



Myerstown Church of the Brethren

Scriptural Message

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer. Be joyful in hope,
patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Romans 12:12

Then you will call on me and come
and pray to me, and I will listen to you.

Jeremiah 29:12

Show me your ways, Lord, teach me
your paths. Guide me in your truth and
teach me, for you are God my Saviour,
and my hope is in you all day long.

Psalms 25:4-5

For through the Spirit we eagerly
await by faith the righteousness
for which we hope.

Galatians 5:5

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March 2025

Ministry through
Faith, Vision, and Action

Greetings from Pastor Chris

A new season is right around the corner. Thursday March 20th the first day of spring begins. There are many things that we sometimes look forward to in spring. Warmer weather, the flowers are blooming, and for some of us the past 25 years 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 lasts 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 **2 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. The verse for March is "**2 Corinthians 12:9 But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.**" 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. "For when I am weak, then I am strong."

Attendance & Offering

Attendance average for January 1, 2025 – January 31, 2025

Sunday School – 24
Worship Service – 87
Online Views - 69

Home Care

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers those living in nursing homes/assisted living homes: Faye Brubaker, Dixie Gasper, Lois Hassinger, Eleanor Brubaker, Ken Gross, Doris Lausch, Lois Sheetz, and Mark Landis, Sr.

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 3rd at 7:00 pm is Council Meeting.

Mission of the Month

For the month of March, the Mission of the Month is going to be COBYS.

Weather Delays

Delays and closings caused by inclement weather will be announced in the following ways: email, phone calls, postings on the church website, radio station announcements (WLBR, WDAC) and TV announcements (WGAL).

If you are not subscribed to the church's email list go to <https://tinyurl.com/MCoB-EMAIL> to subscribe.

If you are not subscribed to MCoB's Prayer Chain notification system, subscribe at <https://tinyurl.com/v3bjsxu6> or contact Toni Noll.

Richland Express

Sunday, March 30th 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

Commissions and Church Board Meeting**Date: February 18, 2025****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 January 21, 2025****Approved as presented by aye vote****Treasurer's Report of January 31, 2025****Approved as presented by aye vote****Commission Reports & Members Present****Ministry & Evangelism Commission:**

Chairperson – Linda Zimmerman
Earl Liskey, David Dubble, Pastor Chris

Worship leaders are in place for
February 23 – Kim Horn
March 2 – Bob Noll
March 9 – Katrina Wagner
March 16 –
March 23 –
March 30 –

We are looking forward to 2 music programs in March. On March 9th, Myerstown Mennonite Church is having a program at our church. On March 30th, Richland Express will be here to present their program.

The Men's breakfast that was held on January 25th was enjoyed and approximately 17 were in attendance.

Plans are being made for the Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 20th. Evelina Krall will be in charge of the music and we are looking into finding a speaker.

On March 9th, Mark Landis, Jr. will present the message in the absence of Pastor Chris. Pastor Chris will be on vacation from March 3rd to March 9th.

We received an Ordination Review for 2025 for Pastor Chris and Pastor Marty Moyer. Pastor Chris contacted Pete Kontra at the District Office and Pastor Marty has transferred his ordination to Brethren Coventry and it's not time for Pastor Chris' review. Board Chairman Dave Dubble will fill out the appropriate forms.

Since we had some interest in a camping weekend at Camp Swatara, we are checking with our camp representative, Jess Singer, about more details.

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

Janet opened with prayer.

The items that will be collect for March for Sharing Cupboard will be any kind of 6 pack crackers, granola bars, and macaroni & cheese.

The Mission of the Month for March will be COBYS Family Services. A short presentation will be made by Steven Nichols from COBYS on March 2.

We began preliminary plans for the Easter breakfast on April 20th. Plans will be finalized at the March Commission Meeting.

We discussed our church being the host site for the annual Operation Christmas Child Project Leader breakfast meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 5th. We asked the Board to approve to waive the rental fees for this event and it was approved unanimously. Janet Dubble is a member of this team and will take responsibility for all of the planning.

We began the review of the old Welcome Packet that was made available to visitors to our church. We will make it a priority to update the information and format of this booklet and make it available in The Gathering Place for visitors to pick up.

Approval to use our facility rental free by the Operation Christmas Child Group was approved by a motion, 2nd and aye vote.

Christian Education Commission: - Brenda Lentz, Walter Sattazahn, Cindy Sattazahn

There were 12 youth at February Kid's Club.

We discussed the Teens for Christ activities for the rest of the year.

March 23rd is the next activity. It will be a spaghetti dinner for the entire congregation.

The Junior Youth would like to do activities away from the church and we are studying suggestions.

The Junior Youth did a good job with their reading of a skit on Sunday morning and the older youth will do one in March.

We discussed Bible School.

All Teaching positions have been filled.

We are still looking for leaders.

We discussed "Good as Gold Certificates".

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

We fixed the loose carpet on south wall at the chair room. We glued it fast in the gym.

We put a new seal in right side front door of church.

Cleaned snow from walks again.

The church is in need of a volunteer for fire alarm system to answer calls from Yarnell Security.

Finance and Stewardship Commission: – Chairperson – Bob Noll
Jay Lentz

The Yearly Financial Review of the Church General Fund was done on January 22, 2025. There were no errors found. A copy of the report is attached. The budget line items for District and General Brotherhood have been paid. The January Mission of the Month was OnFire Youth Ministry. The amount collected was \$965.00. We would like to thank everyone for their faithful giving.

Pastor's Report

Things I have done since our last meeting

- Prayed and planned weekly worship services
- Been preaching through the book of Hebrews.
- Lead weekly Bible study. (Essentials of faith. Who is Jesus?)
- Met with a group of brethren pastors.
- Meet monthly with a pastor mentor.
- Monthly newsletter article.
- Called and visited several people from the congregation and community.
- Visited with lady's aid.
- Attend Wednesday morning chapel with Reach Christian school. Also meet with Teachers from school and principal.
- Conducted Pew Communion.
- Attended and led devotional for men's breakfast.
- Met with individuals inquiring about joining Myerstown Church
- Attended Deacons meeting.

Thank you for all the prayers and help throughout this past month it has been greatly appreciated. It has been exciting to see how God has been working here in our congregation.

Unfinished Business

Approval to install a security system, new phone system and door access system at a cost of approximately \$25,000 was given by a motion, 2nd and aye vote. This will now be taken to Council Meeting for approval.

New Business

None

Interests & Concerns

None

Adjournment

With a talk and prayer by Pastor Chris at 8:15 pm.



March 2025

Visit SeekingScripture.com for Bible Study Notes

Date	Verses	Date	Verses
☐ 03/01/25	Deuteronomy 5-7	☐ 03/17/25	Joshua 22-24
☐ 03/02/25	Deuteronomy 8-10	☐ 03/18/25	Judges 1-2
☐ 03/03/25	Deuteronomy 11-13	☐ 03/19/25	Judges 3-5
☐ 03/04/25	Deuteronomy 14-16	☐ 03/20/25	Judges 6-7
☐ 03/05/25	Deuteronomy 17-20	☐ 03/21/25	Judges 8-9
☐ 03/06/25	Deuteronomy 21-23	☐ 03/22/25	Judges 10-12
☐ 03/07/25	Deuteronomy 24-27	☐ 03/23/25	Judges 13-15
☐ 03/08/25	Deuteronomy 28-29	☐ 03/24/25	Judges 16-18
☐ 03/09/25	Deuteronomy 30-31	☐ 03/25/25	Judges 19-21
☐ 03/10/25	Deuteronomy 32-34	☐ 03/26/25	Ruth
☐ 03/11/25	Joshua 1-4	☐ 03/27/25	1 Samuel 1-3
☐ 03/12/25	Joshua 5-8	☐ 03/28/25	1 Samuel 4-8
☐ 03/13/25	Joshua 9-11	☐ 03/29/25	1 Samuel 9-12
☐ 03/14/25	Joshua 12-15	☐ 03/30/25	1 Samuel 13-14
☐ 03/15/25	Joshua 16-18	☐ 03/31/25	1 Samuel 15-17
☐ 03/16/25	Joshua 19-21		

Verse of the Month

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

2 Corinthians 12:9

March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Prayer Group 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	3 Praise Team 6:00 pm Council Mtg. 7:00 pm	4 Bible Study 10:00 am	5 Ladies Aide 9:00 am Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	6	7	8
9 Prayer Group 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Musical Program 3:00 pm	10 Praise Team 6:00 pm	11 Bible Study 10:00 am	12 Ladies Aide 9:00 am Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	13 Sharing Cupboard 10-1	14 Sharing Cupboard 3-6	15 ANE Women's Spring Fellowship
16 Prayer Group 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	17 Praise Team 6:00 pm	18 Bible Study 10:00 am Executive Mtg 6:30 pm Commission Mtg 6:45 pm Board Mtg 7:30 pm	19 Ladies Aide 9:00 am Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	20	21	22
23 Prayer Group 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Spaggett Dinner 11:00 am	24 Praise Team 6:00 pm	25 Bible Study 10:00 am	26 Ladies Aide 9:00 am Bell Choir 6:15 pm Senior Choir 7:30 pm	27 Sharing Cupboard 10-1 Spiritual Nurture 7:00 pm	28 Sharing Cupboard 3-6	29
30 Prayer Group 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Richland Express 3:00 pm	31 Praise Team 6:00 pm					

March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Judy Umbenhauer
2 Phyllis Baylor Linda Fahnestock Abigail Hostetter	3 Jed Dietrich	4 Karter Fetzer	5	6	7 Kendalynn Fetzer Linda Krall	8 Walter Sattazahn Karen Hamilton
9 Linnie Dubble Kenneth Wagner	10	11 Renee Brightbill Jasmine Dohner Nancy Wenrich	12 Yvonne Foreman	13	14 Carey Krall	15
16	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					

You are invited

To: Everyone

What: Spaghetti Dinner

When: Sunday March 23, 2025

Time: Immediately following the church service

Cost: Donation (Benefiting the youth)

Following the meal there will be a throw auction and a game afternoon. So bring your favorite game for a fun afternoon with the youth of the church.

There will be tickets available the first three Sundays after church in the gathering place.

LENTEN CHALLENGE

1. March 5 – can of peaches
2. March 6 – can of soup
3. March 7 – jar of peanut butter
4. March 8 – jar of jelly
5. March 10 – box of cereal
6. March 11 – can of corn
7. March 12 – can of tuna fish
8. March 13 – applesauce
9. March 14 – can of chicken
10. March 15 – instant potatoes
11. March 17 – pancake mix
12. March 18 – pancake syrup
13. March 19 – instant oatmeal
14. March 20 – box of granola bars
15. March 21 – box of pasta
16. March 22 – spaghetti sauce
17. March 24 – mac & cheese
18. March 25 – bottle of juice
19. March 26 – can of pineapples
20. March 27 – can of baked beans
21. March 28 – box of baking mix
22. March 29 – box of crackers
23. March 31 – rice
24. April 1 – can of stew
25. April 2 – can of chili
26. April 3 – can of peas
27. April 4 – instant vanilla pudding
28. April 5 – can of green beans
29. April 7 – can of mixed fruit
30. April 8 – can of potatoes
31. April 9 – can of carrots
32. April 10 – instant chocolate pudding
33. April 11 – can of spaghetti's
34. April 12 – can of ravioli
35. April 14 – hamburger helper
36. April 15 – scalloped potatoes
37. April 16 – cookies
38. April 17 – ketchup
39. April 18 – mustard
40. April 19 – salad dressing or mayo



CAMP SWATARA NEWS

New Year, New Fun! Check out what's going on at Camp Swatara in the coming months.

Camp sites can be booked in the Family Campground 11 months prior to your stay. Visit the camp website to reserve your site.

Upcoming Activities at Camp:

- **March 7th 4:30-6:00 - Pasta Dinner Fundraiser (dine in); 4:30-7 (take out)**
Come out and support camp while enjoying a delicious meal! \$20/meal (add \$2 for take out, add \$7 for gluten free option)
- **March 22nd 8:30-2 - Trail Maintenance**
Join us to help maintain our trails and get them ready for the upcoming hiking season.
- **April 25-27 – Opening Weekend**
Free camping! Join us to open the campground for the season. Workday April 26th @8am.
- **May 9-May 11 – Free Mini Golf for Mothers**
All Moms visiting or camping with us on Mother's Day weekend receive a free round of Mini-Golf!
- **Visit www.campswatara.org for additional activities throughout the spring/summer months.**

CAMP SWATARA 2025 PROGRAM GUIDE

SUMMER THEME: ANOTHER WAY

PSALM 46:1-3; 10

SUMMER AT A GLANCE

DATE:	EAST	WEST	MT. SIDE/FCC - DAY CAMPS	
MAY 29 - JUNE 4	COUNSELOR TRAINING			
JUNE 6 - 7	BIG & SMALL - GRADES K-3 (FRI TO SAT) DROP OFF: 7 PM PICK UP: 7 PM			
JUNE 8 - 12		MONARCH I - AGES 16+ (SUN TO THURS) DROP OFF: 2:30 PM PICK UP: 6 PM		
JUNE 15 - 19	EUREKA - GRADES 5-8 (SUN TO THURS) DROP OFF: 3 PM PICK UP: 6 PM		MT. SIDE - GRADES 9 - 12 (SUN TO THURS) DROP OFF: 2:30 PM PICK UP: 6 PM	
JUNE 22 - 26	CREATIVE ARTS - GRADES 5-7 (SUN TO THURS) DROP OFF: 3:30 PM PICK UP: 6 PM	MAPLES - GRADES 1-4 (SUN TO THURS) DROP OFF: 2:30 PM PICK UP: 6 PM		
JUNE 29 - JULY 3		MONARCH II - AGES 16+ (SUN TO THURS) DROP OFF: 2:30 PM PICK UP: 6 PM		
JULY 7 - 11			SAPLINGS - DAY CAMP G - 1-4	GAMES & SPORTS DAY CAMP G - 5-8
JULY 12 - 19	MUSICAL - GRADES 8-12 (SAT TO SAT) DROP OFF: 3 PM PICK UP: 9 AM			
JULY 14 - 18				WET & WACKY DAY CAMP G - 5-8
JULY 20 - 22	SPROUTS - GRADES 1-4 (SUN TO TUES) DROP OFF: 3 PM, PICK UP: 5 PM	Day Camp - M-F	Bring your own lunch D-9am P-4pm	

Registration Is OPEN!

Visit www.campswatara.org and click on Register Today to access the online registration portal.

Please see Jess Singer for questions and information regarding our Good as Gold Program

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	6%		\$	Carrabba's Italian Grill \$25.00	10%		\$	Home Depot® \$25.00	4%		\$
adidas \$25.00	13%		\$	Carter's \$25.00	10%		\$	HomeGoods \$25.00	6%		\$
Aeropostale \$25.00	10%		\$	Cheesecake Factory \$25.00	5%		\$	Icing \$10.00	9%		\$
Amazon \$100.00	1.6%		\$	Chewy \$25.00	5%		\$	IHOP \$25.00	8%		\$
Amazon \$25.00	1.6%		\$	Children's Place \$25.00	12%		\$	J. Crew \$25.00	13%		\$
Amazon \$50.00	1.6%		\$	Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00	10%		\$	JCPenney \$100.00	7%		\$
AMC Theatres \$25.00	8%		\$	Chipotle Mexican Grill \$10.00	9%		\$	JCPenney \$25.00	7%		\$
AMC Theatres Single Ticket \$10.00	7%		\$	Chipotle Mexican Grill \$25.00	9%		\$	Kohl's \$25.00	7%		\$
American Eagle® \$25.00	10%		\$	Claire's \$10.00	9%		\$	L.L.Bean \$25.00	16%		\$
Applebee's® \$25.00	8%		\$	Cold Stone Creamery \$10.00	11%		\$	Lands' End \$100.00	14%		\$
Applebee's® \$50.00	8%		\$	Cracker Barrel \$10.00	8%		\$	Lands' End \$25.00	14%		\$
Arby's \$10.00	8%		\$	Cracker Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$	Long John Silver's \$10.00	8%		\$
Auntie Anne's \$10.00	7%		\$	CVS Pharmacy \$25.00	7%		\$	LongHorn Steakhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
AutoZone \$25.00	7%		\$	Dairy Queen \$10.00	6.5%		\$	Marshall's \$25.00	6%		\$
Banana Republic \$25.00	14%		\$	Dairy Queen \$25.00	6.5%		\$	McDonald's \$10.00	3%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$10.00	8%		\$	Darden Restaurants \$25.00	8%		\$	McDonald's \$25.00	3%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25.00	8%		\$	Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$	Moe's Southwest Grill \$25.00	7%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$10.00	12%		\$	Disney \$100.00	3%		\$	Nike \$25.00	11%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	12%		\$	Disney \$25.00	3%		\$	Old Navy \$25.00	14%		\$
Best Buy \$25.00	4%		\$	Domino's \$10.00	8%		\$	Olive Garden \$25.00	8%		\$
Best Western Hotels & Resorts \$100.00	10%		\$	Dunham's Sports \$25.00	8%		\$	Outback Steakhouse \$25.00	10%		\$
Best Western Hotels & Resorts \$25.00	10%		\$	Dunkin' \$10.00	3.5%		\$	Panera Bread \$10.00	8%		\$
Big Lots! \$25.00	4%		\$	Dunkin' \$25.00	3.5%		\$	Panera Bread \$25.00	8%		\$
Bob Evans Restaurants® \$10.00	10%		\$	Eat'n Park \$10.00	9%		\$	Papa John's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$
Bob Evans Restaurants® \$25.00	10%		\$	Eat'n Park \$25.00	9%		\$	PetSmart \$25.00	6%		\$
Boscov's \$25.00	8%		\$	Famous Footwear \$25.00	8%		\$	Pizza Hut \$10.00	8%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings® \$10.00	8%		\$	Firehouse Subs \$25.00	6%		\$	Rainforest Cafe \$25.00	9%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings® \$25.00	8%		\$	GameStop \$25.00	5%		\$	Red Lobster \$25.00	8%		\$
Build-A-Bear Workshop® \$25.00	8%		\$	Gap \$25.00	14%		\$	Red Robin \$25.00	8%		\$
Burger King \$10.00	6%		\$	Giant Food \$100.00	3.5%		\$	Regal \$25.00	8%		\$
Burger King \$25.00	6%		\$	Giant Food \$25.00	3.5%		\$	Rite Aid \$25.00	4%		\$
Cabela's \$25.00	9%		\$	Giant Food \$50.00	3.5%		\$	Sam's Club \$100.00	2.5%		\$
				Hardee's \$10.00	5%		\$	Sam's Club \$25.00	2.5%		\$
								Sheetz \$25.00	3%		\$

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Staples \$25.00	5%		\$
Starbucks \$10.00	4.5%		\$
Starbucks \$25.00	4.5%		\$
Subway Restaurants \$10.00	6%		\$
T.J. Maxx \$25.00	6%		\$
Taco Bell \$10.00	5%		\$
Target \$10.00	2.5%		\$
Target \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Target \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Target \$50.00	2.5%		\$
Texas Roadhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
The Home Depot® \$100.00	4%		\$
The Home Depot® \$25.00	4%		\$
ULTA \$25.00	7%		\$
Under Armour \$25.00	11%		\$
Vera Bradley \$50.00	7%		\$
Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$100.00	1.25%		\$
Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$25.00	1.25%		\$
Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$50.00	1.25%		\$
Walmart \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Walmart \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Walmart \$50.00	2.5%		\$

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