

Welcome To Locust Grove

Rooted in Truth, Growing in Love

March 11, 2018

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9:00 & 10:30 Morning Worship Service

Prelude: Kristyn Byler

Worship Leader: Lyle Yoder

Worship Team Leader: Sherryl Yoder

Sermon: "And Loved Him" Mark 10:17-22 - Max Zook

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

7:00 p.m. Young Adults will lead an evening of worship

Nursery: Infants through 3 year olds-

9:00 – Justin & Amanda Byler, Sydney Jerman

10:30 – Clint & Heather Yoder, Chesney Lauer

*Next Week: 9:00- Hannah & Naomi Diehl, Hope Staley

10:30- Michelle Kline, Isaac Byler, & Quinn Renno

Prayer List:

At Home: Melanie, Devin, & Dylan Kansagra

Samuel, Susie, Alayna, & Anthony Peachey

Valley View: Grace Stacy, A124 Valley View Terrace

Away: James Zook, 1077 Wilderness Rd, Mill Hall, PA 17751

Reaching Out: Mayard Beitzel is preaching at Allensville Lutheran today.

Mission Spot: RMM in Southern Spain, Phil and Maretta

Barr. Understanding the culture of another society is critical when presenting the Gospel and missionaries must be able to distinguish between what's truly biblical and what is cultural when communicating spiritual truth. Please pray Phil and Maretta can understand and appreciate local customs. Pray they can be respectful, humble, and wise as they share truth.

March 4, 2018

9:00 Worship Attendance 186
S.S. Attendance 378
10:30 Worship Attendance 186
S.S. Offering \$21.25
Morning Worship Offering \$15,039.11

Week 10

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$103,815

Actual Morning Worship Offerings - \$96,841

This Week's Events:

Tonight- Evening of worship led by young adults

Monday, 7:00 p.m.- Leadership Team Prayer

Monday 7:00 p.m. - Men's Basketball in the gym

Tuesday, 6:30-8p.m.- Kids' Club

Tuesday, 6:30p.m.- Ephesians Bible Study, Room 103

Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. – Israel Trip Group Meeting

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - PIYO in basement. Cost is \$5.

Upcoming Events:

March 18th & 25th – Gregg Allen teaching on Bible prophecy

March 27th – Kids' Club, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Parents are invited to come at 7:30 for a celebration!

March 30, 7:00 p.m. – Good Friday Evening Communion Service

May 6th – 16th, Young Adults Outreach trip to Echo Ranch Bible Camp in Juneau, Alaska.

MYF Grades 10-12: Bible Study Wednesday, 7:15 p.m. at the church. We will begin to tackle a few of your question box questions. Seniors bring a drink and sophomores a snack

Group Grades 7-9: Meet tonight, 6-8pm at the church for Bible Study. Freshman bring a drink and 7 & 8th grade bring snacks.

Young Adults: Meet at Ivan and Pam's after church for lunch and discussion.

Church Treasurer: Please contact Max or Drew Derstein if you or someone you know would be willing to serve as our church treasurer.

Marriage Retreat We are planning a *Seasons of Marriage* weekend for April 27-29. If you are interested, please contact Ivan and Pam for more information.

5th & 6th Grade Girls & Boys: "Rooted" is a new youth group just for you that will meet the 3rd Sunday of every month from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. The first gathering will be Sunday, March 18th. Come join Doug & Michelle Snook in the gym at Locust Grove for Bible study, games, and food! Please contact Doug or Michelle with any questions
717-228-9042-Michelle; 717-250-8652-Doug.

Attention Men: We are looking forward to and planning to begin several new small groups for men. These groups will run for a 6-8 week period beginning in early to mid-April. These groups will be open to men of any age and be designed to be a time to develop relationships, and to support and encourage each other. If you would like to be involved please contact Randy Yoder @ 814-222-0091 or for more information, talk to Ivan.

Ladies (18 and up) We are planning a weekend backpacking adventure to the PA Grand Canyon West Rim Trail on August 2nd – 5th. If you are interested, contact Pam.

Parents: Pre-K - 4th grade will be singing "Hosanna, Praise is Rising" on Palm Sunday, March 25th at the end of the first service and the beginning of the second service. Those children who are in church the first service will be dismissed to come downstairs to Junior Worship at 9:55. The children who are in Sunday School during first service, will be dismissed to their parents downstairs in the Junior Worship area after they are done singing at 10:55.

Ladies Event- Planter Arrangement with Succulents! On Saturday, May 5th come for a morning of fellowship over breakfast, followed by time creating a unique succulent garden! Kaye Martin will be instructing, please bring one 6 to 8 inch container for your garden. Cost is \$8.00. Sign-up sheet on the women's ministry bulletin board!

Baby Clothes for Romania: Anyone interested in donating to items for the Romania trips, please have your new or gently used baby clothes (sizes newborn to 4T) to the church or to Susan Fagan by March 18th for packing. They can be left under the coat rack to the left of the new entrance.

15th Annual Heritage Hymn Sing Sunday, March 18th at 6:30pm. Come to the Valley View Amish and Mennonite Church for an evening of Christian hymns and gospel songs in acapella and four-part harmony.

MYF Fundraiser The MYF will be selling Mariana's Hoagies/Pizzas to help raise funds for their mission trip to Quito, Ecuador. You can place your order in your Sunday School Class and will be responsible to pick up your order in the Church Fellowship Hall on **Thursday, March 29th** between **4-6 pm**.

Mariana orders are **due, next Sunday, March 18th**. If you have any questions, contact Sherry Miller at 348-8775 or Pam Yoder 363-6547. Thanks for your support!

Ministers in the Belleville area are planning **the first annual Big Valley "Time of Caring"** for April 12, 13, and 14 when we will be serving our community with lawn work, general clean-up, painting, and many other projects. Volunteers will meet each morning at the community center at 9:00 and return for lunch 12-1 before heading out to complete work projects. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board to volunteer to serve or to invite people to help you with a project at your place. Our coordinator is Pastor Doug Pierce.

Juanita Byler is looking for her copy of the Passion Pursuit DVD Series that was loaned out after the winter elective classes in 2017. Please check your library at home and return it to Juanita as soon as possible. Thanks!

National Women's Conference will be held September 27th-29th, 2018 in Indianapolis. See the Women's Ministry Bulletin Board for more details.

Mission Update: Melissa Yoder- Hello Locust Grove! My first month in Romania has been an amazing experience! I am so thankful that I have this opportunity to be supported and sent by my church to work alongside the YWAM ministry in Cluj- Napoca. The team working here, led by Alin and Gabi, graciously welcomed me to become part of them; and quickly became my family, friends, mentors and co-workers. I am so blessed to know them and grow in my relationship with Christ alongside them! God has been opening my eyes to many, many things about Him, myself and the world around me. He has continually taught me about the intimate relationship that He wants with me and my identity in that. He is healing the broken areas of my life and graciously allowing me to face my many weaknesses. Being surrounded by strong Christian examples and being vulnerable and honest with a team has allowed much growth in my life. I have also learned a lot about the Holy Spirit and His active work in our lives and people around us. I have seen healing and prophecy in people's lives. The power of the Holy Spirit is available to us all, we must simply listen and obey Him. My daily schedule consists of playing piano for worship, along with administrative and hospitality responsibilities. I am also involved with the gypsy ministry (Pata Rat) and go once a week to spend time with the kids and do a program for them. I have also been working with one of my coworker's son who has Down Syndrome. This family has been a huge blessing in my life! I have also been involved in the community through church, 40 Days for Life street protest, and taking Romanian lessons (which I so enjoy)! Thank you all for your prayers and support! Please continue to pray for adjustments to the language and culture, and for God's continual work in my life! Melissa

Prayer Guide for March 11– March 17

11 Sunday – *Mark 10:21 Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."* 22 *At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.* Pray for Christ's love to free us from the trap of the love of money.

12 Monday – Pray for people recovering from the flu or with other health related issues: **Joe Diehl, Shawn Yoder, Rob Plank, Bob Watts.**

13 Tuesday – Pray for the **children** that will be participating in tonight's Kids' Club to learn about prayer and God's invitation for them to trust Jesus through prayer. Pray for **Doug & Michelle Snook** as they teach the Lord's prayer and lead the activities. Pray for all the **volunteers** and wisdom for **Kara** as she coordinates the children's activities.

14 Wednesday – Pray for **Abe Hoffman** as he prepares with a worship team this evening to lead our worship on Sunday. Pray for **Ivan** in his preparation for a sermon on Sunday. Pray for **teachers** of our children to point out to their students the amazing stories of Jesus and God's Spirit throughout the Bible.

15 Thursday – Pray for group members planning to leave Monday for a **tour of Israel**, for God to prepare them for a deeper understanding of the Bible and a stronger faith in Jesus and His life and ministry. Pray for **Max & Brenda** as they lead; **Ivan & Pam Yoder, Gerald & Pat Yoder, Nathan & Tami Peachey, Darwin & Pat Yoder, Tim & Carmen Groff, Denny & Diane Snook, Drew & Karen Derstein, Scott & Michelle Snook, Ron & Mary Rowe, Rick & Dottie Kenepp,** and **Alin & Gabi** from Romania. Pray for their tour leader, **Itai Lavee.**

16 Friday – Pray for **people in Romania** that our teams will be getting to know in a few weeks. Pray for the **babies** for whom we are donating clothing. Pray for God's Spirit to prepare each person going to Romania to be filled with the love of Jesus so they can serve as His hands and feet.

17 Saturday – Pray for **5th and 6th graders** in a new group, "Rooted" as they meet tomorrow evening for Bible study and activities led by **Doug & Michelle Snook.** Pray for their faith to grow deep in the love of Jesus and to be deeply rooted in the stories of God's faithfulness in His Word.

*We are disciples of Jesus Christ, encouraging all people to become
His fully devoted followers.*