

Welcome To Locust Grove

May 21, 2017

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9:00 & 10:30 Morning Worship Service

Prelude: Spotts Family
Worship Leader: Mike Hartzler
Worship Team Leader: Brian Renno
Sermon: "Find Strength in God" 1 Samuel 23:16 - 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 – Andrew & Alicia Zook
10:30 – Sarah and Sylvia Peachey
*Next Week: 9:00- Simon & Morgan Foote
10:30- Bronson & Jenny Goss, Chloe Renno

Prayer List:

At Home: Kim and Manny Espinoza
Andrew, Eve, Nathan, Lillian, Devin, & Landon Yoder

At Valley View: Mabel Stayrook, A213 Valley View Haven

Away: Joseph Zook & Meredith Lorencz
565 Broad Street, Apt. 2, Emmaus, PA 18049

Mission Spot: Nicaraguan Pastoral Support: Talamanca, Costa Rica: Curtis, Cathy, and Camry Sharp.

Pray for the fellowship of about 12 interdenominational pastors as they meet monthly. Pray for Pastor Indalecio of the Mennonite Church who is overseeing a new work in the mountains. And also pray for Camry as she prepares to go to two years of Ministerial Training this summer.

Reaching Out: Charlie Stump at Mt. Union Presbyterian Church.

May 14, 2017

9:00 Worship Attendance204
S.S. Attendance351
10:30 Worship Attendance 189
Jr. S.S. Offering.....\$6.00
Adult S.S. Offering.....\$4.00
Morning Worship Offering\$11,734.40

Week 18

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$223,300
YTD Morning Worship Offerings - \$226,525
YTD Income - \$278,764
YTD Expenses - \$262,097

This Week's Events:

Tonight, 6 – 8p.m. – Steps to Freedom study in the Sunday school room
Tuesday, 7:00 a.m.-Men's Pursuit of God Bible Study
Friday, 8:30 a.m. – Prayer meeting for children

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 Greenwood at the pavilion near the ball field at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday for volleyball and pizza mountain pies

Group: Meet at church today for trip planning. Guys bring snack, girls bring drink.

Young Adults: Today, lunch & discussion at Ivan & Pam's.

Drew Derstein was nominated to serve as our next elder. Today, 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.

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.

On May the 29, **John L Yoder** will be celebrating 90 years of life. Let's help him celebrate by sending cards and email's wishing him a happy birthday. He has many stories to tell about weathering the storms in life, as well as just good old fun times, just ask him. His address and email are, 519 Oliver Court, Belleville, Pa. 17004. johnenid52@gmail.com

The Steps to Freedom in Christ is the core of a study that Max will lead every other Sunday evening, beginning tonight, 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.

Elder's News. At their recent meeting the elders continued their ongoing discussion of several aspects of church safety, including a policy statement that restricts the access of sex offenders to church activities. The policy is listed on our church web site.

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 coatracks. 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.

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.

Hello Locust Grove Church family from Gator Camp and the Kanagy family. Yes we do experience the change of seasons in Southwest Florida, however the transition from spring to summer is a blur and this year is not any different. Three weeks ago we hosted our first ever 5/10k race on the property; 175 runners enjoyed the opportunity to run a great course around the property that included going through the campsites. Forty five volunteers from several local Baptist churches arrived at 5:30AM to help in many different ways to make the race a successful one. It was another good reminder that we need both local churches and churches at a distance involved in the work of changing boys and families' lives for the Kingdom of God. This Sunday evening we are hosting a party for three Gator Camp graduates who are now graduating from their respective high schools. It is an encouragement to see our boys experience these successes, each one of these graduates has committed their lives to Christ and are working hard to stand for what is "right and true." Please be in prayer about our need for good chiefs between now and the end of the calendar year, the planned building used specifically to house work groups, and for safety as each of the groups participate in trips off the camp property this summer.

The Abundant Life Sunday School class continues to supply **BACKYARD MINISTRIES** with snack bags for children and quick bread loaves for initiating contact with adults. We greatly appreciate your contributions for this ministry. Please have your items at the church by Monday, May 22.

Prayer

Please evaluate your practice of prayer and return this survey during the service today. The leadership team invites your participation. Circle your answers.



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**.

Coming Up:

Mega Sports Camp: June 12 - 16, 9:00 - 11:30 AM (entering Grades 1-5) Registration forms are available in the foyer or register online at www.locustgrovemc.org/mega-sports-camp. 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, 6:00-8:00 PM for kids ages 4 through Grade 6 (entering). Come and join us for an adventure filled VBS.

Experience what it's like to be a missionary in a foreign country. You'll 'fly' to Israel for an archaeological dig, join a medical mission in Mexico, learn how to buy snacks at a Brazilian market, make a tic toc African drum, play 'third world' soccer, and much MORE. Postcards will be available next Sunday for you to take to invite your friends. Let's see if we can each invite three friends to this year's VBS!

Registration forms are available in the church foyer or register online.

1. How many times do you pray throughout a typical day?

1 2-3 many times ongoing prayers continual

2. How do you prefer to pray?

Alone With a family member A Friend S.S. Class / Group

3. What kind of prayers do you pray most often?

Help Me Help someone else Oh Lord.... Why?
Thanks! Wow, Praise!

4. Where is your favorite place for prayer?

5. How many times have you used the prayer room at church this year?

0 1 - 5 6 - 12 I use this room frequently

6. How important is it to have access to the prayer room at Locust Grove?

Very Somewhat Not Important No opinion

7. Circle your age group.

Under 18 18-30 31-45 46-60
61-75 Over 76

8. What would help your practice of prayer the most?

More time Teaching/Understanding A Place to pray
Someone to pray with Conscious Need

Prayer Guide for May 21 – May 27

21 Sunday – *Oh God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.* Ps. 63:1

22 Monday – **1 Samuel 17 & 18.** Pray for **Lowell and Amy Stoltzfus** today during the funeral of Amy's sister Wendy, who died suddenly last week in Nebraska. Pray for their family as they meet today and then return home.

23 Tuesday – **1 Samuel 19 & 20; Psalm 59.** Pray for **Glen Peachey** in his recovery from back surgery last Wednesday and pray for **Jim Marthouse** after his stem cell transplant on Saturday at Hershey Medical Center.

24 Wednesday – **1 Samuel 21; Psalms 34, 35 & 142.** Pray for **Sherryl Yoder** as she meets with the worship team tonight and prepares for our Sunday morning worship service. Pray for **Ivan** as he prepares a sermon for Sunday.

25 Thursday – **1 Samuel 22:1,2; 1 Chronicles 12:8-18; Psalm 57.** Pray for **Ann Kanagy** and **Karen Zook** in Kenya, concluding their training of several adults to lead an ongoing DC4Kids and also a single mom's ministry. Pray for children and moms to find the love of Jesus real and life-changing.

26 Friday – **1 Samuel 22; Psalm 52; 1 Samuel 23.** Pray for **Dion and Naty Peachey** in Quito, Ecuador as they conclude a year of school and prepare for several weeks of travel this summer. Pray for divine appointments in their relationships and God's guidance in their decisions.

27 Saturday – **1 Samuel 24; Psalms 54 & 63.** Pray for **Max and Brenda** in North Carolina this weekend to officiate a wedding of their daughter-in-law, Meredith's sister. Pray for a refreshing time away for Max and Brenda and pray for God help them to encourage the newlyweds!

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