

Welcome To Locust Grove

April 2, 2017

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9:00 & 10:30 Morning Worship Service

Prelude: Duke Larson
Worship Leader: Mike Hartzler
Worship Team Leader: Glen Peachey
Sermon: Apart from Jesus.... You Can Do Nothing, John 15 - Max Zook

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

The Cumberland Valley Area Choir will share their spring cantata, *Blessed Hope*. This adult choir has members from many churches in the Chambersburg area. An offering will be received for the Tide Radio Ministry.

Nursery: Infants through 3 year olds-

9:00 – Jeff & Carrie Zook
10:30 – Trevor & Lauren Weaver, Sophia Yoder
*Next Week: 9:00- Nate & Meagan Byler
10:30- Julie and Lily Yoder

Prayer List:

At Home: Joseph & Kristin Diehl
Elsie Yoder

At Valley View: Anna Margaret Yoder, A213 Valley View Haven

Away: Andrew & Mikaela (Peachey) Pealock
1917 Westside Dr. NW, Cleveland, TN 37311

Mission Spot: Medical Missions in the Philippines: Francis, Leah, Julia, Avea, and Justice Daytec. Please pray for the Daytecs as they seek God's heart and clear direction for their medical ministry. They currently have one clinic and give free care to the poor and tribal people, as well as partner with other organizations to hike into the tribal villages to provide healthcare, food programs, and education.

Also, please pray for Francis and Leah in their Muslim ministry, and as they disciple a Muslim family who has decided to follow Jesus. May this family continue to experience the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of Jesus.

March 26, 2017

9:00 Worship Attendance 170
S.S. Attendance 318
10:30 Worship Attendance 204
Jr. S.S. Offering \$24.10
Adult S.S. Offering \$65.00
Morning Worship Offering \$11,315.78

Week 12

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$145,145
YTD Morning Worship Offerings - \$143,136
YTD Income - \$184,798
YTD Expenses - \$168,722

This Week's Events:

Tonight, 7:00 p.m. – Cumberland Valley Area Choir
Tuesday – Ladies Sewing. Bring your own lunch.
Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. – Leadership Team meets
Wednesday, 6:45 p.m.-Hymn sing at Valley View Terrace Activities Room

Upcoming Events:

April 7th, 8:30 a.m. – prayer group for children
April 11th, 6:30-8:00 p.m. – A family Easter Celebration
April 14, 7:00 p.m. – Good Friday evening communion service
April 30, 7:00 p.m. – Graduation and conclusion of Perspectives at Allensville
May 6, 9:00-11:00 a.m. – Priceless, a mother/daughter event (pre-K-Grade 6)

MYF: Grades 10-12, meet at the church Wednesday at 7 p.m. for a spring clean-up service project. Bring money to finish out the evening at the Doghouse.

Group: Grades 7-9, Sunday, April 9. Meet at the church for Bible study. Girls bring a snack, guys bring a drink.

Young Adults: Lunch and discussion April 9 at Ivan & Pam's.

60+ breakfast: If you are 60 and over you are invited to breakfast and a time of fellowship **Saturday April 8 @ 8am**. Please let Ivan or Pam know by Wed, April 5th if you are attending. We hope you can join us.

A Father & Son weekend is again being planned for May 5-7. We plan to again spend the weekend in northern PA enjoying God's creation. Contact Ivan Yoder if you are interested or have questions.

Interested in birds? A birdwatching outing is being planned for Saturday May 13. If you have interest please contact Pam Yoder.

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

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

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.

A big **“THANK YOU”** to whoever organized the music instrument room. Great Job!

Will you join us? We invite you to prayerfully consider partnering with **Holly & Chisomo VanSciver** through prayer as they prepare to serve in South Africa. We are in need of: 1) **Prayer Partners** who are willing to commit to praying for requests on a regular basis and 2) Individuals to be a part of an **Intercessory Prayer Team**. The Intercessory Prayer Team involves praying on a deeper level of focused intensive prayer during times when Holly and Chisomo, the ministry team members and the students they are discipling are faced with intense spiritual warfare. Training for the Intercessory Prayer Team will be provided and will begin this month. If you are interested in being either a Prayer Partner or part of the Intercessory Prayer Team, please contact Neil & Luann Renno at 483-6994 or anne06@pa.net. Thank you!

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.

A family Easter Celebration, Tuesday, April 11; 6:30 – 8:00 PM – kids will enjoy an Easter egg hunt and rediscovery the Easter story as they make their own ‘resurrection eggs’ craft. There is a sample of the craft on the table in the foyer. Families will also enjoy an Easter drama and snacks. No registration necessary.

Kenyan Trip – 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.

Children’s Easter Event – Thank you so much to everyone who brought in egg cartons for our Easter event this year. If you would be willing to make 2 dozen cupcakes, there is a sign-up sheet outside my office. Also, if you would be willing to help me hide the Easter eggs on Monday April 10th, from 6 – 8 p.m., please let me know. Thank you for the many ways you continue to help share Jesus’ love and truth with the children! Judith Saldubehere

Words cannot express our appreciation to you, our dear church family for all the prayers, meaningful cards, and messages, delicious meals, and the love and support you have given to us before, during, and after surgery. We have truly felt God’s presence surrounding us during this time. Sincerely, Sherryl & Paul

A “Taste of Ecuador” is coming to Big Valley April 11th! Join Dion Peachey at Taste of the Valley on Tuesday April 11th for a walk-in coffee house from 6 - 9PM to learn about the Peachey’s ministry in Ecuador. Special presentations will be given by Dion in English at 7PM, and in Spanish at 7:30 PM. Coffee, hot chocolate, and cookies will be served. Questions, call Louise Byler (814) 667-2376.

On Sat., April 8, **Everence Lancaster** will host Stewardship University, a ministry partnership between Everence and the local faith community. Courses will explore subjects ranging from retirement preparation and better budgeting to health and fitness. For more information or to register visit www.stewardshipuniversity.com

Kenyan Children and Single Moms’: A friend of the Kenyan Project donated a beautiful handmade quilt to be sold; the proceeds will be used to help serve the children and single moms of Eldoret, Kenya. The quilt is on display and being silent auctioned at Yoder’s Tees and More at E. Main Street, Belleville. For more information, call either 717.935.2164 or 717.437.4946.

Missionary Moments: Wycliffe in Orlando, Florida: Keith, Christina, Luke and Nicole Bitikofer. Keith continues to serve in his roles of helping to lead strategic technology projects and leading a technical support team as the HRIS (human resources information systems) Director. In addition to the projects already underway, they are currently starting a new project for the global rollout of the human resources software (Workday) to our partner organizations (other Wycliffe organizations and national organizations) around the world. He has recently started having meetings with the partners to work out the details of the project. Please pray for wisdom, guidance, unity among the partners, and energy for Keith and the teams involved in this project. Christine’s department, which monitors the progress and finances of Bible Translation projects around the world, is at the beginning stages of a lot of department changes. Please pray for good communication and positive attitudes during this time of change. The changes will take place over the next 1-2 years. Pray also for additional personnel that will be needed as well. We will be traveling to Pennsylvania in June for family events and visiting churches. Pray for us as we plan our schedule. Thanks for your continued prayer and financial support. We really appreciate it!

New Tribes Missions with the Lolo Pople group in Mozambique: Matt, Debi, Melody, Willian, Nicholas and Nathanael Zook. We have been enjoying our time in Australia. The children are finishing this year's school work. We have had many opportunities to share about the work that is happening among the Lolo people and also to encourage God's people in general. Give thanks with us for all the blessings He has given us. We are thankful that the Lolo New Testament and Old Testament portions have been sent to the typesetter for preparation to be printed. Please pray that the typesetting will be completed in a timely fashion and will be a great final product and that God's word will have a huge impact on the Lolo people in the next year, 10 years, 50 and even 100 years and beyond. In one month, we will be back in Mozambique Lord willing. Please pray that our travels will be safe and that we will make it uneventfully through customs and immigration into Mozambique. Please pray that our family will have a good transition. Please also pray for the Lolo believers that God will help them to remain faithful.

Sunday Services at the Mifflin County Correctional Facility: We are now conducting our Sunday afternoon Bible studies at the former Buffington Office Supply building where the female inmates are housed. The staff has been very friendly and helpful. We meet at the end of a large room that also serves as the dining room. The door to one of two cells where the girls are housed is open and even though many aren't present at the study, our singing and conversation can be heard. What an opportunity for seeds to be planted! Since the facility now has a new warden all volunteers were required to once again complete an application, read a handbook and be screened. Gina Fate, Luann Renno and Nancy Hoefel have joined Gin Renno, Diane Snook, Emily Yoder, Twila Yoder and Jean Byler as our volunteers from Locust Grove. We are responsible for the Bible study every fourth Sunday of the month. Thanks for your prayers and interest.

Nicaraguan Pastoral Support: Talamanca, Costa Rica: Curtis, Cathy and Camry Sharp. Here are some of the events in our ministry and family: In March we hosted a family of 4 that came down for a short mission's trip from Michigan. Curtis spent two weeks in March, traveling to Mexico teaching in two bible institutes and preaching in three different churches. Construction work continues for the church being built in the mountains of Sibuju, about 20 minutes from our place. We are presently making the roofing trusses. A pastor in a two hour conversation expressed how the biblical studies material from Zion is making an impact throughout his 100+ church member denomination in Costa Rica. Progress has been made on the printshop/apartment. In February a team from the US donated 20 solar/crank flashlights for 20 families in the jungle so they can travel by night to church services. Members of this team also gave to the local clinics packages to native woman for the new born babies. Prayer request: For the fellowship of inter denominational pastors get together in April. We try to meet once a month, about 12 pastors. For Pastor Indalecio of the Mennonite Church who is overseeing a new work way in the mountains. For Camry as she prepares to go to two years of Ministerial Training this summer. For Pastor Rigoberto of the Church of God in Shiroles, his mother just passed away.



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.

Memory Verse Challenge - kids, we now have **4 weeks** left to memorize as many verses of the Sermon on the Mount as we can, starting at Matthew 5:1. We will be having our pizza party challenge on April 28th, 5:30 PM.

Coming Up:

An Easter Celebration! - Tuesday April 11th, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

A family Easter Event where kids get to enjoy an Easter egg hunt and rediscover the Easter story as they make their own "resurrection eggs" craft. Families will also enjoy an Easter drama. No registration necessary.

Priceless -Saturday May 6th, 9-11 AM (Pre-K through Gr 6)

A mother(grandmother)/ daughter event. Enjoy a morning together including breakfast and special activities designed to help you know the truth about how very special you are.

Mega Sports Camp: June 12 - 16

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

Prayer Guide for April 2 - April 7

2 Sunday – John 15:5-7 “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. 6 Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. 7 But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!

3 Monday – Read John 14 (Readings over the next few weeks will include passages related to the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. John 14-17 include Christ’s own words preparing his disciples for his death.) Pray today for **Brent Sausman** as he recovers from his recent surgery. Pray for **Jim Buchanan** who plans for open heart surgery two weeks from today on April 17 in Philadelphia. Pray for **Tawni Buchanan**, struggling with the pain of shingles.

4 Tuesday – Read John 15. Pray for the **leadership team** meeting this evening to finish plans for our communion service and to discuss other issues, including church and child safety. Pray for clear discernment as pastors and elders pray and plan for our church to fulfill our role as part of the Bride of Christ.

5 Wednesday – Read John 16. Pray for **Ivan** as he prepares to preach Sunday morning and for **Theil & Andrea** as they prepare to lead our worship time on this coming Palm Sunday. Also pray for and encourage **Sadie (Mrs. Ernest) Byler** today on her birthday. Her address is 6343 SR 655 Belleville.

6 Thursday – Read John 17. Jim & Jane Lewis. Jane plans to be discharged this week from J.C.Blair hospital after several months to their home at Cramer Hill. Pray for **Jim and several inmates who are now following Jesus** and reading their Bibles through his influence in the Huntingdon County Prison. His trial by jury was postponed from March to May and recently was postponed again indefinitely

7 Friday – Read Matthew 20 Michael Sharp’s body was found in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) last Monday. He was missing since Sunday March 12. Michael is the son of John Sharp and the nephew of **Dave & Pat Sharp** of our church family. Pray for the family in this time of grief. Pray for many people to give their lives in service to Jesus and peacemaking around the world through M.J.’s example.

April 8 Saturday – Read Matthew 21 to prepare for our Palm Sunday service tomorrow. Pray for God’s Spirit to lead us into a deeper appreciation for all Jesus has done for us during our activities planned for next week: children’s Easter event on Tuesday evening, Good Friday Communion service on Friday evening, and services on Easter Sunday morning with a special song by the children. Also pray for an encouraging time for the people over 60 years old meeting this morning for breakfast at the church at 8:00.