

Welcome To Locust Grove

November 26, 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.....
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Church Office..... 717.935.2164

9:00 & 10:30 Morning Worship Service

Prelude: Spotts Family
Worship Leader: Rob Plank
Worship Team Leader: Sherryl Yoder
Faith Story: Bradley Hartzler
Sermon: You Follow Me!, John 21:22, Ivan Yoder

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

Nursery: Infants through 3 year olds-

9:00 – Matt & Jess Geissinger
10:30 – Bronson & Jenny Goss, Chloe Renno
*Next Week: 9:00- Lauren Reed & Ashley Newman
10:30- Karen Yoder, Chisomo VanSciver, Lexi Melanson

Prayer List:

At Home: Frank & Edith Hartzler
Cynthia Sausman

At Valley View: Martha Yoder, 118 Valley View Terrace

Away: Evan Yoder, 1040 Capistrano Ct, Apt. 307, Frederick, MD 21703

Mission Spot: Pray for the Hispanic community at the Smithfield and Huntingdon Correctional Institutions as we go into the holidays. These special family gathering time are difficult times for those incarcerated when they are not able to celebrate these special moments with their families.

Reaching Out: Charlie Stump preaching at First Baptist in Lewistown.

New Members: Next Sunday morning we plan to receive **Jack & Susan VanSciver** as members in our 9:00 a.m. worship service.

November 19, 2017

9:00 Worship Attendance 198
S.S. Attendance 348
10:30 Worship Attendance 162
S.S. Offering \$16.00
Morning Worship Offering \$10,749.75

Week 45

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$523,755
YTD Morning Worship Offerings - \$509,415

This Week's Events:

Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. – “The Case for Christ” – Allensville Mennonite Church
Tuesday, 10 a.m.-Women's Bible Study, “Minor Prophets”
Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. - Bob Plank's Bible study on Matthew, Rm. 103
Tuesday, 7 p.m. – Grief Share, Room #102
Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-The Real Heaven Bible Study, Rm. 103
Thursday, 1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.-The Quest Bible Study, Rm. 103

Upcoming Events:

December 16, 2017, 9 -11 AM-Practice for Children's Christmas Program
December 17, 2017, 7:00 p.m.: Locust Grove Children's Christmas Program

Group, Grades 7-9: Bible Study on December 3.

Young Adults: Meet next Sunday, Dec. 3 at Pam & Ivan's for lunch & discussion.

MYF: Grades 10-12: No MYF this week.

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

Bob Plank's Bible study: Bob Plank holds a weekly Bible study here at the church on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 in room 103. They are currently studying Matthew. All are welcome to attend!

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

Children's Christmas Program Practice: The 1st - 4th graders will be dismissed at 9:55 to practice from 10 - 10:45 each Sunday. PreK/K students will practice during the usual assembly time of 10:15 - 10:30.

Please be in prayer about the following needs in the Children's department: Nursery director, teacher for the 3 year olds in the 1st session, and 2 teachers for the PreK/K class in the 2nd session. Contact Joyce Staley (717-483-0080) if you are the answer to those prayers.

Christmas Song Sheets: If your child is in grades 1-4 and did not receive the song sheet for the Christmas program please contact Shelby Hartzler. Please practice these songs with your children throughout the week to help them get more familiar with them. The sheets were sent home with your child last Sunday. Thank you!

Grief Share: Grief Share, a grief support group, meets Tues. evenings at 7pm at Locust Grove. 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.

2017 is the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Starting Dec. 10th, the *Soli Deo Gloria* Sunday school class will begin a study of the five solas of the Reformation: Sola Scriptura (Scripture alone); Sola Gratia (grace alone); Sola Fide (faith alone); Solus Christus (Christ alone); Soli Deo Gloria (for the glory of God alone). In sum, the solas mean: Scripture alone is our guide. It teaches us that our salvation comes by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone to the glory of God alone. To kick-off our study, on December 10th Randy Yoder will speak on the reasons for the Reformation. If you are interested in learning more about the Protestant Reformation, we invite you to join us for our study on the five solas of the Reformation beginning December 10th. We meet during the second Sunday school period. –John Baker

Hosts Needed: 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!

Congratulations to Daniel & Rachelle Yoder on the birth of their second daughter, **Janessa CarolAnne**, born Monday, Nov. 20! Let's encourage them with cards at 304 Cedar St., Keuka Park, NY 14478.

BMS Fruit Sale: Tomorrow is the last day to order fruit from the BMS Senior Class. Call or text Tami Peachey 717-437-0871, or any senior class member!!

Lead Pastor Position Available: Valley View Retirement Community is seeking a Lead Pastor to direct and provide spiritual care to our residents, their family members, and our employees. Responsibilities include leading Sunday morning worship services and weekly Bible studies, conducting Memorial services and resident visitation and supervising the associate pastors. The successful candidate must be, or become within one year of employment, a credentialed minister of the Conservative Mennonite Conference. This is a full-time position reporting to the CEO. Interested candidates may submit their resume to:

Kent Peachey, CEO, Valley View Retirement Community
4702 East Main Street. Belleville, PA 17004 kpeachey@vvrconline.org
Candidates may also apply online at www.vvrconline.org

Israel Trip 2018! A group of 22 persons, mostly from our church, plans to tour Israel March 19 – 29. Included in the group are Alin & Gabi Ciorogar, our missionaries in Romania. Max and Brenda are receiving donations to assist them to make this trip for their encouragement and education. Also, some space is still available if you would like to join them. Contact Max or Brenda Zook if you are interested.

South Africa Mission Funds. Several months ago, we hosted a lunch to raise funds to send Holly and Grace VanSciver to South Africa. After their visa was denied and they decided to remain here in Belleville, the funds remaining after expenses were returned to our church from RMM and have been deposited into our Mission Support Fund to support future mission projects.

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

Prayer Guide for November 26 – December 2

26 Sunday – *“It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:7,8*

27 Monday – Pray for **Twila Yoder** in her recovery from surgery last week to repair a fractured femur. She is recovering at home with Marlin. Also pray for **Sadie (Mrs. Ernest) Byler's** family members during this time of releasing her as she moves to heaven. Pray for comforting grace for each one.

28 Tuesday – Pray for **Jim and Jane Lewis** today on their wedding anniversary. **James Lewis** is in Center County Prison until he goes to Huntingdon County Court house on December 7 for sentencing after being found guilty. Thank God for the great in-home care Jane is receiving.

29 Wednesday – Pray for **Jay Yoder** as he prepares to lead our Advent singing this coming Sunday. During December this year we plan to sing traditional Christmas hymns and carols. Pray for **Max** as he prepares to bring our morning message from Isaiah 9:2-7. And pray for our **Children's Ministry Coordinator** search committee in their ongoing work.

30 Thursday – Pray for several **Bible study groups** that have recently started meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays in our church, including a Tuesday evening **Grief Share group led by Ivan and Pam**. Pray for healing, grace, and growth for each group participant.

Dec. 1 Friday – Pray for **Carman Groff and Melissa Yoder** in Nepal working and learning in a leprosy hospital and preparing to take their skills to a leprosy village in India on December 12. Pray for divinely appointed connections on this trip and opportunities to communicate the love of Jesus meaningfully.

2 Saturday – Pray for **Jack & Susan VanSciver** as they become members of our church tomorrow. Pray also for **Holly and Grace VanSciver** as they continue working and going to school in this community instead of South Africa! Pray for the directors of the Leadership Experience from South Africa, **George and Michelle**, who plan to be with us here at Locust Grove on December 17.