



Myerstown Church of the Brethren

Scriptural Message

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.”
Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NRSV)

“As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.”
Genesis 8:22 (NRSV)

“For I the Lord do not change...”
Hebrews 13:8 (NRSV): “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”
Malachi 3:6a (NRSV)

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September 2021

Ministry through
Faith, Vision, and Action

I don't know how this summer has been for you, but for Cathy and I it has gone by in a flash. Between the arrival of twin grand-daughters in July and the visit to our oldest son's family in the Netherlands for two weeks in August we've been quite busy and it is hard to believe summer is just about over. With turning the calendar to September, school starting, football season getting underway, and seeing a few trees already showing some color, the signs are all there. Summer is just about over.

I have always called south central Pennsylvania home and so the changing of seasons is something I have come to accept and to enjoy. I can't imagine not experiencing the colors of fall, gently falling snow in winter, the anticipation of the first flowers of spring, and the outdoor activities of summer. The change of seasons for me is a reminder of God's continual care and involvement in creation. The change of seasons reminds me of God's promise to Noah following the flood, “As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.”

In Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NRSV) Solomon says, “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” In the introduction to the book of Ecclesiastes in the NIV Study Bible the editor writes, “In this profound book, Solomon takes us on a mental journey through his life, explaining how everything he tried, tested, or tasted was ‘meaningless.... After this biographical tour, Solomon made his triumphant conclusion: ‘Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.’ ...Near the end of his life, Solomon looked back with an attitude of humility and repentance.”

Solomon, like every one of us, went through some seasons in his life, some he wished he had lived differently, some he wasn't proud of, but seasons that in the end pointed him to the most important lesson he learned through it all – “Fear God and keep his commandments....”

Here at Myerstown Church of the Brethren you have gone through some seasons in your life together, some you may wish you had lived differently and some of which you might not be proud. You've gone through a season of testing and of discerning of who you are together in this local body – a part of Christ's body. And now you are about to enter a new season, a season again of searching for new pastoral leadership. Understandably, you enter into this season with some ambivalence.

Like Solomon did, you will probably reflect on the past and some of the lessons you learned. It is my prayer that you, like Solomon, will enter this new season trusting that God is with you as God has been with you in all those seasons past even when it may not have seemed like it. God was and is with you.

Just as we experience changes in the world around us as the seasons move from one to the next – the corn fields turning from green to brown, the temperatures getting cooler or warmer – so also as you enter into a new season of your life together as a congregation there will be some changes. In the midst of this season of change remember, “For I the Lord do not change...” (Malachi 3:6a NRSV) and “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” (Hebrews 13:8 NRSV)

There is a season and a time for every matter under heaven. The time is here for a search for new pastoral leadership here at Myerstown Church of the Brethren. As you enter this new season in your life together, trust that the God who does not change, that the Lord who is the same yesterday, today and forever, is with you.

Dennis

Attendance & Offering

Attendance average for June 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021

Sunday School – 22
Worship Service – 79

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 Gibble, 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.

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

Love Feast

Sunday, Oct. 3rd at 6:30 p.m. is Love Feast and Communion. (subject to change)

Bell Choir & Senior Choir will start Wednesday September 1st. Bell Choir starts at 6:15 pm & Senior Choir starts at 7:30 pm. Also **Praise Team** will start up on Monday September 13th.

September Wedding Anniversaries

4th Jason & Carey Krall
9th Jay & Brenda Lentz
17th LaMar & Joanne Fahnestock
Dale & JoAnn Houtz
19th Bob & Kathryn Gibble
21st George & Dottie Nagle

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!!!

Attention all Pumpkin Rollers! Beginning September 20th and continuing thru October (5 weeks total), we will be making the awesome pumpkin rolls! We are looking for all willing helpers for this giant project. Baking time starts at 8:00 a.m. and finishes up around 11:30Filling begins at 5:30 p.m. and usually finishes around 7:30. Please come out and help us with this project. Order forms are in your mailboxes. Thank you so much for all the help provided. If you are willing to help, please contact Dottie Nagle or Janet Dubble.

Attention

It's that time of year when you are probably cleaning out good but unused or unwanted items. The annual bazaar is November 20th, but we are already accepting donations for the "white elephant" tables. The items can be stored in the Sharing Cupboard area.

Camp Swatara. Date of the auction is Saturday, September 4, 2021 in the East Lodge at Camp Swatara. Children's auction starts at 9:30 am with the main auction immediately following.

Children and Youth Coordinator position -

On June 7, 2021, the church council approved the part-time position of Children and Youth Coordinator. This paid position would work from 10 to 15 hours a week on developing and expanding the programs for the children and the youth of the church. If you are interested in more information or wish to apply for the position please see anyone on the Ministry and Evangelism Commission (Grace Ziegler, Linda Zimmerman, David Dubble, or Pastor Dennis).

COBYS Bike & Hike

Sunday, September 12th, at Lititz Church of the Brethren. Learn more at: www.cobys.org/bike-and-hike.

Disaster Relief Auction

Mark your calendar now for the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction to be held September 24th & 25th. There are many activities during this 2-day period. Come and eat or just come for the fellowship!

Camp Swatara News

Family Mountainside Camping – October 1-2, 2021. Are you an adventure seeking family? Why not try Camp Swatara for a weekend get-a-way? Join us Friday evening for a hike to Mountainside, enjoy a campfire, games, and sleep on an open platform (with a roof, no sides). On Saturday we'll cook breakfast & lunch over a fire, learning outdoor skills, enjoy some more adventure games before heading out Saturday evening. Visit Camp Swatara website for more details, all mal supplies provided!

Or how about a **Fall Camp Weekend**, October 1-2, 2021? An exciting time is planned for those young people in Grades 1-3 and grades 4-6. So why not plan to join the staff at Camp Swatara for a fun filled 24 hours at camp?

There will be games, hikes, crafts, nature fun and worship in the great outdoors.

You'll sleep in the West Area cabins and enjoy 3 meals in the camp dining hall.

Check in starts at 7pm, Friday, October 1st.

Visit the Camp Swatara website for more details

(www.campswatara.org/events/2021/7/23/fall-camp) or call (717-933-7064)

Londonderry Village Fall Harvest and

Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, October 23, 2021, from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

A breakfast will be served from 7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Tickets are required for the breakfast. Cost is \$8.00. If you would like to purchase tickets, see Janet Dubble.

Londonderry Village Needs Your Help with the Bazaar. They are in need of:

- Crafts of all kinds
- Produce, canned goods, and jellies
- Plants (no ferns)
- Homemade cookies of all kinds
- Candy and snack mix
- Baked goods of all kinds, especially pies

Members of the Bazaar Committee will be in the DiMatteo Worship Center on Friday, October 22, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. to accept your donations. Please price your own items if you can. If you are planning to donate any of the items listed above, please sign up on the sheet in The Gathering Place, so that we can let the Committee know. Thank you in advance for your help.

Sunday Evening Musical Entertainment is

back at Londonderry Village. These events are scheduled, but will be dependent on the status the the COVID situation at Londonderry Village.

- October 17, 2021 - The Soft Sounds of Carol Kline and husband George (Oldies)
- November 21, 2021 - The Evans Sisters - A Variety of Gospel Music

All events will be held in the DiMatteo Worship Center and will begin at 7:00 p.m. A free will offering will be taken to support the Good Samaritan Fund. Please wear a mask.

Commissions and Church Board Meeting

Date: August 17, 2021

Meeting was called to order: @ 7:36 pm

by Chairperson: Dave Dubble

Present were: Secretary-Mark Landis, Jr.

Prayer by: Kim Horn

Present were: Pete Kontra, District Executive

Secretary's Report of July 20, 2021

Approved as presented by Aye Vote

Treasurer's Report of July 31, 2021

Approved as presented by Aye Vote

Commission Reports & Members Present

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

In attendance were Grace Ziegler, David Dubble and Linda Zimmerman. Linda opened the meeting with prayer.

Worship leaders are scheduled for the remainder of August and September except a volunteer is needed for September 19th. Rev. Ron Brubaker will be our guest speaker this coming Sunday.

Renewal Services are scheduled for October 3rd-5th with David Stauffer as speaker.

Plans for the Men's Fellowship Breakfast on October 7th at 7:30. We have contacted Rich Garipoli to speak. Grace will talk to JoAnn about making out invitations and plans to invite all area churches.

We discussed plans for the Gospel Concert on November 14th at 3pm and talked about who to invite to share their gifts of music with us.

We talked about Rally Day which we usually have in September.

Pastor Dennis will need someone to fill his place on September 26th and we discussed who we should contact.

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

Present: Susie Dundore, Janet Dubble, Sharon Seldomridge, & Kim Horn.

1. Unsure if there's going to be Rally Day in September. If so, possibly have a meal after church in the Fellowship Hall.
2. Reviewed appointments. Will have final appointments next month.
3. Budget – reviewed, keep the same as last year.

4. Operation Christmas Child, will order boxes on-line again this year. Will ask Women's Fellowship if they would match the number of boxes. Would like to talk to the school to see if they would like to participate. Looking into community sponsorship.
5. Report for Camp for kids – 6th Street Lebanon Rescue Mission – cookie ingredients
 - a. 4 bags chocolate chips
 - b. 7 bags white sugar
 - c. 3 bags brown sugar
 - d. 3 boxes baking soda
 - e. 1 bottle vegetable oil

Susie & Grace took ingredients to playground last week & helped the kids bake cookies – had a great time.
6. Londonderry Village – Fall Harvest & Christmas Bazaar on October 23rd. Janet has 6 tickets for breakfast that day, \$8 each. They're asking for donations; list is located in Gathering Place & bulletin. Sunday evening music program scheduled – one in October, one in November. Excerpts will be placed in bulletin
7. Thank you note from On Fire for helping at the stand at the fair.
8. Pumpkin rolls – start baking September 20th. Order forms will soon be in mailboxes.

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

In attendance: Christine Blackwell, Cindy & Walter Sattazahn & Brenda Lentz

Christine ordered the Bibles. We are handing out Bible's on August 29th to: Carter, Payton, Clark, William, & Isaiah. On the same day Pastor Dennis will Bless the back packs.

We are coordinating Sunday School Teachers; Christine is working on Children's Church scheduling for September to December.

We talked about how to get people interested in Right Now Media.

We discussed & worked on our budget.

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

1. Finished painting southside doors and the railings.
2. Got estimate to replace 3 windows in the gym, the last windows that need replaced \$7,600.00.
3. The sound room air conditioners above room drain pans were replaced and replaced the 5 bad tiles in ceiling.
4. The rooms downstairs are coming together nicely, and looking very good from previous situation.
5. Fire extinguishers were inspected and tagged, 2 were replaced.
6. Monday 16th commode near pastors' office was running, arm to flush was broken off, replaced with new one.
7. Bachman Roofing finished repairs on the ramp roof.

8. Technology update: Items are ordered; hard to get; but working to get everything here as best we are able to.

Approval to replace the 3 gym windows for \$7,600.00 – was given by motion, 2nd, and aye vote.

Finance and Stewardship Commission: – Chairperson - Bob Noll
Glenn Hassinger, Tim Fetzer, & Jay Lentz

The Technology upgrade funds received thru 8/8/2021 is \$22,096.00

Budget work sheets were handed out and budget needs approved at October board meeting.

We would like to thank everyone for their financial giving.

Pastor’s Report

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

ELCO is starting a food pantry. Our Sharing Cupboard reached out to them to offer any assistance they may need.

Pete Kontra, District Executive came to offer his help in anyway, to assist in our next pastoral search process.

Interests & Concerns

None

Adjournment

With prayer by Dave Dubble at 8:38 pm.

SEPTEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	2 Woman's Fellowship Mtg 7pm	3	4
5 Sunday Schoo 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00am	6 LABOR DAY	7 Music Committee Mtg. 7:00 pm	8 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	9 Sharing Cupboard 10am-1pm	10 Sharing Cupboard 3pm-6pm	11
12 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Cobys Bike & Hike	13 Praise Team 7:00pm	14	15 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	16	17	18
19 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	20 Praise Team 7:00 pm	21 Executive Mtg. 6:30 pm Commission Mtg. 7:00 pm Board Mtg. 7:30 pm	22 Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	23 Sharing Cupboard 10am-1pm Spiritual Nurture Mtg 7:00 pm	24 Sharing Cupboard 3pm-6pm Diaster Relief Auction	25 Diaster Relief Auction
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Dean Wagner
5	6 Janet Dubble Nancy Liskey LABOR DAY	7	8	9 Walter Sattazahn, Jr.	10 William Wenrich Isabella Reppert	11
12	13	14 Ella Heisey	15	16 David Sheetz	17	18
19	20 Jane Spangler	21	22	23 Aggy DiScuillo Amelia Gross Aaron Krall Evan Krall	24	25 Rachel McClure
26	27 Edna Yoh	28	29 Chelsea Reppert	30 Susan Dundore		

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The following is a list of gift cards that can be purchased as a fundraising project for the building fund. All orders must be placed by the first Sunday of each month. Thank you for your purchase.

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Check #	Order Date

Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total
adidas \$25.00	13%		\$	Burger King \$10.00	4%		\$	Giant Food Stores \$25.00	4%		\$
Advance Auto Parts \$100.00	7%		\$	Cabela's \$100.00	10%		\$	Giant Food Stores \$50.00	4%		\$
Advance Auto Parts \$25.00	7%		\$	Cabela's \$25.00	10%		\$	Groupon.com \$25.00	7%		\$
Aeropostale \$25.00	10%		\$	Carrabba's Italian Grill \$25.00	10%		\$	Hardee's \$10.00	5%		\$
Amazon.com \$100.00	2%		\$	Carter's \$25.00	10%		\$	Home Depot® \$25.00	4%		\$
Amazon.com \$25.00	2%		\$	Cheesecake Factory \$25.00	5%		\$	Icing \$10.00	9%		\$
AMC Theatres \$25.00	8%		\$	Children's Place \$25.00	12%		\$	IHOP \$25.00	8%		\$
AMC Theatres Single Ticket \$10.00	10%		\$	Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00	11%		\$	J. Crew \$25.00	13%		\$
AMC Theatres Single Ticket \$12.00	10%		\$	Chipotle Mexican Grill \$10.00	10%		\$	JCPenney \$100.00	5%		\$
American Eagle® \$25.00	10%		\$	Chuck E. Cheese's \$10.00	8%		\$	JCPenney \$25.00	5%		\$
American Girl \$100.00	9%		\$	Claire's \$10.00	9%		\$	Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores \$25.00	6%		\$
American Girl \$25.00	9%		\$	Cold Stone Creamery \$10.00	11%		\$	Kmart \$25.00	4%		\$
Applebee's \$25.00	8%		\$	Cracker Barrel \$10.00	8%		\$	Kmart \$50.00	4%		\$
Applebee's \$50.00	8%		\$	Cracker Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$	Kohl's \$100.00	4%		\$
Arby's \$10.00	8%		\$	CVS Pharmacy \$25.00	6%		\$	Kohl's \$25.00	4%		\$
AutoZone \$25.00	8%		\$	Dairy Queen \$10.00	3%		\$	L.L.Bean \$100.00	16%		\$
Banana Republic \$25.00	14%		\$	Darden Restaurants \$25.00	8%		\$	L.L.Bean \$25.00	16%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$10.00	8%		\$	Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$	Lands' End \$100.00	15%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25.00	8%		\$	Disney \$100.00	3%		\$	Lands' End \$25.00	15%		\$
Bass Pro Shops \$100.00	10%		\$	Disney \$25.00	3%		\$	Long John Silver's \$10.00	8%		\$
Bass Pro Shops \$25.00	10%		\$	Domino's \$10.00	8%		\$	Lowe's \$100.00	4%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$10.00	12%		\$	Dunham's Sports \$25.00	8%		\$	Lowe's \$25.00	4%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	12%		\$	Dunkin' Donuts \$10.00	3%		\$	Marshalls \$25.00	7%		\$
Best Buy \$100.00	4%		\$	Dunkin' Donuts \$25.00	3%		\$	Men's Wearhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
Best Buy \$25.00	4%		\$	Eat'n Park \$10.00	9%		\$	Michaels \$25.00	4%		\$
Bob Evans Restaurants® \$10.00	10%		\$	Eat'n Park \$25.00	9%		\$	Nike \$25.00	12%		\$
Boscov's \$25.00	8%		\$	Express \$25.00	10%		\$	Old Navy \$25.00	14%		\$
Boston Market \$10.00	12%		\$	Famous Footwear \$25.00	8%		\$	Olive Garden \$25.00	8%		\$
Buca di Beppo \$25.00	8%		\$	Foot Locker \$25.00	8%		\$	OshKosh \$25.00	10%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings® \$10.00	8%		\$	GameStop \$25.00	3%		\$	Outback Steakhouse \$25.00	10%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings® \$25.00	8%		\$	Gap \$25.00	14%		\$	Panera Bread \$10.00	8%		\$
Build-A-Bear Workshop® \$25.00	8%		\$	Giant Food Stores \$100.00	4%		\$	Panera Bread \$25.00	8%		\$
								Papa John's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$
								PetSmart \$25.00	5%		\$

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Red Robin \$25.00	8%		\$
Regal \$25.00	8%		\$
Regal Premiere e-Ticket \$10.50	10%		\$
Rite Aid \$25.00	4%		\$
Sam's Club \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Sam's Club \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Sears \$100.00	4%		\$
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	4.5%		\$
Supercuts \$25.00	8%		\$
T.J. Maxx \$25.00	7%		\$
Taco Bell \$10.00	5%		\$
Talbots \$25.00	13%		\$
Tanger Outlets \$25.00	8%		\$
Target \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Target \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Target \$50.00	2.5%		\$
TGI Fridays \$25.00	9%		\$

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The Home Depot® \$100.00	4%		\$
The Home Depot® \$25.00	4%		\$
Under Armour \$25.00	11%		\$
Walmart \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Walmart \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Walmart \$50.00	2.5%		\$
Wawa \$25.00	1%		\$
Wendy's \$10.00	6.5%		\$

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