



Myerstown Church of the Brethren

Scriptural Message

But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life
Romans 6:22

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery
Galatians 5:1

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death
Romans 8:1-2

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July/August
2026

Ministry through
Faith, Vision, and Action

Greetings from Pastor Chris

Walking in Love and Trusting God's Plan

July Verse of the Month: Colossians 3:14

"And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity." (NIV)

August Verse of the Month: Jeremiah 29:11

"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." (NIV)

Summer is a season filled with activity. Families take vacations, children attend camps, gardens are growing, and many of us spend more time outdoors enjoying God's creation. Our schedules often look different during these months, but our need for Christ remains the same.

As we move through July and August, these two verses offer a wonderful reminder of how God calls us to live and what He promises to do.

In Colossians 3:14, Paul reminds believers that above all else we are to "put on love." Love is not merely a feeling; it is a daily choice. It is shown in how we speak to one another, how we serve one another, and how we extend grace when life becomes challenging. Love is what holds Christian families together, strengthens friendships, and unites the church. In a world that often seems divided and impatient, followers of Christ are called to reflect His love in practical ways.

Then Jeremiah 29:11 reminds us that God is still at work. While we may not always understand the road ahead, we can trust the One who does. God spoke these words to His people during a difficult season, assuring them that He had not forgotten them. He was working out His purposes even when they could not see it. What a comfort that is for us today. Some may be facing uncertainty about their health, family, work, finances, or future. Others may be praying for loved ones or carrying burdens that few people know about. This verse reminds us that our hope is not found in our circumstances but in God's faithfulness. His plans are always better than our own, and His timing is always perfect.

When we put these two verses together, we find a simple but powerful message: live each day clothed in Christ's love and trust God with tomorrow. We may not know what the future holds, but we know the One who holds the future. As we walk in love, serve faithfully, and follow Christ, we can rest in the assurance that God is leading us according to His good purposes.

As summer continues and we look toward the fall, may we be people who love deeply, serve joyfully, and trust confidently in God's promises. Let us encourage one another, pray for one another, and continue growing together as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Attendance & Offering

Attendance average for May 1, 2026 – May 31, 2026

Sunday School – 20
Worship Service – 92
Online Views – 35

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, Ken Gross, Doris Lausch, Lois Sheetz, LaMar and Joanne Fahnestock, Shirley Brandt, Anna Mae Kupp and Mark Landis, Sr.**

MCoB email list - join by sending your name and email address to info@myerstowncob.org

Mission of the Month

The Mission of the Month for July is Vine Ministries.
This Mission of the Month for August is Sharing Cupboard.

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.

Vacation

Pastor Chris will be on vacation from July 28th through August 28th. Contact the Deacon of the month or the church office if the need arises.

Sharing Cupboard

For the month of July we are collecting peanut butter and spaghetti sauce.

For the month of August we are collecting boxes of crackers and macaroni and cheese.



Bible Study

We will plan on starting up on Sept. 8th after taking off for the summer.

Save the Date

The 6th Annual Myerstown Night Out at the Reading Fighin' Phils will occur on Friday, August 14, 2026, at 7:00 PM at FirstEnergy Stadium in Reading, PA. Watch for a signup sheet in The Gathering Place so you can get your tickets for \$5.00 each.



VBS

A wish list for Vacation Bible School is on the table in the Gathering Place. Any contributions are greatly appreciated.

Vacation Bible School

July 12 – 16, 2026

Time – 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Supper will be served

Ages – 3 years old to 5th grade

Please bring nonperishable food item for the Sharing Cupboard.

Registration is available on the church website - www.myerstowncob.org

If you would like to help with VBS, please contact Brenda Lentz or Ray Honnigmann.



Bible Verse

Do you have a favorite Bible verse or verses? Pastor Chris is collecting favorite verses to share with the church family. Forms for submitting your verses are available in the Gathering Place. Completed forms may be placed in the offering plates at the rear of the sanctuary. You may also use this link to submit your verse(s)
<https://forms.gle/PxFnufd4BhBLHe9k>



CAMP SWATARA NEWS

Who is getting excited for the 2026 camping season? Camp sites can be booked in the Family Campground 11 months prior to your stay. Visit the camp website to reserve your site today!

Upcoming Activities at Camp:

- July 4th 8pm
Enjoy fireworks to celebrate our Nation's Founding!
- August 15th 11am-4pm—Car Show
Bring your classic or customized car or just come to see all the cool cars!
- August 22nd 9pm-10pm—Glow Mini Golf
Play our mini golf course with Glow Sticks and Blacklights
- Sept 4th-5th Labor Day Auction
Labor Day Auction benefits the family campground. We accept donations of new, gently used or handmade items.
- **Visit** www.campswatara.org **for additional activities.**

Commissions and Church Board Meeting

Date: June 16, 2026

Meeting was called to order: @ 7:35 pm

by Chairperson: David Dubble

Present were: Secretary – Mark Landis, Jr.

Prayer by: Kim Horn

Present were: Pastor Chris Dubble

Secretary's Report of May 19, 2026

**Approved as presented at June 8 2026
Council Meeting**

Treasurer's Report of May 31, 2026

Approved as presented by aye vote

Commission Reports & Members Present

Ministry & Evangelism Commission: Chairperson – Linda Zimmerman
Earl Liskey, David Dubble, Scott Lengel, Pastor Chris

Worship leaders are in place for July

July 5 – Bob Noll

July 12 – Tim Fetzer

July 19 – Kim Horn

July 26 – Kim Wenger

Bible study has gone well and our last day will be next Tuesday, June 23rd and will be tentatively starting up again Tuesday, Sept. 8th and studying the book of Acts.

On June 28th Greg Golden of Vine Ministry will be here to preach when Pastor Chris is at conference.

On June 21st we are planning on having a dedication of our Annual Conference delegates, Kim Horn and Kim Wenger.

Earl reported he is working on commitments for the annual music program scheduled for October 11th. He is also working on getting our Men's Choir scheduled.

We are tentatively planning a Men's breakfast on Sept. 12th.

Toni has requested vacation time from Sept. 21st through 26th with our approval.

Pastor Chris has requested time off for vacation for the 4 Sunday's in August and is working on getting speakers to fill the pulpit. Our commission has given him approval.

Pastor Chris's request for time off was approved by a motion, 2nd and aye vote.

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

Janet had prayer.

Volunteers will not be needed this year for the OnFire Food Stand at the Lebanon Fair. After several changes within the OnFire organization, they have decided to take a step back for this season so they can focus more intentionally on their mission and the needs of their students.

This Commission will plan a Fellowship Meal for August 30th, Rally Day. Hot dogs, meatball sandwiches, and drinks will be provided. The congregation will be asked to provide sides, salads, and desserts. A signup sheet will be in the Gathering Place in August.

Collection items for July for The Sharing Cupboard will be peanut butter and spaghetti sauce. There is also a signup sheet in The Gathering Place for items that can be donated for the VBS nightly meals.

The following ministries will be our Missions of the Month for the remainder of 2026:

- June - Far Reach Ministries - Chris Elliot
- July - Vine Ministries- Greg Golden
- August - Sharing Cupboard
- September - True Life Ministries
- October - Operation Christmas Child
- November - Sharing Cupboard
- December - Sock tree and ELCO Family Fund

Myerstown Night Out at the Reading Fightin' Phils will be on Friday, August 14, 2026; 7:00 P.M. MCoB will be a Bronze Level Sponsor of this event. Tickets will be available for \$5.00 each. A signup sheet will be placed in The Gathering Place for those interested in purchasing tickets.

The ELCO Good Neighbor Award Recipients for 2026 are:

- Michael Wonder- 8th grade
- Evan Layser- 8th Grade
- Charlette Singer- 8th grade
- Eliana Guele- 8th grade

Plans were discussed for a half day Women's Retreat in the Fall. This will be open to the public and led by Joyce Strong.

A draft of the new Welcome Packet was reviewed and edited.

The CCLI Licensing Renewal is due August 30th. This is our license to use, project and stream the music and lyrics that we use in our church. The total annual renewal cost is \$266.

The next Women's Fellowship meeting is August 6th at 6:30 pm in the church parlor for planning pumpkin roll baking, Holiday Bazaar, Women's breakfast, T-shirts, etc. All women of the church are invited to attend and participate.

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

We took 9 youth mini golfing and they had a great time. Afterward they went for ice cream.
We are still looking for a Kid's choir director.
All our positions are filled for Bible School
We will be decorating for Bible School on the Sunday of July 12th right after church.
For Rally Day, Chris Ivey will be here.
We will have Blessings of the backpacks and we are giving out Bibles on Rally Day.

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

We needed to replace heating circulator in furnace room.
The new generator is all finished. They put a carbon monoxide detector in quilting room.
I made a door stop for the new class room.
Zack said they would like to paint the classrooms upstairs front of church and clean the carpet.

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

The Mission of the Month for May was Sharing Cupboard – amount of \$983.29.
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 Gospel of Matthew
- Met with a group of brethren pastors.
- Meet monthly with a pastor mentor.
- Monthly newsletter article, and verse of the month.
- Called and visited several people from the congregation, and community. In hospital and at home.
- Visited with lady's aid.
- Visited with people at sharing cupboard.
- Attended council meeting
- Attended deacons meeting
- Helped with Tuesday morning Bible study. Going through the seven churches of Revelations.

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

None

New Business

None

Interests & Concerns

A concern was raised about the low attendance at Council Meeting. It's an important meeting 3 times a year in the life of our church.

Adjournment

At 8:10 pm with prayer by Pastor Chris.

July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Annual Conference Ladies Aide 9:00 am	2 Annual Conference	3	4
5 Prayer Group 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	6	7	8 Ladies Aide 9:00 am	9 Sharing Cupboard 10-1	10 Sharing Cupboard 3-6	11
12 Prayer Group 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am VBS 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm	13 VBS 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm	14 VBS 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm	15 VBS 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm Ladies Aide 9:00 am	16 VBS 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm	17	18
19 Prayer Group 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	20	21	22 Ladies Aide 9:00 am	23 Sharing Cupboard 10-1	24 Sharing Cupboard 3-6	25
26 Prayer Group 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	27	28	29 Ladies Aide 9:00 am	30	31	

August 2026

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	4	5 Ladies Aide 9:00 am	6 Women's Fellowship 6:30 pm	7	8
9 Prayer Group 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	10	11	12 Ladies Aide 9:00 am	13 Sharing Cupboard 10-1	14 Sharing Cupboard 3-6	15
16 Prayer Group 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	17	18 Executive Mtg. 6:30 pm Commission Mtg 7:00 pm Board Mtg 7:30 pm	19 Ladies Aide 9:00 am	20	21	22
23 Prayer Group 8:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am	24	25	26 Ladies Aide 9:00 am	27 Sharing Cupboard 10-1 Spiritual Nurture Mtg. 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 RALLY DAY	31					

July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Connor Reppert	2 Brayden Miller	3	4 Joel Hoffer
5 Cameron Long	6	7	8	9 Jacqueline Hoffer	10 Joel Fahnestock Sharon Seldomridge	11 Lucas Dubble
12 JoAnn Rager	13	14	15	16 Joyce Wagner	17	18 Ben Minnick
19	20	21	22	23 Barb Weidman	24	25
26 Roy Wenger, Jr.	27	28	29	30	31	

August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Christopher Hostetter
2 JoAnn Houtz	3 Trent Dohner	4	5	6 Shirley Brandt	7	8
9	10 Anthony Brightbill	11 Lori Lentz	12 Carson Reppert	13	14 Robert Beisel	15 Peggy Dubble Mabel Shirk
16	17	18	19	20 Vicki Hunsicker	21 Hunter Leahy	22
23 Cindy Sattazahn	24	25	26	27 Ken Liskey	28	29
30 Troy Dohner	31 Cynthia Behney Robert Lentz					

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Bible Reading Plan

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JULY

1 Proverbs 4 – 7	11 Ecclesiastes 5 – 8	21 Isaiah 25 – 28
2 Proverbs 8 – 11	12 Ecclesiastes 9 – 12	22 Isaiah 29 – 31
3 Proverbs 12 – 14	13 Song of Solomon 1 – 4	23 Isaiah 32 – 34
4 Proverbs 15 – 17	14 Song of Solomon 5 – 8	24 Isaiah 35 – 37
5 Proverbs 18 – 20	15 Isaiah 1 – 3	25 Isaiah 38 – 40
6 Proverbs 21 – 23	16 Isaiah 4 – 8	26 Isaiah 41 – 43
7 Proverbs 24 – 26	17 Isaiah 9 – 11	27 Isaiah 44 – 46
8 Proverbs 27 – 29	18 Isaiah 12 – 14	28 Isaiah 47 – 49
9 Proverbs 30 – 31	19 Isaiah 15 – 19	29 Isaiah 50 – 52
10 Ecclesiastes 1 – 4	20 Isaiah 20 – 24	30 Isaiah 53 – 56
		31 Isaiah 57 – 59



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AUGUST

1 Isaiah 60 – 63	11 Jeremiah 25 – 27	21 Jeremiah 51 – 52
2 Isaiah 64 – 66	12 Jeremiah 28 – 30	22 Lamentations 1 – 2
3 Jeremiah 1 – 3	13 Jeremiah 31 – 32	23 Lamentations 3 – 5
4 Jeremiah 4 – 5	14 Jeremiah 33 – 36	24 Ezekiel 1 – 4
5 Jeremiah 6 – 8	15 Jeremiah 37 – 39	25 Ezekiel 5 – 8
6 Jeremiah 9 – 11	16 Jeremiah 40 – 43	26 Ezekiel 9 – 12
7 Jeremiah 12 – 14	17 Jeremiah 44 – 46	27 Ezekiel 13 – 15
8 Jeremiah 15 – 17	18 Jeremiah 47 – 48	28 Ezekiel 16 – 17
9 Jeremiah 18 – 21	19 Jeremiah 49	29 Ezekiel 18 – 20
10 Jeremiah 22 – 24	20 Jeremiah 50	30 Ezekiel 21 – 22
		31 Ezekiel 23 – 24

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Ace Hardware \$25.00	6%		\$	Carter's \$25.00	10%		\$	IHOP \$25.00	8%		\$
adidas \$25.00	13%		\$	Cheesecake Factory \$25.00	5%		\$	J. Crew \$25.00	13%		\$
Aeropostale \$25.00	10%		\$	Chewy \$25.00	5%		\$	JCPenney \$100.00	7%		\$
Amazon \$100.00	1.5%		\$	Children's Place \$25.00	12%		\$	JCPenney \$25.00	7%		\$
Amazon \$25.00	1.5%		\$	Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00	10%		\$	Kohl's \$25.00	7%		\$
Amazon \$50.00	1.5%		\$	Chipotle Mexican Grill \$10.00	9%		\$	L.L.Bean \$25.00	16%		\$
AMC Theatres \$25.00	8%		\$	Chipotle Mexican Grill \$25.00	9%		\$	Lands' End \$100.00	14%		\$
American Eagle® \$25.00	10%		\$	Cold Stone Creamery \$10.00	11%		\$	Lands' End \$25.00	14%		\$
Apple Store/Apple.com \$25.00	5%		\$	Cracker Barrel \$10.00	8%		\$	Long John Silver's \$10.00	8%		\$
Applebee's® \$25.00	8%		\$	Cracker Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$	LongHorn Steakhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
Applebee's® \$50.00	8%		\$	CVS Pharmacy \$25.00	7%		\$	Lowe's \$100.00	4%		\$
Arby's \$10.00	8%		\$	Dairy Queen \$10.00	6.5%		\$	Lowe's \$25.00	4%		\$
Auntie Anne's \$10.00	7%		\$	Dairy Queen \$25.00	6.5%		\$	Marshalls \$25.00	6%		\$
AutoZone \$25.00	7%		\$	Darden Restaurants \$25.00	8%		\$	McDonald's \$10.00	3%		\$
Banana Republic \$25.00	14%		\$	Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$	McDonald's \$25.00	3%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$10.00	8%		\$	Disney \$100.00	3%		\$	Moe's Southwest Grill \$10.00	7%		\$
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Bath & Body Works \$10.00	12%		\$	Domino's \$10.00	8%		\$	Nike \$25.00	11%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	12%		\$	Dunham's Sports \$25.00	8%		\$	Old Navy \$25.00	14%		\$
Best Buy \$25.00	4%		\$	Dunkin' \$10.00	3.5%		\$	Olive Garden \$25.00	8%		\$
Best Western Hotels & Resorts \$100.00	10%		\$	Dunkin' \$25.00	3.5%		\$	Outback Steakhouse \$25.00	10%		\$
Best Western Hotels & Resorts \$25.00	10%		\$	Eat'n Park \$10.00	9%		\$	Panera Bread \$10.00	8%		\$
Bob Evans Restaurants® \$10.00	10%		\$	Eat'n Park \$25.00	9%		\$	Panera Bread \$25.00	8%		\$
Bob Evans Restaurants® \$25.00	10%		\$	Famous Footwear \$25.00	8%		\$	Papa John's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$
Boscov's \$25.00	8%		\$	Firehouse Subs \$25.00	6%		\$	PetSmart \$25.00	6%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings® \$10.00	8%		\$	GameStop \$25.00	5%		\$	Pizza Hut \$10.00	8%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings® \$25.00	8%		\$	Gap \$25.00	14%		\$	Rainforest Cafe \$25.00	9%		\$
Build-A-Bear Workshop® \$25.00	8%		\$	Giant Food \$100.00	3.5%		\$	Red Lobster \$25.00	8%		\$
Burger King \$10.00	7%		\$	Giant Food \$25.00	3.5%		\$	Red Robin \$25.00	8%		\$
Burger King \$25.00	7%		\$	Giant Food \$50.00	3.5%		\$	Regal \$25.00	8%		\$
Cabela's \$25.00	9%		\$	Hardee's \$10.00	5%		\$	Sam's Club \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Carrabba's Italian Grill \$25.00	10%		\$	Home Depot® \$25.00	4%		\$	Sam's Club \$25.00	2.5%		\$
				HomeGoods \$25.00	6%		\$	Sheetz \$25.00	3%		\$
								Speedway \$25.00	4%		\$

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Starbucks \$5.00	4.5%		\$
Subway Restaurants \$10.00	6%		\$
T.J. Maxx \$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%		\$
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