

Welcome To Locust Grove

March 19, 2017

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9:00 & 10:30 Morning Worship Service

Prelude: Shelby Hartzler
Worship Leader: Neil Renno
Worship Team Leader: Brian Renno
10:30 Baby Dedication: Jared, Chelsea & Anna Elizabeth Shepherd
Anna Elisabeth was born March 27, 2016
Sermon: Ivan Yoder

9:00 & 10:30 Sunday School Hour

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

7:00 Evening Worship

An **inspirational hymn sing**, sponsored by the Heritage Center, will be held here this evening 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.

Nursery: Infants through 3 year olds-

9:00 – Kristen, Hannah, and Naomi Diehl

10:30 – Michelle Kline and Sherry Miller

*Next Week: 9:00- Daniel & Nadya Peachey

10:30- Cheston & Jen Hartzler, Jana Nardis

Prayer List:

At Home: Steve & Cindy, Chandler, Chesney, Sophia, Annie, Isabella, & Isaiah Delozier
Frank, Jess, Caleb, Audrey, Seth, & Josephine Yoder

At Valley View: Grace Stacy, A124 Valley View Terrace

Away: Jeremy & Katie Peachey, 806 Ash St., Watsonstown, PA 17777

Mission Spot: C&H serving with Wycliffe in Southeast Asia
Pray for C&H as they go through times of transitions with the teams they supervise

and as they try to have increased interaction with local people through business and educational opportunities. "Help C&H to learn well the language of the people they serve so that they may present the Gospel clearly. May their speech always be seasoned with love." (Acts 2:11; 1 Corinthians 13:1)

Reaching Out: Max Zook is preaching at the Fairview Mennonite Church in Albany, Oregon this morning and each evening through Wednesday. Also, our team is ministering in Romania this week.

March 12, 2017

9:00 Worship Attendance 149
S.S. Attendance 298
10:30 Worship Attendance 215
Jr. S.S. Offering.....\$15.01
Adult S.S. Offering.....\$0
Morning Worship Offering \$9,400.75

Week 10

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$122,815

YTD Morning Worship Offerings - \$122,179

YTD Income - \$159,883

YTD Expenses - \$148,775

This Week's Events:

Today, 7:00 p.m. – Mennonite Heritage Center Annual Hymn Sing

Monday, 9:00 a.m.-Mission Prayer Team, VV Terrace Act. Room

Tuesday, 6:30-8:00 – Kid's Club

Friday, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. - Prayer group for children

Upcoming Events:

March 31, Ladies Fun Night- Registration starts at 5:30, dinner served at 6 p.m.

April 2, 7:00 p.m. – Cumberland Valley Area Choir

April 11, 6:30 p.m. – A Family Easter Celebration

April 28th, 5:30 PM - Memory Verse Challenge Pizza Party

MYF: Meet at the church Wednesday @ **7pm** to go to the John A Peachey cabin near Allensville for a taffy pull/sledding evening. Wear warm clothes and bring sleds if you have them.

Group: March 26 Meet at 6pm to go bowling. Bring 5 dollars and money for snack if you would like. **We will return at 8:30**

Young Adults: March 26 @ Ivan & Pam's 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.

Elective Classes: Next Sunday, March 26 is the last Sunday of our elective series. On April 2 we will be returning to our usual classes. Thank your teacher today!

Do you enjoy refreshing H2O? Share your coins in the “**noisy offerings**” March 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.

Hannah Faulkner was in an accident seven years ago and suffered traumatic brain injury. She never gave up through the years; she kept fighting and is continuing to improve. Though she still can't talk, she has a wonderful mind and can do anything she puts her mind to!! On March 31st Hannah turns 21! Please join me in surprising her by sending a card on her big day! Send all cards to:

Hannah Faulkner
11 Stony Brooke Dr.
Belleville, PA 17004

Lets see how many cards we can send to bring a smile to Hannah's face!!!! If you have any question please contact Annemarie Martin at 717-935-7464.

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!

Martha Clymer has requested the transfer of her church membership to the Mt Clinton Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg, VA. We pray for God's blessing in this new chapter in Martha's life.

Church Security. In recent months, the leadership team has been having several conversations about policies to enhance the safety of our church family. One of the recommendations is to keep all the entrance doors locked that are not continuously monitored by ushers. Ushers welcome guests at the two main entrances and at the doors at the end of the Sunday school wing. But we plan to begin keeping the kitchen, east basement entrance, and fellowship hall doors locked during our morning worship services. This means that anyone can exit the building through these doors, but entrance into the building will be restricted to the east and west main entrances and the Sunday school wing west door.

We would like to **thank our church family**, the Abundant Life Sunday school class, Max and Ivan, for your prayers, concerns, and cards while I was in the hospital .Also I am grateful for “The Songs In The Night” that I was given to help me through some rough nights. Blessings to each and every one of you.
Sincerely, Alice and Leroy Miller

Children's Easter Event – I am looking for 100 egg cartons for our Easter event this year. If you have egg cartons that we can have, please bring them to church and put them in my office. Also, if you would be willing to make 2 dozen Easter themed cupcakes for this event, there is a sign-up sheet outside my office. Thank you! Judith Saldubehere

Kenyan Trip – a reminder that we are collecting school supplies for Ann and the team to take back to Eldoret, Kenya this summer. We would like to give the children at Locust Gove the opportunity to be a part of this ministry by inviting them to choose a paper pencil (or several) from the table set up in the foyer. Children can place the new items in Ann's suitcase on the table. I will check off the items on the blackboard to mark our progress on the wish list. Thank you for being a part of what the Lord is doing in our children's lives and the lives of children in Eldoret, Kenya. Judith Saldubehere

Kenya Project: Thank you to each of you who helped make the Kenya Project Fundraiser happen, and most of all, thank you to the Lord who blessed your efforts! A total of \$5,491.00 was donated for this project, and we are so grateful. We look forward to seeing our God use these funds to advance His kingdom in the hearts of boys and girls, men and women in Eldoret, Kenya and beyond. And, we continue to ask you to pray for Karen Goss, Karen Zook, and Ann Kanagy as we prepare to go. Please pray, too, for the team in Eldoret as they prepare to reach out to children of divorce and separation and to single moms.

Benefit Dinner: Jason & Lori Kauffman of Allensville Mennonite Church are in the process of adopting a child. To help raise money, there will be Spaghetti Dinner at Allensville Mennonite Church Saturday, March 25th from 4 to 8pm. Take out is available. Donation based. There will also be homemade craft items and Trades of Hope Jewelry stands set up. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Lori at 717-543-7741 or by email at lorikauffman449@gmail.com. Thanks so much!

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.

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.

The **Open House and Chicken & Waffles Dinner at Belleville Mennonite School is rescheduled for Friday, March 24, 2017. The Open House is on March 24 from 5:00-7:00 PM** for prospective families to explore all the school has to offer. 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.

The homemade Chicken and Waffles Dinner will take place from 5:00-7:00 PM or until the food is sold out on Friday, March 24. The cost for the meal is as follows: Ages 0-5, FREE; Ages 6 and up, \$9.00 and for families with 4 or more members the price is \$35.00. The price for prospective new families is \$2/person. The dinner is open to the public. No advance ticket purchase necessary.

Prayer Guide for March 19 – March 25

19 Sunday – *This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live.* Deut. 30:19

20 Monday – Read Deut. 29 & 30. Pray for **Glen & Yvonne Peachey** who are returning from the funeral of Glen's uncle Earl in Illinois. Pray for their son, **Brian**, who is again in the Behavior Health area of the Altoona Hospital. Also pray for **Jane Lewis** at the J.C. Blair Hospital and pray for direction for where she can go to receive the care she needs.

21 Tuesday – Read Deut. 31 & 32. Pray **for our team in Romania** this week as they teach, work on a youth center, prepare meals, and love babies! Pray for them to demonstrate the love and grace of Jesus with the people they meet and the words they speak.

22 Wednesday – Read Deut. 33 & 34. Pray for **Max** as he concludes his Bible conference at the Fairview Mennonite Church in Albany, Oregon and returns home tonight and tomorrow. Pray for the messages he has given from the book of Acts to be used by the Spirit to encourage and equip the church in Oregon.

23 Thursday – Read Joshua 1 & 2. Pray for **Sherryl Yoder, Ken Yoder, and Ramona Byler** who have been recovering from hospital experiences. Pray for God's healing grace and encouragement.

24 Friday – Read Joshua 3 & 4. Pray today for **Floyd & Ruby Hostetler** on their wedding anniversary. Pray for Floyd who has been receiving treatments for cancer and for Ruby who is a resident at VVH and has been unable to speak since she had a stroke a few years ago. Pray for God's grace in their lives and marriage.

25 Saturday – Read Joshua 5 & 6. Pray for **Alan Miller** as he prepares to lead the worship team tomorrow and for **Ivan Yoder** as he prepares to preach. Pray for Sunday school teachers who are concluding the elective series tomorrow.

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

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

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE



Challenge your parent or another grown-up to learn as many verses as you can in 6 weeks!

You must both sign-up by **March 19th** to take part. The sign-up sheet is outside my office.

On **April 28th** you will face off with your parent or grown-up at a pizza party to see who wins (you will not need to say your verses in front of everyone, just one other adult).

Start at Matthew 5:1 and see how far you can go.

(Pre-K – Grade 6)

Use any version of the Bible you are comfortable with.