

# Welcome To Locust Grove

December 17, 2017

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

Prelude: Duke Larson  
Worship Leader: Ivan Yoder  
Song Leader: Leon Miller  
Sermon: Angels, What Have We Heard? - Max Zook  
Missionary Testimony: George & Michelle from South Africa

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

### Nursery: Infants through 3 year olds-

**9:00** – Kristin, Hannah and Naomi Diehl  
**10:30** – Michelle Kline, Sherry Miller, Isaac Byler  
\*Next Week: 9:00- Daniel & Nadya Peachey  
10:30- Cheston & Jen Hartzler, Jana Nardis

### Prayer List:

At Home: Joe & Trudy Hartzler  
Barbara Rogers

At Valley View: John & Cora Byler, 4702 E. Main St, Room 506

Away: Scott & Kelly Conner, 1003 Boundary Blvd,  
Rotonda West, FL 33947

We welcome **Annie Sue Newman** to our church family! Annie was born Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> to Gabe & Ashley. Annie is also welcomed by big sisters, Lillian & Kensley.

**Mission Spot:** Christmas will be different experiencing the holidays in a country without family and some new traditions. Pray for the Curtis Sharp, Matt Zook, Sheldon Sharp, and Dion Peachey families. Also, remember the Daytecs & Kendra along with the Rick Zook family. Pray that the new year will be a blessing for them in their ministry.

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December 10, 2017

9:00 Worship Attendance ..... 196  
S.S. Attendance ..... 376  
10:30 Worship Attendance ..... 203  
S.S. Offering ..... \$35.25  
Morning Worship Offering ..... \$11,695.00

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### Week 48

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$557,250  
YTD Morning Worship Offerings - \$555,760

### This Week's Events:

Tonight, 7:00 p.m.- Children's Christmas Program & Live Nativity  
Monday, 7:00 p.m. – Leadership Team Prayer at the Derstein's cabin  
Tuesday, 7:00 a.m. – Men's Pursuit of God Bible Study  
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  
Wednesday, 6:45 p.m.-**Christmas Carol Singing** at Valley View Terrace  
Thursday-9 am-"The Real Heaven" women's bible study-Room #103

### Upcoming Events:

December 24, 7:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Service

**Group, Grades 7-9:** Meet at the church today. **We will begin at 5**, please pick up your youth at 6:45. There will be **no activities or supervision for Group after 6:45pm so that the youth can join their families for the Children's Program.**

**Young Adults:** Meet today at Ivan and Pam's for a Christmas celebration. Please be festive, ugly sweaters/shirts are encouraged.

**MYF: Grades 10-12: -"MYSTERY MEAL"-6 pm** at the church. Please come dressed as your favorite Christmas character.

**Parents & Children:** Today, 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.

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

**Join us after the Christmas Program** tonight 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.

***Kids:*** Time for your best artwork for the next issue of our church news magazine, *The Connection* which will have the theme: ***Looking at creation, finding the Creator!*** Since our winter world is mostly black and white, I'm calling for lots of vivid colors for these projects focused on something in creation! If you'd rather write, go for it! I'm looking for poetry, stories about an experience in God's great world, or your thoughts about a favorite creature!

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

**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.

**Coming soon to a library near you...**New looks, new books, and a reading contest for all ages with some great prizes! (Stay tuned for details...we need to get through December first!!!) In the meantime, check under the sofa for books and videos you might have forgotten to return to the library or for leftover material from the elective classes that aren't in use. Also, we are hoping to expand the library's selection of books for tweens and teens. We need great books for kids between picture books and adult fiction. If you have gentle used, quality reading material that you would be willing to pass along, contact Carmen Groff or Brenda Zook. And, if you've read books that you would like to recommend for us to purchase for the library, let us know – put a list in our mailbox, send a message, or just tell us the title/author and we'll see what we can do! ***We read to know that we are not alone. C.S. Lewis***

It's time to start thinking about the next issue of our church news magazine, **The Connection**, which will be published later this winter. Theme? ***Looking at creation, finding the Creator!*** How do you connect with God through our amazing world? Share a story about a time you heard "heaven and nature sing..." while sitting in a tree stand or on a blanket in the sand or when looking through binoculars, a telescope or a microscope. How does creation connect you with your Creator? Sure we'll be reading these stories wrapped in a cover, holding a hot mug in the deep chill of February, but it's always a good time to remember the wonder of God's year-round creativity! Pass along your thoughts, poetry, or story to Brenda Zook through her mailbox or email [brendaebyzook@gmail.com](mailto:brendaebyzook@gmail.com).

**End of Year Reports:** If you are responsible for an End of Year report, please have those to me by January 7, 2018. I have placed reminder letters in people's mailboxes who will need to turn one in. Thank you, Kara Kauffman

"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."

**service** tomorrow morning and a **worshipful candlelight Christmas Eve service** tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m.

*Prayer Guide for December 17 – December 23*

17 Sunday – *Luke 2:13& 14 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."*

18 Monday – Pray for **Chase, Allison, and Jude Peachey** after Jude experienced second degree burns in an accident at their home last Sunday. He spent several days at the Lehigh Valley Burn Center before coming home late this week. Pray for the Peachey family in Jude's recovery at home.

19 Tuesday – Pray for **Carmen Groff and Melissa Yoder** as they complete their work with the leprosy community in India and return to Nepal for their flight home on Thursday. Pray for ongoing health and healing for the leprosy patients, courage and love for **Darjee**, the translator, to share with them after Carmen and Melissa leave, and a safe trip home and good conclusion to this mission trip.

20 Wednesday – Pray for **J. Irvin Zook** as he prepares to lead our worship this coming Sunday morning with the song, "O Come, All Ye Faithful." Pray for **Ivan** as he prepares a sermon and for **Max** and **Ivan** as they prepare to share a Christmas communion service this coming Sunday morning.

21 Thursday – Pray for **Dion, Naty, Gaby & Marcus Peachey** in Quito, Ecuador, today on Gaby's birthday! Pray for others from our church family away from home over Christmas this year: **Kendra Fultz** in the Philippines; **Sheldon & Cindy Sharp** in Yukon; **Rick & Angie Zook** in New Guinea; **Matt & Debi Zook** in Mozambique; **Curtis & Kathy Sharp** in Costa Rica; and **Gregg & Sharon Kanagy** in Florida.

22 Friday – Pray for **families anticipating Christmas events this year with a family member missing**. Pray for **Miles and Jenny Filson** after Miles' father died just last week. Pray for **single parents** as well as the **participants** in the **Grief Share** for whom the Christmas season is especially stressful and painful.

23 Saturday – Pray for **moments** in which the Spirit leads us in worship of Jesus this weekend, to see Jesus in his simplicity, humility, and humanity. He is Emmanuel, God With Us! Pray for a **meaningful Christmas communion**