

# Welcome To Locust Grove

December 10, 2017

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## 9:00 & 10:30 Morning Worship Service

Prelude: Dan Fry  
Worship Leader: Max Zook  
Song Leader: Andrea Kauffman  
Sermon: Silent Night? Ivan Yoder

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

### Nursery: Infants through 3 year olds-

9:00 – Justin & Amanda Byler, Sydney Jerman  
10:30 – Clint & Heather Yoder, Chesney Delozier  
\*Next Week: 9:00- Kristin, Hannah and Naomi Diehl  
10:30- Michelle Kline, Sherry Miller, Isaac Byler

### Prayer List:

At Home: Jay & Ellen Hartzler  
Darren, Judith, David, & Rachel Saldubehere  
  
At Valley View: Lois Yoder, A317 Valley View Terrace  
  
Away: James Zook, Bald Eagle Boys Camp  
1077 Wilderness Road, Mill Hall, PA 17751

**Mission Spot:** The group of Joy Seeker ladies have been seeking JOY to the World since July 2013. Over mountains of triumph and through valleys of deep trials we come to together every Monday evening, meeting in the Lewistown Presbyterian Church Library room. We gave thanks as we experienced a Christmas party together in one of our ladies' home, which has become a tradition. However, there are many needs among us.... such as needing a home, needing a job, going through custody cases, overcoming the power of addictions, and burdens for family, friends, and persons we meet to accept the love of God into their lives and experience JOY! We treasure your time spent with Our Heavenly Father interceding for us. We say thanks, and may you experience JOY because you seek His Face with us!

**Reaching Out:** Charlie Stump preaching at 18<sup>th</sup> St. Community Church in Altoona.

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December 3, 2017

9:00 Worship Attendance ..... 192  
S.S. Attendance..... 349  
10:30 Worship Attendance ..... 202  
S.S. Offering ..... \$15.32  
Morning Worship Offering..... \$20,100.75

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### Week 47

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$546,085  
YTD Morning Worship Offerings - \$544,365

### This Week's Events:

Monday, 7:00 p.m. – “The Case for the Bible” – Allensville Menno. 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, 9:00 a.m. – The Real Heaven Bible Study, Rm. 103  
Thursday, 1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.-The Quest Bible Study, Rm. 103  
Saturday, 9 -11 a.m. - Practice for Children's Christmas Program

### Upcoming Events:

December 17, 7:00 p.m. - Children's Christmas Program & Live Nativity  
December 24, 7:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Service

**Group, Grades 7-9:** Christmas Trivia. Bring a \$5.00--\$10.00 gift for exchange. Time to be announced.

**Young Adults:** Meet December 17th, following church, at Ivan and Pam's for a Christmas lunch. Wear your favorite "ugly Christmas sweater".

**MYF: Grades 10-12:** Meet at 7:15 Wednesday for Bible Study. Guys bring a drink, girls bring a snack.

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

**Church Calendar:** If you have any changes or your birthday and/or anniversary is not included in our church calendar, please email [kara@locustgrovemc.org](mailto:kara@locustgrovemc.org) or call her at 717-935-2164 as soon as possible to get this in there.

**Parents & Children:** Sunday, December 17, we will be temporarily concluding breakout sessions and discontinuing the sand bucket with candy. Activity pages will still be provided at both entrances.



**Needs in the children's department:** Nursery Director; **first session:** PreK/K teacher, 3 year old teacher; **second session:** 2 PreK/K teachers. Please contact Joyce Staley at 717-483-0080 to help fill these needs.

**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.

**Join us after the Christmas Program** on December 17<sup>th</sup> for a live nativity, crafts, cookies and hot chocolate! This is a fun, family event to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Also, if you would like to **volunteer to bring cookies**, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the gymnasium.

**MYF PORK AND SAUERKRAUT FUNDRAISER MEAL**-Come and join us from 5:00 to 6:30 Sunday evening, December 31st, for our annual pork and sauerkraut meal. All proceeds will go towards summer mission experiences for our high school youth. Thank you for supporting our Youth.

Congratulations to **Wesley & Kristin Reed** who welcomed **Trapper Stephen** on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Trapper is the grandson of Linda Reed.

We want to **thank our church family** for the wonderful love and support we received during my father, Floyd Hostetler's, illness and death. Your prayers and many acts of kindness carried us through. A special thank you to Max and Ivan for walking with dad through his final few weeks here on earth and for making his memorial service special. David and Cam Long & family

**Israel Trip 2018!** A group of 24 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.

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

**Christmas Carol Singing** at Valley View Terrace activities room on Wednesday, December 20 at 6:45 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

**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!

**2017 is the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.** Starting Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup>. We meet during the second Sunday school period. –John Baker

The Barrville Mennonite Church is hosting **the Sky Family** for a Celtic Christmas Program. The concert will be on Wednesday evening, Dec. 13 at 6:30 PM and the church is located at 48 Barrville Mountain Road, Reedsville PA. There is no cost to attend and a free will offering will be taken to assist in the music and ministry of the Sky family.

**Hope Alive Group Treatment Program** for men and women will begin a new group in the beginning of the new year. This group may be for you if you are ready to dig in and resolve those issues that cause you pain, or nightmares, or difficult relationships. Are you asking yourself: "Why do I think and act as I do?" "How does my childhood abuse and neglect cause me pain today?" "What affect does my pregnancy losses have in my current family life?" Discover and know yourself better. Now is a good time to schedule an evaluation and question/answer session with me. Call for an appointment: Karen Yoder at 935-2685.

**Karen Spicher and Jae Young Lee**, who live in intentional community and do peacebuilding work in South Korea, are looking for several families in the area who would like to host and share life with Korean learning tour participants, from the evening of Sat., Jan. 20, to the morning of Mon., Jan. 22. The learning tour they are a part of is organized by Korea Peacebuilding Institute (KOPI). Before visiting Big Valley, the group will visit Zehr Institute for Restorative Justice in Harrisonburg, MCC in Akron, and the Nickel Mines Amish community. They are a group of mostly school teachers (some traveling with their children!), and many have a deep interest in Mennonites and Amish. Not all are Christians, though many are. Some speak English; some speak very little. If you are interested in this opportunity for hospitality, service, and international friendship, please speak with your pastor or email [spicherkaren@gmail.com](mailto:spicherkaren@gmail.com) for more information. Thank you!

### *Prayer Guide for December 10 – December 16*

10 Sunday – *Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!* Luke 1:45

11 Monday – Pray for **Lois Peachey** who spent time last week At Geisinger to receive a pacemaker. Also pray for **discernment and clarity** in our search for a Children’s Ministry Coordinator.

12 Tuesday – Pray for **Carmen Groff and Melissa Yoder** as they travel to India to begin serving the residents of a leprosy community in the West Bengal state of India. Pray for the details of the trip to work out with a pastor and pray for God to bring people into their lives with whom they can share Christ’s love.

13 Wednesday – Pray for **Max** as he prepares a message for this coming Sunday and pray for **Leon Miller** as he prepares to lead Christmas songs, including “Angels We Have Heard,” the theme song for this Sunday.

14 Thursday – Pray for **Sheldon & Cindy Sharp** in Teslin, Yukon and **Dion & Naty Peachey** in Ecuador during the Christmas season to sense God’s Spirit leading and providing grace for them in their ministry and work

15 Friday – Pray for **Kendra Fultz** in the Philippines this weekend as she is on a trip to provide a Christmas experience for the children of three other villages. Kendra is coordinating some of the activities for at least 210 kids in the villages.

16 Saturday – Pray for **Amanda Yoder and Shelby Hartzler** as they lead the children this morning in a rehearsal for their annual children’s Christmas program planned for tomorrow evening at 7:00. Also pray for **Kara Kauffman** and a **team of volunteers** preparing a Christmas live nativity in the gym after the evening program.

“We are thrilled that you have chosen to worship with us today! There is nothing quite like joining with people in a sense of unity and the single purpose of bringing praise and honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Our prayer is that you will be encouraged, refreshed and challenged in your walk with Jesus.”