



Myerstown Church of the Brethren

Scriptural Message

Ephesians 4:22-24

22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Colossians 3:9-11

9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. 11 Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

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A NEW YEAR/A NEW YOU

With 2022 ending and 2023 beginning, many of us will be starting our New Year's resolutions. We also might be looking to better ourselves mentally, physically, and spiritually. One thing we all might be thinking is what does God have in store for us in 2023. In Jeremiah 29:11-14 the Lord said "for I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you, declares the Lord." A lot of times in the beginning of a new year, we wonder what our purpose is and or do we have a purpose. Yes, we all have a purpose in life, in verse 11 God states I know the plans I have for you. Are we calling on Him, and trusting in Him. Are we seeking God this year? We need to be getting into His word and seeking Him for guidance in our lives and the life of His church. This year I challenge every one of us to read the Bible in one year. I will be putting in each month's newsletter a Bible reading guide. Here are five ways to effectively read your Bible.

1. Pray before you start reading each day.
2. Use a study Bible.
3. Read a whole chapter at a time.
4. Get on a plan.
5. Use a Bible app or listen to it audibly.

My prayer for us here at Myerstown COB is that we will grow spiritually and closer to God, that He may show us his will and guide us through this upcoming year.

Pastor, Chris

Attendance & Offering

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

Sunday School – 24
Worship Service – 104

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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, Iris Liskey and Glenn and Lois Hassinger**

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

2023 Directory - Any changes in the Church Directory for 2023, notify Toni or a Mission & Fellowship commission member.

Candle Lighting/Memorial Service

We will be having our annual Candle Lighting Service on Sunday, January 8th, for loved ones that passed away during the year 2022. Please notify Toni 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 Mim Ackerman or Toni in the office.

Bread and Cup Communion is on Sunday, January 15th during the morning service.

JANUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 HAPPY NEW YEAR Sunday School 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am	2	3 Music Meeting 10:00 am	4 Ladies Aid 9:00 am Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	5 Women's Fellowship Meeting 7:00 pm	6	7
8 Sunday School 9:00am Worship Service 10:00 am Memorial Candle Lighting Service	9	10	11 Ladies Aid 9:00 am Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	12 Sharing Cupboard 10-1	13 Sharing Cupboard 3-6	14
15 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Pew Communion	16	17 Executive Mtg. 6:30pm Commission Mtg. 7:00pm Board Mtg. 7:30pm	18 Ladies Aid 9:00 am Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	19	20	21
22 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	23	24	25 Ladies Aid 9:00 am Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	26 Sharing Cupboard 10-1	27 Sharing Cupboard 3-6	28
29 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	30	31				

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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 Scott Wagner	24 Kristy Laubach Faye Gray Gloria Keppley	25	26	27 Lamar Fahnestock	28 Mark Reppert
29 Barbara Heffner John Mauser	30	31				

Commissions and Church Board Meeting

Date: December 20, 2022

Meeting was called to order: @ 7:40 pm

by Chairperson: David Dubble

Present were: Secretary - Mark Landis, Jr.

Prayer by: Janet Dubble

Present were: Pastor Chris Dubble

Secretary's Report of November 15, 2022

Approved as presented by aye vote

Treasurer's Report of November 30, 2022

Approved as presented by aye vote

Commission Reports & Members Present

Ministry & Evangelism Commission: Chairperson – Grace Ziegler, Mark Landis, Sr., Earl Liskey
Linda Zimmerman, Pastor Chris, David Dubble

Linda opened the meeting with prayer.

Worship leaders are in place for the rest of December and January. December 25 – Kim Horn, January 1 – Bob Noll, January 8 – Mark Landis, Jr, January 15 – Tim Fetzer, January 22 – Kim Wenger and January 29 – Evelina Krall.

We discussed the possibility of having a Men's breakfast. We thought of meeting at Dutchway and deciding the direction they would like to go with the possibility of meeting on a regular basis and maybe doing work projects around the church. We are looking at 8:00 am on Saturday, February 25th. We are planning a program for Sunday, February 19th at 3:00 pm with Chris Ivey, a Christian juggler. Grace will confirm the date and time with him.

We are looking to have an afternoon of music with Heather Moehlmann Karnes and we are waiting on a call back from them.

We decided to put Rally Day on the Church calendar for September 10th.

We discussed a change in how we handle Renewal Services in fall and we are looking for input from members.

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

1. Set up snacks
2. Operation Christmas Child Update
 - Total actual boxes packed by congregation – 41
 - Total actual boxes packed by children – 15
 - Women's Fellowship matching challenge – 40
 - Total virtual boxes – 46
 - Total boxes – 142
3. Decide on a theme for a food drive for Sharing Cupboard ("Souper Bowl, etc.) Super Bowl is on February 12th. Possibly have different themes/month for specific items.
4. Review draft for 2023 directory.

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

The Christmas program went really well and we would like to thank all that were involved and helped out. Emma Dubble and Linnie Dubble will be receiving Bible's in the new year. New Years Day we will have children's church. We are still looking for a VBS coordinator and we are still looking for children's Sunday School teachers.

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

I made a new roof for refrigeration unit for the walk-in unit that has been missing for a few years. Dale and I installed it. The roof has leaks and I had GSM Roofing come to replace it for estimate. I cleaned and patched some leaks. The generator in furnace room is 52 years old. It has an oil leak and when running has an exhaust leak. Parts are not available. I had Powerton Generators look at our situation to replace generator. A new one would be a Generac outside the building. It would be natural gas all automatic, new transfer switch at a cost of \$8,783.00 installed. Our committee talked it over and we think we should do it now. We are looking for board approval. We have a new person on the commission.....Bill Kline. We are again looking for board approval.

Board approval given to proceed with generator, given by motion, 2nd and aye vote.

Board approval for Bill Kline given by motion, 2nd and aye vote.

Finance and Stewardship Commission: – Chairperson – Bob Noll
Tim Fetzer

Pastor's Report

November and December was busy months so far, but very enjoyable. With the Advent season beginning in the end of November, I have been planning and preaching through the book of Isaiah, Luke and John. I have attended deacons' meetings. On December 4th I attended Friedens Lutheran Church where our bell choir performed. I have been stopping in and talking on Wednesday mornings with the ladies aid group that meets, and also been going to the Sharing Cupboard every other Thursday and Friday to help and to meet the people coming in. On December 10th I attended the dress rehearsal for the children's Christmas play. On December 11th the children had the Christmas play, and I performed an anointing service for Amelia Gross. I have also been in contact with several other people from the congregation throughout the month of December. I have been preparing for Christmas Eve and Christmas morning services. I would like to thank everybody for their continued prayer in support for our journey together here at Myerstown church.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

We are looking to make the following changes on facility rental policies 59a, 59b and 60a. Revised policies are attached.

Approval to accept these revisions were approved by a motion, 2nd and aye vote.

Interests & Concerns

We are looking to create a committee to review each policy within the policy book. Approval to form this committee was approved by motion, 2nd and aye vote.

Lebanon County School Prayer Walk group is forming in the area. Our church has agreed to be involved in this and we will be praying for Jackson Elementary.

Adjournment

At 8:45 pm with prayer by Pastor Chris