

# Welcome To Locust Grove

February 5, 2017

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

Prelude: Duke Larson  
Worship Leader: Max Zook  
Worship Team Leader: Glen Peachey  
Sermon: Bless the Curse, Exodus 1: 8-10, Ivan Yoder

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

### Nursery: Infants through 3 year olds-

9:00 – Chase & Allison Peachey

10:30 – Luke & Carli Donovan, Kara Jerman

\*Next Week: 9:00- Justin & Amanda Byler, Katie Peachey  
10:30- Cheston & Jen Hartzler, Jana Nardis

### Prayer List:

At Home: Sadie Byler  
Jacob, Brooke, & Wyatt Yoder

At Valley View: Martha Yoder, A213 Valley View Terrace

Away: Celeste Estep, 12275 Shafton Road, Spring Hill, FL, 34608

**Mission Spot:** CROSSROADS PREGNANCY CENTER THANKS YOU. We thank you at Locust Grove for supporting our Christian ministries to distressed women and men, reacting to an unplanned pregnancy. Whether they be youth or adults our purpose is to show them the eternal value of the child they are carrying. And it is our hearts' desire to lead them to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ if they don't know Him. And we don't leave them to struggle themselves. We provide Christian counseling services, practical training for caring for an infant, and rewards for taking the course – from diapers to baby cribs. We minister out of four locations: Mifflintown, Mt. Union, Huntingdon, and Lewistown. We welcome you to visit our new location in Lewistown, just down the street from Walmart, at 1130 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, right next to Uhring's Hearing. Bonnie Ritchey would be happy to take you on a little tour of the facility and explain our ministries to you. At our Lewistown office we are now equipped to do sonograms of the unborn and we are

certified to perform STD testing. Pray that the women of our service areas will indeed choose life and choose Jesus. And pray that we at Crossroads will be there to uphold them and support them. You are welcome to phone Bonnie at Lewistown at 242-0301.

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January 29, 2017

9:00 Worship Attendance ..... 177  
S.S. Attendance ..... 415  
10:30 Worship Attendance ..... 184  
Jr. S.S. Offering ..... \$25.25  
Adult S.S. Offering ..... \$3.00  
Morning Worship Offering ..... \$8,469.75

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### Week 5

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$55,825  
YTD Morning Worship Offerings - \$52,232  
YTD Income - \$69,008  
YTD Expenses - \$63,330

### This Week's Events:

February and March – Elective Adult Sunday school classes  
Tuesday – Ladies' Sewing. Lunch will be provided.  
Tuesday, 6:30-8:00 p.m. – Kid's Club (K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - The SPFM Team quarterly meeting  
Friday, 8:30-9:30 a.m. – Prayer Group for Children

### Upcoming Events:

March 10-12 – MYF Winter Retreat  
March 19<sup>th</sup> – Mennonite Heritage Center Annual Hymn Sing

**MYF:** Wed, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, Bible Study at the church.

**GROUP:** Sunday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, Bible Study at church at 6:00 p.m. Guys bring a snack, girls bring a drink.

**MOM'S BIBLE STUDY**-Will meet Tuesday morning at 10. We will continue our discussion on Ruth chapter 2. Please bring a snack to share.

**MYF** will again be selling **whole hog pork sausage** to be delivered the **25th of February**. Please contact a member of the youth group if you are interested in placing an order or sign up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Ladies, if you enjoy any type of **needle crafting** such as knitting, crocheting, needle point cross stitch, join us weekly at **Locust Grove**, 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:** This morning is the first Sunday for electives. They will continue through March 26. **The classes are marked on the Sunday School rooms and there is a sheet listing the room numbers in this bulletin.**

**Christian Yoder's New address:** 22 Shaw Ave, Lewistown, PA 17044.

**New Address for Scott & Kelly Conner:** 1003 Boundary Blvd, Rotonda West Florida, 33947. They will be moving Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>. Kelly's Cell: 717-994-8117; Scott's Cell: 717-953-5509

An **all-you-can-eat spaghetti meal** will be served in the fellowship hall on Sunday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 2<sup>nd</sup> service to help raise funds for a local team that will be working in Romania this March. Come and enjoy a great meal for a good cause! A sign-up sheet will be outside the gym for food donations.

**Connection:** During the long dreary months of mid-winter, here's a phrase to bring light to your days: "He makes all things new." How have you experienced this truth in your own life or the life of your family? Start thinking and start writing because this is the theme for the spring issue of the Connection, our church news magazine. If you are following Jesus, you know the reality of His redemption and forgiveness. Why not share part of your story with our church family? Someone needs to hear it! Contact Brenda with ideas, suggestions, and articles! Use Facebook or face to face, or email! [brendaebzook@gmail.com](mailto:brendaebzook@gmail.com)

**Does someone you love use drugs or alcohol?** Overcomer's Outreach uses the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous and the 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 recovery, whatever his or her present problem. For more information, visit [www.overcomersoutreach.org](http://www.overcomersoutreach.org) or please contact Sue Fagan (899-7842) or Karen Goss (994-2007). Please join us Thursdays at 6:30, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Lewistown, across from Lake Ford dealer on South Main Street.

St. John's Christian Daycare and Preschool in Belleville will be holding a **Spaghetti Dinner** on Friday, February 24, from 4-7 in the church fellowship hall. This dinner will benefit the daycare with monies going to operational funds and special projects. Monetary donations will be accepted at the door for this all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner. Take out will be available. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, bread, and dessert. Come and enjoy!

**Benefit Auction:** There will be a benefit auction March 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at the Lumina Center. Items will be available for preview on Friday, March 10 from 1:00-8:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00-8:30 a.m. Donations are appreciated and can be dropped off at the Lumina Center the week of the auction. If items need to be picked up by Lumina personnel, please call the center office to make arrangements for pick-up. There will be a food stand, craft items, furniture, collectibles, antiques, etc. (No clothing, mattresses, exercise equipment, or older TV's).

**Backyard Ministries:** The Abundant Life SS class thanks you for your donations in January. We were able to provide 100 snack bags for kids in Lewistown. We are in need of donations for February. We need Nutri-grain bars (check the Dollar Store for a 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.

**Backyard Ministries** is in need of family-sized loaves of sweet bread. They have identified over 800 unreached homes in the Centre region and the bread is used as a door-opener to witness to these adults. They may be any flavor from A-Z (Apple, Banana, Cranberry...Zucchini), but NO nuts or peanut butter. Loaves should be placed in a gallon-size freezer bag labeled with "BYM" and the flavor. They may be frozen or fresh. For this month, bread loaves should be placed in the Locust Grove kitchen by Monday, February 27. If you have any questions, call Pat (Gerald) Yoder at 935-2835.

**Missionary Moments: RMM's LAMP for Ecuador, working with RCE and Alliance Academy International in Quito, Ecuador: Dion, Natacha, Gabriela, and Marcus Peachey.** Dion attended the annual assembly of the IEME churches on the coast in Paocho. This was a time for all the churches to give their annual reports to each other. 2016 was a very challenging year because of the Earthquake on the coast. The churches expressed their deep appreciation to RMM, MCC and MWC for their financial support to help them recover and rebuild after the earthquake. All of the churches affected by the quake shared the major pain that they went through, but they all have vision for growth out of the devastation. Two of the three churches most affected by the quake are already working to plant churches in new communities and the other church is planning to start this year. Silvio and Leia de Campos from the Mennonite Brethren church in Brazil were introduced to the conference. They are former missionaries to Angola and Ecuador and have been invited to serve IEME by training couples to plant churches in new areas of the Ecuadorian coast most affected by the earthquake.

**Medical Missions in Philippines: Francis, Leah, Julia, Avea, and Justice Daytec.** We have been back in the Philippines for two months now, and are recovering from a powerful Typhoon that hit two weeks ago. We just got electricity today! SO thankful. As the storm raged we watched out the window as roofs blew

off and flew past us. Water poured in our windows and through the ceiling, and in our clinic the water was waist deep. As Francis and I cleaned up the flooded rooms, we both cried. Not for us; it doesn't matter that we have a mess, or damage to the property. We were safe and our children were dry and we were together. Our tribal friends even one mile away were all homeless and their children wet and hungry. We spent the past two weeks partnering with friends and hiking into the villages bringing food and supplies to our tribal friends. We have been really seeking God's heart and clear direction since returning, on what changes need to happen in the ministry. We have one clinic right now, and give free care to the poor and tribal people, and also a Muslim ministry, as well as partnering with other organizations hiking into the tribal villages and bringing health care, feeding programs, and education. Our family is also in need of a vehicle as we came home to our already barely-running car now fully broken down and deceased. There is a Muslim family who is dear to us-- they had decided to follow Jesus and we have been discipline them for a few years now... about two weeks ago the wife started to have severe abdominal pain, and it became so bad that she could not move, go to the bathroom, or function. Francis sent her for an ultrasound and they came to our house on the way home from the hospital (a two hour drive away). The ultrasound showed her enlarged gall bladder with multiple stones, and we realized she needs surgery urgently. I knelt in front of her as she laid in the motorbike sidecar. Her eyes were rolling back in her head and she groaned in pain. My hand was on her belly and I asked the Holy Spirit to heal her, to dissolve the gall stones and show her clearly how powerful He is in her life. Immediately she felt warmth fill her abdomen, and the pain left. She has been pain free for almost a week now. We are excited to send her for another ultrasound this week and see if all the stones are gone. She is in tears at the Love of Jesus for her. Pray for their family, please.

**Wycliffe: C and H in Southeast Asia.** Happy New Year! After speaking at a retreat and visiting with H's family over the holidays, our ministry in Long Beach has resumed at full speed. We continue to supervise teams in several provinces who work with local fellowships or who are sometimes the only believers in the area. Pray for one couple--D and S. S was diagnosed with breast cancer, and so they recently returned to their home country. They have large medical expenses ahead with a year of treatments and surgery. Ch will visit the local members of that team next week to work out a revised plan for the translation they are doing. H has been jointly running a student meal delivery service to give us a way to connect with the community, but we are planning to transition to something else soon. Please pray about that. Friends from another group asked if we would be interested in taking over a language school from them as they move to another area. We sense that this could be the Father's answer to prayer about a way to have more interaction with local people through our business--and this could be extended to include educational approaches for villages in the area. It would also provide a way for both national and foreign workers with skills in linguistics and translation to join us here more easily. Thank you for praying for us. We are grateful to be able to work together with you so that the people of Long Beach and neighboring provinces can experience the life-changing Word of God.

**New Tribes Missions with the Lusi Tribe, Papua New Guinea: Rick, Anji, Kira and Keane Zook.** We are feeling that we (as a team) are in need of prayer, that we're under attack of some sort. Rick is really struggling with the Roman's Bible Lessons, it's become like bear meat. Just when we thought that everything should be working well, since the solar install team visited and worked on it so much. . . this past Thursday morning our "new" freezer decided, that it didn't want to run properly and we had to scavenge a part from an old refrigerator to keep it running, until a new part can make it here. Last Saturday, the drum of the drier came off of its spindle and before that, the spinner in our backup twin tub broke! Today we've just had three close lighting strikes in rapid succession which has affected at least one new component of our new solar system, so a lot of solar panel are now doing nothing. Our team is continuing to deal with a few interpersonal issues which also affects the team's witness among the Lusi. There is a teaching starting on Romans Lessons in other villages for the young believers. There is a new outreach (Creation to Christ) which started this week in a new village. Pray that there would be a group of interested folks who would be faithful in hearing all of the teaching. We're finishing up an accelerated literacy course and getting ready to start two small literacy classes for the first time readers here in our own village so we can train literacy teachers to take it to the beach. This is at least a 4 month commitment to just teach one class. And Anji is revising the literacy materials as it goes, so that we can get the rest of the Literacy Materials printed for the Lusi this year. And we're getting ready to start up the new round of translations (I Corinthians and Exodus). There is good stuff going on, but all of us are run a little ragged at this point, and our team is stretched thin. Anji keeps getting sinus/chest infections. At least the kids are healthy and their school is going well. We know that God is faithful no matter what happens. His name is worthy of praise no matter what happens. However, we do covet your prayers for us. Please pray for protection and health for us, for our team, and for the young believers. Pray for the Lusi who have yet to hear the good news of the Gospel. Pray that His strength is sufficient. (P.S.: On a positive note, the solar system fix was a matter of flipping switches to get something to work again. Praise the LORD, He brought that to our minds to check and it fixed the problem. It is just a really steep learning curve, when new technologies are involved!)

### **Elective Adult Classes for February & March**

Following is a list of classes that will be offered for adults. More extensive descriptions are on the table in the foyer and online at <http://locustgrovemc.org/ministries/2017-electives>.

#### **First Session Classes**

Prepare: Living Your Faith in an Increasingly Hostile Culture  
- Bob & Joann Peachey-Rm. 108 (Potter's Clay Room)  
Apologetics and the Art of Persuasion -Christian Yoder-Rm. 106 (Harmony)  
Passion Pursuit (for married women) – Juanita Byler-Downstairs Cafe  
The Jesus Life – What does it look like to follow Jesus? – Brenda Zook  
-Rm. 105 (Family Circle Room)  
Man in the Mirror (for men of all ages) – Scott Spotts-Rm. 102 (MYF Room)  
Love & Respect (for couples) – Cheston & Jen Hartzler-Rm. 109 (Koinonia)  
What's it Like to be Married to Me? (for women) – Michelle Snook  
-Rm. 103 (Encouragers)  
Finding Your Calling for the Third Third of Your Life – Gerald & Pat  
-Rm. 107 (Lighthouse)  
Memorial Stones for the Next Generation (for parent couples and single  
moms) – Quil & Ann Kanagy-Rm. 104 (27:17)

#### **Second Session Classes**

Prepare: Living Your Faith in an Increasingly Hostile Culture  
- Quil Kanagy-Room 108 (Potter's Clay)  
New Testament Postcards – John Baker-Room 104 (27:17)  
Appreciating the Hymns – Leon Miller-Room 106 (Harmony)  
Denominations and Divisions Within Our Faith–Randy Yoder  
-Rm. 103 (Encouragers)  
Practical Study of Joseph – Lyle Yoder-Room 105 (Family Circle)  
Fathered By God (John Eldridge book) – TBA-Room 102 (MYF)  
When Homosexuality Hits Home (Joe Dallas book) – Tom Clark  
(class will meet in a home at another location for confidentiality)

### **Prayer Guide for February 5 – February 11**

**5 Sunday** – God said to Moses, **"I AM WHO I AM."** This is what you are to say to the Israelites: **"I AM has sent me to you."** Ex. 3:14

**6 Monday** – Read Exodus 12 & 13. Thank God for the large group of children who came last Monday evening for the first **DC4K group at the Lumina Center** this year. Pray for **Karen Goss, Barb Yoder, Rick Byler, and LaVern Yutzy** as they lead this group and for **Ann Kanagy** in her role as Single Parent Ministry Coordinator for our church.

**7 Tuesday** – Read Exodus 14 & 15. Pray for families dealing with death in our community. Pray for the **Don Mathews family** after his death and funeral last week and for the **Sallie Yoder family** after her death and upcoming funeral this coming Sunday afternoon at 2 at Valley View Chapel.

**8 Wednesday** – Read Exodus 16 & 17. Pray for **Theil Kauffman** as he meets with the worship team this evening and prepares for our Sunday morning worship service. Also pray for **Max** as he prepares a sermon for this coming Sunday from Exodus 14 & 15. And pray for and encourage **Wendy Sulouff** today on her birthday with cards at 24 Oak St. Milroy, PA 17063.

**9 Thursday** – Read Exodus 18 & 19. Thank God for the **teachers for our elective classes** this year and pray for each of them, especially the teacher of the class in which you are participating. Pray for wisdom and clarity as they prepare and for open discussions and supportive settings in which people can learn, share, and grow.

**10 Friday** – Read Exodus 20 & 23. Pray for courage and wisdom for **Karen Yoder** in her counseling ministry in a room in our church basement. Pray for **healing** for all those to whom she freely shares her time and heart. Pray also for the participants in the current **Hope Alive group** that Karen leads.

**11 Saturday** – Read Exodus 24 & 32. Pray for the **group preparing to go to Romania** in several weeks and pray for the volunteers preparing a meal for tomorrow. Pray for **God to guide people** in our church family to contribute the money needed for this Romanian ministry and for the three or more trips that volunteers will make to Romania this year.

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)



## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Kids, if you would like to help me lead **Junior Worship**, please let me know. I would love to hear your ideas and help you be a part of Junior Worship!

### Coming up:

**KIDS' Club** - PAUL'S ADVENTURE TO ROME!  
February 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Grades K - 5)

**DC4K** - Starting Monday Jan 23, 2017; 5:30 - 7:00 PM  
at the Lumina Center.