

Welcome To Locust Grove

Rooted in Truth, Growing in Love

March 18, 2018

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9:00 & 10:30 Morning Worship Service

Prelude: Spotts Family
Worship Leader: Max Zook
Worship Team Leader: Abe Hoffman
Sermon: Ivan Yoder

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

7:00pm Evening Service- Pastor Gregg Allen will teach on prophecy

Nursery: Infants through 3 year olds-

9:00 – Hannah & Naomi Diehl, Hope Staley
10:30 – Michelle Kline, Isaac Byler, & Quinn Renno
*Next Week: 9:00- Daniel & Nadya Peachey
10:30- Cheston & Jen Hartzler, Miriam Stoltzfus

Prayer List:

At Home: Dave & Sue Kauffman
Samuel, Katrina, & Ayden Peachey

Valley View: Mabel Stayrook, A213 Valley View Haven

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

Reaching Out: Mayard Beitzel is preaching at Maple Grove this morning. Bob Plank leaves Wednesday for a few weeks of ministry in Romania.

March 11, 2018

9:00 Worship Attendance 176
S.S. Attendance (Jr. Dept) 106
10:30 Worship Attendance 197
S.S. Offering \$19
Morning Worship Offering \$19,195

Week 11

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$115,350
Actual Morning Worship Offerings – \$116,036

This Week's Events:

Tonight, 6:30pm- Heritage Hymn Sing @ Valley View AMC
Tonight, 6-8pm- Rooted (Grade 5th & 6th) in the gym
Monday, 7:00pm- Men's Basketball in the gym
Tuesday, 10am - Mom's Bible Study in Church Nursery
Wednesday, 6:30pm - PIYO in basement. Cost is \$5.

Upcoming Events:

March 25th 7pm- Gregg Allen teaching on prophecy
March 27th 6:30 – 8:00pm Kids Club (Grades K-5) *Parents invited at 7:30pm for a celebration*
March 30th 7pm- Good Friday Communion Service
April 9-20 – Church Kitchen Renovation
May 6th – 16th, Young Adults Outreach trip to Echo Ranch Bible Camp in Juneau, Alaska.

MYF Grades 10-12: NO MYF this week! If you are planning on going to Quito on our summer missions trip, you **MUST** have your passport to Ivan and Pam by **April 15th**.

Group Grades 7-9: Meet next Sunday, March 25th from 6-8pm at the church for Bible Study. Guys bring a drink, girls bring a snack.

Young Adults: Meet next Sunday, March 25th for lunch at Rob and Rena's house following church.

Elders' News: We are looking for a volunteer to serve as our church treasurer. If you are interested in serving please contact J.B. Eby.

CHURCH NEWS

Pastoral Contact: Max & Brenda and Ivan & Pam are planning to be in Israel from tomorrow morning through Thursday, March 29. For pastoral needs, you may contact Mayard Beitzel at 483.6644 or 814.506.5447, Gary Galloway at 935.0003 or 682.365.3569. Our secretary, Steph Hoffman will be in regular contact with our pastors in Israel and you can contact her at 717.437.0448 or steph@locustgrovemc.org.

Hope Alive is planning to begin a group within the next month. Individuals who are interested are encouraged to connect with Karen Yoder and complete an evaluation. This group may be meeting from April to October, the day of the week depends on group members. 717-935-2685 or 717-348-2827.

There will be No Ephesians Bible Study on Tuesday evenings for the next few weeks. It will resume on April 24th.

Card Shower is planned for Mary Alice French for her 90th birthday on March 30th. Her address is 280 W. Holiday St, Apt 207, McVeytown, PA 17051

My Coins Count Offering: There will be a special offering lifted for My Coins Count on Sunday, March 25. This is a coin offering to be given to MCC at the 62nd PA Relief Sale on April 6-7th at the PA Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg. My Coins Count is designated for food projects around the world. There also is a large water jug beside the welcome table to place coins. More information can be found MCC's website at <https://mcc.org/learn/what/food>

Romania Donations: Today is the final day to have your new or gently used baby clothes (sizes newborn-4T) to the church, or to Sue Fagan for packing.

Ladies Event (18 & up) 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 along with any other decorations you would like to add (miniatures, rocks, etc). Cost is \$8.00. Sign-up sheet on the women's ministry bulletin board!

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.

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

MYF Mariana's Hoagies/Pizzas- Your order can be picked up in the Church Fellowship Hall on **Thursday, March 29th** between **4-6 pm**.

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

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.

Mission Spot: Kendra Fultz in the Philippines. Kendra's term of service with the Barnabas Fund/Philippines is nearing completion and she will be returning to the US at the end of March. She plans to find a job as an RN and pursue her BSN through Millersville University. Please pray for Kendra as she makes the difficult transition between cultures and relationships. Also, Paul and Althea are planning to leave today for the Philippines to visit Kendra and will be returning home with her. Pray that this will be a blessed time together; meeting people important to Kendra and seeing where she has ministered the past 8 months.

MDS Missions Opportunity MDS is organizing several trips to Puerto Rico this spring. Space is limited and expected to fill quickly. If you are interested in going, contact Marv Peachey 717-483-6360 or Dave Kanagy 717-483-6383.

Dates available:

- March 31-April 7
- April 7-14
- April 14-21
- April 21-28
- April 29- May 5

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Rooted: "Rooted" is a new youth group for kids in grades **5th & 6th grade** led by Doug & Michelle Snook. They will meet the 3rd Sunday of every month. Meet in the gym **tonight** from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. for Bible study, games, & ice cream sundaes!!

Kid's Club: The last Kid's Club will be Tuesday, March 27th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Parents are invited to join us at 7:30 to listen to the children sing their songs, recite the Lord's Prayer, and celebrate Jesus' death & resurrection with a special snack!

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.

Parents check out the code on your child's bulletin. This code unlocks games at games.childrensbulletins.com. This week's code:

Ages 3-6: **AS4817**

Ages 7-12: **HMXQ59**

COMMUNITY NEWS

Belleville Mennonite School is hosting an **Open House** for prospective families to explore all that the school has to offer on Friday, March 23, 2018 from 5:00-8:00 PM. Teachers will be in their classrooms to answer questions, tours will be available, and a Kindergarten Bear Hunt event will take place. The **8th Grade Living Museum** will be on display in the gym and a **Homemade Chicken and Waffles Dinner** will take place from 5-7pm. The cost of the meal is as follows: ages 0-5, FREE; ages 6 and up, \$9 and for families with 4 or more members, the price is \$35. The price for prospective new families is \$2/person. The dinner is open to the public.

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.

Missions Prayer Time will be held on Monday, March 19th at 9am in the Valley View Terrace Activities Room.

Prayer Guide for March 18– March 24

18 Sunday – *Then the master told his servant, "Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full. Luke 14:15-24*

19 Monday – Pray for the **Byler family** today on what would have been John M. Byler Sr.'s 91st birthday. Pray God's comfort and grace with each person in our church family and community who has experienced the death of a family member in recent months

20 Tuesday – Pray for **Shawn & Emily Yoder** in their journey with Shawn's cancer diagnosis. Pray for God to guide them in their discussions of possible treatments. And pray for **Ray Zook** as he prepares for back surgery on Wednesday, March 28 in State College.

21 Wednesday – Pray for **the group in Israel**, including **Alin & Gabi** from Romania, for an inspiring time of spiritual growth and learning about the land of Israel and the stories of the Bible. Pray for **Melissa** in Romania and **Bob** as he travels to Romania today to be an encouragement to the people there.

22 Thursday – Pray for several **families** in our church who are experiencing tough financial times due to low milk prices and unemployment. Pray for the **Fate family** while Bill is training to receive his CDL to be able to get a job driving truck.

23 Friday – Pray for the **students and faculty** of the Belleville Mennonite School during this evening's Open House and Chicken Dinner. Pray for God to guide families as they consider sending their children to the school and pray for the board, administration, faculty and staff of the school to provide a solid Christ-centered education to their students.

24 Saturday – Pray for **Gary Galloway** as he prepares to bring our sermon tomorrow morning on the subject of "Hearing God." Pray for **J.D. Yoder** as he prepares to lead our congregational worship time and pray for **Kara**, her volunteers, and our children who will participate in our special Palm Sunday morning worship service tomorrow.

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

