

Welcome To Locust Grove

September 24, 2017

Senior Pastor.....Max Zook 717.348.4488
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9:00 & 10:30 Morning Worship Service

Prelude: Duke Larson
Worship Leader: Lyle Yoder
Song Leader: Glen Peachey
Sermon: Recovering and Living the Gospel, Richard Showalter

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

7:00 p.m. – Fall Renewal Meeting with Richard Showalter

Leader: Max / Song Leader: Glenn Yoder

Nursery: Infants through 3 year olds-

9:00 – Daniel & Nadya Peachey

10:30 – Cheston & Jen Hartzler, Jana Nardis

*Next Week: 9:00- Jeff & Carrie Zook

10:30- Trevor & Lauren Weaver, Sarah Kanagy

Prayer List:

At Home: Tim & Carmen Groff
Joshua Stauffer

At Valley View: Martha Yoder, 118 Valley View Terrace

Away: Nathan Martin, 304 Augusta Dr., Missoula, MT 59801

Mission Spot: Wycliffe: C&H in Southeast Asia: As C&H seek to share the gospel through both their words and deeds, pray they can continue to live honorable lives that their Muslim neighbors are drawn to. Pray for C&H to recognize and respond to opportunities to share the message of life with their neighbors and friends. Ask God for open doors to translate His Word into the languages of people so they might understand more fully the hope found only in Christ.

Reaching Out: Max is preaching this morning at the Word of Grace church near Lancaster. **Gin Renno and Gina Fate** are leading a Bible study for the ladies at the Mifflin County Correctional Institution this afternoon at 1:30.

September 17, 2017

9:00 Worship Attendance 129
S.S. Attendance..... 285
10:30 Worship Attendance 186
Jr. S.S. Offering \$11.75
Adult S.S. Offering \$6.00
Morning Worship Offering \$11,180.00

Week 36

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$423,270

YTD Morning Worship Offerings - \$412,597

YTD Income - \$546,289

YTD Expenses - \$492,081

This Week's Events:

Monday and Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. each evening - Fall Renewal meetings with Richard Showalter on the theme of *Recovering and Living the Gospel*
Tuesday, 7:00 a.m. Men's Pursuit of God Bible Study

Upcoming Events:

October 2 – Communion Sunday and 7:00 p.m. evening footwashing service

October 6-9 – Marriage Retreat

October 17 – Class Shepherds meet

Young adults: Meet today, September 24th at Pam & Ivan's for lunch.

Moms: Bible Study Tuesday at 10. Jenny Goss leads discussion.

Group grades 7-9: Meet at the church at 4:15 today, September 24th, for corn maze. Bring \$5.00. Pick up at 8:00 at the church.

Communion Sunday: Next Sunday morning we will be having communion in both morning worship services. A special evening service next Sunday at 7:00 p.m. will be on the theme of serving one another and will include a footwashing service to remember Christ's example of serving one another.

Gator Camp Cleanup Trip: The group plans to leave for Florida on October 14 – 22 to help clean up at Gator Camp from Hurricane Irma. If you would like to go call Lyle at 717.994.2613.

Children's Ministry Coordinator. Pray for God to guide our church family to the person he is calling to serve as our Children's Ministry Coordinator in a full time, salaried position. Interested persons are invited to contact Lyle Yoder at 717.994.2613 or a member of the Leadership Team for more information. Send your resume to kara@locustgrovemc.org.

Mabel Stayrook will be celebrating her 100th birthday on September 28th. Let's shower her with cards to show her how much we appreciate her! Please send cards to A213 Valley View Haven.

Firewood: If you would be interested in purchasing firewood, cut and split, from our young adults, please contact Ivan or Pam at 363-6547 or 363-0857.

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.

Locust Grove is scheduled to cook & serve **Meals on Wheels** October 3, 5, 10, and 12. Items needed are cabbage, potatoes, fruit salad, jello salad, apple crisp, cake, and pumpkin pie. To donate, please call Rita at 935-5244. Thank you.

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.

Community Cruise: Today is the day for you to bring their classic car, sleeper, bike, or rod, whatever you've got for a Mifflin County Cruise! The cruise will be leaving from Locust Grove Mennonite Church today at 12:15pm. The vehicles will travel 655 S to Huntingdon, stopping at Hoss's for lunch. The route will then go to Lewistown and return at the church.

Hearts & Hands Women's Dinner Conference: Pine Glen CMA church invites you to join them October 20th 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 8th. 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 50th and 60th 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.

The Mennonite Heritage Center is sponsoring an **Amish Wedding meal** at Locust Grove October 21st 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. We plan to sell all the tickets by the end of September.

Backyard Ministries: Fall has arrived and it is hat and gloves time for Backyard Ministries! Choose a tag from the tree in the lobby that includes the size and gender of a child in need. Place the hat and gloves in a baggie. Be sure to include the tag from the tree. Contributions should be placed in the box under the table by October 29. Thank you for your support of this vital ministry.

Calling all quilters from beginner to expert! Fall quilting for the annual BMS Auction will be held October 9-13 at Oakwood Centre, Valley View. If you have a quilt top to be donated for quilting please contact Juli Sunderland (814-667-2511), Jewel Peachey (717-667-9308) or Michelle Byler (717-935-5485).

Learn about charitable choices: Many of us think about writing a check to support our church or favorite charity or cause. Yet there are many resources that can help you give more than you can imagine. Visit everence.com for charitable choices that you may not have considered.

Job Opportunity: Hide-n-Seek Christian Daycare in Lewistown is hiring Full Time and Part Time Teachers! Applicants should be energetic, dependable, and enjoy working with children from infancy through school age in a Christian atmosphere. Applicants with a Bachelors or Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education or related field preferred. Minimum of 2 years of experience required (babysitting, volunteer, paid). Application available at www.gcclewisstown.com or submit resume to allison.hidenseek@gmail.com 717-248-7837.

Gator Wilderness Camp School announces its Annual Gator Camp Awareness Dinner to be held at Locust Grove Mennonite Church on Saturday, October 28, 2017, at 6:30 PM. Gator Wilderness Camp School is a school for boys, ages 10 years-16 years in southwest Florida. At Gator Wilderness Camp School, boys focus on building relationships, problem solving, and learning responsibility. There is no charge for the dinner, but a free offering will be lifted. All donations go directly to Gator Wilderness Camp School. Reservations do need to be made no later than October 22, 2017, and can be made locally by contacting one of the following Sara Hartzler (717-348-4136), Tami Peachey (717-437-0871), Larry Yoder (717-363-0475) or Lou Ann Yoder (717-363-0473), Ann Kanagy (717-437-4946), or Rose Kauffman (717-437-1295).

Update from Gator Camp: Hello Locust Grove Church Family from a very wet Gator Camp. This morning when I was taking Katie to school there was water coming up over the hood of my truck as I drove through one of the water holes on Farabee Road. Thank you to many of you who prayed for us before, during, and after the storm. The northeast corner of the storm hit us which was where some of the strongest winds and rain were located; thankfully the hurricane was degraded to a Cat 2 by the time it arrived at camp. Our power came back on Saturday evening after having been out since the prior Sunday. Over the past 2 weeks daily provisions like fuel for vehicles and generators became a daily search requiring most of a day and many stops at service stations by camp staff. Thanks to members of Locust Grove who provided funds over the past 2 years to purchase generators for both chuckwagon and the shop, including 500-gallon propane tanks we were able to keep our well and septic system going, the 12'x14' freezer, and walk in coolers so all our frozen provisions were kept cooled, frozen, and in great shape. Katie returned school this week after a week off and the boys return to camp this afternoon, we are driving the tractor and wagon to the end of Farabee to meet the parents of the boys. Yesterday Shue-Kauffman roofing arrived to begin the re-roof on Chuckwagon that had several significant leaks and we hope to follow up with the ceiling drywall that needs repaired. Thank you again for your prayers, support, and encouragement. Greg: (for the Kanagys and all the Gator Camp staff)

Prayer Guide for September 24 – September 30

24 Sunday – *The time has come; the kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!* Mark 1:15

25 Monday – **Read John 1:1-13; Rom. 1:21-31** on the theme of faith for our fall renewal meeting this evening. Pray for **Richard** as he prepares to speak and pray for ears to hear the Holy Spirit speak this evening. Pray for **Alan Miller** as he prepares to lead our singing/worship time this evening. Pray for **James Lewis** who was convicted on all counts in his trial one week ago and has now been moved to Centre County Correctional Facility. Pray for **Jane**.

26 Tuesday – **Read Romans 8:1-17; Gal. 5:13-26** on the work of the Holy Spirit. Thank God for His Spirit and invite him to continue His work in your life in whatever way he desires. Pray for **Richard** as he concludes this series of meetings tonight and pray for **J. Irvin Zook** as he leads our songs this evening. Pray for the **Byler** family, including **Twila (J.D.) Yoder** with their father in Minnesota as he nears the end of his life.

27 Wednesday – **Ezekiel 4 & 5**. Pray for **Ivan Yoder** as he prepares to speak at our fall communion service this coming Sunday and for **Max** as he prepares the evening service on service which will include a foot washing service. Pray for **Theil & Andrea Kauffman** as they prepare this evening for next Sunday's morning worship service. And pray for God to lead someone to serve as our **Children's Ministry Coordinator**.

28 Thursday – **2 Kings 25:1-7, Jeremiah 39 & 40**. Pray for **Mabel Stayrook** today on her 100th birthday! Also pray for other members of our church family who are 90 years old or older: **Twila Peachey, Effie Hostetler, Bob Watts, John & Cora Byler, Grace Stacy, and John L. Yoder**. Pray for **Bob Watts** as he begins radiation treatments this week.

29 Friday – **2 Kings 25:8-21 Jeremiah 52, 2 Chron. 36:11-23**. Pray for **Gary & Joquetta Galloway** on a trip back to their home church in Fort Worth, Texas. They plan to lead a marriage retreat there on October 13 & 14. Pray for them as they prepare and as they connect with many dear friends in their church community.

30 Saturday – **Read Jeremiah 31 & Hebrews 10** in preparation for our communion service tomorrow. Pray for **Gregg and Sharon Kanagy** and the ministry at Gator Camp in Florida in their recovery from the hurricane. Pray for the **boys and chiefs** returning to camp life after an extended and unexpected home visit because of the storm and damage. Pray for **Lyle and volunteers** preparing to leave for Gator Camp two weeks from today.