

Welcome To Locust Grove

January 15, 2017

Senior Pastor.....Max Zook 717.348.4488
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9:00 & 10:30 Morning Worship Service

Prelude: Bob Templeton
Worship Leader: Lyle Yoder
Worship Team Leader: Brian Renno
Sermon: A Priest like Melchizedek? - Max Zook

9:00 & 10:30 Sunday School Hour

Nursery: Infants through 3 year olds-

9:00 – Curt & Amanda Yoder
10:30 – Matt & Whitney Reed, Ashley Thompson
*Next Week: 9:00- Rachel Suloff, Susie Peachey, Nancy Peachey
10:30- Juanita and Kristin Byler

Prayer List:

At Home: Ray & Arlene Byler
Jeff, Kim, & Morgan Yoder

At Valley View: Grace Stacy, A124 Valley View Terrace

Away: Tyler Yoder, Gator Wilderness Camp,
44930 Farabee, Rd., Punta Gorda, FL 33982

Mission Spot: Phyllis Yoder - Quito, Ecuador (visiting Dion, Naty, Gaby and Marcus) Pray that I can be an encouragement to the Peachey family and show support to them in their ministry. Pray too, that I will be a blessing to all those I come in contact with building new relationships. Dear brothers, you have been given freedom: not freedom to do wrong, but freedom to love and serve each other. GAL 5:13

Reaching Out: Brenda Zook returning home Wednesday from South Africa. Don & Glenda Hartzler leaving Tuesday for several weeks of service in Phoenix, Arizona until February 11. Pray for Ivan & Pam meeting with our junior high youth today at Camp Kanestatke.

January 8, 2017

9:00 Worship Attendance213
S.S. Attendance391
10:30 Worship Attendance178
Jr. S.S. Offering.....\$12.56
Adult S.S. Offering.....\$4.00
Morning Worship Offering\$11,249.05

Week 2

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$22,330
YTD Morning Worship Offerings - \$21,940
YTD Income - \$23,902
YTD Expenses - \$9,551

This Week's Events:

Tuesday, 7:00 a.m.-Men's Pursuit of God Bible Study at the church
Tuesday, 6-9 p.m. – Indoor archery begins in the gym

Upcoming Events:

January 24, 6:30-8:00 p.m. – Kid's Club Begins (Grades K-5)
January 26, 7:00 p.m. – Annual Congregational Business Meeting with the 2017 church budget and a revised church constitution
January 27, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. – Prayer group for children
February and March – Elective Adult Sunday school classes
March 10-12 – MYF Winter Retreat

GROUP- Jan. 29, meet at the church at 6:00 for Bible study. Girls bring a snack, guys bring a drink.

MYF- Wed, Jan. 18, TBA based on weather.

Young Adults – Meet at Ivan & Pam's Jan. 29th for lunch & discussion.



Moms with young children Bible Study will meet **Tuesdays at 10 a.m.** in the church nursery. Bring a snack to share.

Ladies, if you enjoy any type of **needle crafting** such as knitting, crocheting, needle point cross stitch, join us weekly at Valley View Terrace, 1st floor visitation room, every Thursday at 2 p.m. led by Pat Yoder. This is open to all ladies in the community all ages and skill set. Any questions, contact Pam.

Electives: Descriptions and sign-up sheets for electives are in each Sunday School room. Please take time during your class today to look over the descriptions and sign up for a class. If you do not attend a Sunday School class but would like to sign-up for an elective class, sign-up sheets are available in the hall by the library.
Annual Business Meeting: The Annual Business meeting will be held January

26th at 7:00 p.m. During this meeting we will be approving the new budget and also a revised constitution for our church. Thank you, Kara Kauffman.

Genesis in Fiber is an art collection by Penn State art professor David VanDommelen that he gave to Kevin & Terri Thompson before his death. The art pieces, made of fabric and paint, help us to visualize several verses in the book of Genesis. The collection is on display here to coincide with our study of Genesis.

January 27th is **Julie Stauffer's birthday**. Let's shower her with cards as she adjusts to her new location. Glenn and Julie Stauffer, 4149 Bass Lake Loop, Rhineland, WI 54501.

Baby cuddlers needed! We are looking for a few more women to complete our March 18- 28 trip to Romania this year. You will snuggle and care for the abandoned babies in the hospital there. It's a life changing trip. If this is something you think you would be interested in, contact Juanita Byler today. 717-994-6916. There is a fundraiser being planned to help cover the costs of the trip.

Prison Ministry: This would be a good time for any ladies who are interested in becoming involved in the prison ministry. We go to the Mifflin County Correctional Institution in Lewistown every fourth Sunday of the month and conduct a Bible Study. The service starts at 1:30 and lasts for an hour. We sing, present a Bible lesson and pray for the ladies' requests. The ladies who attend are always grateful and usually very cooperative. You would need to fill out a volunteer application which requires a background check and read the handbook. The Locust Grove ladies who are involved are Gin Renno, Sara Hartzler, Diane Snook, Twila Yoder, Emily Yoder and Jean Byler. For more information and an application call Jean Byler at 935-2838.

Calling all quilters from beginner to expert! Winter quilting for the annual BMS auction will be held January 16-20 & 23-27 at Oakwood Centre at Valley View. If you have items to be donated for the quilting auction please contact Juli Sunderland (814-667-2511), Jewel Peachey (667-9308) or Michelle Byler (935-5485).

Attention Bakers: Backyard Ministries is in need of homemade family-sized loaves of sweet bread. They are used as door-openers to witness to adults. They would like a commitment from bakers to provide these loaves every month. They may be any flavor from A-Z (Apple, Banana, Cranberry....Zucchini), but NO nuts or peanut butter. Loaves can be made at any time and frozen. They should be placed in a gallon-size freezer bag labeled with "BYM" and the flavor. For this month, bread should be placed in the Locust Grove kitchen by Monday, January 23. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, call Pat (Gerald) Yoder at 935-2835.

News from Gator Camp: Hello Locust Grove Church Family, hope and pray you

all are doing well in 2017? Several days ago Jay and Karen Zook arrived to volunteer for two weeks. For the month of January we needed additional coverage in the kitchen and as we all know Karen does a great job. Jay is helping build fence, hang gates, and keeping his binoculars and camera close for viewing and documenting birds. This week the Cowboys return from a several day canoe trip on the Peace River and the Buccaneers are leaving for a 12 day canoe trip into the Everglades. If anyone is available to help out in the kitchen the last week or two of January please let me know. We are eagerly anticipating the arrival of Emma Peachey and Sylvia Peachey as a cooks in February. On the week of February 20-24 we have several large events scheduled and are in need of a work group from Locust Grove. If you are interested in volunteering that week please make your way down here; jobs include food prep for several large dinners, cutting, sausage making, and wrapping meat, and a long list of other projects in the shop and outside. Prayer requests include: winter volunteers, work groups, and scheduled events, a need to fill several chief positions this year, and God's continued faithfulness in safety and provision for the boys and staff. Thank you Locust Grove for your faithful and generous support of Gator Camp. Greg, for all the staff and boys

Huntingdon and Mifflin County Farm Bureau's Celebrate Farmer's Care Day. Members of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau will be presenting a donation of canned goods and other needed items, to the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey, PA, on February 9th. This year Huntingdon and Mifflin County Farm Bureau's, are collecting nonperishable items, for the Ronald McDonald House. Ronald McDonald House provides a place for local families to stay while a family member receives serious medical treatment, at Hershey Medical Center. Items can be donated Sunday 1/29 or 2/4. Donation containers will be located in the lobby. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.



Does someone you love drink too much? Overcomer's outreach uses the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous and the Holy Bible to discover the wisdom of God and apply his teachings to our daily lives. We claim Jesus as our "higher power" and share our trials and victories with one another in a confident and secure environment. We meet weekly in loving support of one another, not a substitute for, but rather a supplement to other 12 step groups. We are non-professional and non-profit, and we welcome anyone who is not opposed to our general method of recover, whatever his or her presenting problem. For more information, visit www.overcomersoutreach.org or please contact Sue Fagan (899-7842) or Karen Goss (994-2007).

Prayer Guide for January 15 – January 21

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Children's Ministry Notes

Kids, we love having you here at Locust Grove! If you are visiting for the first time, we hope you will join us for Sunday School!

If you would like to join the **Children's Prayer Team**, please talk to Miss Rena. They meet once a month in the prayer room during the first service at 9:00 AM and usually finish by 9:30 AM.

Remember kids, if you complete the coloring page and/or activity page and bring it to my office after the 2nd service, you can choose something from the **sand bucket**.

Please remember to bring me your voucher once you have recited your **memory verse** for your teacher so you can choose a prize from the basket I have for you.

The next **The Greatest Journey** offering will be January 29th. These monies go to buy materials for kids who are learning about Jesus after receiving an Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box.

Coming up:

KIDS' Club - Learn about *Paul's Adventure to Rome* as he faces all kinds of difficulties and learns that nothing can separate us from the love of Jesus.

Our first Kids' Club is January 24th from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM for grades K - 5. Registration forms are available here at church or online @ www.locustgrovemc.org/ministries/children

Kids' Club dates: Jan 24, Feb 7,21, March 7,21, & snow date April 4.