

Welcome To Locust Grove

April 9, 2017

Senior Pastor.....Max Zook 717.348.4488
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9:00 & 10:30 Morning Worship Service

Prelude: Dan Fry
Worship Leader: Max Zook
Worship Team Leader: Theil Kauffman
Sermon: Ivan Yoder

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 – Nate & Meagan Byler

10:30 – Julie and Lily Yoder

*Next Week: 9:00- Curt & Amanda Yoder

10:30- Juanita and Kristyn Byler

Prayer List:

At Home: Luke, Carli, Connor, & Logan Donovan
Dustin, Heidi, Abigail, Levi, & Colton Yoder

At Valley View: Martha Yoder, 118 Valley View Terrace

Away: Clint, Marsha, & Laura Schwab,
143 Midpenn Dr, Selingsgrove, PA 17870

Mission Spot: RMM in Southern Spain: Phil and Maretta Barr

Pray for the Barr's and their ministry partners as outreach in Malaga proceeds slowly but shows signs of fruitfulness. Pray also as they prepare to reach out to the community with a vacation "English" school (as opposed to a vacation Bible school that parents would not send their children to). With the help of the Allensville Mennonite Church youth group, they are planning to build this bridge to the people of Rincon the last week of June.

April 2, 2017

9:00 Worship Attendance222
S.S. Attendance385
10:30 Worship Attendance 199
Jr. S.S. Offering..... \$10.75
Adult S.S. Offering.....\$24.00
Morning Worship Offering\$12,750.57

Week 12

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$156,310

YTD Morning Worship Offerings - \$155,886

YTD Income - \$198,108

YTD Expenses - \$188,436

This Week's Events:

Tuesday, 7:00 a.m. – Men's Pursuit of God Bible study

Tuesday, 6:30-8:00 p.m. – A family Easter Celebration

Friday, 7:00 p.m. – Good Friday evening communion service

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.

Upcoming Events:

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 at 6:15 for Shirleysburg. 6:30 pick-up in Ferguson Valley.

Group: Grades 7-9, Meet at the church tonight from 6-8 for Bible study. Girls bring a snack, guys bring a drink.

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

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.

Memorial Service. On Saturday, April 15 at 4:00p.m. (Central Time) a memorial service for Michael Jesse Sharp, will be held at the Hesston Mennonite Church. We invite family members and friends to gather here at Locust Grove at 5:00 p.m. our time to participate in that service through a live video internet connection. You may address cards to M.J.'s parents, John and Michele Sharp at 213 Kingsway; Hesston, KS 67062.

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

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!

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 250-9371 or anne06@pa.net. Thank you!

Directory Update: Larry & LouAnn's information in the directory was incorrect. The following is the correct information:
J. Larry & Lou Ann Yoder, 152 Pheasant Valley Road, Lewistown, PA 17044
Cell, Larry. 717.363.0475; Cell, Lou Ann. 717.363.0473

Martha Clymer turns a young 70 this month! You are invited to cheer her on with cards, calls, messages, photos, memories, etc! April 26th is her birthday and her contact info is: **Martha Clymer, 747 Elmwood Dr, Harrisonburg, VA 22801**
dmclymer@gmail.com; (814) 542-8391

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.

Kenyan Trip – If you would still like to bring in school supplies for Ann Kanagy and the team to take to Kenya this summer, please bring your item to church by **April 23rd**.

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.

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.

Getting ready to retire? Everence Financial will present the informational seminar, *Make sense of your Medicare choices*, at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 24. Lisa Luft, Client Relationship Representative, will speak on Medicare, provide instructions on how to enroll, explain your options if you continue to work and answer related questions. The seminar will take place at Valley View Retirement Community, 4702 E. Main St., Belleville. To reserve a spot, contact Lisa Luft at (717) 697-1728 or lisa.luft@everence.com.

Hope Alive Group Treatment Program will begin a new group in the late summer. This group may be for you if you are ready to dig in and resolve those issues that cause you pain, or nightmares, or difficult relationships. Are you asking yourself: "Why do I think and act as I do?" "How does my childhood abuse and neglect cause me pain today?" "What affect does my pregnancy losses have in my current family life?" Discover and know yourself better. Now is a good time to schedule an evaluation and question/answer session with me. Call for an appointment: Karen Yoder at 935-2685.

Belleville Mennonite School is hosting the **52nd annual Auction** on Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22, 2017 at the school. Friday evening will feature a homemade, traditional turkey dinner with all of the fixings, from 4:00-7:00 PM, children's activities from 6:00-8:00 PM, and the Gift Certificate Auction at 6:00 PM. Saturday will feature breakfast served from 6:30-10:00 AM, the Merchandise Auction at 8:30 AM, children's activities from 9:00-2:00 PM, lunch from 11:00-2:00 PM, the Outdoor Auction at 11:30 AM, and the Quilt Auction at 1:30 PM. Come and enjoy this traditional event with a vast selection of homemade food, baked goods and unique merchandise items donated by our generous sponsors and community organizations and members. A complete listing of auction items can be found at www.bmsprek12.org.

BMS is hosting **Donkey Basketball** on Saturday, April 15 at 7:00 PM! Community members are invited to come out for a night of fun and entertainment as BMS juniors, seniors, teachers and alumni play basketball while riding donkeys. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$8 at the door. A concession stand will be available. To purchase tickets or for more information contact the school, 717.935.2184.



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 **3** 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 with Jesus' Love": June 25 - 28

Prayer Guide for April 9 - April 15

9 Sunday – Read Matt 21. (Our readings this week follow the activities of Jesus each day of the week of his death.) **“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”**

10 Monday – Read Matt. 22. Pray for **Jim and Tawni Buchanan**. One week from today Jim is scheduled for an open heart surgery in Philadelphia that is somewhat risky. Pray for **Sara Ann Yoder** who spend a few days in the hospital last week for issues related to her heart. And pray for **Dan Shore and Karen Chesla** as Dan comes to the end of his life due to cancer.

11 Tuesday – Read Matt. 23. Pray today for **Dion & Naty Peachey** in Ecuador and **Sheldon & Cindy Sharp** in Yukon during this Holy Week to have opportunities to bring people to Jesus to experience what he has done for them.

12 Wednesday – Read Matt. 24,25. Pray for **Brian Renno** as he meets tonight with his worship team to prepare for Sunday’s Easter celebration and pray for **Max** as he prepares to speak on Sunday about Christ’s victory over death!

13 Thursday – Read Matt. 26. Pray for **Holly & Chisomo VanSciver** today on Chisomo’s 14th birthday. Pray for them in their preparation to move to South Africa this fall to work with the Leadership Experience, a discipleship training program for young adults. Pray for a team of intercessors that is being formed right now.

14 Friday – Read Matt. 27. Read and meditate today about the **suffering and death of Jesus** in preparation for our evening worship and **communion service**. We plan to meet at 7 to worship Jesus in a “Tenebrae” service which highlights the increasing darkness of that original Friday crucifixion account.

15 Saturday – Read Matt 28 to prepare for tomorrow’s service! Pray today for the **Sharp family** as they gather in Hesston, Kansas for a memorial service for M.J. who was killed during his peacemaking work in the Congo a few weeks ago. Pray for relatives who meet here to participate in the same service by video.