

Welcome To Locust Grove

May 14, 2017

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9:00 & 10:30 Morning Worship Service

Prelude: Kristyn Byler
Worship Leader: Max Zook
Worship Team Leader: Theil Kauffman
Sermon: Fields of Grace, Ruth
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 – Sally Clark, Josh and Sarah Kanagy
10:30 – Katie Peachey and Nancy Peachey
*Next Week: 9:00- Andrew & Alicia Zook
10:30- Sarah and Sylvia Peachey

Prayer List:

At Home: Ken & Kelly Esh
Christian Yoder

At Valley View: Grace Stacy, A124 Valley View Terrace

Away: Tyler Yoder, Gator Camp, 44930 Farabee Rd, Punta Gorda, FL 33982

Mission Spot: May 13-22; Juanita Byler, Karen Kramm, Steph Hoffman, Steph Hartzler, & Nadya Peachey will be working with "My Brother's Keeper" in Oradea, Romania to care for abandoned babies in the Maternity Hospital and at the PULS center with clients. Continued prayers for safety and for Jesus to shine clearly in our time there. Saturday, May 20th, we will be traveling to Cluj to spend time with Gabi and Alin before returning home.

May 7, 2017

9:00 Worship Attendance 195
S.S. Attendance 370
10:30 Worship Attendance 196
Jr. S.S. Offering..... \$42.41
Adult S.S. Offering..... \$3.00
Morning Worship Offering \$12,623.25

Week 17

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$212,135
YTD Morning Worship Offerings - \$214,891
YTD Income - \$267,914
YTD Expenses - \$252,883

This Week's Events:

Monday, 9:00 a.m.-Mission Prayer Team at VV Terrace Act. Rm.
Monday, 7:00 p.m. – Leadership Team Prayer
Friday & Saturday – Central PA Clinic sale at Belleville Livestock Market
Fri (4:00 p.m.) BBQ Pork & Chicken; Saturday (8:30 a.m.) –Auction

Upcoming Events:

June 12-16 – Mega Sports Camp
June 25-28 VBS

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, Meet at the church at 7:15 for games, charades, and others, depending on the weather. Guys bring snack, girls bring a drink.

Group: Meet at church May 21st for trip planning. Guys bring a snack, girls bring a drink.

Young Adults: May 21st, lunch & discussion at Ivan & Pam's.

Drew Derstein was nominated in last week's elder nomination vote to serve as our next elder. Next Sunday, May 21, you will have the opportunity to respond to this nomination on a yes/no confirmation ballot. If confirmed, Drew will begin his term with a prayer time on Sunday, June 4.

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.

The Steps to Freedom in Christ is the core of a study that Max will lead every other Sunday evening, beginning May 21, from 6 - 8 p.m., to coincide with meeting times of the junior high youth group. This study is based on Neil Anderson's book that will help participants to understand how knowing the truth of Christ will set us free from condemning thoughts, compulsive behaviors, and other spiritual struggles. This is excellent background for young adults interested in missions, intercessors, or anyone who desires to grow spiritually. It is also being offered for people interested in being on Holly and Chisomo VanSciver's prayer and support team. Contact Max Zook or Luann Renno with any questions or to sign up.

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.

Lost & Found: There are several items in our lost and found which is located at the double door entrance by the coat racks. Please check if any of these items belong to you. If they are not claimed by May 22, they will be donated to the Thrift & Gift.

It is wonderful to be a part of a loving and caring church family. **Thank you** for all your support to our family over the past 35 years and most recently, Ruby's homegoing. The prayers, cards, food, and phone calls were a comfort and blessing. A special thank you to Max and Ivan for the words spoken at Ruby's funeral service. The service was a testimony to the Lord's faithfulness and unending love for us. God Bless each of you. ~Floyd Hostetler, Dave & Cam Long, & Family

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.

Julie Stauffer and her four children are in need of lodging during their visit to Big Valley this summer. If you would enjoy hosting them for the dates of June 29-July 2, please call Julie at 717-437-9435.



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 (entering Grades 1-5) Registration begins today, May 14th in the foyer and Monday, May 15th on-line. 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 14 – May 20

14 Sunday – Ruth 1:16 *But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. 17 Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me."*

15 Monday – **Read 1 Samuel 1,2 & 3.** Pray for **Rachel Anders** today on her birthday, and pray for all the other **college graduates** in addition to Rachel from our church family today: **Peter Ebersole** from PSU Altoona, **Paige Spicher** from Penn College, **Kendra Fultz** from Nursing School in Lancaster, **Rachel Anders** from Shippensburg, and **Derek Yoder** from Millersville University.

16 Tuesday – **Read 1 Samuel 4,5 & 6.** Pray for people in our church family recovering from surgery: **Brenda Mathews** and **Jim Buchanan**. Also pray for the **Romania Team** of **Juanita Byler**, **Steph Hartzler**, **Steph Hoffman**, **Karen Kramm** and **Nadya Peachey** who are spending this week ministering to people and babies in Romania.

17 Wednesday – **Read 1 Samuel 7, 8 & 9.** Pray for **Brian Renno** as he meets with the worship team to prepare for Sunday and pray for **Max** as he prepares a sermon from 1 Samuel 23 & 24 about David finding strength from God while being chased by Saul into the desert.

18 Thursday – **Read 1 Samuel 10, 11, & 12.** Pray for and encourage **Ray & Arlene Byler** today on their 60th wedding anniversary! Thank God for their faithfulness! Also pray for **Sheldon & Cindy Sharp** and their family in Teslin, Yukon, Canada, with longer days and warmer weather. Pray for meaningful relationships with First Nations friends and opportunities to share the love and truth of Jesus.

19 Friday – **Read 1 Samuel 13 & 14.** Pray for and encourage **Mayard Beitzel** today on his 84th birthday. Pray for God's encouraging presence and peace in his life after Margaret died a few years ago. Thank God for his grandson and the encouragement he brings!

20 Saturday – **Read 1 Samuel 15 & 16.** Pray for the **Kenya Divorce Care for Kids team** of **Ann Kanagy**, **Karen Goss**, and **Karen Zook** who are in Kenya. May 10 – May 30. Pray for God to call, prepare, and equip Godly leaders for ministries for and with children in Kenya.