

Welcome To Locust Grove

July 16, 2017

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9:00 & 10:30 Morning Worship Service

Prelude: Spotts Family
Worship Leader: Max Zook
Song Leader: Brian Renno
Sermon: "Filling the Void" Ecclesiastes 1:1-3- Ivan Yoder

9:00 & 10:30 Sunday School Hour

11:15: Children's Breakout session (Pre-K-Grade 2) in the MYF Room.

****Pizza Fundraiser** immediately following 2nd service.

Nursery: Infants through 3 year olds-

9:00 – Curt & Amanda Yoder

10:30 – Juanita and Kristyn Byler

*Next Week: 9:00- Rachel Suloff and Susie Peachey

10:30- Matt & Whitney Reed, Ashley Thompson

Prayer List:

At Home: Matt, Amy, Ella, & Raelyn Tate
Gary & Joquetta Galloway

At Valley View: Mabel Stayrook, A213 Valley View Haven

Away: Andrew & Mikaela (Peachey) Pealock
1917 Westside Dr., NW, Cleveland, TN 37311

Mission Spot: Gator Wilderness Camp School, Punta Gorda, Florida:

Gregg, Sharon, Hope, and Katie Kanagy: Pray for wisdom as Gregg provides leadership for Gator Camp. Pray they will continue to grow in intimacy with the Lord. Tyler and Annie Yoder: Pray that the stresses of being a newlywed couple and in intense ministry would strengthen their relationship with the Lord and each other. Pray also for Annie's health issues with an underactive thyroid.

Emma Peachey: Pray that as she uses her gifts of cooking and baking to serve the boys, they would see the compassion of their Heavenly Father.

July 9, 2017

9:00 Worship Attendance	185
S.S. Attendance	365
10:30 Worship Attendance	176
Jr. S.S. Offering	\$48.48
Adult S.S. Offering	\$0
Morning Worship Offering	\$12,208.00

Week 26

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$312,620

YTD Morning Worship Offerings - \$308,118

YTD Income - \$372,357

YTD Expenses - \$354,706

This Week's Events:

Today, Following 2nd Service- Benefit Pizza Lunch in gym

Tuesday, 7 a.m. – Men's Pursuit of God Bible Study

Thursday - July 23 – Group 7 & 8th Grade Guys Trip

Next Sunday, July 23, Nathan Rittenhouse

9:00 - Metanarratives of Conquest and Hope,

10:30 - Is Christianity a Copycat Religion?

7:00 p.m.- Social Media: to Engage or Disengage?

Upcoming Events:

July 27-30 – CMC Annual Conference in Kidron, Ohio

August 14 – Church Picnic and Baptism at Creekside

Summer Youth Activities:

July 26 – MYF Senior send off at Ivan & Pam's house

July 27-30 – Group Girls Adventure Trip

August 3-6 – Young Adult Summer Trip

Group: 7th & 8th Grade guys, meet at the church, Wed., July 19 at 7 a.m. for our backpacking trip.

Young Adults: Meet at Ivan & Pam's Sunday, July 23rd for lunch & discussion with Nathan Rittenhouse.

The Bluegrass Festival participants would like to **thank** Locust Grove for the use of their facilities last weekend. We really enjoyed having it here!

We are so blessed to have such a loving caring group of friends who sent cards, shared best wishes, and remembered our birthdays. Your thoughts and encouragement mean so much to us. God bless you! Ray & Joann

Fundraiser Pizza Lunch: Please join us after church today for a fundraiser pizza lunch following the second service. Donations will be used to buy a van in Romania so the mission there can reach more children with the gospel! Can't make it but would like to give? See Samuel Peachey or simply place a donation in his mailbox! Thank you and God bless.

If you ordered **hoagies** from Kendra Fultz, please pick them up in the gym Thursday, July 20th from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Marriage Retreat: We are planning a long weekend getaway for married couples to the beautiful mountains of the Adirondacks near Lake Placid, New York. Come for a weekend to relax, enjoy the beautiful outdoors and reconnect with one another. Hope you can join us. Please call Pam or Ivan today if you have interest. **The dates for this trip are Friday morning, Oct. 6th and returning Monday, Oct. 9th.**

Service Opportunity: Habitat for Humanity is planning to begin a new project in Lewistown. If you have interest in helping our community in this way, contact Ivan at ivan@locustgrovemc.org for more information and work schedule.

PINT CANNING JARS NEEDED: The young adult S.S. class will be holding an apple butter and homemade bread fundraiser for an upcoming mission trip in May 2018. If you have pint jars you would like to donate for this, please see Pam Yoder or Rena Plank.

Vehicles: Two vehicles are needed during the month of August for missionary families visiting here. Alin and Gabi and 3 children from Romania will need a vehicle from August 6 -29. Dion and Naty Peachey and 2 children from Ecuador will need a vehicle from August 3 -15. Please contact Phyllis Yoder if you can help at 483-6226. Thank you so much!

Consider participating in Rosedale Mennonite Missions **annual Ride for Missions** by sponsoring Jim Yoder. We are raising funds to help RMM send workers to unreached places around the world! The bike ride starts in Shelbyville Kentucky and ends in Kidron, Ohio (about 400 miles). Talk to me to find out how you can be involved, or to donate online to sponsor me, visit the RFM website at www.rfm.rmmweb.org.

What is your “Open Door” story? Remember the door that suddenly opened before you or the one you shouldered open against all odds? Was it a door of opportunity or temptation, a door of hospitality given or received? Who did you meet when you stepped across the threshold into a different culture or relationship or spiritual place? Were you welcoming someone into your life, or were you being welcomed into someone else’s world? Did you walk through that open door or say no? Are you pleased with your decision? Ponder the open doors of your life, along with your joys and regrets in all the opening and closing, the choosing yes or choosing no. What lessons did that door teach you? Your church family just might need to hear what you have to say! Start writing now for the Summer edition of The Connection!! If you have ideas or questions, contact Brenda Zook in person, via phone or text (717.348.4490) or email at brendaebyzook@gmail.com. I'm excited to start collecting your articles, poetry, and artwork for the summer edition of The Connection!

Everence Federal Credit Union’s Youth Savings Week is August 1-7. Bring your kids or grandkids to the Belleville office for fun activities and to learn why it’s wise to save from a young age. Plus, Everence will add \$5 to their account if they deposit \$15 or more in a new or existing savings account

Dr. David and Martha Clymer were life-long supporters of the **Meserete Kristos College** in Ethiopia. In memory of David, Martha is offering to match donations up to \$25,000 to provide a well for fresh water for the college. You may contribute to this fund before the end of September by mailing to MK College Link; Box 1701 Harrisonburg, VA 22803.

We are disciples of Jesus Christ, encouraging all people to become His fully devoted followers. Church web site: www.locustgrovemc.org
Church email: kara@locustgrovemc.org

Prayer Guide for July 16 – July 22

16 Sunday – *Many waters cannot quench love, nor can rivers drown it. If a man tried to buy love with all his wealth, his offer would be utterly scorned.* **Song of Solomon 8:7**

17 Monday – **1 Kings 9 & 10** Pray for and encourage **Jane Lewis** today on her birthday. She has been cared for at home with visiting nurses and nurse aides while Jim continues in the Huntingdon County Prison. Send cards to **Jane at 11293 Cramer Hill Drive, Mill Creek, 17060**. Also pray for **Orpha Zook** after her sister Lydia Byler died last Wednesday. Pray for Orpha as she adjusts to her new room at A205, Valley View Terrace.

18 Tuesday – **1 Kings 4 and Song of Solomon 1-3**. Pray for **Max, Brenda, and James Zook** on a family vacation this week to Ocean City, N.J. Pray for an encouraging and refreshing time for their family. They plan to return home Thursday evening.

19 Wednesday – **1 Kings 11 & Ecclesiastes 1**. Pray for **Sherryl Yoder** as she prepares to lead worship this coming Sunday morning. Pray for her as she continues to care for her mother who has been recovering at Valley View from a heart surgery earlier this summer. Pray for **Nathan Rittenhouse** as he prepares to come and speak this coming Sunday.

20 Thursday – **Ecclesiastes 2, 3, & 4**. Pray for **Ivan and Pam** during this summer's busy schedule with several youth trips. **Ivan and Seth Brubaker** left yesterday on a backpacking trip with 7th and 8th grade boys and next week **Pam and Steph** will take several junior high girls on an adventure backpacking trip.

21 Friday – **Ecclesiastes 5,6 & 7**. Pray for **Raymond & Susan Bratton**. Two weeks ago Susan suffered a mild stroke and has been recovering at home, cared for by her family, which includes **Lyle & Diane Yoder**. Pray for grace and strength for the family. Pray also for **families with young children in our church family**, especially for parents with children at home during this summer vacation, for grace, patience and wisdom in relating with their children, showing them Christ's love and bringing His presence into their lives.

22 Saturday – **Ecclesiastes 8,9 & 10**. Pray for the **college students** in our church family this summer as they attend church activities and think through their faith in Jesus. Pray for them as they meet with Nathan Rittenhouse tomorrow afternoon in an open discussion time. And pray for **everyone in our church family** to grow in our understanding of why we believe in Jesus Christ and trust him as our only Savior and Lord.