

# Welcome To Locust Grove

December 24, 2017

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

Prelude: Spotts Family  
Worship Leader: Max Zook  
Song Leader: J. Irvin Zook  
Sermon: Ivan Yoder  
Christmas Communion Service

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

## 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

This evening's service will include congregational singing and special music by Duke Larson, Dan Fry, and Hannah Spotts. Ray Byler, Ray Zook, and Mim Peachey will each share their Christmas reflections before we conclude the service with a candlelight singing of Silent Night.

## Nursery: Infants through 3 year olds-

9:00 – Daniel & Nadya Peachey  
10:30 – Cheston & Jen Hartzler, Jana Nardis  
\*Next Week: 9:00- Jeff & Carrie Zook  
10:30- Trevor & Lauren Weaver, Sarah Kanagy

## Prayer List:

At Home: Mike, Steph, Jonathan, Joshua, Kate, & Leah Hartzler  
Rob & Gin Renno

At Valley View: Effie Hostetler, 321 Valley View Haven

Away: Gregg, Sharon, Hope, & Katie Kanagy  
44810 Farabee Rd, Punta Gorda, FL 33982

**Mission Spot: The Leadership Experience (LXP) and Ithemba Family Church: George and Michele Mwanza (Samuel, Anna, Daniel and Mary) in Jeffreys Bay, South Africa.** Please pray for George as he continues to lead and direct LXP, a cross-cultural servant leadership program designed to

disciple and equip emerging leaders, and that George will continue to discern the will of God as he senses God leading him to implement new initiatives to deepen the impact of life change within families and communities. Pray for Michele as she leads the women's ministry through the church- that the ladies will realize and internalize their worth and value in God's eyes, despite their culture and circumstances telling them otherwise. And pray for both of them as parents as they seek to balance family and ministry.

**Pray for Sheldon and Cindy Sharp in Teslin, Yukon,** and friends of theirs, Doug & Jane with their son, Dougie. Doug has received cancer treatments in the past but more recently his kidneys are not functioning properly, and the doctors have sent him home, unable to do further intervention. Pray for Jane as she cares for her husband in the precious few days that may be left for him. Thank God that Doug is a believer in Jesus, but pray for a clear witness of the truth of Jesus to his family and friends.

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December 17, 2017

9:00 Worship Attendance ..... 209  
S.S. Attendance..... 406  
10:30 Worship Attendance ..... 201  
S.S. Offering ..... \$26.00  
Morning Worship Offering ..... \$12,528.00

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## Week 49

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$568,415  
YTD Morning Worship Offerings - \$568,289

## This Week's Events:

Tonight, 7:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Service  
Tuesday-Women's Bible Study, "Minor Prophets" **will not** meet this week.  
Tuesday, 7 p.m. – Grief Share, Room #102  
Thursday, 1:00 p.m.-Ladies' Bible Study, "Quest" will meet in room 103.

## Upcoming Events:

Sunday, Dec. 31, 5:00-6:30 p.m.-MYF Pork & Sauerkraut Fundraiser meal  
Sunday, Dec. 31, 7:00 p.m. – Evening of Prayer

**Bob Plank's Bible study will not meet** until Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be studying Ephesians. All are welcome!

**Parents & Children:** Starting today, breakout sessions is temporarily concluded and the sand bucket with candy has been discontinued. Activity pages will still be provided at both entrances.

**Group, Grades 7-9:** Meet at the church at 6pm Sat. Dec. 30 for our New Year's eve celebration. Grades 7 & 8 bring a snack and freshman bring a drink. Youth can be picked up at 10 pm.

**MYF: Grades 10-12:** Meet at the church at 3:30 pm next Sunday afternoon to prepare for the Pork & Sauerkraut fundraiser. Sunday evening, New Year's Eve @ 7pm - 12am Amazing Race, bring a snack and a drink. (there is no Wednesday evening meeting this week).

**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.

Thank you to **Amanda Yoder, Shelby Hartzler, Meagan Byler**, and the **Sunday school teachers** in the junior department for the fun and meaningful Christmas program. Thanks, also, to **Kara Kauffman** and her **crew of volunteers** for the live nativity, crafts and refreshments after the program. *Joyce, Marybeth, and Carrie*

**Attention Ladies:** You are invited to a weekend getaway at Tranquil Lodge January 5th-7th. Join us for all or part of the weekend for rest and refreshment! Bring your favorite hobby or come just to fellowship and relax! Contact Gwen Renno (717-935-2209) for more information.

**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.”

## *Prayer Guide for December 24 – December 30*

24 Sunday – *Come and worship, come and worship Christ the newborn King!*

25 Monday – Gal 4:4-6 *When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”* **Praise God for this indescribable gift!**

26 Tuesday – Pray for **Ellen Hartzler** whose mother, Ruth Showalter, from Greencastle, PA, died last Monday. Pray for other **families experiencing grief and pain** during these holidays.

27 Wednesday – Pray for **Max** as he prepares a New Year's message for this coming Sunday from Romans 12, and pray for **J.D. Yoder** as he prepares to lead our congregational singing time on Sunday morning.

28 Thursday – Pray for the **youth of this church**, college students who are home this week, school students who are spending time with their families, and youth groups preparing to be together this weekend. Pray for **God to speak through our teachers and youth leaders** to disciple young followers of Jesus for lifetimes of faithful service.

29 Friday – Praise God for the way he has led the **search committee and elders** in the search for a **Children's Ministry Coordinator**. Pray for **God's direction** for everyone involved and thank God for the faithful leadership of **Joyce Staley, Marybeth Strauser, and Carrie Kanagy**. Pray for God to continue **blessing and loving the children** of this congregation through a terrific group of volunteers and teachers!

30 Saturday – Pray for **MYF**, preparing a pork and sauerkraut meal for tomorrow evening as a fund-raising event for their international summer mission trip. Pray for **Ivan and Pam** during this busy weekend as they spend time with each youth group in various year-end activities.