

# Welcome To Locust Grove

January 8, 2017

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## 9:00 & 10:30 Morning Worship Service

Worship Leader: Neil Renno  
Worship Team Leader: Theil Kauffman  
9:00 – Dedication: Sammy, Susie & Anthony Peachey  
Sermon: “Heaven: We Have A Problem!” Genesis 1-12 – Max Zook

## 9:00 & 10:30 Sunday School Hour

### Nursery: Infants through 3 year olds-

9:00 – Nate & Meagan Byler  
10:30 – Julie & Lily Yoder  
\*Next Week: 9:00- Curt & Amanda Yoder  
10:30- Matt & Whitney Reed, Ashley Thompson

### Prayer List:

At Home: Nate, Meagan, Gabe, & Ansley Byler  
Jim & Mid Yoder

At Valley View: Twila Peachey, A128 Valley View Terrace

Away: Evan Yoder, 1040 Capistrano Ct, Apt. 307, Frederick, MD 21703

**Mission Spot: Matt, Debi, Melody, William and Nicholas Zook.** Pray for the children’s home schooling. They are doing well but it is just a lot of work for a long time. Pray for the remaining details of getting the Lolo New Testament and a few Old Testament books into the hands of the Lolo people. We plan to send the text to the type setters in January and are still hoping for distribution in late 2017. Pray for the Lolo believers that they will comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. Pray that Debi will have a safe delivery and we will transition well into life with a new baby. Pray that God will make us useful in encouraging some of His people and bringing the true hope of Christ to some of the world while we are here in Australia.

**Reaching Out: Quil & Ann Kanagy** are worshipping with the church in Eldoret, Kenya before meeting tomorrow with potential leaders of a future ministry to single moms and their children. **Brenda Zook** is spending a few weeks encouraging Momma Julia in South Africa.

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January 1, 2017

9:00 Worship Attendance ..... 165  
S.S. Attendance..... 320  
10:30 Worship Attendance ..... 172  
Jr. S.S. Offering ..... \$8.00  
Adult S.S. Offering ..... \$10.00  
Morning Worship Offering ..... \$10,690.81

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### Week 1

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$11,165  
YTD Morning Worship Offerings - \$10,691  
YTD Income - \$12,338  
YTD Expenses - \$9,105

### This Week’s Events:

Friday, 5:30 – 8:15, Journey of a Disciple Making Church: Steve & Phyllis Swartz

### Upcoming Events:

January 26, 7:00 p.m. – Annual Congregational Business Meeting with the 2017 church budget and a revised church constitution  
February and March – Elective Adult Sunday school classes. Signup sheets are in the classrooms this Sunday and on a table in the foyer. A detailed description of classes is on the bulletin board and in each Sunday school classroom.  
March 10-12 – MYF Winter Retreat

**Group:** Jan. 14 & 15, Snow Camp at Camp K. Meet at the church at 8 a.m. Bring a snack and a drink. Also bring a sleeping bag and pillow.

### MYF:

### Young Adults:



**Moms with young children Bible Study** will resume meeting **Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.**

Ladies, if you enjoy any type of **needle crafting** such as knitting, crocheting, needle point cross stitch, join us for weekly get togethers at Valley View Terrace, 1<sup>st</sup> floor visitation room, beginning Thursday January 12<sup>th</sup> 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 will be available in the hall next Sunday.

**A New Year, A New Perspective!** Discover a new way to see people, God, and your life in this winter's Perspective course to be held at the Allensville Mennonite Church, January 8 – April 30, each Sunday evening at 6:30 – 9:15. Enroll at [www.perspectives.org](http://www.perspectives.org)

**A new edition of the Connection** is in your mailbox this morning. You may also read it online at

**End of Year Reports:** If you are responsible for an End of Year report, please have those to me by the end of today. The Annual Business meeting will be held January 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

If anyone wants a **free flat top range, microwave**, or less than two year old **dishwasher**, please call Gloria Zook at 935-2629.

**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.

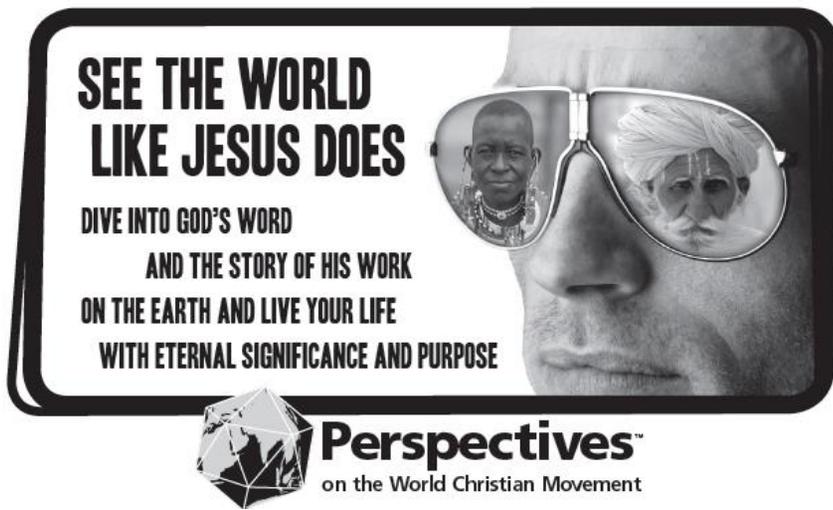
**Calling all quilters from beginner to expert!** Winter quilting for the annual BMS auction will be held January 16-20 & 23-27 at Oakwood Centre at Valley View. If you have items to be donated for the quilting auction please contact Juli Sunderland (814-667-2511), Jewel Peachey (667-9308) or Michelle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

**BACKYARD Ministries:** The Abundant Life SS class has volunteered to package 100 snack bags each month for kids in Lewistown. We are in need of donations of Nutri-grain bars (or the generic equivalent), pre-packaged cookies and crackers (no nuts or peanut butter), and DumDum lollypops (or similar generic brand). A box is located in the lobby for you to deposit your donations. We will be needing these items every month, so please keep us in mind as you do your shopping. For more information, call Pat (Gerald) Yoder at 935-2835.

**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.



**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](http://www.overcomersoutreach.org) or please contact Sue Fagan (899-7842) or Karen Goss (994-2007).



2nd Time in Big Valley

SUNDAYS 6:30 pm – 9:15 pm, January 8 – April 30, 2014

Parallel classes in Altoona on Mondays, St. College on Tuesdays

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**Prayer Guide for January 8 – January 14**

**8 Sunday** – I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you. Gen. 12:2,3

**9 Monday** – Read Genesis 15,16,17. Pray for people dealing with ongoing health issues: **Ramona Byler, Wendy Sulouff, Sadie Byler, Jim Marthouse, and Don Mathews Sr.**

**10 Tuesday** – Read Genesis 18,19 Pray for **Phyllis Yoder** today as she travels to Ecuador to spend the rest of the week with **Dion & Naty Peachey** and their family in Quito. Also, pray for **Quil & Ann Kanagy** in Kenya as they plan with a local group of people how to minister to a huge number of children of single parents before they return home later this week.

**11 Wednesday** – Read Genesis 20,21 Pray for **Brenda Zook** in South Africa, encouraging Momma Julia and being “Aunty Brenda” to the children of the Mustard Seeds! Pray for discernment for her in providing support for Julia with children who have had traumatic and have difficulties learning in school.

**12 Thursday** – Read Genesis 22,23 Pray for **college students** from our church who are returning to their studies and adjusting to college life after the Christmas break.

**13 Friday** – Read Genesis 24 Pray for **our leadership team** along with younger leaders of our church who will be meeting this evening with Steve and Phyllis Swartz from our conference office for a discussion about the “Journey of a Disciple Making Church.”

**14 Saturday** – Read Genesis 25,26 Pray for **Ivan and Pam** as they lead a junior high winter retreat today and tomorrow at Camp Kanestatke Pray for **Brian** as he prepares to lead the worship team and for **Max** as he prepares a sermon for tomorrow morning.

We are disciples of Jesus Christ, encouraging all people to become His fully devoted followers. Church web site: [www.locustgrovemc.org](http://www.locustgrovemc.org)  
 Church email: [kara@locustgrovemc.org](mailto:kara@locustgrovemc.org)

Practical Study of Joseph – Lyle Yoder  
Christianity 101, Knowing the Bible – T.B.A.  
When Homosexuality Hits Home (Joe Dallas book) – Tom Clark  
Fathered By God (John Eldridge book) – TBA  
Addiction is a Search for God (Dr.Philip W.) – TBA

## Elective Adult Classes for February & March

Following is a list of classes that will be offered for adults. More extensive descriptions are on the bulletin board, in each classroom, and online at <http://locustgrovemc.org/ministries/2017-electives>. Signups will be over the next few Sundays.

### First Session Classes

Apologetics and the Art of Persuasion - Christian Yoder  
Passion Pursuit (for married women) – Juanita Byler  
The Jesus Life – What does it look like to follow Jesus? – Brenda Zook  
Man in the Mirror (for men of all ages) – Scott Spotts  
Love & Respect (for couples) – Cheston & Jen Hartzler  
What's it Like to be Married to Me? (for women) – Michelle Snook  
Memorial Stones for the Next Generation (for parent couples and single moms) – Quil & Ann Kanagy

### Both Session Class

Prepare: Living Your Faith in an Increasingly Hostile Culture  
Bob & Joann Peachey (first period); Quil Kanagy (second period)

### Second Session Classes

New Testament Postcards – John Baker  
Appreciating the Hymns – Leon Miller

### Either Session Classes (indicate which session you prefer)

Finding Your Calling for the Third Third of Your Life – Gerald & Pat  
Denominations and Divisions Within Our Faith – Randy Yoder

### Missionary Moments:

**RMM in Southern Spain: Phil and Maretta Barr.** It seemed a strange way for a newcomer to connect to an evangelical fellowship. One day Isabela unexpectedly joined us for an early morning prayer meeting. She did come along with a lady friend of hers who was herself a regular at the meeting but it still seemed like jumping in at the deep end. When asked to introduce herself to the group, she let us know she was a Christian, that she believed in God, and Christ, but especially, she wanted us to know, she believed in the Virgin Mary. A pastor in the meeting explained in response that we were studying the Bible and praying together and that she would be welcome to comment on what we read if she wished. Her first challenge was finding the book of Acts in the Bible she was handed and then the group helped her distinguish chapter numbers from verse numbers in order to navigate to the passage in Acts 15 that we were considering that morning. She managed to get through the verse that fell to her as we read around. It seemed like a new experience for her but she seemed to go along with it okay and even joined in part of the discussion that, at one point, ensued. When the time for prayer requests came around, she shared her burden for her oldest son who was in a country in Latin America but was not living a good life. The group tried to help her think in terms of being willing to trust the Lord with her son's situation, as well as praying with her for his welfare. That was the beginning of Isabela's journey to faith and an understanding of the gospel. The following Sunday she was in church with her lady friend and she continued to attend the weekday prayer meeting and the Sunday service from then on. She has since publicly put her faith in Christ as her Lord and Savior during one of the prayer meetings. She has also told us that it was the search for peace that brought her to the church fellowship and the love and support she experienced there that kept her coming back. A couple of weeks ago she brought her young daughter to a special Saturday Christmas children's fun and Bible study day that was held by the church. She liked it, got to know the other children at the church, and then her brother wanted to come to church the next day. Isabela's husband reluctantly agreed. He's not a believer yet but he's more open now as he sees how the gospel has helped his family. The son in Latin America is doing better too. Hopefully, the whole family will soon enjoy God's peace in Christ.

**RMM's LAMP for Ecuador, working with RCE and Alliance Academy in Quito, Ecuador: Natacha, Dion, Gabriela and Marcus Peachey.** The past two

months have been very full of lots of work for Dion at Alliance Academy International. It has been special though to celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas with Jesus at the center. One of the cards he got from a student for Christmas said, "I am thankful that you were born to be my teacher. God sent you to be my teacher and that's pretty amazing for me." That makes all the extra hours at school worth it! Naty has been working with another teacher's wife from AAI to start a small business. They have been traveling to Otavalo to work with local artisans to design products to sell in the US. We are hoping they can build the business to help support our families here in Quito. We are glad to be integrating well with the Mennonite church here in Quito and had a great Christmas celebration with them last weekend. In addition to joining a local church, we have helped facilitate worship nights in Nono and started a discovery Bible study group with four other families that are at different places on their faith journey. We are also connecting more with Impacto Mundial (World Impact) an Ecuadorian mission agency that exists to send workers from Ecuador to the unreached around the world. We are hoping to partner with them and the Mennonite churches in the New Year to train and send more global workers. We are excited that Phillis Yoder will be coming to visit us in January. Over that time, on January 13-15, Naty and Dion will travel to the coast for the annual business meetings of the Mennonite churches there. We will also meet with the LAMP mission mobilizers during that time and are hoping to organize a cohort to take the VAMOS missions training course.

**Nicaraguan Pastoral Support: Talamanca, Costa Rica: Curtis, Cathy and Camry Sharp.** Thanksgiving week we watched in the news as Hurricane Otto devastated the Northern part of Costa Rica and immediately after the Hurricane passed, my spirit was stirred to help a pastor and his family, even if I did not know them personally. Through another pastor, I was able to make contact with Pastor Francisco Alvarez, of the Pentecostal Church of God International Movement, who lives in Upala. His wife, son and grandchildren, were affected by the floods. Around 220 liters of water per sq. cubic meter fell on Northern Costa Rica. I would like to share how God used all of us to answer this pastor's prayers. Immediately after the hurricane, the government came in to distribute funds and food for those affected. This pastor was passed by. Although, they made request for help, the doors closed on them. So the pastor told his wife, "Though the devil and man may shut the doors, our God is able to open a door for us!". So they prayed and trusted the Lord. It so blessed my heart to know that immediately after the hurricane had passed and the government was entering in, that my spirit was stirred to help a pastor. Not knowing if I could get help, in faith I asked a pastor from San Jose who knew the area to find a pastor I could help. I told him I had nothing, but would trust God to provide...and God did! To all who helped, one way or another, you were a part of a huge answer to prayer. Thank you!