

Welcome To Locust Grove

July 23, 2017

Senior Pastor.....Max Zook 717.348.4488
Associate Pastor.....Ivan Yoder 717.363.0857
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Children's Ministry Coordinator.....
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9:00 & 10:30 Morning Worship Service

Prelude: Duke Larson
Worship Leader: Max Zook
Song Leader: Alan Miller
Sermon: 9:00 – Metanarratives of Conquest and Hope
10:30 – Is Christianity a Copycat Religion?
Nathan Rittenhouse

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

7:00 p.m. Evening Service

Social Media: to Engage or Disengage? - Nathan Rittenhouse

Nursery: Infants through 3 year olds-

9:00 – Rachel Suloff and Susie Peachey
10:30 – Matt & Whitney Reed, Ashley Thompson
*Next Week: 9:00- Kara Yoder and Katie Peachey
10:30- Sharon and Allison Besch

Prayer List:

At Home: Matt, Jess, Mason, Gage, & Easton Geissinger
Jeremy, Ashley, Jack, & Ross Suydam

At Valley View: Anna Margaret Yoder, A213 Valley View Terrace

Away: Clint, Marsha, & Laura Schwab
143 Midpenn Dr., Selingsgrove, PA 17870

Mission Spot: Sunday Services at the Mifflin County Correctional Facility: Every fourth Sunday, several ladies from Locust Grove lead a Bible Study for the female inmates of the Mifflin County Correctional Facility, now housed at the former Buffington Office Supply building. Because of the location in the building where they meet, the singing and conversation can be heard even by inmates not attending the Bible study. Please pray seeds will be sown. Pray for the ladies from Locust Grove who volunteer; Jean Byler, Gina Fate, Nancy Hoefel, Gin Renno, Luann

Renno, Diane Snook, Emily Yoder, and Twila Yoder.

Reaching Out: Theil & Andrea singing at Little Valley Presbyterian Church. Dave Sharp at Barrville. Charlie Stump at Mt. Union Presbyterian. Jean Byler and Nancy Hoefel will be conducting a Ladies' Bible study at 1:30 at Mifflin County Correctional Facility.

July 16, 2017

9:00 Worship Attendance 169
S.S. Attendance 322
10:30 Worship Attendance 191
Jr. S.S. Offering.....\$9.25
Adult S.S. Offering.....\$4.00
Morning Worship Offering \$9,242.90

Week 27

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$323,785
YTD Morning Worship Offerings - \$317,361
YTD Income - \$381,820
YTD Expenses - \$382,481

This Week's Events:

Wednesday – MYF Senior send off at Ivan & Pam's house
Thursday - Sunday – Group Girls Adventure Trip
Thursday-Sunday - CMC Annual Conference in Kidron, Ohio

Upcoming Events:

August 3-6 – Young Adult Summer Trip
August 14 – Church Picnic and Baptism at Creekside

MYF: Wednesday, July 26th, Meet at Ivan & Pam's at 7:00 for Senior send-off. Guys bring a drink, girls bring a snack.

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

Baptism: Meet in Max's office during the second service to prepare for our baptismal service on August 13.

The following is the address of **Anthony Simonetti** if you would like to send him a card or letter of encouragement (**Please be sure to have your complete name and address in the return address label):

Anthony Simonetti, 17-0706
Centre County Correctional Facility
700 Rishel Hill Road
Bellefonte, PA 16823-1488

We welcome **Jillian Hope** to our church family! Jillian was born Saturday, July 15 to **Matt & Bobbi Yoder**. She is also welcomed by big brother, Landon and big sister, Brooke!

A sincere **thank you** to each of you for your prayers, cards, visits, food, and words of encouragement during my recent illness and rehab. Gratefully, Sara Ann Yoder

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.

Pulled Pork Dinner: The Peachey family invites you for a pulled pork dinner on Sunday, August 13th from 12:00-2:00 at Locust Grove to see what God is doing in Ecuador. Take-outs available after 10 a.m. RSVP 717-363-0043.

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.

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. You may contribute at **any time** during the month. There is a box in the lobby for snack items and you may put the bread loaves in the kitchen freezer. We greatly appreciate your contributions for this ministry.

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 brendaebzook@gmail.com. I'm excited to start collecting your articles, poetry, and artwork for the summer edition of The Connection!



Children: The coloring & activity pages that are usually in the bulletin are now available at both entrances. Please be sure to pick one up and return it to Mrs. Marybeth Strauser for a prize from the sand bucket!

Locust Grove Children's Ministry exists to *"tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, His power, and the wonders He has done..."* (Psalm 78). To accomplish that goal, 1) relate to parents (encourage and support them as they train their children); 2) minister directly to the child (through Sunday school, VBS, Kids' Club, Mega Sports Camp, etc.); and 3) equip adults to build significant relationships with children. (Go to our website <http://www.locustgrovemc.org>; under "Resources" click on Children's Ministry Purpose & Benchmarks for more details). The Children's Ministry Transition Team is asking you to consider how you will be involved in accomplishing this goal. We want our Sunday school program to be more than a babysitting service. We need Sunday morning teachers, helpers, and substitutes - both long term and emergency. We're also looking for volunteers for nursery, breakout sessions, and Kids' Club. I'm sure some of you have fond memories of your time in a primary department. Please join us in passing on the Scriptures and Faith to the next generation. If you are already a teacher, helper, or substitute on Sunday mornings, please contact me (if you haven't already ☺) to let me know if you are able to continue. If you are new to helping on Sunday mornings, call me! I'd love to talk with you about options. Thankful for your prayers and support, Joyce Staley, 483-0080, richjoyce82@gmail.com

DC4K Leaders: DC4K in Mifflin County is scheduled to begin on September 11. God continues to provide team members (Safekeepers) for the three locations including Belleville, the JV YMCA, and the Lumina, Lewistown; however, we are still looking for several more. Leaders orientation is scheduled for both August 20 and August 21 with volunteers requested to be at one of these trainings. There is a table in the foyer with a 30 second continuous video providing more information to prospective leaders. Please take time to look at this and consider serving children of separation/divorce through DC4K. And, thank you for your prayers and support.

Prayer Guide for July 23 – July 29

23 Sunday – *But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. 1 Peter 3:15 & 16.*

24 Monday – **Ecclesiastes 11 & 12.** Pray for **Holly & Grace Van Sciver** as they prepare to move to Jeffreys Bay, South Africa to minister with The Leadership Experience.

25 Tuesday – **I Kings 11:26 – 12:33.** Pray for **Anthony Simonetti** in the Center County Prison. Pray for God’s healing grace, for the presence of the Holy Spirit and for the living Word of God to meet Anthony in deep and freeing ways. Let us as a church family reach out to Anthony and encourage him with cards.

26 Wednesday – **1 Kings 13.** Pray for **Max** as he prepares a sermon for this coming Sunday from 1 Kings 12 about the seeds of idolatry that Jeroboam planted that eventually brought about Israel’s downfall. Also pray for **Simon Foote** as he prepares to lead our worship time on Sunday.

27 Thursday – **1 Kings 14.** Pray today for the **RMM missionaries** who will be sharing in tonight’s Taste of Missions meeting at the annual conference of CMC meeting this weekend at Central Christian School at Kidron, Ohio. Pray for the **pastors who meet tomorrow** in their business meeting and will, among other things, vote on the recommendation to change the name of our conference from Conservative Mennonite Conference to Rosedale Network.

28 Friday – **2 Chronicles 10 – 12.** Pray for **Pam Yoder** and **Steph Hoffman** as they lead several junior high girls on an adventure backpacking trip. Pray for God to guide their discussions and prayer times and pray for God to speak to each of them.

29 Saturday – **1 Kings 15:1-8 & 2 Chronicles 13.** Pray for **Kendra Fultz** as she prepares to go to the Philippines to help the Daytecs in their mission. She plans to share with our congregation tomorrow and then prepare to leave next week.

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