

Welcome To Locust Grove

January 1, 2017

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9:00 & 10:30 Morning Worship Service

Worship Leader: Max Zook
Song Leader: Alan Miller
Sermon: The Father's Gifts – Ivan Yoder

9:00 & 10:30 Sunday School Hour

Nursery: Infants through 3 year olds-

9:00 – Kara Yoder and Sally Clark
10:30 - Karen Yoder, Chisomo VanSciver, Lexi Melanson
*Next Week: 9:00- Nate & Meagan Byler
10:30- Julie & Lily Yoder

Prayer List:

At Home: Marlin & Ann Byler
John A. & Arlene Yoder

At Valley View: Ruby Hostetler, 324 Valley View Haven

Away: Daniel, Rachele, & Jolene Yoder
304 Cedar St., Keuka Park, NY 17084

Mission Spot: YWAM in Cluj, Romania: Alin, Gabi, Melissa, Julia and Caleb Ciorogar. THANK YOU for all your generosity and love for us towards buying a van for our family in ministry. We are looking to buy the car in Germany because the cars are in better shape there than in Romania. A bigger car means we can take more people with us and serve more people. This fall we also welcomed 3 new staff in our team from Romania, Holland, and the USA. At the House of Joy one of our teenage moms moved out with her almost one year old boy. The situation for her mother changed and she was able to take her home with the baby. For the rest of the moms in our house, we are working with them to transition them to live on their own. We are looking for affordable rent for them in town. February will bring the start of the new mission school. This year we start in February because we had some calendar conflicts. Please pray for our future students and for all the

preparation for the school.

Reaching Out: Brenda Zook is spending a few weeks encouraging Momma Julia in South Africa. Charlie Stump is preaching at Mt. Union Presbyterian Church.

December 25, 2016

10:00 Worship Attendance477
Morning Worship Offering \$9,237.86

Week 1

2016 Preliminary Totals

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$561,600
Actual Morning Worship Offerings - \$567,527
Actual Total Income - \$648,665
Actual Total Expenses - \$649,229

This Week's Events:

Monday, 7:00p.m. - Elder's Meeting
Tuesday-No sewing this week
Tuesday, 7 a.m., Men's Pursuit of God Bible Study
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.-Hymn sing at Valley View-Meet at the 400 Sunporch
Wednesday, 12-6 p.m. - Red Cross Blood Drive at the Community Hall

Upcoming Events:

January 26, 7:00 p.m. – Annual Congregational Business Meeting
February and March – Elective Adult Sunday school classes. 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: No MYF this week.

Young Adults: Winter trip to Berkley Springs, WV January 6, 7, & 8. Meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, January 6th.



Moms with young children Bible Study will resume meeting **Tuesday, January 10th 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, 1st floor visitation room, beginning Thursday January 12th 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.

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

End of Year Reports: If you are responsible for an End of Year report, please have those to me by January 8, 2017. I have placed reminder letters in people's mailboxes who will need to turn one in. Thank you, Kara Kauffman

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 lollipops (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.

Caregiver needed for an 83 year old woman with knee surgery in the Burnham area. If interested, please call 248-8097.

New Address: Glenn and Julie Stauffer
4149 Bass Lake Loop
Rhineland, WI 54501

For now we will just have our mobile phones:
Glenn - 717-437-9481
Julie - 717-437-9435

Prayer Guide for January 1 – January 7

Jan. 1 Sunday – *Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations... Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.* Psalm 90:1, 12

2 Monday – *Read Genesis 1 & 2.* Pray for **Ramona Byler** recovering at home following her radiation treatments. Pray for **Jane Lewis** in the J.C. Blair Hospital in Huntingdon and pray for **Jim Lewis** in the Huntingdon County Prison.

3 Tuesday – *Read Genesis 3 & 4.* Pray for the many **teachers and staff** in our church family returning to classrooms in our local schools today. Pray for God's grace and strength in living the life of Christ with students this school year. Pray for **students** from our church family returning to school today to rely on God's wisdom.

4 Wednesday – *Read Genesis 5, 6 & 7.* Pray for **young families** in our church. Pray especially for **Matt & Whitney Reed** with their daughter **Avery** and her mysterious recurring fevers. Pray for God's healing touch for Avery and His healing presence and peace for Matt & Whitney today. Also pray for **Kevin, Caitlin, Matthew, Morgan and Meredith Myers** as they prepare to move in a few weeks.

5 Thursday – *Genesis 8 & 9.* Pray for the **Sulouff family** today on Sam's 13th birthday! Thank God for his health over the past several months. Pray for Wendy in some ongoing health concerns, for Bill in his work in Harrisburg, and for Rachel in her care for Sam and Hannah in addition to her work with the ambulance. Send cards to Sam at 24 Oak St., Milroy, Pa 17063.

6 Friday – *Genesis 10 & 11.* Pray for **Brenda Zook today with Momma Julia** and the Mustard Seeds ministry to nearly 30 children in South Africa, near Lesotho. Pray for Brenda to be an encouragement to Momma Julia this week and have wisdom to know how to support her in her role. Also pray for the group of **young adults** leaving today for their annual weekend winter retreat.

7 Saturday – *Genesis 12, 13 & 14.* Pray for **Samuel & Susie Peachey** planning for a dedication service tomorrow at 9:00 for **Anthony**. Pray for **Max** as he prepares to bring a message and for **Theil and Andrea** as they prepare to lead the worship team.

We are disciples of Jesus Christ, encouraging all people to become His fully devoted followers. Church web site: www.locustgrovemc.org
Church email: kara@locustgrovemc.org

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