



# Myerstown Church of the Brethren

*Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.*

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## Sunday, the Lord's Day, December 20, 2020

**Pastor:** Dennis Garrison (Interim)

**Organist:** Barb Heffner

**Worship Service**

**10:00 a.m.**

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Welcome and Announcements** ..... Pastor Dennis

**Prelude** ..... Barb Heffner

**Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle** ..... Fetzer Family

**Pastor Dennis:** We live on the brink every day. We stand on the threshold between this world and the next one. We live and move between the ordinary and divine, between the mundane and the mystery. Too often, we forget to look up and see the angels in our living room. We forget that the love we give and live is a sign of eternity, God with us, right now.

**Kim Wenger:** Luke tells us that God's favor came to a girl, an ordinary girl. It might have been you or your daughter; it might have been the girl down the street or your grandchild. But the messenger of God came and greeted her and said, "The Lord is with you." What a gift and a promise; Emmanuel, God is with us.

**Fetzer Family:** We light these candles with peace in our hearts for the promise of proximity, the nearness of God. Even when we forget to listen, God is as close as our own breath. This, in a confused and confusing world, is a peace that passes all understanding. We light these candles because Love has come as Emmanuel, God with us.

**\*Hymn:** *“Hark! The herald angels sing”* ..... #201 BL

**Scripture** – Luke 2:1-7 (NRSV)

**Music Ministry** ..... Bell Choir  
*“Carol of the Bells”*

**Children’s Message** ..... Pastor Dennis  
Children’s Church Dismissal - 4 years old to 5th grade

**\*Hymn:** *“Away in a Manger”* .....#552 BR

**A time of Prayer**

**Scripture** – John 1:14-15 (NRSV)

**Message** – *“The Word Became Flesh”* ..... Pastor Dennis

**\*Closing Hymn** – *“Joy to the world”* ..... #318 BL

**\*Sending and Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

**Chorister** – Jeanette Beisel

**PLAN OF SALVATION**

Admit you are a sinner (Romans 3:23)

Believe Christ died for you (Acts 16:31)

Ask Him to save you (John 1:12; Romans 10:9, 13)

**\*Stand in body or spirit**

## REFRIGERATOR NEWS

December 20<sup>th</sup> – December 27<sup>th</sup>

<b>Sunday</b>	Worship Service	10:00 am
<b>Thursday</b>	Sharing Cupboard	10:00 – 1:00 pm
	Christmas Eve Service on-line only	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	Worship Service	10:00 am

**Deacons** for the months of **December** are Ralph & Mim Ackerman.  
**Deacons** for the month of January & February are Dale & JoAnn Houtz.

**GIFT CARDS** – The next gift card order will be processed Monday **January 4<sup>th</sup>**. Please have your order in by January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Don't forget, you don't have to buy gift cards for a gift, you can use them yourself. Make sure you look over the list of businesses, as new ones have been added. Please pick up a new updated list today.

**Reminder** – All things for the bulletin should be in the church office by Wednesday.

**We would like to thank** Kim Wenger for being Worship Leader this morning and Jeanette Beisel for being the Chorister.

**MCoB email list** - join by sending your name and email address to [info@myerstowncob.org](mailto:info@myerstowncob.org)

**Listen to Pastor Dennis** give a midweek message by going to the MCoB web site, <https://myerstowncob.org>, by visiting the MCoB Facebook page, or by joining the MCoB email list.

**The Missions and Fellowship Commission** will be having a sock Christmas tree. Any size, children to adult. Any questions ask a Missions & Fellowship Commission member.

**2021 Directory** - If you have any changes for the 2021 directory please notify JoAnn or a member of the Missions & Fellowship Commission before the end of the year.

**We have pumpkin rolls** available. If anyone is interested in buying some please see Dottie Nagle.

**Christmas Eve Service** will be online only this year.

**STATISTICS** for Sunday December 13, 2020

**ATTENDANCE:**           Worship Service 59

Follow our year-to-date progress in your copy of the Church Board Minutes or Newsletter found in The Gathering Place.

**Our expenses continue in your absence.  
Please include the church in your giving each week.**

You can drop off your offering envelopes at the church and put them in the box inside the door or you can mail it to:

**Myerstown Church of the Brethren  
51 West Stoever Avenue  
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**As another option** consider electronic giving. A no-hassle, no-cost giving option. Call 717-866-5517 for more information.

**\*\*\*Pastor Dennis will be in his office** at church on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:00am to 3:00pm and Wednesday from 9:00am until noon. You can also reach him on his cell phone at: 717-451-3440\*\*\*

**2020 DISTRICT PRAYER CALENDAR** – This week we are praying for the Un Nuevo Renacer Fellowship Church (*Mountville, PA*) and the *Veritas Church (Lancaster, PA)* is praying for us.

**This week pray** for those on page 50 in the church directory.  
**Please remember** the following people in your prayers this week:

Tom Arnold – father-in-law of Kevin Wenrich  
Kristen Birdsey – niece of Pastor Dennis  
Glen Bomberger – Brother of Mark Bomberger  
Raymond Brown  
Bud Brubaker  
Lori Ceresini  
Richard (Dutch) Daubert  
Beverly Diem – Sister of Barb Wenger  
Jackie Dohner  
Ruth Dundore  
Donna Fisher - friend of Janet Dubble  
Bonnie Garrison – mother of Pastor Dennis  
Tammy Gibble Carroll Dilling – niece of Erlene & Verna  
Mary Ann Gibble  
Dale Hartranft – brother of Barb Wenger  
Leroy & Kathryn Hartranft  
George Heller  
Donald & Phyllis Hickernell  
Marlin Houff – brother-in-law of Jeanette Beisel  
Jim Kellogg – son-in-law of Brenda Weierbach  
Shirley Killian – Friend of Barb Heffner  
Anna Kupp  
Elaine Landis  
Iris Liskey  
John & Joan Mauser  
Clarrie Putt – friend of JoAnn Houtz  
Bonnie Rittle – Sister-in-law of Ray & Dorothy Brown  
John Sando – friend of Bob & Toni Noll  
Dennis Seldomridge  
Carl Wenger  
Nancy Wenrich  
Edna Yoh  
Lois Yoder

### **Prayer Chain Requests**

Please call or email the Church office or the Pastor with your prayer requests or if you desire to be a part of our prayer chain ministry.

**Candle Lighting/Memorial Service** – We will be having our annual Candle Lighting Service on Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> for loved ones that passed away during the year 2020. Please notify JoAnn in the church office at 717-866-5517 if you desire to light a candle during this service. A family member(s) is encouraged to light the candle.

**Please check your mailboxes.** You can always stop in during the week, Monday-Friday 8am-12pm to check your mailboxes. Just ring the buzzer and JoAnn will let you in.

**Barb Weidman** would like to say thank you to the choir for the wonderful gift she received.

**Sharing Cupboard** numbers from last week: 49 families; 9 volunteers.