

# Welcome To Locust Grove

April 16, 2017

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## 9:00 & 10:30 Morning Worship Service

Prelude: Kristyn Byler  
Worship Leader: Rob Plank  
Worship Team Leader: Brian Renno  
Sermon: He Has Risen! - 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 – Nate & Meagan Byler

10:30 – Juanita and Kristyn Byler

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

10:30- Matt & Whitney Reed, Ashley Thompson

## Prayer List:

At Home: Peter Ebersole  
Dave & Ruth Yoder

At Valley View: Orpha Zook, A317 Valley View Terrace

Away: Sheldon, Cindy, Jedediah, Annali, Caleb, & Malachi Sharp  
PO Box 265, Teslin, YT Y0A 1B0

**Mission Spot:** SEND in Teslin, Yukon, Canada: Sheldon, Cindy, Jedediah, Annali, Caleb, and Malachi Sharp. Pray for the Sharps as they interact with the community through ice hockey, school, Sheldon's work at the bank, meeting the guys for morning coffee at the motel, and the EMS and fire department. Pray for Sheldon as he leads Bible Study and preaches every other Sunday, and Cindy as she leads a women's Bible Study, Sunday school, homeschools Caleb, and tutors a first grader. In particular, Sheldon requests prayer for wisdom as he relates to his friend who is an atheist.

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April 9, 2017

9:00 Worship Attendance .....209  
S.S. Attendance .....379  
10:30 Worship Attendance ..... 198  
Jr. S.S. Offering..... \$3.00  
Adult S.S. Offering.....\$34.00  
Morning Worship Offering ..... \$9,456.49

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## Week 13

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$167,475

YTD Morning Worship Offerings - \$165,343

YTD Income - \$207,889

YTD Expenses - \$205,401

## This Week's Events:

Monday, 9:00 a.m. – Mission Prayer Team at Valley View Activities Room

Monday, 7:00 p.m. – Leadership Team Prayer Meeting

## Upcoming Events:

April 30, 7:00 p.m. – Conclusion of Perspectives at Allensville Mennonite Ch.

May 4 – National Day of Prayer

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 7:15 for Bible Study. Guys bring a snack, girls bring a drink.

**Group: Grades 7-9,** Sunday, April 23, meet at the church at **5:00 p.m.** We plan to hike the thousand steps. Bring a packed lunch and a water bottle.

**Young Adults:** April 23, meet at Ivan & Pam's for lunch & discussion.

**A Men's weekend open to all men** 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 by April 26th if you plan to attend.

**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-**Meet at Greenwood at 10 am. Bring a snack to share.

**A BIG thank you** to all who are praying for me, for your cards and all other expressions of love shown to me. Thanks, Max, for coming and making my day special. God bless all of you. –Sadie Byler

**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 be announced at a later date. 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](mailto:anne06@pa.net). Thank you!

**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 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.bmsprek12.org).

**BACKYARD MINISTRIES.** The Abundant Life SS class thanks you for your donations in March. We were able to provide 100 snack bags for kids in Lewistown. We are in need of donations for April. 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 need 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.

**SWEET BREAD** is still needed for Backyard Ministries. They have found the bread to be an effective door-opener to witness to adults. Recipients are touched that someone would take the time to bake them a loaf of bread. The bread may be any flavor from A-Z (Apple, Banana, Cranberry.....Zucchini), but NO nuts or peanut butter. Loaves should be placed in a gallon-size freezer bag labeled with “BYM” and the flavor. They may be frozen or fresh. For this month, bread loaves should be placed in the Locust Grove kitchen by Monday, April 24. If you have any questions, call Pat (Gerald) Yoder at 935-2835.

**GOOD USED COUCH NEEDED:** Do you have a spare couch you could share with a single mom and her children? She is willing to pay something for the couch too. Please call or text me at 437-4946 if you are able to help in this way. And, THANK YOU, for reaching out. Ann Kanagy

**KID CONNECTION:** The DC4K team is looking for several people to help an hour or two at a time at KID CONNECTION in Lewistown on Saturday, April 29. The event runs from 9 am - 2 pm, but we are simply asking volunteers to sign up for 1 or 2 hours at a time. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the fellowship hall.

We are disciples of Jesus Christ, encouraging all people to become His fully devoted followers. Church web site: [www.locustgrovemc.org](http://www.locustgrovemc.org)

Church email: [kara@locustgrovemc.org](mailto:kara@locustgrovemc.org)



## 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.

**Memory Verse Challenge** - kids, we now have **2 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM.

### Coming Up:

**Priceless** -Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 16 - April 22

**16 Sunday** – I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever: And I hold the keys of death and Hades. Rev. 1:18

**17 Monday** – Read Luke 24. Pray for **Jim Buchanan** today in his open heart surgery in Philadelphia. Pray for **Sara Ann Yoder** in her rehab at Ohesson Manor.

**18 Tuesday** – Read John 20 & 21. Pray for God to guide our church family in the next few weeks as we **call someone to serve as an elder** for the next five years, replacing Steve Kramm who is coming to the end of his term. Current elders include **Lyle Yoder, Rob Plank, Mike Hartzler, and Neil Renno**. Read 1 Timothy 3 for a list of essential qualities in church leaders.

**19 Wednesday** – Read 1 Corinthians 15. Pray for **Alan Miller** as he prepares with the worship team to lead our worship this coming Sunday and pray for **Ivan** as he prepares to share a sermon on Sunday. Also pray for the next Romania Team: **Steph Hoffman, Steph Hartzler, Karen Kramm, Nadya Peachey, and Juanita Byler**, planning to be in Romania May 13-22.

**20 Thursday** – Read Revelations 1. Pray for **Brucette Metz** in her role as manager of the local Thrift and Gift store in Belleville. Pray for the **board members and volunteers**. Tonight all the volunteers will be honored in a banquet at our church. This local ministry raises funds to be shared with refugees and needy people around the world through MCC.

**21 Friday** – Read Acts 1. Pray for the **single moms** who will meet tonight at the New Life Church Café' in Burnham for sharing, support, and prayer. Pray for the leadership team and for single moms to find encouragement tonight. Pray for the **children** who have now completed another round of **Divorce Care for Kids** at the Lumina Center. And pray for **Ann Kanagy, Karen Goss, and Karen Zook**, preparing to go to Kenya, May 10 – 30.

**22 Saturday** – Acts 2. Pray for the **Belleville Mennonite School, the board, staff, and faculty**, for God to provide resources, both spiritual and financial for the ministry to the students and families. Today is the annual school sale.