

Welcome To Locust Grove

May 7, 2017

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9:00 & 10:30 Morning Worship Service

Prelude: Matt & Jess Geissinger
Worship Leader: Lyle Yoder
Worship Team Leader: Glen Peachey
Elder Nomination Vote
Sermon: Deborah was Leading Israel, Judges 4 & 5 - 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 – Chase & Allison Peachey
10:30 – Luke & Carli Donovan, Kara Jerman
*Next Week: 9:00- Sally Clark, Josh and Sarah Kanagy
10:30- Katie Peachey and Nancy Peachey

Prayer List:

At Home: Dan & Kylee Esh
Clint, Heather, Marcus, & Madyson Yoder

At Valley View: Twila Peachey, A128 Valley View Terrace

Away: Evan Yoder, 1040 Capistrano Ct, Apt. 307, Frederick, MD 21703

Mission Spot: Kenya Project: Karen Goss, Karen Zook, and Ann Kanagy are scheduled to fly from Dulles International Wednesday afternoon through Amsterdam to Nairobi, Kenya arriving Thursday night. Plans are to fly on to Eldoret, Kenya early Friday morning. The schedule includes beginning Saturday with training the leaders there in DC4K. Please pray for travel safety, health for the team, God's presence, and healing for both the Kenyan leaders in training and Kenyan children who will participate in DC4K in the future.

Reaching Out: Ivan is leading a Father/Son Retreat and **Charlie Stump** is beginning four days of "Spiritual Renewal" meetings at Paintersville Alliance

Church. **Mayard Beitzel** is preaching at Belleville Presbyterian.

April 30, 2017

9:00 Worship Attendance210
S.S. Attendance383
10:30 Worship Attendance 191
Jr. S.S. Offering.....\$4.50
Adult S.S. Offering.....\$75.00
Morning Worship Offering \$11,298.56

Week 16

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$200,970
YTD Morning Worship Offerings - \$202,267
YTD Income - \$254,482
YTD Expenses - \$249,757

This Week's Events:

May 9, 7:00 a.m. – Men's Pursuit of God Bible Study
May 12, 8:30 a.m.-Children's Prayer Group at Locust Grove.
May 13, 7 -9:30 a.m.-Quest Diagnostics at Locust Grove

Upcoming Events:

May 19, 4:00 p.m. – Chicken BBQ at Belleville Livestock Market;
May 20, 8:30 – Central PA Clinic Auction at the Belleville Livestock Market

Summer Youth Activities:

June 7-9 – MYF Service Project
June 22-25 – MYF Camping Trip
July 5-9 – Freshman Guys Trip
July 12-16 – Group Girls Trip
July 19-23 – Group 7 & 8th Grade Guys Trip
July 27-30 – Group Girls Adventure Trip
July 26-Aug. 1 – Father/Son Trip

MYF: Grades 10-12, There will be no MYF this week.

Group: This week's Bible Study has been cancelled due to the BMS Choral concert at Locust Grove.

MOM'S BIBLE STUDY-We will **not** be having the Mom's Bible Study May through August. Will resume in September.

Interested in birds? A birdwatching outing is being planned for Sat, May 13. We will be traveling to Shaver's Creek. Meet at the church at 7:30 a.m. with a return time no later than noon. Wear comfortable shoes and bring binoculars. We will have our own expert, Jay Zook, as our guide. If you are interested, contact Pam.

Shelter Services: The homeless shelter in Lewistown is currently seeking volunteers in the thrift store, as a receptionist, and for small handy-man projects. Please contact the shelter if you are interested. The number is 248.0102.

Elder Selection: Today, you are invited to share the name of someone you believe is qualified to serve as an elder in our church for a five year term to replace Steve Kramm beginning June 1. Other present elders include Neil Renno, Lyle Yoder, Rob Plank, and Mike Hartzler.

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. Thank you!

David Rubin, Former Mayor of Shiloh, Israel, will be speaking Tuesday evening, May 9 at Calvary Bible Church near Lewistown. An offering will be received for the Shiloh Israel Children's Fund to help heal children who are victims of terror.

Quest Diagnostics: Omega Health Screen will be at Locust Grove on Saturday, May 13 from 7–9:30 a.m. Cost is \$60 and includes a chemistry profile, coronary risk profile, and complete blood count. Other tests are available at an additional cost. You must pre-register by calling 1-800-776-6342.

Locust Grove is scheduled to cook and serve **Meals on Wheels** May 16, 18, 23, and 25. Items needed are corn, cabbage, potatoes, fruit salad, jello salads, cake, cookies or brownies, and rolls. Items that can be frozen may be labeled MOW and placed in the chest freezer in the church kitchen. To donate, please call Rita at 935-5244. Thank you.

Gospel Echoes Team Fund Raising Banquet is scheduled for Monday, May 8 at 6:30 PM at the Belleville Mennonite School. An inspirational speaker will be sharing "Victories in prison ministry", he served in corrections for over 30 years: Bill Babb. All are invited, tickets are required at \$8.00/person, with those children 5 and under free. Contact Glenn and Karen Yoder for tickets, 935-2685.

Come individually or bring a youth on Thursday, June 8th for an MCC Workday. It could be your child or grandchild. Experience together the joy of serving people around the world; who are in need. This opportunity is brought to you through the Mennonite Central Committee material resource center and your local mission committee. For trip details and sign up, please check the bulletin board by the gym.

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.

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

Missionary Moments: Wycliffe, Southeast Asia: C and H. C visited one of the national teams he supervises on another island last month. He stayed with them in their village home on the lower slopes of a large volcano. They talked through their current translation activities and some of the challenges they face. This Harum language team plans to ask other national believers to become more involved in their outreach. Pray that these conversations will help them connect with others who have a burden for the unreached. They are just beginning to translate some of the shorter epistles. We just made the down payment on the location we will rent for our language school. Ask that we can work well with a local carpenters to get some classroom walls in place by the end of May. Pray for H as she meets with the teachers and the office administrator who are continuing on from the previous owners of the school. The Ramadan fasting month begins in late May, also. Pray for many opportunities to interact with neighbors and friends during this special time of year for them. Our group will meet in mid-June for our annual conference, and we ask for your prayers as we prepare for that. Our guest speaker from North Carolina will lead a spiritual renewal session each morning.

Provisions Bible Ministries, Cuba: Thomas Fry. Our recent trip to Cuba was one in which we saw God move in miraculous ways our team held Pastor's conferences in three different cities. We flew into the city of Camaquey in central Cuba and after several days moved on to Eastern Cuba cities of Bayamo, and Palma Soriano. At our conferences we choose a book of the Bible and teach through that book. This trip we taught through Romans. It was a great blessing for all the participants. The high light of our trip was to be able to give the pastors, Thompson Chain Reference Bibles. It was a great blessing for us just to see how much they cherished this gift. (To see the video on YouTube go to "Bibles for Cuban Pastors"). We also gave all the pastors commentaries on the book of Romans. What a privilege it was to be able to give out many Mega Voice devises to help pastors in rural areas of the country, where they will be used to help spread the gospel. Again Thank You so much from your Brothers and Sisters in Cuba for all your help, and may God richly bless you for all your gifts.

RMM in Southern Spain: Phil and Maretta Barr. The apostle Paul in Eph. 6:15 indicates that the gospel of peace prepares us for active engagement in the cosmic battle against evil spiritual powers that control this present age of darkness. Yet peace seems such a weak and fragile thing for such a task. Peace can so easily be ruptured by human actions and attitudes. But the peace that Paul has in mind is not a fragile thing but a strong, constructive peace that is being brought about by Christ himself (Eph. 2:13-18). Christ is actively overcoming our alienation from God and from one another (Eph. 2:11-12) through his redemptive work on the cross and by creating a new humanity in himself through the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit. Response to the gospel brings about that new creational bond of peace between God and His people as well as among his people. This is a reality we have been privileged to experience at the small fellowship we collaborate with here in Rincón de La Victoria. Amazingly, there are believers from all sorts of different backgrounds, social situations, educational levels, countries, and belief systems. There is a lady who was a university lecturer in communist Cuba before coming to Christ here in Spain, a local man who was a drug dealer in a shadowy underworld, a Muslim-background believer from north Africa, a brother from Catalunya (which is intent on separating from the rest of Spain), people who work in the medical profession, those who work as street vendors in kiosks, shop assistants, procurers, teachers, house-cleaners, painters, believers from France, Germany, Belgium, and Sweden, former atheists, agnostics, secularists, Buddhists, etc. While there is a good core of local Spanish believers, everybody is so different from everybody else that the only overriding commonality is a commitment to Christ and the gospel. The key to church growth is supposed to be outreach along family networks and to people who are very like ourselves but this has not been the case with this congregation. It seems to defy the sociological norms that are thought to control such things. But that is also the charm of the congregation where human barriers and distinctions, and even past hostilities, are being overcome through the strong, reconciliatory and redemptive peace of Christ.

New Tribes Missions, Lusi Tribe, Papua New Guinea: Rick, Anji, Kira, and Keane Zook. We see day by day how God uses the difficult, uncomfortable, inconvenient things in our lives to grow us in Christ – illnesses, miscommunications, a leaky roof, equipment failures, unmet expectations, raising teenagers. We are not here because we enjoy termites, Malaria, and being miles from any store. But we are here because there are people who haven't heard about Our Savior and face an eternal destiny separated from God. We echo what Paul says in 1 Corinthians 9:16-17 with our own words, "We have been entrusted with a precious stewardship, so how could we not go?" Pray that our eyes would not be on our circumstances, but on Jesus! Pray that we would continue to grow more Christ like in our daily walk with Him. Pray that we would be encouraged by His word, and that we would find our strength in him. We praise God that He is the source of every good thing, and we would not be able to be here doing the translation work we are doing without Him. We praise Him that our support levels have increased, and we are no longer hampered by a lack of funds. Currently we are working on translating passages in 1 Corinthians and finishing out the book of

Exodus. And we're getting ready for a consultant check of Romans and Ephesians coming up in June. We are thankful that he can use us in spite of our weaknesses. Often we find ourselves working past the limit of what we are able to do on our own strength. Praise God that He enables His people to do His work. We are thankful that we can be here doing this work, that other people can read God's precious word for themselves. Pray for the ongoing literacy classes and literacy teacher training, that more people will be able to read God's word in their own tongue. 3. Praise that outreaches and discipleship of new believers are still going on. Some new Lusi believers were added to the church this spring. The growth of the Lusi church is slow, but it is continuing. Pray for our co-workers who are doing most of the teaching and discipling. Pray for those who are interested in hearing, but so bound up in the traditional custom work with ancestral spirits, or are restrained by their families from hearing. Pray that God would be breaking down the barriers that they would come in spite of difficult circumstances. Pray that the Holy Spirit would do His work of convicting. Pray that Christ would save them from their bondage to a religion of "do, do, do" to the saving grace of "done" that Christ has completed for them. Pray for the young believers, that they would not be swayed to and fro by false teachings which surround them, but that they would stand firm on God's Word and their understanding of all that Christ has done for them would grow. Pray for our co-workers as they are teaching the believers through Acts and Romans. Praise God that we have the opportunity to homeschool our two children, Kira & Keane (grades 9 and 7). It is such a blessing because we can speak into their lives on a daily basis. The discussions around the meal table have been precious. They will shortly be finishing up their school year. It seems not that long since we began! They are huge blessings to us and the work here; we see them as an important part of our team. Pray that they would be growing more Christ like in their walks with the Lord. And pray for them as they grow and make decisions, and become more independent of their parents, that they would transfer their dependence to the Lord. Pray for us as parents, that we would have wisdom in raising them and letting them go where the Lord wants them to go.



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**.

If you would like to join the **Children's Prayer Team**, please talk to Miss Rena. They meet once a month in the prayer room during the first service at 9:00 a.m. and usually finish by 9:30 a.m.

Kids, if you would like to help me lead **Junior Worship**, please let me know. I would love to hear your ideas and help you be a part of Junior Worship.

Junior Ushers, remember to look at your schedule to see the next time you are ushering.

Coming Up:

Mega Sports Camp: June 12 - 16, 9:00 - 11:30 AM (Grades 1-5)
Registration begins next Sunday, May 14th. There will be a limited number of openings for each sport so please sign up early. If you are entering 6th grade in the fall and would like to help with Mega Sports Camp this year, please see Judith for details.

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

Prayer Guide for May 7 – May 13

7 Sunday – *So may all your enemies perish, O LORD! But may they who love you be like the sun when it rises in its strength.* Judges 5:31

8 Monday – **Read Judges 15 & 16.** Pray for **Gary Goss** after his step-father Jay Miller died last Wednesday. Also, pray for **Ramona Byler** who celebrated a birthday yesterday and continues her recovery from cancer treatments.

9 Tuesday – **Read Judges 17, & 18.** Pray for **Ann Kanagy, Karen Zook, and Karen Goss** as they prepare to leave tomorrow for a mission trip to Kenya to train and mentor several adults to lead the Divorce Care for Kids program. Pray that the **Kenyan churches** can see the importance of ministering to children, especially the children of single and divorced parents.

10 Wednesday – **Read Judges 19 & 20.** Pray for **Theil & Andrea Kauffman** as they meet with the worship team to prepare for Sunday and pray for **Ivan** as he prepares a sermon for Mother's Day about Ruth. Also pray for **Glen Peachey** as he prepares for back surgery next Wednesday, May 17.

11 Thursday – **Read Judges 21.** Pray for **Brenda Mathews** and her family in her recovery from breast cancer surgery this past Friday, and pray for **Jim & Tawni Buchanan** in Jim's ongoing recovery from heart surgery a few weeks ago.

12 Friday – **Read Ruth 1 & 2.** Pray for **Judith Saldubehere** in her work with the children of our church and community. Pray for God to guide her in planning for Mega Sports one month from now, June 12-16 and VBS on June 25-28.

13 Saturday – **Read Ruth 3 & 4.** Pray today for **Juanita Byler, Steph Hartzler, Steph Hoffman, Karen Kramm, and Nadya Peachey** as they travel today to Romania to care for, love, and pray for abandoned and unwanted babies. Pray for the group to be an encouragement to the people they meet. They will return May 22.

Elder Nomination Vote

Please write the name of someone you believe meets the qualifications in I Timothy 3 and Titus 1 to be an elder in our church. Present elders include: Neil Renno, Rob Plank, Lyle Yoder, and Mike Hartzler. Steve Kramm is the elder to be replaced.

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