

Myerstown Church of the Brethren

May 2022

Ministry through
Faith, Vision, and Action

Mother's in the Bible



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Scriptural Message

Proverbs 1:8-9 (NRSV)

Hear, my child, your father's instruction, and do not reject your mother's teaching; for they are a fair garland for your head, and pendants for your neck.

Ephesians 6:1-3 (NRSV)

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother"—this is the first commandment with a promise: "so that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

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For me, the month of May brings to mind several things including May flowers, my paternal grandmother's birthday (she would have been 107 this year) and, of course, Mother's Day. I am fortunate to still have my mother. She is 93 and generally in good health. My brother and I will honor her with a visit and some flowers on Mother's Day.

I grew up next door to my paternal grandparents and have numerous memories of those times I would go next door and just walk in. My grandmother, Gerty, would often make me some "dippy eggs" on those occasions. She made the best home-made lemonade and shoofly pies. One lasting memory is those times I would drop by in the evenings and find her and my grandfather sitting around the kitchen table for their evening devotions.

I am sure many of you have fond memories of mothers and grandmothers as well. Sadly, not all of us have such memories of our mothers. As Cathy and I have spent time with our son, daughter-in-law and twin granddaughters, it has just reminded us again of how motherhood is both a blessing and a challenge. Often, we have remarked how difficult it was with one baby at a time and how we admire how Katie is doing with two! (Peter too, but he works long hours and Katie is home alone with the girls much of the time.)

Considering this month's newsletter message, I spent some time looking at some of the biblical examples of mothers and thought it might be helpful for you too. So here is a little quiz to get you thinking about mothers in the Bible and their example for mothers today. I've given you a little help and hope you will read the Scriptures associated with each biblical mother.

1. When God created the world, _____ was the first woman. She was the mother of Cain, Abel, Seth, and other children. (Genesis 2:18-25; 4:1-2)
2. God said that Abraham and _____ would have a baby. Isaac was finally born when _____ was 90 years old. (Genesis 21:1-7)
3. _____ and her husband Isaac had two very different twin boys, Esau and Jacob. (Genesis 25:1-11)
4. Jochebed protected her baby _____ by hiding him in a basket. His sister Miriam watched over him. (Exodus 2:1-10)
5. _____ and her daughter-in-law Ruth helped each other after their husbands died. Ruth gathered grain for them to eat. (Ruth 2:1-7)

6. _____ prayed for a son for years, and then Samuel was born. She promised he would always serve God. (1 Samuel 1:1-28)

7. An angel told _____'s husband Zechariah that they would have a son and they should name him John. (Luke 1:5-25)

8. God chose _____ to be the mother of His son Jesus. (Luke 1:26-38)

9. Timothy learned to know God from his grandmother _____ and his mother _____. (2 Timothy 1:3-7)

(from Mothers in the Bible Game, Shirley McKinstry at ministry-to-children.com)

Like Timothy, I learned much about my Christian faith from the examples of a faithful mother and grandmothers. May God bless each of the mothers and grandmothers in our congregation as you seek to provide an example of faith for your children and grandchildren. Happy Mother's Day!

Dennis

Attendance & Offering

Attendance average for March 1, 2022 – March 31, 2022

Sunday School – 22
Worship Service – 74

Home Care

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers those living in nursing homes/assisted living homes: ***Faye Brubaker, 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

May Wedding Anniversaries

7th Seth & Lindsey Dimond

28th Ken & Joyce Wagner

Old Directory If you would like to bring in your old directory, we can reuse the spines on them. There will be a box in the Gathering Place for you to put the directory. Thank you!

Coffee bar is open! If you would like to bake something for the coffee bar, please let JoAnn know. Donations are welcomed. Coffee bar will be open until May 29 when it will close for the summer and reopen Labor Day weekend.

The church board is seeking your input. Forms for your comments / requests for the church board are located in the Gathering Place. Please drop your completed forms in the box in the Gathering Place.



"A Mother's Love"

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

— Helen Steiner Rice



M = modest
O = one-of-a-kind
T = thoughtful
H = hardworking
E = exuberant
R = reliable



On This Memorial Day

Emily Toma
Published: June 2014

Remember those who served before.
Remember those who are no more.
Remember those who serve today.
Remember them as we eat and play.
Remember our protectors—who are not home
today.
Remember them all on Memorial Day.

"There is nothing nobler than risking your life for your country." "Over all our happy country over all our Nation spread, is a band of noble heroes—is our Army of the Dead." "What I can do for my country, I am willing to do." "A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself."

MAY 2022

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 | 2 Dixie Gasper Shelby McClure Wesley Stehr | 3 | 4 | 5 Charlotte Larsen | 6 David Dubble Pat Schott | 7 Kitty Wenger |
| 8 Verna Grosteffon MOTHER'S DAY | 9 | 10 | 11 John Layser Philip Potena | 12 James Krall | 13 | 14 Brenda Lentz |
| 15 Dorothy Nagle | 16 Jeanette Beisel John DiFulvio | 17 | 18 Mike Leahy | 19 | 20 Joanne Fahnestock | 21 Ken Gross Declan Shelly |
| 22 Roarke Singer | 23 Dennis Seldomridge | 24 Jay Lentz | 25 Isaiah Hostetter | 26 Jennifer Hostetter ASCENSION DAY | 27 Sara Hartranft Findley McClure | 28 Dennis Dieffenbach |
| 29 Faye Brubaker | 30 Anna Mae Kupp Lois Yoder MEMORIAL DAY | 31 | | | | |

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|--|---|--|--|-----------|
| 1 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am GOLDEN AGE DINNER | 2 Praise Team 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm | 3 Music Committee Mtg. 7:00 pm | 4 Ladies Aid 9:00 am Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm | 5 Women's Fellowship Mtg. 7:00 pm | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am MOTHER'S DAY | 9 Praise Team 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm | 10 | 11 Ladies Aid 9:00 am Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm | 12 Sharing Cupboard 10 am -1 pm | 13 Sharing Cupboard 3 pm - 6 pm | 14 |
| 15 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am | 16 Praise Team 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm | 17 Executive Mtg 6:30 pm Commission Mtg 7:00 pm Board Mtg. 7:30 pm | 18 Ladies Aid 9:00 am Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm | 19 | 20 | 21 |
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| 29 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am | 30 MEMORIAL DAY | 31 | | | | |

Commissions and Church Board Meeting

Date: April 19, 2022

Meeting was called to order: @ 7:30 pm

by Chairperson: Dave Dubble

Present were: Secretary-Mark Landis, Jr.

Prayer by: Bob Noll

Secretary's Report of March 15, 2022

Approved as presented by aye vote

Treasurer's Report of March 31, 2022

Not approved as presented. Will look for revisions and approve at next months meeting.

Commission Reports & Members Present

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

Dave Dubble, Grace Ziegler, and Linda Zimmerman were in attendance and Linda opened the meeting with prayer.

Worship Leaders are in place for the rest of April and May. April 24 – Glenn Hassinger; May 1st – Kim Wenger; May 8 – Tim Fetzer; May 15 – Mark Landis Jr.; May 22 – Evelina Krall and May 29 – Katrina Wagner and we thank all of these that are willing to serve.

We discussed the Celebration Sunday luncheon that we had talked about last month for Sunday May 22nd. We feel it would be a good idea to get together as a church family but before we proceed we will contact the Mission & Fellowship Commission to discuss it with them.

All is in order for the renewal services on October 2, 3, & 4 with Tim Courtright as speaker.

We have suggestions for the pulpit to be filled when Pastor Dennis is away on July 3 and July 10.

We also discussed the Sunday afternoon program for October 16.

Missions & Fellowship Commission: Chairperson – Susie Dundore
Tammy Landis, Janet Dubble

In attendance: Susie Dundore, Tammy Landis, Janet Dubble

Susie opened with prayer

1. Reading Fightin' Phils – Friday August 26, 2022 at 7:00 pm (includes fireworks) Myerstown Night Out (Sponsored by Myerstown Vitality Partnership) We will purchase 50 General Admission tickets to sell for \$5 each. We will discuss ticket sale plan at next meeting. Will have tickets to JoAnn.
2. Good Neighbor Awards – ELCO Middle School – Janet will get in touch with the MS contact to start the process. Four students will be nominated by teachers to receive this Leadership Award. Each student will get a \$20 gift card from J.O.Y. Bookstore.
3. Church Pictorial Directory Option – we are looking at a program call "Instant Church Directory". Which is an online program for creating an online and/or printed directory at an affordable cost.

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

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

The Easter Egg Hunt went really well, about half of the children were from the community.

June 5th is Children’s Day. We will have Ralph Bectal as a speaker, and the children will sing. We are discussing other possibilities for Children’s Day.

We started a pre-school Sunday School class.

We are working on getting Sunday School teachers for next year for all ages.

We will not have vacation Bible School because we didn’t find a coordinator.

We are looking to include the children more in our services.

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

1. We replaced a valve in commode in ladies room at rear of church.
2. The furnace in church was repaired, it had a leaking gasket at the hot water coil and needed the automatic fill valve replaced.
3. The shingle on the shed roof are coming off in pieces in the parking lot. I called Swanger Contracting for an estimate. We will get a 2nd estimate.
4. We received a new certificate for the boiler inspection.
5. It was decided to table the Fellowship Hall policies revisions till further adjustments are made.

Finance and Stewardship Commission: – Chairperson – Bob Noll
Jay Lentz, Glenn Hassinger

The following members were present: Bob Noll, Jay Lentz, Glenn Hassinger

The offering on Sunday April 17, 2022 was \$6,831.38. That amount will be sent to Emergency Disaster Fund – COB-Ukraine Crisis.

Pastor's Report

March 15, 2022 – April 19, 2022

One of the things I enjoy about the pastor's office here at Myerstown Church is the view of the fish pond and the park. The change of seasons has been evident and I always find these seasonal changes as another bit of evidence of God's loving care for us and creation.

This past month has been busy with planning Love Feast, Palm Sunday and Easter services. It was good to gather around the tables for Love Feast once again. I was also thrilled to see all three of our recently baptized children attend their first Love Feast! I hope to get home communion to shut-ins in the next week or so. Although it was a little chilly, the Easter Sunrise service and breakfast were well-attended. Thanks to Chris Dubble, Jeanette Beisel and Earl Liskey for their leadership.

Palm Sunday was my final message in the series through Hebrews. This coming Sunday I will begin a series of messages I have titled "Old Ways, New Days." The series will highlight various themes from our Brethren heritage and values. Periodically we need reminders of who we are and why we are who we are. It is my hope that this series will help us do so.

Keep in prayer the work of the Search Committee and pray also that God will be working in the heart of one to be called.

I will not be at this evening's meeting as Cathy and I were invited by Margaret Wenger to attend the Wenger Praise Dinner. Have a good meeting!

It continues to be a privilege to serve as your Interim Pastor.

God bless,
Dennis

Pastoral Record for the past month:

- 5 Sermons prepared and 5 Sunday morning worship services planned
- Planned and led Love Feast
- Hospital visit with Bud Wagner
- Phone calls to shut-ins and those with health needs
- Numerous emails and texts
- Sermons tentatively planned through June – series on Brethren Heritage
- Praise Team
- Board & Deacon meetings
- Easter Egg hunt devotional
- Bible Study – completed study of Daniel and starting study of Titus
- Newsletter and Directory articles

Upcoming Sermons (Old Ways, New Days series):

April 24 – A Look in the Rearview Mirror

Mark 9:2-8; 1 Peter 2:21

May 1 – Made Over in Christ

Corinthians 5:14-21; Acts 2:36-41

May 8 – Shalom

Matthew 5:9, 21-22, 38-48; Romans 12:19-21

May 15 – Religion is Life

Romans 12:1-2; Various other

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

We did not receive any grant fund money from the security grant fund program. Thanks to Tim Fetzer for looking into this.

Interests & Concerns

1. Two suggestions were in the box.
 - a. Someone suggested to see more folks carrying Bibles.
 - b. Both expressed very positive comments on our church.
2. Tech Committee update: most equipment has been purchased and installed. The committee is looking into new projectors yet.
3. Search Committee update: the committee was disappointed with the initial candidate profiles submitted by the district. The committee has come up with some potential candidates not in the district profile system. They will continue looking into potential candidates.
4. Appreciation was expressed by all for the way the Love Feast service went. It was a blessing to start Love Feast again; and the entire service went very well.

Adjournment

At 8:15 pm with prayer by Janet Dubble.

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| adidas \$25.00 | 13% | | \$ | 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 | 7% | | \$ | 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% | | \$ |
| Cabela's \$100.00 | 10% | | \$ | Groupon.com \$25.00 | 7% | | \$ | Qdoba Mexican Grill \$25.00 | 7% | | \$ |
| Cabela's \$25.00 | 10% | | \$ | Hardee's \$10.00 | 5% | | \$ | Rainforest Cafe \$25.00 | 9% | | \$ |
| | | | | | | | | Red Lobster \$25.00 | 8% | | \$ |
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| Sears \$100.00 | 4% | | \$ |
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| Sears Auto Service Center \$100.00 | 4% | | \$ |
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| 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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| Under Armour \$25.00 | 11% | | \$ |
| Walmart \$100.00 | 2.5% | | \$ |
| Walmart \$25.00 | 2.5% | | \$ |
| Walmart \$50.00 | 2.5% | | \$ |
| Wawa \$25.00 | 1% | | \$ |

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