 Barry Gible Jena Koppenhaver Joyce Wagner	17 Alexander Burke	18 Jen Zimmerman
19	20	21 Elaine Landis Joan Mauser Lois Wealand	22 Lisa Eckert Greta Koppenhaver	23 Adam Heisey, Jr. James Strobel Barbara Weidman	24	25 Vaughn Daubert
26 Roy Wenger, Jr.	27 Raymond Brown	28 Brandon Batz Chase Herr Adam Wenger	29	30 Emerson Albright Ryan Laubach	31	

AUGUST 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Christopher Hostetter Ricky Mauser II Kerri Penrose
2 JoAnn Houtz Elmer Weidman	3 Trent Dohner	4	5	6 Shirley Brandt	7	8
9 Nathan Sanchez	10	11 Lori Lentz	12 David Ceresini Carson Reppert	13	14 Robert Beisel	15
16	17	18	19 Daniel Moyer	20	21 Hunter Leahy	22
23 Cindy Sattazahn	24	25 Steve Kline	26 Mark Bomberger Bradley Liskey	27 Grace Burke Ken Liskey	28	29
30 Troy Dohner	31 Cynthia Behney					