

Welcome To Locust Grove

March 12, 2017

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9:00 & 10:30 Morning Worship Service

Prelude: Sophia Yoder
Worship Leader: Lyle Yoder
Worship Team Leader: Theil Kauffman
Offering, including a “noisy” offering for MCC
Sermon: Upon their Hearts! – Deut. 6:1-19; Max Zook

9:00 & 10:30 Sunday School Hour

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

Nursery: Infants through 3 year olds-

9:00 – Justin & Amanda Byler, Sydney Jerman
10:30 – Clint & Heather Yoder, Chesney Delozier
*Next Week: 9:00- Kristen, Hannah, and Naomi Diehl
10:30- Michelle Kline and Sherry Miller

Prayer List:

At Home: Adam, Wendi, & Addison Crownover
Gerald & Pat Yoder

At Valley View: Twila Peachey, A128 Valley View Terrace

Away: Dion, Naty, Gabriela, & Marcus Peachey

Mission Spot: Pray for the team going to Romania this Friday. Pray that as we step out in faith and obedience to God that our spiritual life will be strengthened. Pray for Ron B., Steve F and Danny P for a good working relationship with the team they do construction with, for Mary Lou H., Donna Fry and Katie P as they travel to Areda to love the babies and for Phyllis and Kristin B as they encourage and pray for the team in Cluj.

Reaching Out: Charlie Stump at Mt. Bethel Church, McClure. **Ivan & Pam** are leading our youth group retreat at Camp Kanesatake this weekend. **Max** plans to fly to Oregon on Friday for a week of teaching Bible at Fairview, near Albany.

March 5, 2017

9:00 Worship Attendance	188
S.S. Attendance	320
10:30 Worship Attendance	208
Jr. S.S. Offering.....	\$3.02
Adult S.S. Offering.....	\$121.00
Morning Worship Offering	\$13,935.52

Week 9

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$111,650
YTD Morning Worship Offerings - \$112,778
YTD Income - \$144,008
YTD Expenses - \$139,442

This Week’s Events:

Today, noon - Pulled Pork Fundraiser Lunch for Kenya Divorce Care
Tuesday, 7 a.m.- Men’s Pursuit of God Bible Study at church
Thursday, 7:00 p.m. – Salt & Light Co., from Rosedale Bible College
Thursday-Saturday – Hope Force Disaster Responder Training

Upcoming Events:

March 21, 6:30-8:00 – Kid’s Club
March 24 - Prayer group for children
March 19th – Mennonite Heritage Center Annual Hymn Sing
March 31, Ladies Fun Night- Registration starts at 5:30, dinner served at 6 p.m.
April 2, 7:00 – Cumberland Valley Area Choir

New Addresses: Nathan Martin-304 Augusta Dr, Missoula, MT 59801.
Neil Martin-26 Farmview Dr, Allensville, PA 17002

MYF: No MYF this week.

Group: Meet at the church at 6pm this evening, March 12. Guys bring snack and Girls bring a drink.

Young Adults: Meet at Ivan & Pam’s today for lunch and discussion.

MOM'S BIBLE STUDY-Meets every Tuesday morning at 10 am in the nursery. Bring a snack to share.

Archery Shoot: Tuesday, 6-8 pm in the fellowship hall.

Card Shower: Announcing a card shower for John M. Byler, Sr. He will be 90 years old on March 19. His address is A202 Valley View Terrace, Belleville, PA.

A big welcome to **Aubrianna Noelle Hartley**, granddaughter of Max & Brenda!!! Aubrianna was born Thursday, March 9th to Jason & Teresa Hartley. Let's congratulate Max & Brenda on this newest addition when we see them!

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

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.

A **pulled pork fundraiser meal** will be served today, immediately following the 2nd 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 brendaebyzook@gmail.com or put it in my mailbox today. Handwritten, typed or computer file documents are all welcome! 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"** today & 26th 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 or call the church at 717.935.2164.

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!

The Salt and Light Co., a music ensemble from Rosedale Bible College, will present their concert, Think On These Things, on Thursday March 16, at 7:00 p.m. at the Locust Grove Mennonite Church. 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.

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.

The Belleville Fire company is 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.

Backyard Ministries: The Abundant Life SS class thanks you for your donations in February. We were able to provide 100 snack bags for kids in Lewistown. We are in need of donations for March. We need Nutri-grain bars (check the Dollar Store for a generic equivalent), pre-packaged cookies and crackers (no nuts or peanut butter). 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.

WHO KNEW that the few minute it took for someone to bake a loaf of banana bread could change someone's life! Backyard Ministries uses sweet bread loaves as door openers to witness to adults and they are proving to be very effective. Recently Kevin knocked on a door. A woman cracked the door and said, "Oh, it's you!" He said, "Yes, and I have a loaf of banana bread that someone baked for you." She opened the door and invited him in, then started crying as she poured out her problems to him. Without that loaf of banana bread, it is unlikely that the woman would have invited Kevin in, and he would not have had the opportunity to pray with her. BYM will take any kind of bread from A to Z – apple, banana, cranberry, zucchini, -- no nuts or peanut butter. Loaves can be baked ahead and put in your freezer. They should be put in a gallon bag and labeled with BYM and the flavor. Bread should be placed in the Locust Grove freezer or on the kitchen counter sometime before the 4th Tuesday of the month. Thank you for helping Backyard Ministries help others

Prayer Guide for March 12 – March 18

12 Sunday – *Be careful so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.* Deut. 4:9

13 Monday – *Read Deut. 14, 15 & 16.* Pray for **Jim Buchanan** as he goes to Philadelphia Thursday to discuss a possible open heart surgery. Pray for **Sherryl** as she continues to recover at home from her heart surgery, and pray for **Jessica Yoder** dealing with pain from an abdominal mass.

14 Tuesday – *Read Deut. 17, 18 & 19.* Pray for **Dion & Naty** in Ecuador. Pray for the people who are involved in the **Perspectives class**.

15 Wednesday – *Read Deut. 20, 21, & 22.* Pray for **Brian Renno** and the worship team as they prepare this evening to lead our worship on Sunday. Pray for **Ivan Yoder** as he prepares a sermon for Sunday. And pray today for the **Sunday school teachers** preparing for Sunday.

16 Thursday – *Read Deut. 23 & 24.* Pray for the **students from Rosedale Bible College, Salt & Light Co.**, who will share an evening service with us today. Also pray for the **participants in the Hope Force Training** this weekend also at our church to be prepared to minister to people in crises.

17 Friday – *Read Deut. 25 & 26.* Pray for the **group going to Romania** today which includes Ron B., Steve F and Danny P doing construction; Mary Lou H., Donna Fry and Katie P loving babies; and Phyllis and Kristin B in Cluj.

18 Saturday – *Read Deut. 27 & 28.* Pray for **Max** as he speaks to a group of men this morning at the Fairview Mennonite Church, near Albany, Oregon and then as he prepares to speak tomorrow morning, evening, and each evening through Wednesday before returning home Thursday.

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. The night will also feature massages, painting, a movie room, foot massages, puzzles & adult coloring, and a make & take craft room. 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!

***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 2nd 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 21st, 6:30 - 8:00 PM (Grades K - 5)

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

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

Mega Sports Camp: June 12 -16, 2017

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