

Welcome To Locust Grove

October 29, 2017

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

Prelude: Spotts Family
Worship Leader: Neil Renno
Young Adult Worship Team
Sermon: Malachi, Prophet for the 21st Century, Mal. 3:7, Ivan Yoder

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

Nursery: Infants through 3 year olds-

9:00 – Kara Yoder
10:30 – Sharon and Allison Besch
*Next Week: 9:00- Chase & Allison Peachey
10:30- Luke & Carli Donovan, Kara Jerman

Prayer List:

At Home: Delmar & Linda Hartzler
Doug, Michelle, Rachel (Anders), Noah (Anders), & Zachary Snook

At Valley View: Twila Peachey, A128 Valley View Terrace

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

Mission Spot: Gator Wilderness Camp School, Florida: Please pray for wisdom for Gregg Kanagy as he provides leadership to camp, and for Sharon and the girls in their work and schooling. Pray for Tyler and Annie Yoder as he works at camp as a supervisor and they spend their first year of marriage together. And pray also for Emma Peachey as she serves the boys and staff in the kitchen with her gifts of cooking.

Reaching Out: Max is preaching at the Croghan Mennonite Church in New York this morning through Wednesday evening. Charlie Stump is preaching at Mt. Union Presbyterian. Dave Sharp at Smithfield Correctional Institution overseeing the service with Light of Hope's Choir and quest speaker.

October 22, 2017

9:00 Worship Attendance	194
S.S. Attendance	354
10:30 Worship Attendance	188
Jr. S.S. Offering	\$18.50
Adult S.S. Offering	\$3.00
Morning Worship Offering	\$9,587.25

Week 40

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$479,095
YTD Morning Worship Offerings - \$461,739
YTD Income - \$603,278
YTD Expenses - \$550,295

**The end of 2017 is fast approaching and the finance committee wanted to take this opportunity to review the church budget with you. We have been very blessed with a church family that has generously supported Locust Grove. As you look at the income lines we have 3 areas (Contributions/Reimbursements, Special Mission Projects, and Timothy & Barnabas) that are trending above the budget. These 3 income lines are designated gifts where the money is used for specific programs. The Finance committee would like to draw your attention to the one budget income line that is running behind with that being Morning Worship Offerings. The income from this line is what the church operations and many of the mission programs run off of. The annual budget is based on the morning worship offerings alone. **

This Week's Events:

Tuesday, 10 a.m.-Women's Bible Study, "Minor Prophets"
Thursday, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.-The "Quest" ladies Bible study begins

Upcoming Events:

December 17, 2017, 7:00 p.m.: Locust Grove Children's Christmas Program

MYF: Grades 10-12-Bible Study will meet Tuesday this week at the church at 7:15. **Wednesday meet at the church at 4:45** to travel to the District Field Hockey Game at Bald Eagle. Bring money for admission.

MYF Fundraiser: The MYF is selling homemade soup and ham & turkey sandwiches as a fundraiser for our upcoming mission trip. If you are interested please contact a member of the youth group to place an order.

Group: Grades 7-9. Meet at the church Sunday evening Nov. 5 @ 6pm for Bible study. 7th grade bring a drink, 8&9 grade bring a snack.



Do you enjoy working with children? Do you have a desire to share God's love with the children of Locust Grove? If you have been feeling a calling please come forward! We are currently hiring a full time Children's Ministry Coordinator for our congregation. We are accepting applicants through the end of the month. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Lyle Yoder or Joyce Staley. The search committee covets your prayers as we seek to fill this position.

Pastor Appreciation Month: October is Pastor Appreciation Month!! Let's remember to show our Pastors how much we appreciate them!

Tuesday morning-10 am- Mom's Bible study on Minor Prophets led by Jenny Goss. Please meet in the nursery to accommodate moms with young children.

Apple Butter: The young adults still have apple butter available. If you are interested in purchasing, please see Ivan & Pam.

Grief Share: We plan to begin this Grief Share, a grief support group on Tuesday evening November 14 at 7pm at Locust Grove. This program will continue meeting weekly for 13 weeks and is meant to help and encourage individuals after the death of a loved one.

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Join us as we study "The Real Heaven." A Bible study by Chip Ingram that reveals, through scripture, what God wants us to know about the hereafter and how it affects our decisions today. Very thought provoking and life changing. This study will begin on Thursday, November 16th, from 9:30-11:30 am and will meet weekly, in the Encouragers Sunday School room, on Thursday mornings for 6 weeks. Michelle Snook will be leading this study. Sign-up sheet is on the Women's Ministry Board.

The "Let Me Help" ballots are distributed in our adult Sunday School classes and also available in the foyer. Please take some time this morning to fill them out and return them to our church office.

Hymn Sing: There will be a hymn sing on Wednesday, November 8th at 6:45 p.m. at Valley View Activities Room.

A big **thank you** to all who went to the MCC Resource Center in Ephrata last Thursday. Your hard work was greatly appreciated. Thank you as well to the ladies in the sewing, we delivered the beautiful quilts, comforts and wall hanging. May God Bless each of you

The "Quest" ladies Bible study will begin Thursday. We will be offering the study at both 1 pm and at 7 pm in the Encouragers Sunday School Room. Any questions please contact Pam.

New Address: Simon & Morgan Foote
7412 Coleridge Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28304

Congratulations to Samuel & Katrina Peachey on the birth of their son, Ayden William, born this past Monday, October 23 at 6:30 a.m!

Help wanted: looking for individuals in grades 7-12 who would be interested in being part of a group that would sing a few Christmas related songs at the Children's Christmas Program. Please see Shelby Hartzler if interested.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: There is a new Sunday School Class meeting in Sunday School Room #105, during the second service, which is being taught by Jeremy & Ashley Suydam. This class is designed for younger couples and singles. As the class begins, our focus and topics will center on outreach & service and how our faith interacts with the world. You are welcome to stop in for a visit or if you have questions talk to Jeremy or Ashley.

Birthday cards! Let's encourage James Lewis with letters and notes this week on his birthday Wednesday, at: James Lewis, 17-1146

Centre County Correctional Facility
700 Rishel Hill Road
Bellefonte, PA 16823-1488

MDS. The local Mennonite Disaster Service leaders are organizing a work group to go to Florida Nov. 11-18 to clean homes damaged by the recent hurricane. Both men and women are welcomed to help with this clean-up work. Contact David Kanagy if you are interested. 717.483.6383.

Belleville Mennonite School is hosting a Turkey Dinner served with traditional fixings of mashed potatoes, stuffing, green beans, cole slaw, a homemade roll and homemade pie or cake for dessert at the school *on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 4:00-6:30 PM* or until the dinner runs out. Dinner is open to the public. No advance ticket sales. Take outs are available. Meal costs include, ages 0-3, eat free; ages 4-10, \$7; ages 11 and up, \$11; and families of 5 or more are \$45. Call the school for more information, 717.935.2184.

Please help the BMS Spanish 2 and 3 classes distribute Bibles on our trip to Mexico. For \$10, we can buy Spanish Bibles and take them with us. We will pass out of the Bibles by hand. Please give money to Nora Grace Stoltzfus or put it in the Stoltzfus mailbox by November 18.

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.

PUMPKIN BREAD NEEDED! This month Backyard Ministries is asking for donations of pumpkin bread to be distributed during their door to door ministry. This would make a great family activity for parents, grandparents, and kids. Please write BYM on the package and place the loaves in the church kitchen freezer by Nov. 21.

Prayer Guide for October 29 – November 4

29 Sunday – *Malachi 4:5,6 "See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse."*

30 Monday – Nehemiah 12 & 13. Pray for **Samuel, Katrina and Ayden William Peachey** who was born last Monday morning at 6:30. Pray for God's grace and peace in this young family. Also pray for **Simon & Morgan Foote** and their family who moved to North Carolina last week.

31 Tuesday – Joel 1:1 – 2:17. Pray for the **Children's Ministry Coordinator search committee** led by Lyle Yoder and including Joyce Staley, Marybeth Strauser, Carrie Kanagy, Matt Reed, and Carrie Zook. Pray for wisdom and discernment in their discussions and interviews. Pray for a clear sense of God's presence and call in this process.

Nov. 1 Wednesday – Joel 2:18 – 3:21. Pray for **Max** as he concludes the renewal meetings at Croghan, New York tonight and plans to return home tomorrow. Pray for **Glen Peachey** as he prepares to lead the worship team. Also pray for **James Lewis** today on his birthday in the Center County Prison.

2 Thursday – Malachi 1 & 2. Pray for **Jim & Eileen Yetter** today. Jim is scheduled for surgery at York Hospital for an abdominal Aortic Aneurism. **Today is Pastor Max's birthday.** Let's thank God for him and the Christian leadership and care he provides to our church family.

3 Friday – Malachi 3,4. Pray for **Brooke Bulick** as she brings her two youngest children, Emmitt & Josie to a special child dedication service this coming Sunday morning in the first worship service at 9:00.

4 Saturday – Revelation 5,6 & 7. Pray for **Max** as he prepares a sermon for tomorrow on God's desire to fill the earth with his glory. Notice from the readings today the scope of this glory being reflected in each group of people in heaven. Pray for God to continue that work in our world today.