



Myerstown Church of the Brethren

Scriptural Message

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go 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 I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

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July 2022

Ministry through
Faith, Vision, and Action

The Best-kept Secret in the Church of the Brethren

I suppose we all have some secrets, but usually those secrets deal with things we don't want people to know about us. Four times a year I have the joy of meeting with a group known as Brethren World Mission, a voluntary organization which supports Brethren missions around the globe. BWM works with the denomination's Global Missions office and supplements denominational funding for foreign missions.

I look forward to every one of those meetings as we get to hear stories about our Brethren brothers and sisters from around the globe as well as meeting some in person or online. Yet, there is one thing that is frustrating about these meetings: we talk about the most exciting thing happening in our denomination and most Brethren know nothing about it! So, this article is an attempt to let you in on the best-kept secret in the Church of the Brethren!

As early as 1852 there was discussion among the Brethren to begin missionary work overseas, but it wasn't until 1894 that the first mission field was established in India, this followed in 1908 in northern China and in 1918 in southern China, and then, the missionary work with which we are probably most familiar, in 1922 in northeastern Nigeria. While there are still Brethren churches in India, many have been incorporated into the Church of North India and, with the coming to power of the Communists in China, the Brethren are no longer officially a church there (gone, but not forgotten – more on that shortly), but the church in Nigeria is flourishing in spite of persecution.

Now, the "did you know" part. Did you know more recently the Church of the Brethren has been established in Brazil, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Rwanda, Uganda, and Spain. Dominican Brethren who relocated to Spain established congregations there and the Spanish Brethren have a goal to take the church into other parts of Europe, including where the Brethren began, in Germany. In Venezuela there are more than twenty congregations affiliating with the Brethren, much due to the work of Joel Pena, pastor of Alpha and Omega Church of the Brethren in Lancaster, PA. Joel is a native of Venezuela.

In the African Great Lakes region, in addition to Rwanda and Uganda, Brethren congregations are springing up in Burundi and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Brethren are working with people in Mexico, Ecuador and Honduras who are hoping to affiliate with the Brethren.

What is interesting is that in many of these more recent efforts, believers in those countries have come to the Brethren and told us we like who you are and what you believe and want to be a part of the Brethren. Some have even taken the name, Church of the Brethren, without having established an "official" connection with the American church. Word gets around!

Brethren foreign missions work is coordinated through the denomination's Global Missions Office. Ruoxia Li and Eric Miller

begin March 8, 2021 as co-executive directors of Global Mission for the Church of the Brethren. They guide the international mission program of the Church of the Brethren, direct and administer denominational mission efforts, and provide administrative and clerical support for Global Mission staff, volunteers, and committees.



Prior to 2021, they were Global Mission and Service workers for the Church of the Brethren at Yangquan You'ai Hospital in Pinding, Shanxi Province, China. The hospital takes its name from the original hospital founded in 1911 by Church of the Brethren missionaries in Pingding, which in turn shared its name with the Church of the Brethren in China, You'ai Hui. Although there are no longer Brethren churches in China, the work the Brethren began there continues and is not forgotten.

You can learn more about Brethren missions through these connections online at the Church of the Brethren Global Missions website: <https://www.brethren.org/global/> On this site you can also register your email address to receive prayer requests from Brethren around the globe.

Another good source of information is the weekly newsletter, Newslines. You can register your email to receive Newslines at: <https://www.brethren.org/news/category/church-of-the-brethren-newsline/>

Attendance & Offering

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

Sunday School – 17
Worship Service – 76
Online – 21

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 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.

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!

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

July Wedding Anniversaries

1st Pastor Dennis & Cathy Garrison
15th Bob & Toni Noll
26th Charlie & Kathy Krall
29th Mark & Jean Bomberger

*****On July 1st Pastor Dennis & Cathy will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.*****

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.



Camp Swatara needs your help with the Annual Family Camp Auction! We want to make this auction the best yet! We are looking for individuals, SS classes, family groups, etc., who would be willing to donate something. Theme gift baskets are always a winner! Do you have a talent for painting, pottery, sewing, woodworking, etc.? Birdhouses and bird feeders are popular! We need items for the Children's Auction, too! Do you have a service you could share? Think outside the box! Remember 100% of donations from the auction benefit Family Camp at Camp Swatara. There are no administration costs, it is organized and run by volunteers. We will be glad to pick up your donation, just give us a call to make arrangements. Date of the auction is Saturday, September 3, 2022 in the East Lodge at Camp Swatara. Children's auction starts at 9:30 am with the main auction immediately following. Any questions, call Sandy Hughes at 717-679-1995 or Ryan Arndt at 717-926-1939.

Please be sure to get your ideas going for donations to Camp Swatara's Annual Family Camp Auction. Call Sandy Hughes at 717-679-1995 or Ryan Arndt at 717-926-1939 with questions or to arrange pick up of your donation.

From the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction food committee:

We have started preparation for the 2022 Disaster Auction which will be held September 23 & 24, 2022 on the Lebanon Expo Grounds. The expenses of food are on the rise and we want to raise as much as we can for those who have experienced natural disasters. We are asking for donations to help defer these expenses & allow a greater portion of the income from food to go to the Relief Auction. We appreciate any monetary donation that you can give to this project. Please make checks payable to: Brethren Disaster Relief Auction with food in the memo line. Send checks to Evie Dehmey & she will add that to the food committees' department. Evie Dehmey, 164 Vinegar Ferry Rd, Marietta, PA 17545. We also are looking for people to serve on our committee. We meet 3

times a year and then help with the food at the auction. If you have any interest in serving on our committee please contact Lois Roop at 717-954-2278 or email – clroop@verizon.net

Save the Date! We are excited to share that we will be participating in the 3rd Annual Myerstown Night Out at the Reading Fightin' Phils. This event will take place on Friday, August 26, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. at FirstEnergy Stadium in Reading, where the Fightin' Phils will take on the Binghamton Mets. Tickets will be available for \$5.00 each and will be available on a first come, first served basis. A signup sheet will be in The Gathering Place in the near future. If you have any questions, see a member of the Missions and Fellowship Commission (Susie Dundore, Janet Dubble, Tammy Landis, Kim Horn, Sharon Seldomridge).

We need your help as we again assist OnFire Youth Ministries by helping out in their grandstand food pavilion at the Lebanon Fair. This year we will be working on Tuesday evening, July 26. We are hoping to get enough volunteers (about 12-14) that we can have 2 teams to work about 2-3 hours each. Since we are moving from Saturday to Tuesday evening, the crowds should be much smaller and we should not be nearly as busy as we had been in the past years. It has always been a wonderful evening of service and fellowship. Please consider volunteering. A signup sheet will be in The Gathering Place or let Janet Dubble know if you would like to participate.

Commissions and Church Board Meeting**Date: June 21, 2022****Meeting was called to order: @ 7:30 pm****by Chairperson: Dave Dubble****Present were: Secretary - Mark Landis, Jr.****Prayer by: Kim Horn****Present were: Pastor Dennis****Secretary's Report of May 17, 2022****Approved as presented at June 6 council meeting****Treasurer's Report of May 31, 2022****Approved as presented by aye vote****Commission Reports & Members Present**

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

Dave Dubble, Grace Ziegler, Pastor Dennis and Linda Zimmerman were in attendance and Pastor Dennis opened with prayer.

Worship Leaders for July are Bob Noll, July 3rd; Tim Fetzer, July 10; Kim Horn, July 24; and Mark Landis Sr, July 31. We still are looking for someone for July 17th and looking for a volunteer.

We discussed the Sunday, October 16th afternoon Music program. We have confirmed participants and looking for a few other.

We have contacted Clay Rebert to fill the pulpit for July 3 and Dr. Samy Gergis for July 10 in the absence of Pastor Dennis.

Everything is in order for the renewal services scheduled for October 2nd, 3rd, 4th with Pastor Tim Courtright serving as our pastor/speaker.

We discussed how to fill the position of Church Secretary due to the resignation of JoAnn effective August 1. We decided to post a notice in the bulletin for the possibility of hiring someone within our congregation.

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

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

Prayer by Susie

1. Awaiting baseball tickets for Reading Fightin Phils game on August 26. Tickets will be \$5.00/ticket. "Save the date" will be put in the bulletin.
2. Refreshment stand at the Lebanon Fair, Tues, July 26, we will post a sign-up sheet for volunteers.
3. Received a thank you note for our contribution to the Ukraine Crisis, via Disaster Relief.
4. Discussed pictorial directory. Janet is researching Instant Church Directory, an online church directory. Directory can be accessed online and can also print hard copies for those people that want them.

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

In attendance: Christine Blackwell, Cindy & Walter Sattazahn

We are gathering children's names of 2nd and 6th grader for receiving Bible's, please let us know if you know any.

We will be changing the 3-year-old to 4th grade starting in the fall for Children's Church.

We are also looking for Sunday School teachers for all the classes.

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

1. We had the lights in the car port replaced with LEDs, some were not working.
2. Shelves for the Library are made and soon to be installed.
3. There is a leak at Library ceiling. We have someone from GSM Roofing coming on Thursday to check it.
4. The 2 generators have been serviced and are working. We have a service contract to come once a year to test and service them.

Finance and Stewardship Commission: – Chairperson – Bob Noll

Pastor's Report

May 17, 2022 – June 21, 2022

During the summer months it may seem like things slowdown in the life of the church when Sunday morning attendance drops a little as we all take some time for vacations and family. In reality, this summer is a busy time for the church as commissions make plans for fall activities, our music directors

make plans for a new season, the pastor plans sermons, the Search Committee continues its work, and some repairs and library renovations get underway. The work of the church goes on!

As I mentioned in my last report, I have planned for the summer with the assumption I will be here throughout. Sermons are planned, but I will make adjustments if the Search Committee has a candidate to present to the congregation.

I will be taking some time off the last week of June as Cathy and I will be celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary on July 1. We hope to do some celebration locally that week and will be going to Florida at the end of September. I also plan to attend Annual Conference in Omaha, Nebraska, as your delegate, leaving July 10 and returning July 14.

The Ministry and Evangelism Commission has arranged pulpit coverage for the two Sundays I will not be here: on July 3, Clay Rebert from the Lebanon Rescue Mission, and for July 10, Dr. Samy Gergis, a local physician who is active in the teaching ministry of his home church (Hershey Free Church).

Keep the Search Committee in your thoughts and prayers as they do their important work.

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

God bless,

Dennis

Pastoral Record for the past month:

4 Sermons prepared and 4 Sunday morning worship services planned

Children's Day worship

1 funeral (Joan Mauser)

Phone calls to shut-ins and those with health needs

Numerous emails and texts

Sermons tentatively planned through August

Board meetings

Attended Annual Conference Briefing on June 4 (online)

Bible Study – completed Titus on May 23, breaking for the summer

Newsletter article

Upcoming Sermons (Old Ways, New Days series concludes):

June 26 – A Fresh Touch from God (The Ordinances: Anointing)

Numbers 6:22-27; James 5:13-16

July 3 – Guest Preacher (Clay Rebert)

July 10 – Annual Conference - Guest Preacher (Dr. Samy Gergis)

Jonah Series

July 17 – Are We Sleeping Through the Storm?

Jonah 1:1-17

July 24 – Second Thoughts from Inside a Big Fish (Pew Communion)

Jonah 2:1-10

July 31 – The Power of Obedience

Jonah 3:1-10

August 7 – Do We Care?

Jonah 4:1-11

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Search Committee is meeting candidates that have interest in being our next Pastor. The progress is moving along as well as can be expected.

Tech Committee is still looking for some funds to use towards the purchase of the 2 new projectors.

Interests & Concerns

None

Adjournment

At 8:00 pm with prayer by Pastor Dennis.

JULY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	4 HAPPY 4TH OF JULY	5	6	7	8	9
10 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Annual Conference	11 Annual Conference	12 Annual Conference	13 Annual Conference	14 Sharing Cupboard 10 am – 1 pm Annual Conference	15 Sharing Cupboard 3 pm – 6 pm	16
17 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	18	19 Executive Mtg. 6:30 pm Comm. Mtg. 7:00 pm Board Mtg. 7:30 pm	20	21	22	23
24 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Pew Communion	25	26	27	28 Sharing Cupboard 10 am – 1 pm Spiritual Nurture Mtg. 7:00 pm	29 Sharing Cupboard 3 pm – 6 pm	30
31 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am						

JULY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Connor Reppert	2 Brayden Miller
3	4 Happy 4th Of July Joel Hoffer	5	6 Beth Stauffer	7	8 .	9 Jacqueline Hoffer
10 Connor Daubert Joel Fahnestock Sharon Seldomridge	11	12 JoAnn Rager	13	14	15 Dorothy Brown	16 Barry Gibble Joyce Wagner
17	18	19	20	21 Lois Wealand	22	23 Barbara Weidman
24	25 Vaughn Daubert	26 Roy Wenger, Jr.	27	28	29	30
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Family Order Form

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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.

Name	Customer #
Check #	Order Date

Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total
adidas \$25.00	13%		\$	Carter's \$25.00	10%		\$	Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores \$25.00	6%		\$
Aeropostale \$25.00	10%		\$	Cheesecake Factory \$25.00	5%		\$	Kohl's \$100.00	4%		\$
Amazon.com \$100.00	1.7%		\$	Children's Place \$25.00	12%		\$	Kohl's \$25.00	4%		\$
Amazon.com \$25.00	1.7%		\$	Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00	11%		\$	L.L.Bean \$25.00	16%		\$
AMC Theatres \$25.00	8%		\$	Chipotle Mexican Grill \$10.00	10%		\$	Lands' End \$100.00	15%		\$
AMC Theatres Single Ticket \$10.00	10%		\$	Chuck E. Cheese's \$10.00	8%		\$	Lands' End \$25.00	15%		\$
AMC Theatres Single Ticket \$12.00	10%		\$	Claire's \$10.00	9%		\$	Long John Silver's \$10.00	8%		\$
American Eagle® \$25.00	10%		\$	Cold Stone Creamery \$10.00	11%		\$	Lowe's \$100.00	4%		\$
American Girl \$100.00	9%		\$	Cracker Barrel \$10.00	8%		\$	Lowe's \$25.00	4%		\$
American Girl \$25.00	9%		\$	Cracker Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$	Marshalls \$25.00	7%		\$
Applebee's \$25.00	8%		\$	CVS Pharmacy \$25.00	6%		\$	Men's Wearhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
Applebee's \$50.00	8%		\$	Darden Restaurants \$25.00	8%		\$	Michaels \$25.00	4%		\$
Arby's \$10.00	8%		\$	Disney \$100.00	3%		\$	Nike \$25.00	12%		\$
AutoZone \$25.00	7%		\$	Disney \$25.00	3%		\$	Old Navy \$25.00	14%		\$
Banana Republic \$25.00	14%		\$	Domino's \$10.00	8%		\$	Olive Garden \$25.00	8%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$10.00	8%		\$	Dunham's Sports \$25.00	8%		\$	OshKosh \$25.00	10%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25.00	8%		\$	Dunkin' Donuts \$10.00	3%		\$	Outback Steakhouse \$25.00	10%		\$
Bass Pro Shops \$100.00	10%		\$	Dunkin' Donuts \$25.00	3%		\$	Panera Bread \$10.00	8%		\$
Bass Pro Shops \$25.00	10%		\$	Eat'n Park \$10.00	9%		\$	Panera Bread \$25.00	8%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$10.00	12%		\$	Eat'n Park \$25.00	9%		\$	Papa John's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	12%		\$	Express \$25.00	10%		\$	PetSmart \$25.00	5%		\$
Best Buy \$100.00	4%		\$	Famous Footwear \$25.00	8%		\$	Pizza Hut \$10.00	8%		\$
Best Buy \$25.00	4%		\$	Foot Locker \$25.00	8%		\$	Qdoba Mexican Grill \$25.00	7%		\$
Bob Evans Restaurants® \$10.00	10%		\$	GameStop \$25.00	3%		\$	Rainforest Cafe \$25.00	9%		\$
Bosco's \$25.00	8%		\$	Gap \$25.00	14%		\$	Red Lobster \$25.00	8%		\$
Boston Market \$10.00	12%		\$	Groupon.com \$25.00	7%		\$	Red Robin \$25.00	8%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings® \$10.00	8%		\$	Hardee's \$10.00	5%		\$	Regal \$25.00	8%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings® \$25.00	8%		\$	Home Depot® \$25.00	4%		\$	Rite Aid \$25.00	4%		\$
Build-A-Bear Workshop® \$25.00	8%		\$	Icing \$10.00	9%		\$	Sam's Club \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Cabela's \$100.00	10%		\$	IHOP \$25.00	8%		\$	Sam's Club \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Cabela's \$25.00	10%		\$	J. Crew \$25.00	13%		\$	Sheetz \$100.00	3%		\$
Carrabba's Italian Grill \$25.00	10%		\$	JCPenney \$100.00	5%		\$	Sheetz \$25.00	3%		\$
				JCPenney \$25.00	5%		\$	Shutterfly \$25.00	9%		\$
								Speedway \$25.00	4%		\$

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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%		\$
Walmart \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Walmart \$50.00	2.5%		\$
Wawa \$25.00	1%		\$

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