

Welcome To Locust Grove

September 3, 2017

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9:00 & 10:30 Morning Worship Service

Prelude: Matt & Jess Geissinger
Worship Leader: Drew Derstein
Song Leader: Brian Renno
Sermon: Finding A Greater Power, 2 Chron 32:7 - Max Zook

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

Nursery: Infants through 3 year olds-

9:00 – Lauren Reed and Ashley Newman
10:30 – Karen Yoder, Chisomo VanSciver, Lexi Melanson
*Next Week: 9:00- Justin & Amanda Byler, Sydney Jerman
10:30- Clint & Heather Yoder, Chesney Delozier

Prayer List:

At Home: Gary Goss
Lowell, Amy, Nora, Miriam, Samuel, & Elijah Stoltzfus

At Valley View: Grace Stacy, A124 Valley View Terrace

Away: Josiah Yoder, C/O Deadwood Outfitters
30 Landmark Stanley Rd, Cascade, ID 83611

Mission Spot: New Tribes Missions in Lusi Tribe, Paupa New Guinea: Rick, Anji, Kira, and Keane Zook. Living in the bush, the family is far from medical help and mosquito-borne illnesses come with the territory. Pray for health and safety. Also pray for unity among the team members and Mouk co-workers; that their relationships would be healthy and fruitful, and they would demonstrate what love means for a people group that does not have a word for it in its language.

Vi Pannebaker's 80th birthday is Sept. 9th! Let's shower her with cards to show how much she is appreciated! Please send all cards to Vi Pannebaker, Belleville, PA (No street address required).

August 27, 2017

9:00 Worship Attendance 169
S.S. Attendance 342
10:30 Worship Attendance 180
Jr. S.S. Offering \$13.51
Adult S.S. Offering \$2.00
Morning Worship Offering \$9,493.40

Week 33

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$389,775
YTD Morning Worship Offerings - \$380,682
YTD Income - \$513,297
YTD Expenses - \$453,597

This Week's Events:

Tuesday, Ladies' Sewing-bring your own lunch
Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. – Leadership Team meets
Wednesday, 6:45 p.m.-Hymn Sing at Valley View Terr. Act. Rm.-Everyone
Welcome!
Friday, 6:30 – 8 p.m. – Single Moms support group at New Life Church

Upcoming Events:

September 11, 6:30 – 8 p.m. – Divorce Care begins at Locust Grove
September 24-26, Fall Renewal meetings with Richard Showalter
October 2 – Fall Communion Sunday
October 6-9 – Marriage Retreat

Thank you for the prayer support, words of encouragement, & volunteering for positions to be filled in the junior dept. of our church. We are still praying for a co-teacher (2 Sundays/month) for the 3 year olds during the 1st session and a helper for 2 Sundays/month for the 4–6 year olds during the 2nd session.

In case of an emergency, children in the junior dept. in our lower level will be evacuated to the grassy area to the left of the new garage/storage building. Children must stay with their teachers until they reach the grassy area and all children are accounted for. Parents can claim their children in that grassy area.

Community Cruise: Bring your classic car, sleeper, bike, rod, whatever you've got and join us as we do a Mifflin County Cruise! The cruise will be leaving from Locust Grove Mennonite Church on Sunday, September 24th at 12:15pm. The vehicles will travel 655 S to Huntingdon, stopping at Hoss's for lunch. The route will then come to Lewistown, returning to Belleville to finish back at the church.

Young Adults Fundraiser: Today is your last opportunity to order delicious homemade apple butter or bread! The young adults are taking orders for homemade apple butter and homemade white bread as a fundraiser to support their upcoming mission trip in May to Echo Ranch Bible Camp in Juneau, Alaska. You will find an order form on the bulletin board or talk to any young adult or Pam & Ivan.

Young adults: Meet **Sunday, September 10th**, at Ivan and Pam's, for lunch and discussion.

Moms of any age! : We plan to begin a Bible study on Tuesday, September 12th. We will meet at 10 am in the nursery (to accommodate those with young children) and will be led in our discussion by **Jenny Goss**.

Group grades 7-9: September 10th from 6-8. Meet at the church for Bible Study and games. Girls bring a snack guys bring a drink.

MYF grades 10-12: Wednesday, September 6th at 7:00. Meet at Greenwood State Park for MYF Kickoff. Be prepared for active games. 10th and 11th grade bring snack 12th grade bring a drink.

Help for Children of Divorce/Separation: DC4K, a community, biblically-based support program for children (ages 5–12) struggling with the hurt and pain of divorce and separation, will begin fall sessions starting on Sept. 11, 2017. We meet for 13 weeks; 1 ½ hours per session. This community program is held in three locations in Mifflin County including: YMCA-Burnham, Belleville at Locust Grove Church, and the Lumina Center-Lewistown. For more info or to register children, text or call Ann at 717-437-4946. (Seating in each group is limited to 10-12 kids. A waiting list is used to accommodate a larger number.) There is no fee for this program to kids or families.

Habitat for Humanity has begun another house on Lindy Lane in Lewistown. It is downhill from Stimelys Electric on Electric Avenue near the Hospital. They are seeking volunteers to help with the construction and finishing of the house. Individuals can show up at the site on Saturdays. They also welcome groups which can be coordinated with Jeff Bell, 717-348-5161.

GriefShare: We plan to initiate a grief share support group here at Locust Grove beginning in November. GriefShare is for individuals grieving the death of a family member or friend. Through weekly meetings, a caring group on people walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. If you are interested, contact Ivan and Pam or look for more info at griefshare.org.

Divorce Hurts. Find help at DivorceCare. It is a special weekly seminar &

support group for adults who are separated or divorced. It's a place where you can be around people who understand what you are feeling. It's a place where you can hear valuable information about ways to heal from the hurt of divorce. Do you have a family member, friend, neighbor, coworker who could benefit? Let them know! We will meet weekly beginning Sept. 11 running for 13 weeks. DivorceCare 4 Kids will be meeting at the same time: 6:30 p.m. - 8. Questions, contact Glen or Yvonne Peachey @ justpeachey1970@gmail.com or call 717-935-7496; Glen 953-1881; Yvonne 247-4915

You are invited to share in the **DC4K program** through signing up to help provide snacks to these outreach groups. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board next to the east gym entrance. And, DC4K begins on Monday, Sept. 8.

SINGLE MOMS: Are you a Single Mom? If so, consider this your invitation to join us at the Mifflin County Single Moms Care & Support group. We will meet the **2nd and 4th Friday** evenings from 6:30-8 PM at New Life Church Café, 101 Beech Street, Burnham, PA from September 8, 2017 – May 31, 2018. We are not a “professional group” or a therapy group. We are a support group by and for Single Moms. We know what it's like to be a Single Mom. We really hope you will join us no matter where you are on your own Single Mom journey. If you are a Single Mom – divorced, never-married, widowed, grand-single-parenting – come on! For more information, call or text Emily at 717-437-5221 or Kathy at 214-542-1681. (Childcare provided)

If you are available to help lead the **childcare on Sept 8 and Sept 22** at the first 2 Single moms Care and Support ministry meetings, please contact Ann at 717-437-4946. Thank you for caring and reaching out!

It's the time of year to be preparing for back to school. Please consider helping those less fortunate than ourselves and share a school kit with MCC. The items included in a school kit are • 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8 1/2 X 10 1/2 in and 70 sheets) • 8 unsharpened pencils • 1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic; indicating both 30 cm and 12 in) • 12 colored pencils (in packaging) • 1 large pencil eraser There will be a box at both entrances to place your items in. We will be collecting them until the next scheduled work day at the MCC work center on October 19. Please save the date to plan to go as a group from our church for the work day. For more information about school kits check out the web site at mcc.org. A container to place your coins for "My Coins Count" is set up beside the welcoming table in the foyer. Thank you.

How do you face difficult times? The Family Circle class is beginning a study of the book *The Red Sea Rules (10 God-given strategies for difficult times)* by Robert Morgan and we welcome you to join us. We want to discover how to move from fear to faith, from panic to praise, right in the middle of the hard times, growing in our trust in God's sovereignty and care. If this sounds like a study you need/want in your life, we'd love to see you each week during the first service time slot in room 105. Our teacher is Brenda Zook. The books are already in the room, grab one and start reading!!

Missionary Moments:

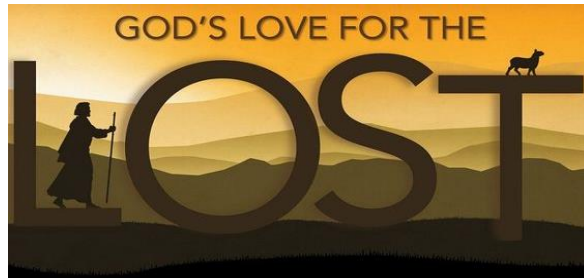
Wycliffe: C & H in Southeast Asia : Sometimes the Lord opens doors wide with little delay; other times He works through a series of events and relationships. We recently spent a Saturday afternoon at our neighbors' home for their golden wedding anniversary. This dear couple has welcomed us into their lives as if we were their own children. The anniversary celebration reminded us of the need for hope and assurance that we earnestly desire to see them embrace. We arrived at their home a few minutes late, according to local custom, and took our places in two different living room areas—one for the men, and one for the women. The event was just getting underway. We all sat cross-legged on large floor mats around the outer edge of the room. A *Kyai* (holy man) from the local mosque led the group in chanting the *Surah Yasin*, a section of the Qur'an that is used as a prayer of blessing upon deceased relatives, to appeal to Allah to grant them a place in Paradise. The anniversary couple asked the *Kyai* to offer a prayer for their deceased parents. As I looked around at the room full of people, I noticed that we were the only Christians who had been invited. We sat respectfully and waited as the group chanted the prayer. Afterwards, the family brought out a small chocolate cake with white icing and candles for the anniversary couple. The couple fed each other a piece of cake, like you would see at a Western wedding reception. Then they presented one piece of cake to the *Kyai* to thank him for leading the prayers, and they presented one piece of cake to us, whom they introduced as their special friends. This was especially touching for us because we knew this was a special honor only reserved for people they truly appreciate. We visit this couple now and then after everyone is finished with evening prayers, and we are getting to know them and their family members better. Their grandson likes to practice English with us, and the grandmother takes H along to the monthly savings group where women in our neighborhood meet to socialize and gossip. The women chant the *Surah Yasin* at the beginning of every savings group meeting, too, to help their deceased relatives as they face Allah's judgment. We seek to share the gospel through both our lives and our words. Without the testimony of an honorable life, it would be difficult to speak the truth into our friends' lives. We seek first to understand where they are coming from and to then address the areas of emptiness or spiritual hunger that they are wrestling with. Pray for us to recognize and respond to opportunities to share the message

of life with our neighbors and friends. Ask for open doors to translate God's Word into the languages of people throughout our region, that they might understand more fully the hope found only in Christ.

RMM in Southern Spain, Phil and Maretta Barr: The farm school project at Springs of Life Camp has pretty much met all the legal requirements for getting its government license to open. We are waiting for the final approval to come through soon. The next challenge will be paying the fees. After that the school can start hosting student groups from the local state schools at the camp and hopefully build bridges for the communication of the gospel to these young people. Please pray that the school can soon open and be effective in its outreach. During the Franco era, fifty free evangelical Christian schools were forcibly closed down in Spain by the government. An inter-denominational group of believers in Seville is in the process of getting one going again themselves. Due to the amoral and anti-Christian agenda being pushed in the state schools, there is much interest among believers and in the wider community for a Christian alternative in children's education. The school needs help getting a building ready this winter so that they can expand the school's offering from just kindergarten level to primary level next school year. Please pray for help to be forthcoming. Pablo and Rosa's church planting efforts continue in Malaga. They are hoping to start a bridge-building ministry to children as a way to reach families in their area with the gospel. Please pray for wisdom and direction for them and a REACH team that will be coming alongside them to help them for a couple of months. The church in Rincon de La Victoria continues to be a hub for outreach and discipling activity. Please pray for wisdom for Pastor Ivan and Pepe, and effectiveness for the teaching Phil is able to do in this context, as well as the encouragement Phil and Maretta are trying to bring to the congregation.

Prayer Guide for September 3 – September 9

Sunday, September 10th
Missions Rally in Big Valley



A Missions Rally organized by a number of churches in Big Valley will be held at Allensville Mennonite Church, located about a mile north of Allensville along State route 655, on Sunday, September 10.

Come join us as we gather together with various Christian missionaries, mission's agency representatives and local ministry leaders focusing on God's heart for the lost and practical ways we can personally be involved in missions on a global and local level.

From 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the afternoon, representatives from over thirty different mission's agencies and local ministries will be available to describe ministry opportunities and answer questions. An evening service is scheduled to start at 7:00 p.m. with keynote speaker,
Dr. Sandy Good.

Dr. Good and his wife, Diane, founded *Live 10:27 Ministries* in 2011. Sandy's life experiences also include teaching cross cultural ministry on a college level for 31 years and leading over fifty short term mission's trips to 27 different countries.

For more information contact Pastor Sherman Stoltzfus at sherman@allensvillemennonite.org or 717-483- 6774.

Various mission representatives will also be speaking at a few of the local churches during the Sunday School hour and the Morning Worship Service.

3 Sunday – *Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged... for there is a greater power with us than with him. With him is only the arm of flesh, but with us is the LORD our God to help us and to fight our battles.*

2 Chron. 32:7 & 8.

4 Monday – **2 Chron. 29 & 30.** Pray for people recovering from surgeries: **J Irvin Zook, Hannah Sulouff and Staci Goss.** Pray for others with health needs and limitations like **Sadie Byler, Sara Ann Yoder, and Charlie Whiteman.**

5 Tuesday – **2 Chron. 31 & 32.** Pray for the **Leadership Team meeting** this evening to prayerfully discuss the next steps in our discernment process for identifying someone to serve as Children's Ministry Coordinator. Pray for **Lyle Yoder** who serves as chairman of the elders as he leads the meeting.

6 Wednesday – **Psalm 84, 85 and Proverbs 25.** Pray for **Ivan Yoder** as he prepares a sermon for Sunday and pray for **Theil and Andrea** as they prepare to lead the worship team on Sunday.

7 Thursday – **Isaiah 36 & 37.** Pray for **Richard Showalter** as he prepares to come to our church for our fall renewal meetings on Sept. 24-26. Also today pray for police and emergency responders in our church family who serve the needs of our communities like **Ron Byler, Rachel Sulouff, and Matt Geisinger.**

8 Friday – **Isaiah 38 & 39.** Pray for the **Single Mom's support group** that begins tonight at the New Life Church in Burnham, sponsored by several local churches, including ours. Pray for **Emily Altamuro and Kathy Summers** from our church who help to lead this ministry. Pray for all the **mothers in our church family who are raising children without the support of their children's father.**

9 Saturday – **2 Chron. 33 & 34.** Pray for the **speakers and session leaders at the Missions Rally** to be held tomorrow at the Allensville Mennonite Church. Pray for a revival of passionate love for Jesus and a love for unreached people in this area that results in many people coming to faith in Jesus.