

Welcome To Locust Grove

November 5, 2017

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9:00 & 10:30 Morning Worship Service

Prelude: Joann Peachey

Worship Leader: Tom Clark

Worship Team Leader: Glen Peachey

Faith Story: Melissa Yoder

Sermon: Fill the Earth! - Max Zook

9:00 Child Dedication Service: Emitt & Josie Bulick

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- Sally Clark, Joshua and Sarah Kanagy

10:30- Nancy Peachey

Prayer List:

At Home: Don & Glenda Hartzler

Dennis & Diane Snook

At Valley View: Grace Stacy, A124 Valley View Terrace

Away: Sheldon, Cynthia, Jedediah, Annali, Caleb, & Malachi Sharp

Mission Spot: SEND in Teslin, Yukon, Canada: Sheldon, Cindy, Jedediah, Annali, Caleb, and Malachi Sharp. As the winter nights lengthen, pray that the light of Jesus will shine brightly through the Sharps. Pray for strength and perseverance to continue serving the Lord faithfully.

Reaching Out: Charlie Stump preaching at First Baptist Church, Lewistown

October 29, 2017

9:00 Worship Attendance	187
S.S. Attendance	332
10:30 Worship Attendance	187
Jr. S.S. Offering	\$4.00
Adult S.S. Offering	\$0.00
Morning Worship Offering	\$12,460.89

Week 42

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$490,260

YTD Morning Worship Offerings - \$474,200

YTD Income - \$616,793

YTD Expenses - \$564,583

This Week's Events:

Monday, 7:00 p.m. – Leadership Team meets

Tuesday, 7:00 a.m. – Men's Pursuit of God Bible study

Tuesday - Ladies' Sewing, bring your own lunch

Tuesday, 10 a.m.-Women's Bible Study, "Minor Prophets"

Wednesday, 6:45 p.m. – Hymn Sing @ Valley View Activities Room

Thursday, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.-The "Quest" ladies Bible

Upcoming Events:

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

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

MYF:Grades 10-12 Bible study, this Wednesday Nov. 8 at the church at 7:15. Sophomores & Juniors bring a snack and seniors a drink. **Bring your completed fundraiser order forms.**

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 or put your order on the form on Pam's office door by Wednesday. Orders on this form will not be delivered but will be in the church refrigerator Thursday morning Nov. 16.

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

Church Library Team Members: There will be a short meeting in the library today following the second service.

Thank YOU to everyone in our church family who encouraged us with cards, gifts, notes, words of encouragement and your love and support over this month of Pastor Appreciation and Max's birthday. We feel so privileged to be in leadership in this church family in which we sense so much love and support.

-Max and Brenda Zook

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

The "Quest" ladies bible study-next meeting-Thursday, November 16th, at both 1 pm and at 7 pm in the Encouragers Sunday School Room. Any questions please contact Pam.

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.

Grief Share: We plan to begin Grief Share, a grief support group, on Tuesday evening November 14th at 7pm at Locust Grove. This program will continue meeting every Tuesday evening for 13 weeks. Grief Share is meant to help and encourage individuals after the death of a loved one. If you are aware of anyone, within the church family or broader community, who may benefit from this type of support please encourage them to contact Ivan or Pam.

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.

Looking Ahead: The annual CMC Pastor's Conference will be held February 19-22, 2018 here at Locust Grove, and is being hosted by the Allensville, Barrville, Locust Grove, and Mt. View congregations. We need persons who would be willing to provide lodging in your homes for Pastors who will be attending. If you would be willing to help in this way, please contact Marian Hartzler at 717.935.2728. Thank you!

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 Sat., 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 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.

David & Martha Clymer (Water Crisis Alleviated): For about 3 years the shortage of water was a major challenge for the management of the Meserete Kristos College (in Ethiopia) as they tried to keep the grounds green, the trees growing, and the flowers blooming. They were forced to give up on growing vegetables for the kitchen and the local market which meant one less way to generate income for the College. This crisis was finally alleviated in July when the college contracted a company to come in and drill. Now the College has a 130 meter deep well that yields 20 liters per second. The price, including pump and installation came to \$50,000. This was paid for by the generous response of donors to a matching grant challenge of \$25,000 given by Martha Clymer to honor the memory of her deceased husband, the late Dr. David Clymer, a beloved family physician. Through many years of support, David and Martha promoted the vision of Meserete Kristos College: "to provide solid training in God's Word so that many people will see that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life." May this well be a lasting monument to this devoted couple!

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.

The flags hanging in the sanctuary represent the locations where Locust Grove is supporting & praying for the work of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They represent persons who have been called out of our midst to do a special work, to proclaim the Lord's glory among the nations.

1. Canada-Sheldon & Cindy Sharp & children
2. Costa Rica-Curtis & Cathy Sharp & children
3. Florida-Greg & Sharon Kanagy & children, Tyler & Annie Yoder, Emma Peachey, Keith & Christine Bitikofer & children
4. Indonesia-C&H
5. Moldova-Bob Plank
6. Mozambique-Matt & Debbie Zook & children
7. New Guinea-Rick & Anji Zook & children
8. Nicaragua-Nicholas Laudespalda
9. Ecuador-Dion & Naty Peachey & children
10. Pennsylvania-People from our church family
11. Phillipines-Francis & Leah Daytec & children, Kendra Fultz
12. Romania-Alin & Gabi Ciorogar & children, Gaby & Mihaela Fodor Visan
13. Spain-Phil & Maretta Barr
14. Turkey-Bob Plank
15. Tajikistan-Bob Plank and Wakhi
16. USA-People from our church family in other states

Missionary Moments: YWAM in Cluj, Romania: Alin, Gabi, Melissa, Julia and Caleb Ciorogar : We left you at the end of August. The trip back home was good. A couple of days after we arrived home Alin left to lead worship at the Youth with a Mission National Conference. Gabi and the kids stayed home because the kids needed a little bit of rest before the school year started. Now all our kids are in school again. For the first time in 6 years they are all in one building and that is a huge blessing. In September we hosted a seminar about the spiritual gifts from the word of God. It was a time for people to learn who they are in God and what is their function in His Kingdom. It is great to see them go back to their homes, and churches and serve out of freedom in Jesus. We are now getting ready to send a team to Kenya, to serve in an orphanage. The project that they are taking on is the enlarging of a dining room and to paint the class rooms of the local school. Please pray for this trip and all the details that need to fall into place: finances, air plane tickets, ministry opportunities, health and vaccines necessary for Africa. Alin will be going with the team. Over the last 20 years we've been praying for Romania, and the Romanian church to raise up and go into mission through: giving, prayer and going. It is a joy now to see that prayers are being answered. Alin has been

asked by pastors in Cluj Napoca, to lead an inter-confessional prayer group for the Muslim world. The family ministry that we are involved in leading, is meeting over the next week-end for planning the family camps in Romania for next year. We will be meeting for 2 days with the staff of the camp and we will work on all the details for national camps we will have in 2018. Very exciting. One sad news is that we were schedule to travel to a European prayer meeting in Gibraltar. We were not able to find affordable tickets. It was very sad because we lost money but also because we were not able to come together with the prayer teams and pray for Europe. Please be praying for our family, for God to open a door to buy a family home. We've been renting or living on the ministry center for 19 years. We desire a home for ministry; a home that will be a retirement investment and also an inheritance for our children. We know this is a big miracle and we know that only God can make it happen. THANK YOU for joining with us in prayer.

SEND in Teslin, Yukon, Canada: Sheldon, Cindy, Jedidiah, Annali, Caleb, and Malachi Sharp: As usual this summer and fall have been busy but this year has been exceptionally so. My parents officially made the move to Teslin this summer and we started building a house (we will be starting drywall this week). They are currently living with us until their house is finished. It has been a challenge but at the same time good to have them here, as we look to the future I believe they will have a positive impact on our community. Also this summer, Derek and Jenny were gone and so we kept Teslin Bible fellowship going in their absence. And this fall our church has been actively helping one another out: stacking firewood, building a porch, pouring a foundation. It has been good to see our fellowship come together in mutual aid. This fall it has been good to see God using me at the bank to minister to the community. Numerous times individuals have opened up and shared their struggle with me. Just today an older fellow after sharing his health struggles, said, "you . . . you have faith in Jesus right, because I do too and I have been praying to Him, that he would help me not worry about my health." He asked me to pray for his brother also with health problems, that he too would have faith and trust in Jesus. I told him it would be a privilege to pray for these things with him.

Prayer Guide for November 5 – November 11

5 Sunday – *Gen. 12:3. I will bless those who bless you, and curse whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.*”

6 Monday – Pray for three people in our church family who are confined to their homes because of physical needs: **Sara Ann Yoder, Floyd Hostetler, and Sadie Byler**. Pray also for **discernment for our leadership team** in their monthly meeting this evening.

7 Tuesday – Pray for the **search committee** as they meet and interview candidates for the **children’s ministry coordinator role**. Pray for special insight into the role, vision for ministry both to and with children, and clarity for discernment team members in reaching a decision about direction.

8 Wednesday – Pray for **Ivan** as he prepares a sermon for Sunday and pray for **Theil** as he prepares to lead the worship team. Please be in prayer for our **Mission Month** through November. Pray for the Holy Spirit to be moving in our church family expanding our vision for His Kingdom.

9 Thursday – Today let’s pray for **L. Marlin and Twila Yoder**. Pray for Marlin as he cleans the church building each week and pray for Twila in her ongoing struggle with chronic back pain. Pray for encouragement in their marriage and family.

10 Friday – Please for **Kendra Fultz** as she adjusts back in to serving in the Philippines after a weekend of travel. Please pray for **Emmanuel**, son of Jake Peachey who has a head injury and is recovering at Danville.

11 Saturday – Pray for **Max** as he prepares to preach at the Oak Dale Church near Salisbury, PA tomorrow and pray for our **Gideon speaker** who will be coming to share about the work of distributing Bibles. **Also, pray for and encourage Ivan Yoder today on his birthday!**