

This is the One



Myerstown Church of the Brethren

Scriptural Message

16 The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehem-ite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." 2 Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' 3 Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." 4 Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" 5 He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. 6 When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." [a] 7 But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." 9 Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." 10 Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." 11 Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." 12 He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one."
1 Samuel 16:1-12 (NRSV)

I am sure many of you parents of grown children have fond memories of special times spent with your children when they were young. One of my fondest memories is of the bed-time stories. It was usually my job to read the bed-time story and the three children would snuggle close as I read.

We had a Bible story book that was a favorite and I would often ask them which story they would like me to read. Often it was the story of the anointing of David as king found in 1 Samuel 16. I'm not sure what it was about this story that caught their interest, but we read it often. Come to think of it, this is one of my favorite Old Testament stories as well. Maybe that's because I read it so often!

At the Christian Education Commission meeting on April 20, we had a discussion about some needs in the church's Sunday School program and it got me thinking about this Bible story. Let me share a little about the Scripture and why it connects to the discussion we had at Christian Ed. First, a little background on David's story.

To understand how David became Israel's second king, we need to go back to the story of the first king, Saul. Up until the time when Saul became king, Israel had been governed by judges, the most well-known being Samuel. You can read of God's call to Samuel in 1 Samuel 3.

As Samuel aged, he appointed his sons to be judges over Israel and, let's just say they were not a chop off the old block. So, the people came to Samuel and asked him to appoint for them a king (1 Samuel 8:5). Samuel wasn't happy with their request, but God told him to honor it and he did so, but only after warning the people how a king would treat them – putting their sons in his armies, taking their daughters to serve in his court, taking their land to give to his officials, and taking a tenth of their harvests, flocks and herds.

In 1 Samuel 9 we meet Saul who Samuel anoints as Israel's first king. The Scripture describes Saul as "the most handsome man in Israel – head and shoulders taller than anyone else in the land." (1 Samuel 9:2)

As we read on in 1 Samuel, we find several instances where Saul blatantly disobeys God and in chapter 13 Samuel tells Saul, "...your kingdom must end, for the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart. The Lord has already appointed him to be the leader of his people because you have not kept the Lord's command."

Samuel's work was not done. God instructed him to go to Bethlehem and find a man named Jesse. God had chosen one of Jesse's sons to be the next king. Samuel was reluctant to go, afraid that Saul, while still the king, would hear about him anointing a new king and would kill him.

Interestingly, God comes up with a little ruse to protect Samuel. He is to take a heifer and say he came to make a sacrifice to the Lord. He should invite Jesse and his sons to join him and God would then reveal which of the sons Samuel is to anoint as the new king. Jesse and his sons aren't too sure about Samuel either, but they agree to join Samuel for the sacrifice. When they arrive for the

sacrifice, Samuel first sees Eliab and is sure he must be the one. Then we are given what is one of the Bible's most important lessons: "Don't judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." And so it goes. Samuel looks over the sons, one by one, and each time God tells him this is not the one. Finally, Samuel asks if these are all of Jesse's sons. No, they were not all the sons. The youngest, David, was out tending the sheep. Samuel asked them to bring David to him. Now, a little interesting twist in this story. God just got done telling Samuel that outward appearance isn't important to God, but what is the first thing the writer tells us about David? "He was dark and handsome, with beautiful eyes."

Nevertheless, David was the one so Samuel anointed him and "the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David from that day on." (1 Samuel 16:13)

What was it that God saw in David that neither his father, nor his brothers, nor Samuel was able to see? God saw David's heart.

So, now for the connection of this Scripture to the Christian Ed Commission meeting. We need some people with a heart for teaching, both adults and children to step up and "be the one." Those who have stepped up are doing a fantastic job, but we need some others to step up and "be the one."

In spite of COVID, God has blessed this church. We are at the point of looking ahead rather than looking back, and essential to moving ahead is developing our Christian Education programs, especially for the children and youth of the church.

We have a good group of younger children, but we also have a number of the beginnings of a youth program with a number of younger youth. Right now, with only one class the age range makes focused teaching difficult. We need to start a class for middle school aged youth. Might you "be the one" (or two or three) to help us get a program going again for these youth?

Adults have different preferences for learning, some like lecture while others prefer video lessons or discussion groups. We would like to offer at least one other type of adult class, but we need volunteers to step up and "be the one" (or two or three).

So, what about you? Are you "the one?"

Give this some thought and prayer and, if you sense God calling you to "be the one," let me or one of the members of the Christian Education Commission know (Christine Blackwell, Brenda Lentz, Walter and Cindy Sattazahn).

Blessings!
Pastor Dennis

Attendance & Offering

Attendance average for March 1, 2021 – March 31, 2021

Sunday School – 23
Worship Service - 77

Home Care

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers those living in nursing homes/assisted living homes: **Dennis & Faye Brubaker, Orpha Doutrich, Joanne Ealy, Mary Ann Gible, Wilbur & Gloria Keppley, and Iris Liskey.**

Gift Cards

The gift card order is always processed 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.

The mid-week message from Pastor Dennis will be discontinued so he can put his time in to visiting people.

MCoB email list - join by sending your name and email address to info@myerstowncob.org

May Wedding Anniversaries

7th Seth & Lindsey Dimond
28th Ken & Joyce Wagner

Attention It's that time of year when you probably are cleaning out good but unused or unwanted items. The annual *Holiday Bazaar* is *November 20th* (mark your calendar), but we are already accepting items for the "White Elephant" table. The items can be stored in the Sharing Cupboard area.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

"A Mother's Love" by Helen Steiner Rice

A Mother's love is something
that no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion
and of sacrifice and pain,
It is endless and unselfish
and enduring come what may,
For nothing can destroy it
or take that love away,
It is patient and forgiving
when all others are forsaking,
And it never fails or falters
even though the heart is breaking,
It believes beyond believing
when the world around condemns,
And it glows with all the beauty
of the rarest, brightest gems,
It is far beyond defining,
it defies all explanation,
And it still remains a secret
like the mysteries of creation,
A many splendored miracle
man cannot understand
And another wondrous evidence
of God's tender guiding hand.

Mother

A mother who always cares,
A mother who's always there.
A mother who always prays,
A mother who always stays.
When things get rough,
When life gets tough,
When all is just too much to bear,
God's Word she shares.
God's light she shines.
So blessed, God made this mother mine.

Happy Memorial Day. Thank you to all the veterans who sacrificed all for our freedom!



HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY

Franklin D. Roosevelt "Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy forget in time that men have died to win them."

John F. Kennedy "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter the words, but to live by them."

Unknown "May we never forget freedom isn't free."

Unknown "If you want to thank a soldier, be the kind of American worth fighting for."

Ronald Reagan "Some people live an entire lifetime and wonder if they have ever made a difference in the world. A **Veteran** does not have that problem."

Unknown "Home of the **free**, because of the **brave**."

Unknown "We don't know them all, but we owe them all."

Unknown "Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it."

Sgt. Major Bill Paxton "May we never forget our fallen comrades. Freedom isn't free."

Claudia Pemberton "America without her soldiers would be like God without His angels."

Joseph Campbell "A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself."



MAY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Dixie Gasper Shelby McClure Wesley Stehr	3	4	5	6 David Dubble Pat Schott	7 Kitty Wenger	8 Verna Grostefon
9 Kathryn Hartranft MOTHER'S DAY	10	11 John Layser Philip Potena	12 James Krall	13 ASCENSION DAY	14 Brenda Lentz	15 Dorothy Nagle
16 Jeanette Beisel	17	18 Dennis Brubaker Mike Leahy	19	20 Joanne Fahnestock Carl Wenger	21 Ken Gross Declan Shelly	22 Roarke Singer
23 Dennis Seldomridge	24 Jay Lentz	25 Isaiah Hostetter	26 Jennifer Hostetter	27 Sara Hartranft Findley McClure	28 Dennis Dieffenbach	29 Faye Brubaker
30 Anna Mae Kupp Lois Yoder	31 MEMORIAL DAY					

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2 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	3 Bible Study 7:00 pm	4 Music Committee Mtg. 7:00 pm	5 Bell Choir 6:30 pm	6 Women's Fellowship Mtg. 7:00 pm	7	8
9 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am MOTHER'S DAY	10 Bible Study 7:00 pm	11	12 Bell Choir 6:30 pm	13 Sharing Cupboard 10 am -1 pm	14 Sharing Cupboard 3 pm - 6 pm	15
16 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	17 Bible Study 7:00 pm	18 Executive Mtg . 6:30 pm Commission Mtg. 7:00 pm Board Mtg. 7:30 pm	19 Bell Choir 6:30 pm	20	21	22
23 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	24 Bible Study 7:00 pm	25	26 Bell Choir 6:30 pm	27 Sharing Cupboard 10 am – 1 pm Spiritual Nurture Mtg. 7:00 pm	28 Sharing Cupboard 3 pm – 6 pm	29
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adidas \$25.00	13%		\$
Advance Auto Parts \$100.00	7%		\$
Advance Auto Parts \$25.00	7%		\$
Aeropostale \$25.00	10%		\$
Amazon.com \$100.00	2.25%		\$
Amazon.com \$25.00	2.25%		\$
AMC Theatres \$25.00	8%		\$
AMC Theatres Single Ticket \$10.00	10%		\$
AMC Theatres Single Ticket \$12.00	10%		\$
American Eagle® \$25.00	10%		\$
American Girl \$100.00	9%		\$
American Girl \$25.00	9%		\$
Applebee's \$25.00	8%		\$
Applebee's \$50.00	8%		\$
Arby's \$10.00	8%		\$
AutoZone \$25.00	8%		\$
Banana Republic \$25.00	14%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$10.00	8%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25.00	8%		\$
Bass Pro Shops \$100.00	10%		\$
Bass Pro Shops \$25.00	10%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$10.00	12%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	12%		\$
Best Buy \$100.00	4%		\$
Best Buy \$25.00	4%		\$
Bob Evans Restaurants® \$10.00	10%		\$
Boscov's \$25.00	8%		\$
Boston Market \$10.00	12%		\$
Buca di Beppo \$25.00	8%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings® \$10.00	8%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings® \$25.00	8%		\$
Build-A-Bear Workshop® \$25.00	8%		\$

Product	%	QTY	Total
Burger King \$10.00	4%		\$
Cabela's \$100.00	10%		\$
Cabela's \$25.00	10%		\$
Carrabba's Italian Grill \$25.00	10%		\$
Carter's \$25.00	10%		\$
Cheesecake Factory \$25.00	5%		\$
Children's Place \$25.00	12%		\$
Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00	11%		\$
Chipotle Mexican Grill \$10.00	10%		\$
Chuck E. Cheese's \$10.00	8%		\$
Claire's \$10.00	9%		\$
Cold Stone Creamery \$10.00	11%		\$
Cracker Barrel \$10.00	8%		\$
Cracker Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$
CVS Pharmacy \$25.00	6%		\$
Dairy Queen \$10.00	3%		\$
Darden Restaurants \$25.00	8%		\$
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$
Disney \$100.00	3%		\$
Disney \$25.00	3%		\$
Domino's \$10.00	8%		\$
Dunham's Sports \$25.00	8%		\$
Dunkin' Donuts \$10.00	3%		\$
Dunkin' Donuts \$25.00	3%		\$
Eat'n Park \$10.00	9%		\$
Eat'n Park \$25.00	9%		\$
Express \$25.00	10%		\$
Famous Footwear \$25.00	8%		\$
Foot Locker \$25.00	8%		\$
GameStop \$25.00	3%		\$
Gap \$25.00	14%		\$
Giant Food Stores \$100.00	4%		\$

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Giant Food Stores \$25.00	4%		\$
Giant Food Stores \$50.00	4%		\$
Groupon.com \$25.00	7%		\$
Hardee's \$10.00	5%		\$
Home Depot® \$25.00	4%		\$
Icing \$10.00	9%		\$
IHOP \$25.00	8%		\$
J. Crew \$25.00	13%		\$
JCPenney \$100.00	5%		\$
JCPenney \$25.00	5%		\$
Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores \$25.00	6%		\$
Kmart \$25.00	4%		\$
Kmart \$50.00	4%		\$
Kohl's \$100.00	4%		\$
Kohl's \$25.00	4%		\$
Krispy Kreme® Doughnut Corporation \$10.00	8%		\$
L.L.Bean \$100.00	16%		\$
L.L.Bean \$25.00	16%		\$
Lands' End \$100.00	15%		\$
Lands' End \$25.00	15%		\$
Long John Silver's \$10.00	8%		\$
Lowe's \$100.00	4%		\$
Lowe's \$25.00	4%		\$
Marshalls \$25.00	7%		\$
Men's Wearhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
Michaels \$25.00	4%		\$
Nike \$25.00	12%		\$
Old Navy \$25.00	14%		\$
Olive Garden \$25.00	8%		\$
OshKosh \$25.00	10%		\$
Outback Steakhouse \$25.00	10%		\$
Panera Bread \$10.00	8%		\$
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PetSmart \$25.00	5%		\$	Target \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Pizza Hut \$10.00	8%		\$	Target \$50.00	2.5%		\$
Pottery Barn \$25.00	8%		\$	Texas Roadhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
Qdoba Mexican Grill \$25.00	7%		\$	TGI Fridays \$25.00	9%		\$
Rainforest Cafe \$25.00	9%		\$	The Home Depot@ \$100.00	4%		\$
Red Lobster \$25.00	8%		\$	The Home Depot@ \$25.00	4%		\$
Red Robin \$25.00	8%		\$	Under Armour \$25.00	11%		\$
Regal \$25.00	8%		\$	Walgreens \$25.00	5%		\$
Regal Premiere e-Ticket \$10.50	10%		\$	Walmart \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Rite Aid \$25.00	4%		\$	Walmart \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Sam's Club \$100.00	2.5%		\$	Walmart \$50.00	2.5%		\$
Sam's Club \$25.00	2.5%		\$	Wawa \$25.00	1%		\$
Sears \$100.00	4%		\$	Wendy's \$10.00	6.5%		\$
Sears \$25.00	4%		\$				
Sears Auto Service Center \$100.00	4%		\$				
Sears Auto Service Center \$25.00	4%		\$				
Sheetz \$100.00	3%		\$				
Sheetz \$25.00	3%		\$				
Shutterfly \$25.00	9%		\$				
Speedway \$25.00	4%		\$				
Staples \$100.00	5%		\$				
Staples \$25.00	5%		\$				
Starbucks \$10.00	4.5%		\$				
Starbucks \$25.00	4.5%		\$				
Stop & Shop (NOT TOPS) \$100.00	4%		\$				
Stop & Shop (NOT TOPS) \$50.00	4%		\$				
Subway Restaurants \$10.00	6%		\$				
Supercuts \$25.00	8%		\$				
T.J. Maxx \$25.00	7%		\$				
Taco Bell \$10.00	5%		\$				
Talbots \$25.00	13%		\$				
Tanger Outlets \$25.00	8%		\$				

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Commissions and Church Board Meeting

Date: April 20, 2021

Meeting was called to order: @ 7:30 pm

by Chairperson: David Dubble

Present were: Secretary-Mark Landis, Jr.

Prayer by: Bob Noll

Present were: Pastor Dennis

Secretary's Report of March 16, 2021

Approved as presented by Aye Vote

Treasurer's Report of March 31, 2021

Approved as presented by Aye Vote

Commission Reports & Members Present

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

In attendance were Grace Ziegler, Dave Dubble and Linda Zimmerman.

Grace opened the meeting with prayer.

We discussed our Renewal Services to be held in October and we have a list of possible speakers.

Worship leaders are in place for the remainder of April and May with the exception of May 9th and May 23rd.

We discussed possible speakers for the Children's day service on June 6th.

We are thinking of planning a summer community activity.

We also discussed having a night of music like we had before and we are looking toward the fall.

Missions & Fellowship Commission: Chairperson – Susie Dundore
Kim Horn, Tammy Landis, Janet Dubble, Sharon Seldomridge

In attendance: Susie Dundore, Janet Dubble, Tammy Landis, Kim Horn, Sharon Seldomridge

Prayer by Susie.

1. Blessings of Hope in Leola, 2 ½-3 hour shifts. Duties to choose from: bag & pack food, stock shelves, clean-up or maintenance. Boxes – Hands of Hope, 40 lb. of food. Must schedule group. Fill out application, upon arrival sign-in & get a badge. As a thank you, you can purchase food 25 cents a pound. May 28-29 Blessings of Hope I Care fundraiser, speaker, meal, silent auction, 5K/10K unsure when we want to schedule a time.
2. TFC Global is having a victory weekend – June 26 8am-6pm at Lebanon Expo Center – truck show, children's activities, chicken BBQ, must buy tickets ahead. Information will be put in bulletin.
3. Good Neighbor Awards, Janet will contact person at ELCO Middle School.
4. Ladies Auxiliary meeting at Londonderry Village will be held on May 1. Janet will be attending.

Christian Education Commission: - Chairperson – Christine Blackwell
Cindy Sattazahn, Walter Sattazahn, Pastor Dennis, Brenda Lentz

In attendance: Christine Blackwell, Brenda Lentz, Walter Sattazahn, Cindy Sattazahn and Pastor Dennis.

Pastor Dennis lead us in prayer.

We talked about looking for teachers for 2nd adult class and for a class for young teens.

We talked about the steps for a part-time children's & youth director.

June 6th is Children's Day, Ralph Bechtel is the guest speaker, the children picked 5 songs. There will be no children's church.

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

1. H & M Glass is going to install the 3 new windows in kitchen on Friday 4-23-2021.
2. We replaced a light in the school's office.
3. We are going to spray weeds, dandelions in yard around church.
4. We discussed to check the sealing of ramp roof so we can fix-up the ceiling.
5. The school asked if there is a possibility of extending their contract.
6. We discussed and approved the policy revisions.

Approval was given to update the Fellowship Hall Policies as proposed; by a motion, 2nd, and aye vote.

Finance and Stewardship Commission: – Chairperson - Bob Noll
Tim Fetzner, Jay Lentz

Pastor's Report

March 16, 2021 – April 20, 2021

This past month has been a busy and enjoyable month for me as your interim pastor, and I hope for you as well. Palm Sunday worship, the Easter Sunrise service and Easter morning worship were a blessing. We experienced on Palm Sunday and Easter our highest attendance since we have been back to live worship. I've enjoyed the good group of children for our Children's message each Sunday morning. Thank you to those who have stepped up to teach the adult Sunday School, Children's Sunday School and Children's Church. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

I shared in last week's Midweek Message that I will be discontinuing those messages so I can devote time to doing some visitation with the shut-in members of the congregation. Many of you have shared your appreciation for those messages. Thank you!

Looking ahead, several of us have been discussing some outside the box ways of moving forward as a congregation. There will be some discussion on this at the board meeting on April 20. I sense a spirit of hope and new life developing in the congregation. It is good to be at the point where we can look toward the future that God has in store for Myerstown Church of the Brethren.

Dennis

Pastoral Record for the past month (March 16 – April 20, 2021):

- 5 sermons and planning for 5 worship services
- 5 midweek messages
- 5 Bible study sessions (in person and online)
- Phone calls to members or families of members
- Numerous emails and texts
- Sermons tentatively planned through August
- Executive, Ministry & Evangelism Commission, Board meetings
- Deacon meeting
- Newsletter article

Upcoming Sermons:

- April 25: A Good but Not So Simple Shepherd; John 10:1-21
- May 2: Getting Real; John 15:1-8
- May 9 (Mother's Day): How to Keep Mom Happy; Proverbs 23:15-16, 22-25; John 2:1-10
- May 16: Friending; John 15:9-17
- May 23 (Pentecost): Power for Living in a Hostile World; John 15:26-16:15; Acts 2:1-21

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

- Discussed the organ and the condition of our current organ.
- Discussed if we are soon ready to amend and change our current COVID policy.

Interests & Concerns

None

Adjournment

At 8:15 PM with prayer by Pastor Dennis.