



Myerstown Church of the Brethren

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October 2021

Ministry through
Faith, Vision, and Action

Scriptural Message

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:16-20 (NRSV)

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:13-16 (NRSV)

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On Sunday, September 26 and continuing through the Sunday before Thanksgiving my sermons will focus on the theme of "Calling." Sermon themes and Scriptures are as follows:

September 26: *Called to Flourish* (Matthew 22:34-40 & Ephesians 3:8-21)

October 3: (Pew Communion – Spiritual Enrichment – David Stauffer preaching)

October 10: *A Lost Church for a Lost World* (Ezekiel 33:1-9 & Matthew 5:13-16)

October 17: *The Primary Call* (Mark 1:16-20, 10:17-21; Colossians 2:6-7 & 1 Peter 2:21)

October 24: *Relocating: Where We Are Called* (Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Titus 3:1-8 & 1 Peter 2:11-12)

November 7: *Reorienting; How are we called?* (Romans 12:1-2 & Luke 5:1-11)

November 14: *The Way of Wisdom* (James 3:13-18 & Proverbs 1:20-21, 2:2-3)

November 21: (Thanksgiving Sunday) *First Things* (Deuteronomy 26:1-11 & Colossians 3:12-17)

Our annual Spiritual Enrichment services will be held October 3, 4, and 5. Dave Stauffer is our guest speaker. Dave and his wife, Beth, live at Brethren Village and are members at East Fairview Church of the Brethren. Dave is a retired pastor who serves as our congregation's moderator. Dave will continue this theme of "calling" using the Great Commission from Matthew 28:16-20 as a text in each service. There will be music and a children's message at each service. Here are the themes for the services.

- Sunday, October 3, 10:00 AM: "The Faith We Examine." In preparation for communion, we will consider what it means to believe in Jesus, follow Jesus, and serve Jesus while dealing with our doubts and sins. A key verse will be: Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup (1 Corinthians 11:28).

- Sunday, October 3, 7:00 PM: “The Faith We Embody.” We will consider how to make the faith we confess with our lips be the faith we demonstrate with our behavior. A key verse will be: For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you (John 13:15).
- Monday, October 4, 7:00 PM: “The Faith We Extend.” We will consider how to make disciples who will know and accept Jesus as Savior and Lord. A key verse will be: Proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching (2 Timothy 4:2).
- Tuesday, October 5, 7:00 PM: “The Abiding Presence of Christ.” We will consider the difference it makes to believe that God is with us. A key verse will be: And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age (Matthew 28:20b).

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday mornings and hope you will plan on attending the three evening Spiritual Enrichment services.

Dennis

Attendance & Offering

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

Sunday School – 19
Worship Service – 76

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, 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

There will be NO Love Feast this year but we will have pew communion instead on October 3rd and Spiritual Enrichment Services start October 3rd – 6th at 7:00 pm.

October Wedding Anniversaries

15th Raymond & Dorothy Brown
18th Bruce & Cindy Behney
20th Earl & Cindy Liskey
24th Andrew & Jaime Heisey

ATTENTION

Our annual bazaar is Saturday, November 20th, the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Mark your calendar now to keep the date open! Tables will be available to rent for \$10 for your crafts, etc. If you have items for the "White Elephant" tables, they can be stored in the Sharing Cupboard area until the bazaar. Baked goods, candy, etc. will be accepted on Friday, November 19th. Soup Needed – If anyone is willing to make a batch of soup for the bazaar, please see Toni Noll.

Council meeting on November 1 at 7:00pm.

Commissions and Church Board Meeting

Date: September 21, 2021

Meeting was called to order: @ 7:45 pm

by Chairperson: Dave Dubble

Present were: Secretary-Mark Landis, Jr.

Prayer by: Sharon Seldomridge

Present were: Pastor Dennis

Secretary's Report of August 17, 2021

Approved as presented by Aye Vote

Treasurer's Report of August 31, 2021

Approved as presented by Aye Vote

Commission Reports & Members Present

Ministry & Evangelism Commission: Chairperson – Grace Ziegler
Dave Dubble, & Pastor Dennis

Reviewed budget for Ministry & Evangelism
Discussed ideas to encourage small group gatherings in the church.

Worship Leaders –

September 26 – Mark Landis

October 3 – Pastor Dennis Garrison

October 10 – Kim Horn

October 17 – Kim Wenger

October 24 – Katrina Wagner

October 31 – Susie Dundore

Men's Fellowship breakfast cancelled.

Gospels Concert – November 14th at 3 pm. Worked on building the program.

Rally Day Sunday August 28, 2022.

Renewal service – David Stauffer – October 3, 4, 5.

Do we acknowledge our offering on Sunday? Should include a thanks for giving in a prayer.

Offering for Rescue Mission \$50.

Dennis is away – January 2, 2022 – need someone to fill the pulpit that Sunday.

We are working on person's who will serve on the search committee.

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

Prayer by Susie

1. Operation Christmas Child week of collection: November 15-22. We will present in church on October 10 and put information in bulletin, will collect until November 14. We're going to talk to Zach from the Reach Christian School to ask if they would be interested in participating. Will ask Women's Fellowship if they want to match the number of boxes.
2. All appointments are filled.
3. Harvest Home – will collect food – Thanksgiving themed. We will collect on the following Sundays – October 24, 31, & November 7.

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

In attendance: Christine Blackwell, Cindy & Walter Sattazahn

Brenda Lentz wrote up something to put in the bulletin and Newsletter, about starting a 2nd Sunday school class for adults and to find out if there is interest and to see if anyone is willing to lead the class.

We are making changes in our budget.

Children's church is going well. For December; we will soon discuss the children's program.

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

1. The school put 4 automatic paper dispensers in: gym, downstairs & rest rooms.
2. I caulked around air, heat units; at the brick in front of church.
3. A new heat & air unit was ordered in August, it's back ordered. They keep changing date 3 times. Last date was 10-15-2021.
4. I replaced the flushing handle in rear ladies rest room.
5. I replaced light tubes in secretary's office & tubes in men & ladies rooms.
6. Roof repairs are on hold, for the walker refrigerator/freezer.
7. We had a leak in kitchen window. It was fixed by H&M.

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

We will be compiling numbers for the budget to be presented to board in October for approval to be presented to church council.

We would like to thank everyone for their faithful giving. Thru August we are ahead of year to date budget amount.

Pastor's Report

Where has summer gone? Between summer church activities and some major family events, the summer has gone by quickly. Our identical twin granddaughters arrived on July 15 and we are enjoying every moment we can with them. Pete and Katie, our son and daughter-in-law, don't get much sleep, but we help when and how we can.

In mid-August Cathy and I along with our daughter, Erin, enjoyed almost two weeks in the Netherlands with our son Andy, daughter-in-law Tara and our grandchildren. It had been two years since we had seen them in person. The Netherlands is a beautiful country so if you ever have the opportunity, take it.

Life goes on and so does the work of the church. Your support for the work of this congregation is appreciated. The Church Board has made the decision to move ahead with a pastoral search. I'm sure you will hear more at the November Council meeting. The witness of the congregation through support of ministries like the Sharing Cupboard, rental of facilities to the Reach School, support for other ministries like On Fire at the Lebanon Fair and more all extend the impact of the congregation beyond just the membership and the church building.

Looking ahead, you are encouraged to support the Spiritual Enrichment services on October 3, 4 & 5. Dave Stauffer, our moderator, is the speaker. More details will be in the October newsletter.

Having the Bell Choir, Senior Choir and Praise Team functioning again is making things seem a little more "normal." Although I have a feeling in the long run, we, as are all churches, are headed for some sort of new normal as we continue to deal with and hopefully come out of the COVID pandemic. Here is a link to an article I read this morning which speaks of this reality and challenge for the church.

<https://baptistnews.com/article/theyre-not-coming-back/#.YUoXJeySnIU>

Blessings!

Dennis

Pastoral Record for the past two months:

- 7 Sermons prepared and planning 9 worship services
- Visits/phone calls to shut-ins and those with health needs
- Pre-baptism class with Cameron Fuhrman (Baptism was on Sept. 19)
- Pre-marriage sessions with Emily Varela & Brandon Mays (wedding Oct. 9)
- Numerous emails and texts
- Sermons tentatively planned through December
- Executive, Ministry & Evangelism Commission, Board meetings
- Newsletter article
- Met with Dave Stauffer to plan Spiritual Enrichment series

Upcoming Sermons:

Called Series September 26 – Called to Flourish: Matthew 22:34-40, Ephesians 3:8-21

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Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Interests & Concerns

None

Adjournment

8:15 pm with prayer by Pastor Dennis.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 District Conference Worship Service 7:00 pm	2 District Conference
3 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Pew Communion Spiritual Enrichment Service 7:00 pm	4 Spiritual Enrichment Service 7:00 pm	5 Spiritual Enrichment Service 7:00 pm	6 Bell Choir 6:00pm Spiritual Enrichment Service 7:00 pm	7	8	9
10 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	11 Praise Team 6:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm	12	13 Bell Choir 6:30 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	14 Sharing Cupboard 10 – 1	15 Sharing Cupboard 3 – 6	16
17 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	18 Praise Team 6:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm	19 Executive Mtg. 6:30 pm Commission Mtg. 7:00 pm Board Mtg. 7:30 pm	20 Bell Choir 6:30 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	21	22	23
24 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	25 Praise Team 6:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm	26	27 Bell Choir 6:30 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	28 Sharing Cupboard 10 – 1 Spiritual Nurture Mtg, 7:00 pm	29 Sharing Cupboard 3 – 6	30
31 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am						

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Joanne Ealy
3 Ellie Dietrich	4	5 George Nagle	6 Toni Noll Bruce Weaver	7 Nancy Layser Kyle Wagner	8	9
10	11	12 Kim Horn	13 Brittany Ceresini Crystal Liskey	14	15 Erin Dietrich Matthew McClure	16 Robert Ebersole
17	18 Nova Dietrich	19	20 Ryan Lentz	21 Tammy Landis	22	23 Jason Behney
24	25 Katrina Wagner	26	27 Bob Noll Heather Wenrich	28 Kathy Krall Nancy Hartman	29 Dale Houtz	30
31 Eleanor Brubaker						

Family Order Form

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Myerstown Church of the Brethren/PA

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.

Name	Customer #
Check #	Order Date

Product	%	QTY	Total
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%		\$
Amazon.com \$25.00	2%		\$
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%		\$
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%		\$
Panera Bread \$25.00	8%		\$
Papa John's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$
PetSmart \$25.00	5%		\$

Make Checks Payable To: *Myerstown Church of the Brethren*

Total Due All Columns:

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Red Lobster \$25.00	8%		\$
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) \$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%		\$
The Home Depot® \$100.00	4%		\$

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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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