

Myerstown Church of the Brethren

January 2022

Ministry through
Faith, Vision, and Action



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Scriptural Message

Psalm 98:1 (NIV)

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

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Another year is dawning! Dear Father, let it be,
In working or in waiting, another year with Thee;
Another year of leaning upon Thy loving breast,
Another year of trusting, of quiet, happy rest.

Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness in the shining of Thy face;
Another year of progress, another year of praise,
Another year of proving Thy presence all the days.

Another year of service, of witness for Thy love;
Another year of training for holier work above.
Another year is dawning! Dear Father, let it be
On earth, or else in heaven, another year for Thee.

(Another Year is Dawning, The Brethren Hymnal, ©1951 House of the Church of the Brethren)

A memory from childhood is singing this hymn from the old red hymnal at the beginning of a new year. We must have sung it often, because the tune and many of the words are stuck in my memory!

As I come to the beginning of a new year, especially one that is beginning in the shadows of the COVID pandemic which seems to be unending, I – and maybe you too – need to be reminded that even though the calendar is changing, much about our lives does not. COVID is still with us. We still live in a deeply divided nation. We know there will be plenty of bad news in 2022. Just because the calendar changes, January 1 will be much like December 31. Knowing that, maybe we need to focus on the one most important thing that will not change in 2022: Christ has come and God is with us.

As we enter 2022, may it be another year of leaning on the everlasting arms and trusting that God is with us always. May it be another year of knowing God's mercies, of God's faithfulness and grace; another year of knowing and proving God's presence each and every day. May it be another of service and of witness.

God said through the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

I am going to challenge myself to be much more aware of the new things God will do in 2022; to be more aware of God's working each day. I pray that by this time next year I will be able to say 2022 has been a year of gladness in the shining of God's face. By doing so, 2022 will be a year of praise. How about you?

Dennis

Attendance & Offering

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

Sunday School – 18
Worship Service – 72

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

January Wedding Anniversaries

1st David & Janet Dubble
15th Elmer & Barbara Weidman

2022 Directory - Any changes in the Church Directory for 2022, notify JoAnn or a Mission & Fellowship commission member.

Candle Lighting/Memorial Service

We will be having our annual Candle Lighting Service on Sunday, January 9th, for loved ones that passed away during the year 2021. 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.



Offering envelopes are in your mailboxes. You do not need to be a church member to use envelopes. If you would like some please see Ralph or Mim Ackerman or JoAnn in the office.

On January 10th we will start our new Bible study. We will be using a study of Daniel from the Covenant Bible Study series written by Brethren pastor, Frank Ramirez. Anyone is welcome to attend.

JANUARY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 HAPPY NEW YEAR
2 Jean Bomberger	3 Allison Behney	4	5 Betti Ann Varela Barbara Zimmerman	6	7 Gail Reppert	8
9	10 Cindy Liskey	11 Wilbur Wagner	12 Miriam Ackerman	13 Mark Landis, Sr.	14	15 Kimberly Wenger
16 Austin Thomas	17	18 Brittany Darone Doreen DiSciullo	19 Dezirae Dohner	20	21 Diane Suhrbier	22
23 Scot Wagner	24 Kristy Laubach Faye Gray Gloria Keppley	25	26	27 Lamar Fahnestock	28 Mark Reppert	29 Barbara Heffner John Mauser
30 Patricia Gibble	31 Lori DiFulvio Margaret Wenger					

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2 Sunday School 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am	3 Praise Team 5:30 pm	4 Music Meeting. 7:00 pm	5 Ladies Aid 9:00 am Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	6 Sharing Cupboard 10-1 Women's Fellowship Meeting 7:00 pm	7 Sharing Cupboard 3-6	8
9 Sunday School 9:00am Worship Service 10:00 am Memorial Candle Lighting Service	10 Praise Team 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	11	12 Ladies Aid 9:00 am Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	13	14	15
16 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Pew Communion	17 Praise Team 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	18 Executive Mtg. 6:30pm Commission Mtg. 7:00pm Board Mtg. 7:30pm	19 Ladies Aid 9:00 am Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	20 Sharing Cupboard 10-1	21 Sharing Cupboard 3-6	22
23 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	24 Praise Team 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm	25	26 Ladies Aid 9:00 am Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	27 Spiritual Nurture Mtg. 7:00 pm	28	29
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Commissions and Church Board Meeting

Date: December 21, 2021

Meeting was called to order: @ 7:40 pm

by Chairperson: Dave Dubble

Present were: Secretary-Mark Landis, Jr.

Prayer by: Janet Dubble

Present were: Pastor Dennis Garrison

Secretary's Report of November 16, 2021

Approved as presented by Aye Vote

Treasurer's Report of November 30, 2021

Approved as presented by Aye Vote

Commission Reports & Members Present

Ministry & Evangelism Commission: Chairperson –
Dave Dubble, Linda Zimmerman, Pastor Dennis

Dave Dubble, Pastor Dennis and Linda Zimmerman were in attendance.

The list of the proposed search committee will need the approval of Church Board in order to have it presented at the special council meeting on January 9th after the church service. Search Committee – 2021 – 2022: David Dubble, Susie Dundore, Don Hickernell, Kim Horn, Jennifer Hostetter, Mark Landis Jr., Kevin Wenrich, and Kim Wenger.

Worship Leaders are in place for December 26th – Kim Horn, January 2nd – Susie Dundore, January 9th – Mark Landis Jr., January 16th – Tim Fetzer and January 30th – Kim Horn. We have an opening for January 23rd and are looking for a volunteer to fill that role.

When Pastor Dennis is on vacation, we have Ralph Miller to serve on January 2nd and Pastor Craig Luckenbill for February 20th.

We discussed and received a form for the annual job description review and tabled it to the beginning of the year. We thought it was a good idea with the thought of hiring a new pastor.

The Pastoral Search Committee team was approved by a motion, 2nd, and aye vote. This committee will now be voted on at a special council meeting January 9th after church.

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

Present: Susie Dundore, Tammy Landis, Janet Dubble, Sharon Seldomridge, and Kim Horn.

1. Special offering on Christmas Eve and Sunday, December 26th for disaster relief for tornado victims in Kentucky through Brethren Disaster Relief.

2. Discussion on sponsoring an Afghanistan family. There are different levels of involvement. Possibly create a committee to pursue options. We're going to reach out to several people to get a committee started to research sponsorship.
3. Working at updating the directory.
4. Discussed where the Operation Christmas Child boxes were going. The 1st group of boxes went to Madagascar. More are still in transport.

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

In attendance: Christine Blackwell, Cindy & Walter Sattazahn

The Children's Program went really well, we had a lot of good comments and feedback.

We discussed about the Easter egg hunt.

We discussed different options for Vacation Bible School. We need to find a coordinator for Vacation Bible School. We also need volunteers to help. We have ideas of people to ask to coordinate Bible School.

Trustee and Property Commission: – Chairperson – George Nagle
Ken Gross, Mark Landis Jr.

1. Nate Martin replaced the 2 dusks to dawn lights at rear of church that were not working.
2. We would like to fix up the ramp area, replace ceiling tiles, touch-up paint on walls. We could use some help.
3. The 3 windows west side of gym were replaced. One of the top glasses was cracked. It is ordered. Will be replaced.
4. Thursday, the 23rd, REACH School will have a program in the sanctuary at 10:30. All church members are invited to attend.
5. The school asked if they could use an area to put a playground set, about a 10' X 20' area. They would put rubber mulch in the area, and maintain the area.
6. George is in the process of making a handbook to give the location of all the various mechanical items in the church.

Approval to allow the REACH Christian School to install their playground equipment on our property was given by a motion, 2nd, and aye vote.

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

The following members were present: Bob Noll, Tim Fetzer, and Glenn Hassinger.

We reviewed the updated Brethren Pension Plan. The updated plan reflects regulatory requirements & updates to bring the plan into compliance with IRS rules. We are looking for the board to approve the updated plan by a motion.

Our Commission is happy to report that with the December offerings to date the actual dollars received to the General Fund will exceed what was the budgeted dollars.

We would like to thank everyone for their faithful giving this year.

Concerning updated Brethren Pension Plan: There was a motion and a 2nd to adopt the new adoption agreement for the pension plan. This was given by an aye vote.

Updating the Bell Choir Director pay and the Chancel Choir Director pay to the \$2,400.00 each; which is what it should have been; was approved by a motion, 2nd, and aye vote. This will now be voted on at our January 9th council meeting after church.

Pastor's Report

November 16 – December 21, 2021

The past month is among the busiest in the life of the church. The holiday season keeps us all busy, here at the church, but also in our daily lives as we plan for the activities of Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas. The Bell Choir, the Senior Choir and the Praise Team have been busy preparing special music for Advent and Christmas. The children and their teachers were busy preparing for their Christmas program. Thanks to all who helped. Thanks to those who serve as worship leaders and to those who assisted in the lighting of the Advent candles.

During this month we experienced within the congregation a number of people with health concerns and we all have been wondering what things like Delta and Omicron will mean for us individually, as the church, and in our country and the world. While there were some in the church who experienced COVID, fortunately all have recovered or are on the way to recovery.

As we look forward to a new year, we can anticipate progress in the search for a new pastor, the challenge of an expanded budget as the fall Council reinstated some outreach items, and whatever else God may put in our path.

As we come to the end of 2021, I want to thank all who have given to the church in so many ways – financially, of their time and their talents. Myerstown CoB is an active and thriving congregation. It continues to be a pleasure to serve as your interim pastor.

May God bless you all with a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.
God bless,
Dennis

Pastoral Record for the past month:

- 4 Sermons prepared and 5 Sunday morning worship services planned
- Baptism of Charlette Singer on December 5
- Enjoyed the children’s Christmas program on December 12
- Several hospital and nursing home visits
- Phone calls to shut-ins and those with health needs
- Numerous emails and texts
- Sermons tentatively planned through June
- Executive, Ministry & Evangelism Commission, Board meetings
- Spiritual Nurture meeting
- Praise Team
- Bible Study – finished 1 Peter and beginning Daniel in January
- Newsletter article

Upcoming Sermons:

- December 26* – Handling Our Inheritance; Luke 2:15-20, Titus 3:4-7
- January 2* – Pulpit Supply – Ralph Miller preaching
- January 9* – Life Lived Full and Well (Memorial Service) Proverbs 3:1-6
- Series: The Book of Hebrews*
- January 16* - At the Starting Line (Pew Communion) Hebrews 1:1-14, Psalm 147:1-11
- January 23* - Staying on Course; Hebrews 2:1-18, Isaiah 55:6-11
- January 30* - The Will to Win; Hebrews 3:1-19, Psalm 95

Unfinished Business

The Technology Committee is making great strides with our technology upgrades. This is a huge project. Our sincere thanks go out to all those involved.

New Business

None

Interests & Concerns

It was brought up by various members about how truly blessed we are to have such a great group of children here in our church. We should all strive to support them in any way we can.

Adjournment

At 8:20 pm with prayer by Pastor Dennis.

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

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Regal \$25.00	8%		\$	Wendy's \$10.00	6.5%		\$
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%		\$				
The Home Depot® \$25.00	4%		\$				
Under Armour \$25.00	11%		\$				
Walmart \$100.00	2.5%		\$				
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