

Welcome To Locust Grove

October 1, 2017

Senior Pastor.....Max Zook 717.348.4488
Associate Pastor.....Ivan Yoder 717.363.0857
Youth & Women's Ministry Coordinator.....Pam Yoder 717.363.6547
Children's Ministry Coordinator.....
Secretary..... Kara Kauffman 717.437.1473
Church Office..... 717.935.2164

9:00 & 10:30 Morning Worship Service

Worship Leader: Max Zook
Song Leader: Theil & Andrea Kauffman
Sermon: The Cup of Christ, Matthew 20:22, Ivan Yoder
Communion Service

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

7:00 p.m. – Evening Service

Worship: Simon Foote
Alms Offering for needs in our church family
“As I Have Done for You” John 13 – Max Zook
Sharing Time and Foot Washing Service

Nursery: Infants through 3 year olds-

9:00 – Jeff & Carrie Zook
10:30 – Trevor & Lauren Weaver, Sarah Kanagy
*Next Week: 9:00- Nate & Meagan Byler
10:30- Julie and Lily Yoder

Prayer List:

At Home: Jim & Barb Harmon
Rich, Joyce, Hope, & Isaac Staley

At Valley View: Orpha Zook, A205 Valley View Terrace

Away: David, Brandi, Mackenzie, Madison, Caleb, & Mallory Peachey
105 Gable Drive, Myerstown, PA 17067

Mission Spot: The Single Moms Care and Support Ministry meets the second and fourth Friday evenings from 6:30 PM - 8 PM at New Life Church Café in Burnham. The purpose of this ministry is to provide care and support to Single moms and their families. This ministry is led by a team of moms who love Jesus, understand what other Single moms are experiencing, and reach out with

God's love. Please pray for the team including Kathy, Kari, Kerri, Emily, Deshaun, and Leslie as they minister to moms. And, pray for Kaye and Stephanie as lead the childcare provided at each meeting along with Lexi, Teen Helper. Please pray, too, that God's Spirit would bring Single Moms to the group for hope and healing that only He can provide.

September 24, 2017

9:00 Worship Attendance 196
S.S. Attendance..... 346
10:30 Worship Attendance 187
Jr. S.S. Offering \$19.00
Adult S.S. Offering \$12.00
Morning Worship Offering \$10,550.31

Week 37

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$434,435
YTD Morning Worship Offerings - \$423,148
YTD Income - \$557,149
YTD Expenses - \$498,685

This Week's Events:

Tonight – Communion Sunday and 7:00 p.m. evening foot washing service
Monday 7:00 p.m. – Leadership Team meets
Tuesday – Ladies' Sewing- Lunch will be provided
Friday-Monday, Oct 6-9 – Marriage Retreat

Upcoming Events:

October 17 – Class Shepherds meet

MYF: grades 10-12: Meet at the church Wednesday, October 4th, at 6:15 to travel to Shirley Home. Bring money for McDonalds afterwards.

GROUP: grades 7-9: Meet at the church from 6-8 on Sunday, October 8th, for bible study and games. 8th and 9th grades bring snack-7th grade bring drink.

Young Adults: Because Ivan and Pam are away leading marriage retreat we will not be meeting next Sunday, October 8th, for lunch. Will look forward to meeting again on Sunday, October 22nd for lunch.

Mom's Bible Study: Tuesday at 10 am in the nursery (to accommodate mom's with young children). Jenny Goss will be leading a discussion on minor profits.

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.

THANK YOU! The Young Adults would like to express their thanks to all who have supported them through the Apple Butter Fund Raiser for the upcoming mission trip to Echo Bible Youth Camp. Your support through donations of apples, jars, and equipment as well as purchasing apple butter and bread has been greatly appreciated.

Alms Offering: In our evening service today you will have the opportunity to contribute in an offering designated for helping people within our own church family. Traditionally received during our foot washing service, it has been a tangible way for us to love and serve each other in our own church family.

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.

Parents: Please engage your children in discussions about Sunday school. Ask about the lesson content, behavior, other students, etc. Encourage them to be respectful, to listen to the lesson the teacher has prepared, and to participate and ask questions. Talk with their teachers. Ask how your child is doing. Give the teacher some insight into your child. We want Sunday school to be a positive experience for everyone.

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.

Let's encourage the Maggy and the Byler family during Maggy's hospitalization and recovery.

Josh, Megan and Maggy Byler
127 S Sandstone Lane
Bridgewater, Virginia 22812

Grief Share: If you have interest in being part of Grief Share please contact Ivan at 717.363.0857 or Pam at 717.363.6547 by Sunday, October 22nd to express your interest.

Samaritan's Purse: We will be collecting money and shoeboxes for Samaritan's purse. Please have them to the church by November 12th. No candy or toothpaste in the boxes this year. Shipping is \$9.00 a box (see envelopes on table in foyer. Questions, call Kaye at 717.437.0289.

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 Oct. 19. Please save the date to plan to go as a group from our church for the work day. For more info about school kits go to 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.

I want to **thank each one** who sent cards and gifts to celebrate my 85th birthday. May the Lord bless you all. Vi Pannebaker

A member of "**Joy Seekers**" is in need of gently used household items. This person has the opportunity next week to move into a permanent housing situation and is in need of some living and bedroom furniture and some kitchen utensils. If you have extra of these items that you no longer need, please consider allowing them to be used by God to bless this individual and ministry that God is using in the expansion of His Kingdom. For more information or details, contact Gin Renno at 667-6884 or Doug Snook at 248-5936.

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.

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 Oct. 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).

The **Annual Gator Camp Awareness Dinner** will be at Locust Grove on Saturday, Oct. 28th, at 6:30 PM. Gator Wilderness Camp School is a school for boys, ages 10 years-16 years in southwest Florida. At this school, boys focus on building relationships, problem solving, and learning responsibility. There is no charge for the dinner, but an offering will be taken to go directly to Gator Wilderness Camp School. Reservations do need to be made no later than October 22nd by contacting either 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).

Missionary Moments:

RMM's LAMP for Ecuador, working with RCE and Alliance Academy International in Quito. Ecuador: Natacha, Dion, Gabriela, and Marcus Peachey: Gaby, Marcus, & I are back in school. It has been an adjustment to the workload for all of us. Marcus is in 8th grade and is preparing for the high school drama production. Gaby is in 10th grade and is playing volleyball. I am teaching 2nd grade and this year I don't have an aide so I have a bit more to do. Naty is leading Impacto Mundial, a mission mobilization group that meets Thursdays. She is also part of the steering committee for a mission conference that will be held at HCJB mid-October. Please pray for strength in all these projects and also for health. I (Dion) had a bad fall at the beginning of Sept. and will be doing physical therapy for 2 weeks to get my left knee back in shape. THANK YOU so much for your continued financial support & prayers.

Medical Missions in Philippines, Island of Mindoro: Kendra Fultz: She has experienced local injustices of the native people and the joy of delivering a baby, to say she has experienced many ups and downs while getting acquainted with a new culture would be an understatement. Below are a few excerpts of updates from her. Continue to pray for God to lead her as she serves the people of the Philippines. "I started teaching health classes at the local school in town. Half of the day I teach and the other half I have a clinic where I do checkups on the students. The school hasn't had a nurse in 3 years so it is in major need of help. I really enjoy teaching these children about how amazing they are. I really want them to have a good experience in school and learn a lot. I will be teaching there every Wednesday. Pray that it gets better every week and that I can be creative in the things I teach. Please pray that God helps me live in the now and that God's presence is in this place. I pray that his love radiates out of me. I really want to be close to Him and know His heart. This journey has been a lot about my walk with Christ and I am so thankful for it. He is good!!!"

Prayer Guide for October 1 – October 7

Oct. 1 Sunday – *I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.* John 13:15

2 Monday – **Lamentations 1 & 3.** Pray for the **Leadership team** in their monthly meeting this evening and pray for discernment and God's direction in our search for a **Children's Ministry Coordinator**. Pray for God to provide someone with a love and vision for children both in our church family and community.

3 Tuesday – **Obadiah; Psalm 137.** Pray for **Hannah Sulouff** as she prepares for a major surgery planned for one week from today. Pray for **Joanne Peachey** in her recovery from surgery and pray for **Bob Watts** in his radiation treatments. Pray for **Maggie Byler**, granddaughter of Elwood & Suzanne Byler in Virginia, recovering from a serious illness and hospital stay.

4 Wednesday – **Jeremiah 40, 41, 42** Pray for **Glen Peachey** as he prepares to lead worship on Sunday with the worship team. Pray for **Max** as he prepares to preach on Sunday and as he travels to Ohio for a meeting of the overseers in our conference in Columbus, Thursday – Saturday.

5 Thursday – **Jeremiah 43, 44, 45** Thank God for the **Fall Renewal meetings** we had last week with **Richard Showalter** and several brothers from other countries. Tomorrow **Benson from Kenya** plans to meet with the overseers in our conference, including Max, at the Rosedale International Center in Columbus, Ohio. Pray for **God's Spirit** to teach, guide, and equip the church leaders of our conference.

6 Friday – **Ezekiel 33 & 34.** Pray for the faculty, staff, and students of the **Belleville Mennonite School**. Tonight is the annual faith promise banquet, an opportunity for friends of the school to support it financially. Pray for **Jonathan Yoder** as he speaks tonight and pray for support for the school/

7 Saturday – **Daniel 4 & 5** Pray for **Ivan and Pam** as they lead a marriage retreat this weekend for several couples in our church family. They traveled to New York Friday and return on Monday. Pray for God to strengthen our marriages and families to resist the constant tug of selfishness and sin.