

# Welcome To Locust Grove

September 10, 2017

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## 9:00 & 10:30 Morning Worship Service

Prelude: Kristyn Byler  
Worship Leader: Max Zook  
Song Leader: Theil Kauffman  
Sermon: Defining Moments, King Josiah, Ivan Yoder

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

### Nursery: Infants through 3 year olds-

9:00 – Justin & Amanda Byler, Sydney Jerman  
10:30 – Clint & Heather Yoder, Chesney Delozier  
\*Next Week: 9:00- Kristin, Hannah, and Naomi Diehl  
10:30- Michelle Kline and Sherry Miller

### Prayer List:

At Home: Karen Goss  
Esther Steen

At Valley View: Mabel Stayrook

Away: Scott & Kelly Conner, 1003 Boundary Blvd, Rotonda West, FL 33947

**Mission Spot:** Joy Seekers in Lewistown: Diane Snook, Gin Renno, Twila Yoder, and Carol Goss. Joy Seekers meets in the Lewistown Presbyterian Church, and recently celebrated their 4th anniversary. Please pray they can sense the Holy Spirit's direction in how they relate to all their members. Pray also they can encourage a deeper understanding of God's Word and how to apply it to everyday life.

**Reaching Out:** Gregg & Sharon Kanagy at Gator Camp with the hurricane.

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

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September 3, 2017

9:00 Worship Attendance ..... 177  
S.S. Attendance ..... 360  
10:30 Worship Attendance ..... 199  
Jr. S.S. Offering ..... \$9.25  
Adult S.S. Offering ..... \$34.00  
Morning Worship Offering ..... \$11,532.50

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### Week 34

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$400,940  
YTD Morning Worship Offerings - \$392,215  
YTD Income - \$525,463  
YTD Expenses - \$472,965

### This Week's Events:

Today: Mission Rally at Allensville Mennonite Church  
Monday, 6:30 – 8 p.m. – Divorce Care begins at Locust Grove  
Tuesday, 7:00 a.m. – Men's Pursuit of God Bible study  
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. – Planning meeting for hosting Pastor's Conference here  
February 19-22, 2018.

### Upcoming Events:

September 24-26, Fall Renewal meetings with Richard Showalter  
October 2 – 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.

**Community Cruise:** Bring your classic car, sleeper, bike, or 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.

**Class shepherd Meeting:** The class shepherd meeting that was originally scheduled for Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> has been postponed until October 17 due to additional classes being formed.

**Young adults:** Meet **today** at Ivan and Pam's, for lunch and discussion.

We welcome **Jedd Robert Metzler** to our church family! Jedd was born Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> to Lucas & Kari Metzler. He is also welcomed by big sisters, Ella and Lyla, and big brother, Cael!

Congratulations to Nick and Erin Hostetler on the birth of their son, **Emmett Nathaniel**, born Thursday, September 7. Emmett is the grandson of Paul & Mary Lou Hostetler!

**Apple Butter & Homemade Bread Fundraiser:** If you ordered apple butter or homemade bread from the Young Adults, please pick it up today in the kitchen. There are some extras available for purchase of both bread and apple butter on the table outside of Ivan's office.

**MYF grades 10-12:** Meet at church at 7:15 Wed. for Bible study led by Nick Peachey and to work on ceiling tiles. Guys bring a drink, girls bring a snack.

**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: today from 6-8.** Meet at the church for Bible Study and games. Girls bring a snack guys bring a drink.

**Children's Ministry Coordinator.** At their meeting on Tuesday, the Elders decided to make the Children's Ministry Coordinator role a full time salaried position. Interested persons are invited to contact Lyle Yoder or a member of the Leadership Team for more information. You may contact Lyle at 717.994.2613 or send a resume to kara@locustgrovemc.org.

**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.

**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 **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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)

**School Kits.** 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 is 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.

**Hearts & Hands Women's Dinner Conference:** Pine Glen CMA church invites you to join them October 20<sup>th</sup> for a women's conference with speaker, Cherie Nettles. This is for women 18 and older. Dinner will be at 6:00 in the Family Life Center and Cherie will speak at 7:15. Cost of the meal is \$14.50. Seating is limited. Reserve your tickets by calling Nancy Taylor at (717) 348-5592 or Kimbra Weaver at (717) 542-9969 by October 8<sup>th</sup>. A love offering will be taken for the speaker.

Join the **Belleville Mennonite School community** as we celebrate 72 years of God's faithfulness to the school at the **Faith Promise Banquet** on Friday, October 6, at 6:30 PM. The Banquet will feature guest speaker, Rev Jonathan Yoder (Class of '70), a Concert Choir selection, and recognition for the classes that are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> class reunions, and special highlights about BMS today. There is no charge for the Banquet and delicious ham dinner that will be served, however an invitation to give to the Faith Promise Annual Fund at BMS will be presented. If you wish to attend, please RSVP to the school by September 22 by calling, 717.935.2184.

**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!!

The Mennonite Heritage Center is sponsoring an **Amish Wedding meal** at Locust Grove October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. About 20 older dresses will be on display. Following the meal and comments by Tom Spicher, President, models will showcase dresses of over 50 years old with the couples' wedding picture. The cost is \$20 per plate and tickets can be purchased from Sanford King or Marlin Yoder. If you have any questions, contact Sanford at 935.2783.

**Facebook Forum:** CMC invites anyone interested to join the Facebook group "Forum on Women in Ministry in the Conservative Mennonite Conference." The forum, September 14-October 15, will be hosted by CMC and the panelists from the Annual Conference seminars, addressing questions, comments and concerns that we did not have time to cover during the panel discussion. Join the conversation by going to [www.facebook.com/pg/conservativemennoniteconference/groups/](http://www.facebook.com/pg/conservativemennoniteconference/groups/).

## *Prayer Guide for September 10 – September 16*

10 Sunday – *After Josiah listened to the reading of the law he said, "Go and inquire of the LORD for me and for the remnant in Israel and Judah about what is written in this book that has been found. Great is the LORD's anger that is poured out on us because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD; they have not acted in accordance with all that is written in this book."*

11 Monday – **2 Chronicles 35:1-19; Nahum 1&2. DivorceCare** begins this evening here at Locust Grove, tomorrow evening at the YMCA and next Monday evening at the LUMINA center in Lewistown. Pray for all the **volunteers** who lead this ministry including **Glen & Yvonne Peachey** leading an adult DivorceCare!

2 Tuesday – **Habakkuk 1,2,3. Jim Lewis** is preparing for his trial which is planned for next week, Monday, Sept. 11. Pray for all the truth to come forth, for clarity for the jury and judge, and for healing for the Lewis family.

13 Wednesday – **Zephaniah 1,2,3.** Pray for **Max** as he prepares a sermon for Sunday, for **Brian** as he prepares this evening with the worship team, and pray for **Ivan Yoder and Neil Renno** on their way to Idaho to spend time with Josiah on a hunting trip.

14 Thursday – **2 Chron. 35:20 – 36:5, Jeremiah 1.** Pray for **John & Cora Byler** today on Cora's 86<sup>th</sup> birthday. Pray for an encouraging time for them in spite of the hard struggles they experience. Cora lives at 506A Valley View Haven and John at A202 Valley View Terrace.

15 Friday – **Jeremiah 2 & 3.** Pray for **Gregg & Sharon Kanagy, Tyler Yoder, Sylvia and Emma Peachey** and the **entire staff at Gator Camp** in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma. Also pray for **James Zook** who is now at the Bald Eagle Boys Camp. You may send him cards at 1077 Wilderness Trail, Mill Hall, PA 17751.

16 Saturday – **Jeremiah 25, 26 & 36.** Pray for people in **Florida and Texas** recovering from hurricanes. Pray for **friends and family members of our church family.** Pray for **wisdom for churches and relief agencies** to share the love of Christ in tangible ways. Also pray for **Richard Showalter** preparing to come for our fall renewal meetings in two weeks on the theme of "Recovering and Living the Core of the Gospel."