



Myerstown Church of the Brethren

Scriptural Message

1 John 4:8

Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

Ecclesiastes 9:9

Enjoy life with your wife, whom you love, all the days of this meaningless life that God has given you under the sun—all your meaningless days. For this is your lot in life and in your toilsome labor under the sun.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

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February 2023

Ministry through
Faith, Vision, and Action

Greetings from pastor Chris

With the winter being in full force of the snow, wind and cold weather, sometimes we just don't want to leave the warmth and comfort of our home. We just get into a rut of the same old thing day after day. As of February 1st, there are 143 days till summer. We have something to look forward to, the warm air of summer. But because of Jesus we had something else to look forward to, he's coming back. As Christians we have something to look forward to in a world that seems hopeless and endless, but we can have the joy and peace of knowing that God is in control of everything that is happening and he loves us all! February is the month of love, with Valentine's Day coming on February 14th.

We are thinking of what is love, and how can we show love in this broken world. One verse that comes to mind is 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 NIV "love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." Our love in human nature is not sufficient, but Jesus' love is. We need to be showing love in today's world. It will not always be easy but through Jesus Christ all things are possible. We have a hope in Jesus and knowing that he is coming back, we sometimes get discouraged with how this world is going, but he gave us all a job. Jesus told us in Matthew 22 love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second one is like it love your neighbor as yourself. As we go out in this month in February, I encourage you to continue reading your Bible and getting to know the heart of God. And asking him for his love to shine through all of us.

Attendance & Offering

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

Sunday School – 25
Worship Service – 90
Online Views - 39

Home Care

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

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.

Council Meeting

Monday, March 6th at 7:00 pm is Council Meeting.

February Wedding Anniversaries

21 st	John & Nancy Layser
22 nd	John & Linda Zimmerman
25 th	William & Sharon Kline
29 th	Richard & Brenda Weierbach

Attention all children

All children of the church are invited to an activity time. When Sunday, February 12 following church. Lunch will be about 11:30 followed by games and a short devotion. Parents can pick you up at 1:30. Come and enjoy time with your Sunday School friends. If you would like to attend please let a member of the Christian Ed Commission or your Sunday School teacher know so we have a count for lunch.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

We are having a Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 25th at 8:00 am at Dutchway. Please sign the sheet in the Gathering Place.

Commissions and Church Board Meeting**Date: January 17, 2023****Meeting was called to order: @ 7:40 pm****by Chairperson: David Dubble****Present were: Secretary - Mark Landis, Jr.****Prayer by: Mark & Tammy Landis****Present were: Pastor Chris Dubble****Secretary's Report of December 20, 2022****Approved as presented by aye vote****Treasurer's Report of December 31, 2022****Approved as presented by aye vote****Commission Reports & Members Present**

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

Mark Landis, Sr. had devotions.

Worship Leaders

Jan. 22	Kim Wenger
Jan. 29	Evelina Krall
Feb. 5	Mark Landis, Sr.
Feb. 12	Katrina Wagner
Feb. 19	Bob Noll
Feb. 26	Kim Horn

Ideas for future programs

1. Men's Prayer Breakfast – Feb. 25 – 8:00 am at Dutchway
2. Program with Chris Ivey – Christian Juggler – Feb. 19 at 3:00 pm
3. Heather Meohlmann Karnes – March 26 at 3:00 pm

Question

1. Rally Day – We mentioned about having a few different services.
2. Spiritual Enrichment Renewal Service – Names to be given for this service.
Friday, Saturday and Sunday or Sunday morning, Monday and Tuesday

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

The final draft of the 2023 directory was reviewed and approved.

201 pairs of socks were collected on the Christmas Sock Tree. The items were donated to ELCO School District for distribution to those in need in the community. We received a thank-you letter from the school district.

We discussed collection item(s) for Sharing Cupboard for February. They are in need of soups, specifically chunky soups. We will do a "Souper Bowl" display for the collection of the soups.

We are working with the Ministry and Evangelism Commission on the planning of the Chris Ivey (juggler) performance on February 19. We will coordinate the snacks for after the performance. A signup sheet was placed in the Gathering Place for donation of snacks.

We will review the mailboxes to determine if the labels need to be updated or reorganized.

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

Feb. 12th we will have games and lunch for the children after church from 11:30 am till 1:30 pm.
Walter and Cindy agreed to help go over the needed church policy's.
We are lining up a special program for Children's Day.
We are talking about dates for the Easter Egg Hunt.

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

The new generator has been ordered. It will replace the old one that is in the furnace room now.
It's a Generac Generator. Total cost including installation is \$8,783.00 We gave \$4,000 deposit
Women's Fellowship gave \$2,000 and Kitchen Committee gave \$2,000. Thank you to both of these committees. Balance due is upon completion, which hopefully is by end of February.
GSM Roofing repaired 3 roof leaks for us. One was in the old library, 1 was in the quilting room and 1 was in a Sunday School room between these other 2 leaks.
We also just agreed to have GSM remove and replace the roof over our walk-in refrigerator. Instead of a flat roof like it is now, the new roof will have a 2 ½" to 3" taper. And it will be a white roof to better reflect the sun. Total cost for this is \$5,490.00. This will be completed when it is warmer in late March or April.

Finance and Stewardship Commission: – Chairperson – Bob Noll
Tim Fetzer, Jay Lentz

We will be doing the Yearly Financial Review of the Church General Fund Account.
We ended 2022 actual giving to budget at a shortfall of \$17,203.97.
We will be submitting the paperwork to distribute funds to the Brotherhood, District & local outreach for 2023 as budgeted for this year.
We would like to thank everyone for their faithful giving this past year.

Pastor's Report

I finished the Christmas season doing Christmas Eve and Christmas morning services. Sunday January 1st, I preached out of the book of Romans. I also challenged the congregation to read the Bible in one year, starting a monthly Bible reading list. I performed two funerals in January, and met with the families to help prepare for them. On Sunday, January 8th we had the memorial service here at the church to remember friends and family that we lost throughout 2022. On January 15th I assisted the deacons with Pew communion. I attended the music meeting to help plan for the next several months for the worship service music. I have continued this month with meeting with a fellow pastor mentor, that I have been meeting with since starting here at Myerstown. I have been trying to stop in and meet with the ladies aide group on Wednesday mornings. I have also been stopping in to visit with the people that come to the Sharing Cupboard every other week. Throughout the month so far, I have been making phone calls and hospital visits to different individuals in the congregation. I will be finishing out the book of James this month. I would like to thank everyone that has helped me throughout this month with the Christmas season and beyond. Like always if you have any comments or concerns, please let me know.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

The Atlantic Northeast District Historical Committee is seeking to verify and update the history of the Myerstown Church of the Brethren. Dave Dubble will contact Glenn Hassinger to see if he will update this.

Bob Noll is seeking volunteers to help on the committee to update our policies.

Pastor Chris is looking for volunteers to help on his vision statement committee and confirm the goals of the church.

Interests & Concerns

None

Adjournment

At 8:15 pm with prayer by Pastor Chris

FEBRUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Ladies Aid 9:00 am Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	2	3	4
5 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	6	7	8 Ladies Aid 9:00 am Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	9 Sharing Cupboard 10 am-1 pm	10 Sharing Cupboard 3-6 pm	11
12 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	13	14 Valentines Day	15 Ladies Aid 9:00 am Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	16	17	18
19 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Chris Ivey 3:00 pm	20	21 Executive Mtg. 6:30 pm Commission Mtg. 7:00 pm Board Mtg. 7:30 pm	22 Ladies Aid 9:00 am Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	23 Sharing Cupboard 10 am-1 pm Spiritual Nurture Meeting 7pm	24 Sharing Cupboard 3-6 pm	25 Men's Breakfast Dutchway 8:00 am
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Darryl Daubert Jessica Singer Brett Wenger	2	3	4
5	6 Donald Hickernell Charlette Singer Derek Thomas	7	8 Brett Lentz Marcie Yoh	9	10 Eric Hartranft Eric Layser	11 Corey Wenger
12 Evelina Krall	13	14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY 	15	16	17 Barry Spangler	18 Verna Forney Gavin Speraw
19 Wyatt Stehr	20 Mary Hartranft	21 Lori Hassinger	22	23 Cameron Fuhrman Earl Liskey Sheila Meyers	24	25
26 Paul Buccholz	27 Jean Barnhart Peter Potena	28 Dick Forney Jack Gray (2/29)				

TURNING POINT'S 365 - DAY BIBLE READING PLAN



One of the best ways to know God is to become acquainted with the full counsel of His written Word. This reading plan will guide you through all 66 books of the Bible in the coming year.

FEBRUARY

1 Leviticus 14 – 15	11 Numbers 8 – 10	21 Deuteronomy 1 – 2
2 Leviticus 16 – 18	12 Numbers 11 – 13	22 Deuteronomy 3 – 4
3 Leviticus 19 – 21	13 Numbers 14 – 15	23 Deuteronomy 5 – 8
4 Leviticus 22 – 23	14 Numbers 16 – 18	24 Deuteronomy 9 – 11
5 Leviticus 24 – 25	15 Numbers 19 – 21	25 Deuteronomy 12 – 15
6 Leviticus 26 – 27	16 Numbers 22 – 24	26 Deuteronomy 16 – 19
7 Numbers 1 – 2	17 Numbers 25 – 26	27 Deuteronomy 20 – 22
8 Numbers 3 – 4	18 Numbers 27 – 29	28 Deuteronomy 23 – 25
9 Numbers 5 – 6	19 Numbers 30 – 32	
10 Numbers 7	20 Numbers 33 – 36	

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Date:

Prayer:

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