



Myerstown Church of the Brethren

Scriptural Message

Annual Conference Theme Scripture: **Romans 15:7 (NIV)**

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

Belita Mitchell's Annual Conference

Preaching Scripture: **John 4:7-24 (NIV)**

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

"Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

"I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when

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August 2022

Ministry through
Faith, Vision, and Action

Embracing One Another as Christ Embraces Us

From July 10-17 I had the privilege of representing the Myerstown congregation at the 235th recorded Annual Conference of the Church of the Brethren focused on the theme, Embracing One Another as Christ Embraces Us and Romans 15:7. This was the renewal of in-person conferences following the canceled conference of 2020 and the virtual conference of 2021 because of the COVID pandemic. Attendance wasn't comparable to past conferences as it was affected by the pandemic, the mask requirement, the location of conference, the cost of getting there, and the loss of some congregations. That said, in my opinion it was one of the better conferences I have attended recently.

This year's conference was held in Omaha, Nebraska, not exactly the center of the Brethren in America! In spite of all the horror stories you hear about airports today, my trip went smoothly with short lines at security check-points and all my flights were on time. This was my first time in Omaha and I found it to be a good place for conference. The conference center was more than adequate for the 425 delegates and 882 non-delegates. Equipping sessions and meal events were distributed between the conference center and the Hilton Hotel which was connected to the conference center by a walkway over the street below.



Walkway from the Hilton Hotel



View of leaders from my table #45

you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”
“Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”
“Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

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While conference keeps delegates busy, I always try to take a little time to see the city, especially when it is a city where I have never been before. One evening a friend and I, like all good Brethren, found the best ice cream parlor in Omaha – and it looked like all the young adults attending conference had found it too! One attraction that was immediately behind the conference center was the Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge. The same friend and I walked the trail to the bridge which is about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile in length and crosses the Missouri River into Council Bluffs, Iowa. Halfway across is one of those places where you can actually be two places at once!

The Moderator for this year’s conference was David Sollenberger. While conference-goers are used to seeing David behind a video camera, he proved himself as an able moderator as well. The worship services were inspirational with great preaching, including messages by David Sollenberger, Leonor Ochoa, Anna Lisa Gross, Nathan Rittenhouse, and Belita Mitchell. Three of those preachers are from our Atlantic Northeast District (David Sollenberger – Mt. Wilson CoB; Leonor Ochoa – Ebenezer CoB, Lancaster; and Belita Mitchell – Harrisburg First CoB).

The music for the worship services was led by Scott Duffy (Staunton, VA) and a very capable team which included some other ANE Brethren (Josiah Ludwick – Harrisburg First CoB; and Ryan Arndt – West Green Tree CoB). Several of the worship songs were composed by Scott Duffy.

You can view the worship services online at
www.brethren.org/ac2022/webcasts.

Business went smoothly and all the items on the agenda were completed. Sometime in August we will schedule a Sunday School session where I will show the wrap-up video and address the items of business that were before the delegate body.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your delegate.
Dennis

Attendance & Offering

Attendance average for June 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022

Sunday School – 16
Worship Service – 68
Online – 22

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.

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

August Wedding Anniversaries

5th Carl & Nancy Hartman
Bill & JoAnn Rager
30th Kevin & Heather Wenrich

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.

Bell Choir & Senior Choir will start Wednesday September 7th. Bell Choir starts at 6:15 pm & Senior Choir starts at 7:30 pm.

Women's Fellowship meeting is now August 11, at 7:00 pm.

Atlantic Northeast District Woman's camp at Camp Swatara Friday August 19, 2022 – Saturday, August 20, 2022. More information is in the Gathering Place.

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).

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.

Coby's Bike & Hike Sunday, **September 11, 2022**, Lititz Church of the Brethren, 300 West Orange Street, Lititz. For more details or to register/donate online visit cobys.org/bike-and-hike. If you have any questions please contact Steve Nichols at steven@cobys.org.

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

Commissions and Church Board Meeting**Date: July 19, 2022****Meeting was called to order: @ 7:30 pm****by Chairperson: Bob Noll****Present were: Secretary - Mark Landis, Jr.****Prayer by: Grace Ziegler****Present were: Pastor Dennis Garrison****Secretary's Report of June 21, 2022****Approved as presented by Aye Vote****Treasurer's Report of June 30, 2022****Approved as presented by aye vote****Commission Reports & Members Present**

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

Pastor Dennis, Grace Ziegler and Linda Zimmerman were in attendance. Dennis opened with prayer. Worship leaders are in place for the remainder of July with July 24 – Kim Horn and July 31 – Mark Landis Sr. Serving in August will be August 7 – bob Noll; August 14 – Glenn Hassinger; August 21 – Kim Horn and August 28 – Evelina Krall.

The Music Program scheduled for Sunday, October 16th at 3:00 pm and we have about 7 groups committed and things seem to be shaping up.

Things are in place for Renewal Services on October 2, 3, 4, with Tim Courtright serving as speaker and we look forward to our new pastor working with him.

We as a commission would like input from the board for ideas for the offering taken at the Music Program.

Missions & Fellowship Commission: Chairperson –
Kim Horn, Tammy Landis, Sharon Seldomridge

Present: Sharon Seldomridge, Tammy Landis, Kim Horn

1. Lebanon Fair food stand volunteers have been assigned to two groups. One from 5:30 – 7:30 the second 7:30 – 10:00. Instruction have been given to the volunteers. The date is Tuesday, July 26.
2. We worked on organizing the mailboxes.

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

In attendance: Christine Blackwell, Cindy & Walter Sattazahn

We are gathering children's names to hand out Bible's in the fall. So far, we have Abby Hostetter.

We talked about ways to increase attendance in Sunday School.
We are looking for substitute Teacher's and Teacher's for Sunday School.
We also discussed how to involve the children more in church services.

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

1. The new heating & air unit for the kitchen was installed.
2. We got new signs made for men's & ladies rooms at gym.
3. Women's Fellowship and Kitchen Committee paid for the new unit.
4. We need to get the old library cleaned out; school starts in August.
5. We replaced light tubes in men's rear restroom.

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

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

Our Commission will have a policy in the near future to present to Board & Council in reference to the Building Fund monies.

We would like to thank everyone for their faithful giving.

Pastor's Report

June 21, 2022 – July 19, 2022

First of all, thanks for the time off to celebrate Cathy's and my fiftieth wedding anniversary. We used the gift card you gave us for DoGood's as part of our celebration. And thanks for the many, many cards we received from the congregation. It was a bit overwhelming!

From July 10-14 I represented you as a delegate to the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference in Omaha, Nebraska. Despite all you hear on the news, security check-in was smooth in both airports and the flights were on time. Conference went well. The highlights for me were the worship services. The worship team led by Scott Duffy, a pastor in Staunton, Virginia, was the best I can recall from any Annual Conference and the preachers were all excellent. Recordings of the worship services are on the conference

website - www.brethren.org/ac2022/webcasts/. We will schedule a time to report to the congregation on this year's conference soon.

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 when the Search Committee is ready to present the candidate to the congregation.

Keep the Search Committee and the pastoral candidate in your thoughts and prayers.

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

God bless,

Dennis

Pastoral Record for the past month:

2 Sermons prepared and 4 Sunday morning worship services planned

Annual Conference July 10-14

Phone calls to shut-ins and those with health needs

Numerous emails and texts

Sermons tentatively planned through August

Board meeting

Newsletter article

Upcoming Sermons (Jonah):

July 17 – Are We Sleeping Through the Storm?; Jonah 1:1-17

July 24 – Second Thoughts from Inside a Big Fish (Pew Communion); Jonah 1:17, 2:1-10

July 31 – The Power of Obedience; Jonah 3:1-10

August 7 – Do We Care?; Jonah 4:1-11

Transitions Series:

August 14 - Links in a Chain; Numbers 27:12-13, Deuteronomy 34:1-12

August 21 – God's in Charge; 2 Kings 2:1-15, Mark 4:35-41

August 28 – Handing Over the Reigns (Rally Day / Promotion Sunday); John 3:22-30,
1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Interests & Concerns

None

Adjournment

At 8:00 pm with prayer by Pastor Dennis.

AUGUST 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Christopher Hostetter	2 JoAnn Houtz Elmer Weidman	3 Trent Dohner	4	5	6 Shirley Brandt
7	8	9	10	11 Lori Lentz	12 David Ceresini Carson Reppert	13
14 Robert Beisel	15	16	17	18	19	20 Vicki Hunsicker
21 Hunter Leahy	22	23 Cindy Sattazahn	24	25	26 Mark Bomberger Ellis Larsen	27 Ken Liskey
28	29	30 Troy Dohner	31 Cynthia Behney Robert Lentz			

AUGUST 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	8	9	10	11 Sharing Cupboard 10 am – 1 pm Woman's Fellowship Mtg 7:00 pm	12 Sharing Cupboard 3 pm – 6 pm	13
14 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am ANE Women's Fellowship	15 ANE Women's Fellowship	16 Executive Mtg. 6:30 pm Comm. Mtg. 7:00 pm Board Mtg. 7:30 pm ANE Women's Fellowship	17	18	19	20
21 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	22	23	24	25 Sharing Cupboard 10 am – 1 pm Spiritual Nurture Mtg. 7:00 pm	26 Sharing Cupboard 3 pm – 6 pm	27
28 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Promotion Sunday Presentation of Bibles Rally Day	29	30	31			

Family Order Form

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Check #	Order Date

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

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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%		\$