



Myerstown Church of the Brethren

Scriptural Message

Hosea 6:3

Let us acknowledge the LORD; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth."

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

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March 2023

Ministry through
Faith, Vision, and Action

Greetings from pastor Chris

A new season is right around the corner. Monday, March 20th is the first day of spring. There are many things that we sometimes look forward to in spring....warmer weather, the flowers are blooming, and for some of us the free Rita's day, where you can get your free Italian ice! Who does not like something free? Just like the weather the seasons change, so do the seasons in our lives. We all go through different seasons some good and some bad. **Psalms 30:4-5** no matter what season we are going through David reminds us, **"Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people, praise his holy name. For his anger last only a moment but his favor lasts a lifetime, weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning."** Paul writes to us in **2nd Corinthians 4:17-18** **For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So, we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.** When we accept the free gift that God gave us through his son Jesus, and believe in Him, whatever season we are going through we know that God has a bigger purpose for our lives. **"Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."** **(James 1:4)** God loves us all, and cares about us and what we are going through. He did not leave us a loan to have to navigate through the seasons of life, He gave us all the Holy Spirit to be able to help us, and give us wisdom through the good days and not so good days. I encourage each one of us to lift each other up in prayer each day, because we all are in a season and God has a purpose for us all.

Attendance & Offering

Attendance average for January 1, 2023 – January 31, 2023

Sunday School – 26
Worship Service – 99
Online Views - 32

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

Council Meeting

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

Old Directory

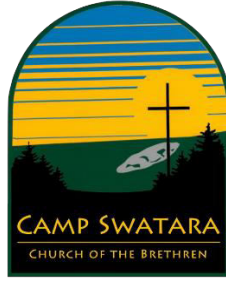
If you would like to bring in your old directory, we can reuse the spines on them. There will be a box in the Gathering Place for you to put the directory. Thank you!

Richland Express

Sunday, March 26th at 3:00 pm, "Richland Express" will be performing in our sanctuary. Please plan to attend this performance.

March Wedding Anniversaries

6th Dean & Katrina Wagner
30th Glenn & Lois Hassinger



CAMP SWATARA NEWS

It's time to start thinking about summer camps for those kiddos! See Jess Singer or visit the camp website for more information about available summer camps.

Looking to plan a vacation? Spend some time at Camp Swatara in their Family Camping Center. Rent a cabin or bring your camper/RV for a fun get-away.

Upcoming Activities at Camp:

- **March 11, 8am-3pm: Paul Bunyan Day**
Come volunteer cutting wood, drinking coffee, eating snacks and making new friends. Lunch will be provided. Contact camp to RSVP.
- **March 24th @ 7pm-March 25th @7pm: Mother & Daughter Weekend**
Calling all Mom's and Daughters. Come spend a weekend together with games, nature, music, crafts, Bible, yummy food, and much much more. Cost: \$299.00 for Mother and Daughter together. Visit the website to register.
- **March 25th, 8:30am-2pm: Trail Mix & Maintenance Day**
Join us for a day of serving on the Camp trails and munching on some trail snacks. Tools and trail mix provided.
- **March 31st @7pm-April 1 @7pm: Spring Camp**
Can't wait for summer? This 24-hour camp is our first (and best!) camp of the year. We will enjoy all the camp classics (games, nature, crafts, Bible, music, crazy-cool counselors, ymmy snacks, new friends, the list goes on!). Grades 1-6, Cost: \$119/camper. Visit the website to register.
- **April 14th @3pm-April 16th @1pm: Family Camp Opening Work Weekend**
Join us to open the campground for the season. We will be landscaping and cleaning to prepare the grounds for the summer. All ages are welcome to join. Voluneers are welcome to camp FREE for the weekend. We provide coffee/snacks and lunch on Saturday. Visit the website for more information.
- **Visit www.campswatara.org for additional activities throughout the spring/summer months.**

MARCH 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	1 Judy Umbenhauer	2 Phyllis Baylor Linda Fahnestock Breianna Heller Abigail Hostetter	3 Jed Dietrich	4 Karter Fetzer
5	6	7 Robert Ebersole Kendalynn Fetzer Linda Krall	8 Walter Sattazahn Karen Hamilton	9 Linnie Dubble Kenneth Wagner	10	11 Renee Brightbill Jasmine Dohner Nancy Wenrich Jason Umbenhauer
12	13	14 Carey Krall	15 Ainsley McClure	16 Bill Rager	17	18
19 Charles Elliott	20	21 Mary Lou Wagner	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Jason Krall	30 Kevin Wenrich	31 Casey Krall	

MARCH 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 Women's Fellowship Meeting 7:00 pm	3	4
5 Sunday School 9:00am Worship Service 10:00 am	6 Council Mtg. 7:00 pm	7 Bible Study 10:00 am	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
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19 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	20	21 Bible Study 10:00 am 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	24 Sharing Cupboard 3-6 pm	25
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Commissions and Church Board Meeting

Date: February 21, 2023

Meeting was called to order: @ 7:40 pm

by Chairperson: David Dubble

Present were: Secretary - Mark Landis, Jr.

Prayer by: Tim Fetzer

Present were: Pastor Chris Dubble

Secretary's Report of January 17, 2023

Approved as presented by aye vote

Treasurer's Report of January 31, 2023

Approved as presented by aye vote

Commission Reports & Members Present

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

Earl presented an idea for a bell ensemble to play when needed.

Bob Noll of the Finance Commission came to our commission to present a change of insurance coverage for Pastor Chris. It will be presented to Church Council as recommended by our commission. Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held this Saturday, February 25th. Jay Lentz has agreed to provide devotions.

The Music program featuring Heather Moehlmann Karnes will be held Sunday, March 26th at 3:00 pm. We are looking to have Rally Day on Sunday, Sept. 10th.

Worship Leaders

Feb. 26	Kim Horn
March 5	Kevin Wenrich
March 12	
March 19	Tim Fetzer
March 26	Bob Noll

We discussed the Enrichment Services as far as dates and speaker. We are looking to having a one day on Sunday, Sept. 24th with Love Feast Oct. 1st.

We discussed Easter Sunrise Service, April 9th and are thinking of asking several men from the congregation to serve.

We need to get speakers in the absence of Pastor Chris on Sunday, April 30th, May 7th, and possibly July 9th and August 13th.

We discussed the notes that were entered in the suggestion box.

Approval for Pastor Chris's insurance package to be paid entirely by the church was given by a motion, 2nd and aye vote. This will be added onto council agenda for approval.

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

Easter Breakfast after Sunrise Service on April 9th. There will be a sign-up sheet for attendance and for food items. We will take donations and give to VBS.
Sharing Cupboard for March – toiletries.....shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, soap, deodorant.
Lebanon Rescue Mission is in need of toilet paper. We are going to collect that as well.
We are going to put an announcement in the bulletin that anyone who doesn't have a mailbox and wants one to let us know and we will add them.
Discussed pictorial directory and begin planning using instant church directory.
Women's Fellowship meeting is March 2nd. The main agenda item is to plan the filling sale for Easter.

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

We had our 1st "Kids Club". 14 kids attended and it went really well. The kids all want to do it again. The next one will be April 23rd.
Saturday, April 8th will be the Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 am.
"This Way Up" will be here June 4th for Children's Day.
Feb. 27th we will be having a meeting with Right Now Media.
We will be asking the congregation for candy donations by April 1st.
July 23rd thru July 27th will be Vacation Bible School. We will be working with Zion United Methodist Church for Bible School.

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

I replaced spigots at left wash bowl.
GSM Roofing was called and we still had a leak in quilting room. They found another leak and repaired it.
Powerton Generator is going to replace furnace room generator on Feb. 23rd with a new generator outside.
We are getting the roof replaced on the walk-in refrigerator and freezer some time in April.
I replaced a light bulb in floor light at the cross.
We wish to make a budget revision to equipment repairs, which is now \$6,000 and up it to \$20,000.

Approval to increase equipment repair budget amount by \$14,000 was approved by a motion, 2nd and aye vote. This will be added onto council agenda for approval.

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

The yearly financial review of the Church General Fund was done on February 14, 2023. A copy of the report is attached.

The budget line items for the District, General Brotherhood and Outreach have been paid in full based on the 2023 budget.

Our commission has discussed with the Ministry Commission what the actual health insurance costs are versus what dollars were budgeted for Pastor Chris.

We would like to thank everyone for their faithful giving.

Pastor's Report

For the month of February I have begun preaching through the book of John. February 5th I did an anointing service. Wednesday mornings I have been meeting with the ladies that do quilting, it has been a true blessing being able to talk and laugh with all them. Every other Thursday and Friday I have continued to go down to the sharing cupboard to meet with the people that come in, and also help where I can. The sharing cupboard here at the church is such a great blessing for our community. I performed a funeral on Saturday February 11th. On February 13th I had a meeting with Christian Ed to discuss Bible school. Later that evening the transition team and I met for my 4-month evaluation. The meeting went very well, with great encouragement from everyone. On February 19th I assisted with the program that we had here at the church, it was such a great outreach. February 22nd I am performing another funeral. I am excited for February 25th for the men's breakfast. I'm glad to see all the men from our church that have signed up. We will be starting up February 28th Bible study every Tuesday morning at 10:00 am. Once again I would like to thank everyone for all their prayers and help here at the church.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Technology Update: The target for installing the new LED projectors is April. Charlie Krall positioned and mounted monitors in the AV room allowing for greater efficiency for the AV staff.

Transition Team update: The Transition Team met with Pastor Chris on February 13 to review the first four months of Pastor Chris' employment with Myerstown CoB. A more detailed report will be available at the March Council meeting.

Interests & Concerns

The program by Chris Ivey, the juggler, on Sunday, Feb. 19th, was a huge success.

Adjournment

At 8:30 pm with prayer by Pastor Chris

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
Ace Hardware \$25.00	4%		\$	Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00	11%		\$	Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores \$25.00	6%		\$
Aeropostale \$25.00	10%		\$	Chipotle Mexican Grill \$10.00	10%		\$	Kohl's \$100.00	4%		\$
Amazon \$100.00	1.7%		\$	Chipotle Mexican Grill \$25.00	10%		\$	Kohl's \$25.00	4%		\$
Amazon \$25.00	1.7%		\$	Chuck E. Cheese's \$10.00	8%		\$	L.L.Bean \$25.00	16%		\$
AMC Theatres \$25.00	8%		\$	Claire's \$10.00	9%		\$	Lands' End \$100.00	15%		\$
AMC Theatres Single Ticket \$10.00	10%		\$	Cold Stone Creamery \$10.00	11%		\$	Lands' End \$25.00	15%		\$
AMC Theatres Single Ticket \$12.00	10%		\$	CVS Pharmacy \$25.00	6%		\$	Long John Silver's \$10.00	8%		\$
American Eagle® \$25.00	10%		\$	Dairy Queen \$10.00	3%		\$	LongHorn Steakhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
Applebee's \$25.00	8%		\$	Darden Restaurants \$25.00	8%		\$	Lowe's \$100.00	4%		\$
Applebee's \$50.00	8%		\$	Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$	Lowe's \$25.00	4%		\$
Arby's \$10.00	8%		\$	Disney \$100.00	3%		\$	Marshalls \$25.00	7%		\$
AutoZone \$25.00	7%		\$	Disney \$25.00	3%		\$	McDonald's \$10.00	2%		\$
Banana Republic \$25.00	14%		\$	Domino's \$10.00	8%		\$	McDonald's \$25.00	2%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$10.00	8%		\$	Dunham's Sports \$25.00	8%		\$	Nike \$25.00	12%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25.00	8%		\$	Eat'n Park \$10.00	9%		\$	Old Navy \$25.00	14%		\$
Bass Pro Shops \$100.00	10%		\$	Eat'n Park \$25.00	9%		\$	Olive Garden \$25.00	8%		\$
Bass Pro Shops \$25.00	10%		\$	Express \$25.00	10%		\$	OshKosh \$25.00	10%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$10.00	12%		\$	Famous Footwear \$25.00	8%		\$	Outback Steakhouse \$25.00	10%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	12%		\$	GameStop \$25.00	5%		\$	Panera Bread \$10.00	8%		\$
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25.00	7%		\$	Gap \$25.00	14%		\$	Panera Bread \$25.00	8%		\$
Best Buy \$100.00	4%		\$	Giant \$100.00	4%		\$	Papa John's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$
Best Buy \$25.00	4%		\$	Giant \$25.00	4%		\$	PetSmart \$25.00	5%		\$
Bob Evans Restaurants® \$10.00	10%		\$	Giant \$50.00	4%		\$	Pizza Hut \$10.00	8%		\$
Bosco's \$25.00	8%		\$	Giant Food Stores \$25.00	4%		\$	Rainforest Cafe \$25.00	9%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings® \$10.00	8%		\$	Giant Food Stores \$50.00	4%		\$	Red Lobster \$25.00	8%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings® \$25.00	8%		\$	Groupon.com \$25.00	7%		\$	Red Robin \$25.00	8%		\$
Build-A-Bear Workshop® \$25.00	8%		\$	Hardee's \$10.00	5%		\$	Regal \$25.00	8%		\$
Cabela's \$100.00	10%		\$	Home Depot® \$25.00	4%		\$	Rite Aid \$25.00	4%		\$
Cabela's \$25.00	10%		\$	Icing \$10.00	9%		\$	Sam's Club \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Carrabba's Italian Grill \$25.00	10%		\$	IHOP \$25.00	8%		\$	Sam's Club \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Carter's \$25.00	10%		\$	J. Crew \$25.00	13%		\$	Sheetz \$100.00	3%		\$
Children's Place \$25.00	12%		\$	JCPenney \$100.00	5%		\$	Sheetz \$25.00	3%		\$
				JCPenney \$25.00	5%		\$	Shutterfly \$25.00	9%		\$
								Speedway \$25.00	4%		\$

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Subway Restaurants \$10.00	4.5%		\$
T.J. Maxx \$25.00	7%		\$
Taco Bell \$10.00	5%		\$
Talbots \$25.00	13%		\$
Target \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Target \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Target \$50.00	2.5%		\$
Texas Roadhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
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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