

# Welcome To Locust Grove

March 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: Ivan Yoder: The Enticement of beauty – Numbers 22-25& 31

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

## 11:15: Children's Breakout session (Pre-K-Grade 2) in the MYF Room.

## 12:00 Children's Sunday school teachers training lunch

## Nursery: Infants through 3 year olds-

9:00 – Lauren Reed and Ashley Newman  
10:30 – Karen Yoder, Chisomo Van Sciver, Lexi Melanson  
\*Next Week: 9:00- Justin & Amanda Byler, Sydney Jerman  
10:30- Clint & Heather Yoder, Chesney Delozier

## Prayer List:

At Home: Scott and Kelly Conner  
Glen and Joyce Yoder

At Valley View: Ruby Hostetler, 324 Valley View Haven

Away: David, Brandi, Mackenzie, Madison, Caleb, Mallory Peachey  
105 Gable Dr. Myerstown Pa 17067

**Mission Spot:** Rick, Anji, Kira, and Keane Zook with New Tribes Mission in Papua New Guinea. Pray for protection from evil as they have been feeling under attack recently; equipment failures, interpersonal issues on the team, struggling through Romans Bible lessons, and Anji's sinus/chest infections. Pray for the Lusi who have yet to hear the Gospel and pray for the new, young believers that they would remain faithful.

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February 26, 2017

9:00 Worship Attendance ..... 185  
S.S. Attendance .....201  
10:30 Worship Attendance ..... 190  
Jr. S.S. Offering..... \$12.50  
Adult S.S. Offering..... \$130.00  
Morning Worship Offering ..... \$12,159.13

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## Week 8

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$103,396.30  
YTD Morning Worship Offerings - \$98,842.41  
YTD Income - \$129,919.22  
YTD Expenses - \$134,707.42

## This Week's Events:

Today, 12:00 pm - **Children's Sunday School Teachers Training Lunch**  
Monday, 7:00 p.m. – Leadership Team meeting  
Tuesday, Ladies sewing – bring your own lunch  
Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:00 – Kids Club  
Thursday, 2:00 p.m. – needle crafting at Valley View Terrace Activity Room  
Friday, 8:30-9:30 am – Prayer Group for Children

## Upcoming Events:

March 7 & 21, 6:30-8:00 – Kid's Club  
March 10-12 – MYF Winter Retreat  
March 12, Pulled Pork Fundraiser Lunch for Kenya Divorce Care  
March 14, Archery 6-8 pm in the fellowship hall  
March 16, 7:00 p.m. – Salt & Light Co., from Rosedale Bible College  
March 16 – 18 – Hope Force Disaster Responder Training  
March 19<sup>th</sup> – Mennonite Heritage Center Annual Hymn Sing  
March 31, Ladies Fun Night- Registration starts at 5:30, dinner served at 6 p.m.

**MYF:** Meet at the church @ **5pm** to travel to Selinsgrove to see the movie "Is Genesis History". We will have pizza at 5 and then plan to leave at 5:15.

**Group:** we will meet at the church at 6pm Sunday evening March 12. Guys bring snack and Girls bring a drink.

**MOM'S BIBLE STUDY**-Will meet Tuesday morning at Pam's at 10 am for brunch. For directions call Pam @ 717-363-6547

**Large Ice Cream Containers:** The kitchen needs large ice cream containers. If you have some to donate, please drop them off in the kitchen. Thank you.

**Children's Sunday school teachers training lunch:** If you are interested in teaching Sunday school (ages 2 through grade 6) and would like an opportunity to learn more about what that involves, please feel free join us for lunch today after the second service.

Congratulations to Nick and Sarah Peachey who had a son, Jase Matthew, born on March 2, 2017.

A pulled pork fundraiser meal will be served next Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the 2<sup>nd</sup> service, to help raise funds for children and single mother's ministry opportunities in Kenya. Quill and Ann Kanagy recently returned from a trip to Kenya and are now working on resourcing local workers and raising awareness for the need for children's and single mother's ministries in that region, which are desperately needed. Please plan to come and enjoy a delicious meal while also supporting a very worthwhile cause!

Belleville Mennonite School is hosting an **Open House** for prospective families to explore all that the school has to offer on Friday, March 17, 2017 from 5:00-8:00 PM. Elementary, middle school, and high school teachers will be in their classrooms to answer questions, tours will be available, and a Kindergarten Bear Hunt event specifically for interested incoming Kindergarteners will take place. Also, a **homemade Chicken and Waffles Dinner** will take place from 5:00-7:00 PM or until the food is sold out. The cost of the meal is as follows: ages 0-5, FREE; ages 6 and up, \$9 and for families with 4 or more members, the price is \$35. The price for prospective new families is \$2/person. The dinner is open to the public. No advance ticket purchase is necessary.

**Sunday School Electives:** If you are taking an elective that uses a book, please consider donating \$10 - \$15 to help cover the cost in the Sunday school offering.

**Connection:** It's time! If you are writing an article, book review or poem for the next issue of *The Connection*, it's time! We'll be compiling and editing in the coming weeks, so put the finishing touches on your article and email it to [brendaebzook@gmail.com](mailto:brendaebzook@gmail.com) or put it in my mailbox by next Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Handwritten, typed or computer file documents are all welcomed! Just a reminder to the kids – I'm looking forward to seeing all of your butterfly and caterpillar artwork – give your creations to Ms. Judith or Brenda ASAP!

Do you enjoy refreshing H2O? Share your coins in the **"noisy offerings"** March 12 & 26<sup>th</sup> to fund My Coins Count through Mennonite Central Committee. Your coins will bring refreshing H2O in the name of Christ to thirsty people around the world.

**Directory:** We will be updating our church directory in the next few weeks. If you have any updates to be made or if you are a new family who was not in our directory last year, please email your address, phone numbers, email addresses, and children's names to [kara@locustgrovemc.org](mailto:kara@locustgrovemc.org) or call the church at 717.935.2164.

An **inspirational hymn sing**, sponsored by the Heritage Center, will be held at Locust Grove on Sunday March 19 at 7:00 pm. featuring the 1902 Church and Sunday School Hymnal. Special music will feature Gospel Blue grass and African American versions of these songs. A free will offering will be received.

**Next year in Jerusalem!** Max and Brenda are coordinating a trip to Israel for March 20 – 30, 2018. Reservation deposits will be due soon. Contact them if interested!

I would like to thank my church family for the many prayers and acts of kindness given to us during the 15 day hospital stay of our loved one and since his passing. Thanks to Max and Ivan for their visits, they meant so much to us. Also we thank you for the wonderful meal after the funeral. Your love and caring has helped to ease the pain and sadness of our loss. May God bless you all.

-Pauline Glick and family

*The Salt and Light Co.*, a music ensemble from Rosedale Bible College, will present their concert entitled *Think On These Things*, on Thursday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. here at Locust Grove. The program features vocals accompanied with acoustic instruments in a blend of folk and light contemporary sounds that the entire family will enjoy. The concert is free and open to the public.

The Directors will be starting the storage garage located at the rear of the church in the near future and also creating an office for Pam Yoder by dividing Judith's office and adding a door. We also will be creating a storage room in the east foyer. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact a director. The current directors are Greg Yoder, Ken Yoder, Jeremy Suydam and Bill Goss.

**Help!** A few hours of YOU volunteering will greatly aid Mennonite Central Committee to have a successful **relief sale** in Harrisburg March 31-April 1, 2017. For more information contact Trudy at 935-5734 or [gertrude.hartzler@gmail.com](mailto:gertrude.hartzler@gmail.com).

**The Single Moms Support Care team** invite you to be a prayer partner for this ministry. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board beside the gym. Please consider praying for the team and those to whom they minister.

Once again, we invite you to consider **providing snacks for the children at DC4K** at the Lumina each Monday evening. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board beside the gym with items requested. Thank you for serving the next generation with snacks and prayers.

The Belleville Fire Co is holding a **Food Safety Class** through the Pa Dept of Ag on Saturday, March 11 from 9:00-11:00am in the Union Township Activity Room. Anyone involved in food preparation, especially persons involved with Meals on Wheels or any kind of public dinners are encouraged to attend. The class is free and open to the public.

They are also having a **Sausage/Pancake breakfast** on Saturday March 18 from 7:00-11:00am in the Union Twp. Activity Room. Cost is \$5.00 per person and \$2.50 for children 10 and under.

**Gator Wilderness Camp School, Punta Gorda, Florida: Gregg, Sharon, Hope and Katie Kanagy and Tyler Yoder.** I have been working as a family worker for just over a year now and I find it an honor to be a part of such a positive program as wonderful as the program Gator Wilderness Camp provides. I was made aware of Gator Wilderness many years ago. At that time, I thought I had an idea of what type of young men attended the camp. I am ashamed to say I thought it was made up of predominately punks or thugs that just needed a good ole fashion whooping. I am here to tell you I was terribly wrong. Now that I have been given a chance to interact with both the young men and their families, I have a completely new perspective. I see now what Gator Camp is faced with on a daily basis. Part of my job is being the first to take the calls from the desperate family members begging for help with their child. Many of the children's parents have given up on them due to their own problems. Their schools have given up on them as well as society as a whole. Sometimes the call comes from not the parents not the grandparents but the GREAT Grandparents who have taken on the responsibility of a 10 year old boy because there was no one else to step up. The calls from adoptive parents that find out too late about the abuse, both sexual and physical, that the child had endured from being passed around from place to place before finding someone to give them a permanent home. Some of the young men have had parents who were so strung out on drugs they could not even tend to their basic needs for food not alone affection for days. I know that this comes across pretty heavy, but I felt it was important to make you aware of who we are serving at Gator camp and why. We have a saying at camp "It's not your fault, but it is your problem." Our team of Chiefs help these innocent children learn to trust people again and help them gain a better perspective on life through love, much patience and understanding. They teach them that they can rise above their circumstances no matter how dark they may seem. At Gator camp, we help the boys find their voice.

**RMM in Southern Spain: Phil and Maretta Barr.** Even though winter is mild and short-lived in southern Spain, it is still exciting to see signs of spring in the air at this time of year. The rays of the sun are getting warmer, the sound of birds greeting the morning are growing more boisterous, and shoots are coming forth from the trees and plants that just marked time over the last couple of months. We are glad too to see signs of new vigor with our ministry partners here. After a few months in the doldrums, it is good to see the farm school project at the Springs of Life camp gearing up to open to the public-school students this coming school year. Antonio, its director, has overcome mammoth hurdles to get to this point, both in regard to meeting the legal requirements to open the school and getting the physical infrastructure of the camp itself ready. The goal now is to concentrate on the remaining essential requirements needed to get the outreach project up and running. This basically involves constructing a wooden frame classroom for the teaching, picnic tables for the students to eat at, and paying the license fees of about €48,000 to the governing authorities. Our local partnering church is excited about being able to reach out to the community with a vacation English school. Parents will not send their kids to a vacation Bible school but they will happily send them to a school for learning the English language. So, with the help of the youth group from Allensville Mennonite Church, they are planning to build this bridge to the people of Rincon the last week of June. Outreach in Malaga proceeds slowly but shows signs of fruitfulness. One of the children contacted by Pablo and Rosa through their local school, who made a commitment at the Springs of Life camp, has had an impact on his own family. Apparently, when he is bullied at school he reads his Bible when he comes

home to help himself deal with it. Recently, his grandfather was dying, so he decided to read his Bible to him as well to bring him comfort. This favorably impacted his mother so that there is a thawing in relation to the gospel in this family. Growth and fruitfulness for the kingdom of God comes, at times, painstakingly slow, but we hope what we are now seeing is a harbinger of more to come.

**SEND in Teslin, Yukon, Canada: Sheldon, Cindy, Jediah, Annali, Caleb and Malachi Sharp.** We just want to thank all at Locust Grove for your Generosity and Prayers. We are just amazed by God's provisions for us, many times it seems way more than we deserve. We are blessed! Thank You! Life during the winter in the North really slows down. However, one of the blessings of winter is more time for reading, study and spiritual growth. Even though it is dark outside it is always amazing that if/when we draw near to God he is able to bring light into and through our lives. Life during the winter is marked by the events of each day. During the week Cindy is homeschooling Caleb while trying to entertain Malachi a very active 3 year old. Three to four mornings a week Sheldon joins the guys at the motel for coffee to talk about hunting, fishing and from time to time the subject will turn to spiritual matters. In addition to this our weekly schedule looks roughly like this: On Mondays the kids go to hockey practice in the evenings while Cindy leads the ladies bible study through the book of John. Tuesdays are one of the busiest days, Sheldon works at the bank, while after school Cindy has begun to tutor a 1st grader; then in the evening Sheldon is usually off to either EMS or fire meeting. On Wednesdays the Kids again have hockey practice. Thursdays Sheldon leads the men's bible study at our house. Fridays Sheldon works at the bank again and then the evening we have family time - where we have pizza and watch a movie or play games. Sundays Mornings we meet at the Long House for our Church service where Sheldon preaches every other week and Cindy leads Sunday school for the kids every other month. In January a young Christian couple moved to Teslin from Whitehorse to live a simple life off the grid. The guys from the church got together and helped them build a small cabin a couple miles outside of Teslin. For some reason God is drawing more and more Christians to Teslin. We don't know why but we are just thanking God for bringing them here. Not much exceptional happened in February. But, now that March is here we are seeing signs of spring on the horizon. Again this year Sheldon has begun to grow flowers/ and vegetable starts for people in the community. Pray for our Bible Studies and Teslin Bible Fellowship, that they would lead all of us into a deeper relationship with Jesus. Sheldon is friends with an Atheist, this winter he has been reading some apologetic books, pray that he would have the opportunities to share the Truth with him, that Sheldon would have the right words at the right time to share with him. Pray for Cindy as she tutors the first grader.

**Leprosy Village of Kalimpong, India: Carmen Groff** remains in weekly contact with the leprosy village she visited in December. The people have recently requested her church pray for them and their physical needs. Pray also for wisdom for Carmen as she responds to their cries for help. Psalm 147:3 "He (The LORD) heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."

*Prayer Guide for March 5 – March 11*

**5 Sunday** – I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. Deut. 5:6

**6 Monday** – Read Deut. 2 & 3. Pray for Sherryl Yoder in her recovery from heart valve surgery on Thursday last week at Geisinger in Danville.

**7 Tuesday** – Read Deut. 4 & 5. Pray today for Nick & Sarah Peachey with their new son, Jase Matthew, born on Thursday, March 2. Pray for the volunteers and participants at tonight's Kids' Club.

**8 Wednesday** – Read Deut. 6 & 7. Pray for Theil and Andrea and the worship team as they meet to prepare for Sunday morning's worship service. Pray for direction in their song selection and the free working of the Spirit. Also pray for Max as he prepares a sermon for this Sunday from Deut. 6:1-12.

**9 Thursday** – Read Deut. 8 & 9. Pray for the group preparing to leave one week from today for a mission trip to Romania. Pray for Bob Plank, Ron Byler, Steve Fisher, Danny Peachey, Phyllis Yoder and Kristin Byler.

**10 Friday** – Read Deut. 10 & 11. Pray for the students at the Belleville Mennonite School in their Spiritual Renewal Day. Pray for Starla Fogleman in her role as Superintendent and pray for the teachers, staff and students.

**11 Saturday** – Read Deut. 12 & 13. Pray for Ivan & Pam and the high school youth group in their annual Snow Camp this weekend.

# LADIES FUN NIGHT

*When: Friday, March 31, 2017  
Registration begins at 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner at 6 P.M.*

*Come for night of pampering, fellowship, and fun beginning with a delicious meal prepared and served by men from our church! No dishes tonight Ladies! You can leisurely stroll through the many different stations set up for the night and enjoy the amazing coffee bar. Take your time and enjoy your evening of relaxing and having fun with other ladies. Be sure to bring a friend! Cost is \$10 per person, pay at the door. Activities close at 11 p.m. Space is limited so be sure to sign up on the Women's Ministry board sign-up sheet. This event is for ladies 18 years and older. Hope to see you there!*

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**\*If you are planning to attend and have special dietary needs, please contact Pam.**



## 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!

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**.

Miss Brenda is looking for drawings of caterpillars and butterflies for the spring issue of **the Connection**. You can give the drawings to me or Miss Brenda. Please try to keep the drawings to the size of an index card.

### **Coming up:**

**KIDS' Club** - PAUL'S *Adventure* TO ROME!

Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Grades K - 5)

**An Easter Celebration!** - Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Pre-K - Grade 6)

**Priceless**- A Daughter and Mother Event (Pre-K - Grade 6). Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 - 11:00 AM

**Mega Sports Camp:** June 12 -16, 2017

**VBS "Around the World with Jesus' Love":**  
June 25 - 28, 2017