



Myerstown Church of the Brethren

Scriptural Message

Matthew 26:26-29

26 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." 27 Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. 28 This is my blood of the[a] covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. 29 I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Luke 24:2-3

2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

John 11:25-26

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; 26 and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

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April 2023

Ministry through
Faith, Vision, and Action

Greetings from pastor Chris

March has flown right by and April is upon us. Easter is right around the corner. During the Easter season, we often are reflecting on the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus had to be crucified to fulfill the scriptures, because he is the perfect sacrifice, "**the Lamb of God**". Paul was writing to the church in Corinth in **1 Corinthians 15:14** "**And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is our faith.**" But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead. In **Matthew 28:5-7** "**the Angel said to the woman, do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples. He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him. Now I have told you.**" The Angel said to the women then go quickly and tell his disciples. Are we excited about the resurrection of Jesus, as much as the women were? If so, we need to go quickly, and tell others about the good news of Jesus Christ. **John 14:1-4** "**do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God, believe also in me. My father's house has many rooms, if that were not so would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.**" Jesus has risen! Jesus is coming back for us! We as a church have a job to do, it does not matter how young or how old we are, we all have a job and a command from Jesus. **Matthew 28:19-20** Jesus speaking. "**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.**"

Attendance & Offering

Attendance average for February 1, 2023 – February 28, 2023

Sunday School – 31
Worship Service – 104
Online Views - 29

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

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!

Love Feast

Love Feast is Palm Sunday, April 2nd. We will be having it right after the morning worship service.

Sunrise Service

The Sunrise Service Easter Sunday April 9th will be held at the Myerstown Park Pavilion, 7:00 AM with Kevin Wenrich as the speaker. Sunrise breakfast immediately following service in the New Fellowship Hall.

Candy

Christian Ed is looking for donations to stuff the Easter eggs for the Easter egg hunt which will be held Saturday April 8th at 10 am.

Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Egg Hunt will be April 8th at 10:00am.

Kids Club

ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN - The next Kids Club activity will be April 23, 2023. Starting after church 11:30 to 1:30. Lunch, devotions, games and lots of fun. So save the date and bring a friend. Please let any Sunday School teacher or Commission member know if you are coming so we can plan the food.

Women's Breakfast

Women's Breakfast - Women's Fellowship Breakfast will be held at the Country Fare Restaurant on Saturday, April 15th @ 8:00 AM. Everyone will order off of the menu and be responsible for the cost of their own meal. Please sign up on the sheet in The Gathering Place to join us for this time of fellowship and prayer.

Golden Age Dinner

The Golden Age Dinner will be May 7th, following the worship service. If you have not received an invitation for this dinner, please notify Toni in the church office. Please notify Toni in the church office by April 23rd if you plan on attending the dinner.

Easter Breakfast

An Easter Sunrise Breakfast Buffet will be served at 7:30 a.m. following the Sunrise Service on April 9th. There will be no ticket purchase required, but you are asked to sign up on the sheet in The Gathering Place if you are planning to attend so we have an accurate count for food preparation. A free will offering will be taken, with the proceeds being used for Vacation Bible School. If you would like to donate a food item for the breakfast, please complete the sign-up sheet with the item that you will be bringing. See any member of the Missions and Fellowship Commission if you have any questions.

Tables

Anyone that would like an 8 foot old brown table, feel free to take one from the New Fellowship Hall. Please contact Earl Liskey if you would like a table.

VBS

The date for Vacation Bible School will be July 23rd thru 27th. Mark your calendars and plan to bring a friend.

Mens' Prayer Breakfast

We are having a Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, April 22nd at 8:00 am at Country Fare in the back cottage. Please sign the sheet in the Gathering Place.

April Wedding Anniversaries

1 st	Ken & Nancy Liskey
6 th	Joel and Linda Fahnestock
12 th	Roy & Barb Wenger
19 th	Ronald (Jack) & Faye Gray
25 th	Lloyd & Kitty Wenger
28 th	Robert & Jeanette Beisel

Commissions and Church Board Meeting

Date: March 21, 2023

Meeting was called to order: @ 7:30 pm

by Chairperson: David Dubble

Present were: Secretary - Mark Landis, Jr.

Prayer by: David Dubble

Present were: Pastor Chris Dubble

Secretary's Report of February 21, 2023

**Approved as presented at
March 6, 2023 Council Meeting**

Treasurer's Report of February 28, 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

Pastor Chris opened the meeting with prayer.

Worship leaders are in place for:

March 26 – Bob Noll

April 2 – Mark Landis, Jr.

April 9 – Mark Landis, Sr.

April 16 – Volunteer needed

April 23 – Evelina Krall

April 30 – Kim Horn

Our music program for this coming Sunday is planned for 3:00 pm and we are looking forward to it. We discussed Rally Day at our meeting and thought of the possibility of changing it to Sept. 10th and decided to keep it the last Sunday of August, which would be August 27th and at that time we would have the Blessing of the Backpacks and Bible presentation.

The Easter Sunrise service will be held at the park and Kevin Wenrich will be our speaker.

Enrichment Service will be held Sunday, September 24th morning and evening with Pastor Walter Heisey.

We will need to fill the pulpit when Pastor Chris is away on April 30th, May 7th and August 13th. Some suggestions were given and will be announced when they are contacted.

We discussed the Fall Musical Program and many names were given. The tentative date is October 8th.

We are planning a Men's Breakfast for April 22nd.

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

Easter Breakfast – There is a signup sheet in the Gathering Place. So far 22 people have signed up.

The signup sheet will remain in the Gathering Place until April 2nd.

There is also a food signup sheet in the Gathering Place. Most food has been signed up for so far. That will also remain in the Gathering Place until April 2nd.

April items for the Sharing Cupboard are peanut butter and cookies.

We reviewed final edition of 2023 directory. We are going to place an announcement in the bulletin to request any additional corrections, additions or deletions.

Women's Fellowship Breakfast is April 15th at Country Fare. So far 14 have signed up for this.

Christian Education Commission: - Chairperson – Christine Blackwell
Brenda Lentz

On Sunday, March 12, 2023, we presented Bibles to Emma Dubble and Linnie Dubble. We finalized the details for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 8th at 10:00 am. We will setup Friday at 4:00 pm. There is advertising on the radio, the Merchandiser, posters around town and on Facebook.

Games and devotions for the next Kids Club meeting on April 23rd were discussed. Bible School will be July 23rd thru 27th. The theme is "Stellar Shine Jesus' Light".

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

Triangle did spring maintenance on heat and air.

We had to replace circulator on furnace.

Stanley Door Company replaced transmitter on our automatic door.

We renewed the service contract with Triangle.

We replaced the 52 year old emergency generator in furnace room with a new Generac 10 KW generator.

Property Committee thinks we should put new item in the budget for preventive maintenance contracts, heat & air, generator contracts.

H & M Glass was here to fix 3 seals in the windows that were installed.

We plan to get the Gathering Place floor done when the weather clears up.

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

The revised church budget that was approved at Council meeting on March 6, 2023 was given to Bold Accounting.

We have received to date \$663.73 from donations for the tax preparation that is done in the church.

We would like to thank everyone for their faithful giving.

Pastor's Report

For the month of March, I have been preaching through the gospel of John. I have continued doing Bible study Tuesday mornings. I have been meeting with the women with ladies aid on Wednesday mornings. Every other Thursday and Friday I have been meeting with the people at the Sharing Cupboard, that has been a great joy to get to meet everybody. I would like to thank everyone who has been helping with the worship services on a Sunday morning, with the worship leaders, and the music leaders. We are so blessed to have so many people here at this church willing and able to be helping further the Kingdom of God!

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

On Monday, March 20th, Charlie Krall, and Whitey Nagel removed the two old ceiling mounted projectors and installed two new Epson LED projectors.

In the evening, Doug Hallman, our technology project consultant, Charlie, and David Dubble completed the setup of the projectors.

With the exception of some fine tuning, this completes the three phases of the project that was started in April of 2021. Plans for the future are to extend the reach of broadcast from the sanctuary to the gathering place and to other locations in the church.

We wish to thank all of the people who have helped and continue to play a role in making this audio-video project successful:

- Doug Hallman for bringing his expertise and time to the project
- Charlie Krall for sharing his time and knowledge in physically installing the many audio and video devices
- Janet Dubble for writing numerous grants to help fund the project
- Joel Fahnestock, Greg Horn, Chris Hostetter, Gavin Speraw, Dave and Janet Dubble who do the hands-on production every Sunday
- And the congregation for their generous support of the project

Interests & Concerns

None

Adjournment

At 8:15 pm with prayer by Pastor Chris

APRIL 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Seth Dimond
2 PALM SUNDAY	3	4 Kathy Heisey Ruth Heller	5 Emma Dubble	6	7 GOOD FRIDAY	8 Molly Woloszanski
9 HAPPY EASTER	10 Jackson Hoffer	11	12 Erlene Wagner	13	14 Jessica Houtz	15
16 Harvey Berger Sabrina Heller Mark Landis, Jr. Craig Reppert	17 Paul Heller Grace Ziegler	18 Brenda Weierbach	19 Ruth Saul Lois Sheetz	20 John Zimmerman Sr.	21 Jaime Heisey	22 Jenifer Fetzer
23 Grace Dubble Carter Mathias Lentz	24 Bruce Behney Carol Daubert	25	26 William Singer	27	28 Payton Fuhrman Charisma Meyers	29 Carter Dubble George Heller III
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 PALM SUNDAY Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am LOVE FEAST	3	4 Bible Study 10:00 am	5 Ladies Aid 9:00 am Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	6	7 GOOD FRIDAY	8 Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am
9 EASTER SUNDAY Sunrise Service 7:00 am Breakfast 7:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	10	11 Bible Study 10:00 am	12 Ladies Aid 9:00 am Bell Choir 6:30 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	13 Sharing Cupboard 10 am -1 pm	14 Sharing Cupboard 10 am -1 pm	15 Women's Breakfast Country Fare 8:00 am
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23 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Kids Club 11:30 am – 1:30 pm	24	25 Bible Sudy 10:00 am	26 Ladies Aid 9:00 am Bell Choir 6:30 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	27 Sharing Cupboard 10 am – 1 pm Spiritual Nurture Mtg. 7:00 pm	28 Sharing Cupboard 3 pm – 6 pm	29
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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%		\$
Boscov'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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Family Order Form

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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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