

Welcome To Locust Grove

Rooted in Truth, Growing in Love

March 25, 2018

Senior Pastor.....Max Zook 717.348.4488
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9:00 & 10:30 Morning Worship Service

Prelude: Duke Larson

Worship Leader: Mike Hartzler

Worship Team Leader: JD Yoder

Sermon: Hearing God - Gary Galloway

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 – Daniel & Nadya Peachey

10:30 – Cheston & Jen Hartzler, Miriam Stoltzfus

*Next Week: 9:00- Jeff & Carrie Zook

10:30- Trevor & Lauren Weaver, Sarah Kanagy

Prayer List:

At Home: Theil & Andrea Kauffman

Roger Peachey

Valley View: Anna Margaret Yoder, A213 Valley View Terrace

Away: Peter Ebersole, PO Box 501, Mountoursville, PA 17754

Pastoral Contact: Max & Brenda and Ivan & Pam are in Israel through Thursday, March 29th. 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.

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.

March 18, 2018

9:00 Worship Attendance 169
S.S. Attendance 373
10:30 Worship Attendance 255
S.S. Offering \$18.51
Morning Worship Offering \$11,690.55

Week 12

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$126,885

Actual Morning Worship Offerings – \$127,726

This Week's Events:

Monday, 7:00pm- Men's Basketball in the gym

Tuesday, 7:00am- Men's Pursuit of God Bible Study in the Café

Tuesday, 10:00am - Mom's Bible Study in Church Nursery

Tuesday, 6:30-8:00pm Kids Club (Grades K-5)

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

Friday, March 30th 7:00pm- Good Friday Communion Service

Upcoming Events:

April 9-20 – Church Kitchen Renovation

April 15th- Rooted (Grades 5th & 6th) will meet from 6-8pm

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

MYF Grades 10-12: Bring your favorite board or card game and meet at Jay & Karen's on Wednesday at 7:15pm. Guys bring a drink, girls bring a snack. If you are going to Quito for our summer mission trip, you **MUST** have your passport to Ivan & Pam no later than **April 15th**.

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

Group Grades 7-9: Meet tonight at the church from 6-8 for Bible Study. Guys bring a drink, girls bring a snack.

Young Adults: Meet at Rob and Rena's for lunch & discussion today following church.

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

CHURCH NEWS

Meals on Wheels: Locust Grove is scheduled to cook & serve Meals on Wheels April 10th, 17th, & 19th. Items needed are: cabbage, potatoes, gelatin salads, cakes, & pies. To donate, please call Rita at 717-935-5244.

Stove Needed: If you have an electric stove you are not using, or you know of someone else who does, and are able to give it to a single mom who is in need of this, please contact Ann Kanagy at 717-437-4946. Matthew Henry said, "All our gifts to God were first His gifts to us." Thank you for sharing God's gifts with others.

My Coins Count Offering: There will be a special coin offering lifted today to be given MCC & is designated for food projects around the world. There is a large water jug beside the welcome table to place coins through next Sunday.

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.

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.

Ladies There will be no Ladies Fun Night this year. However, we are planning several smaller events throughout the year. Stay tuned!

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.

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!

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

MDS Missions Opportunity MDS is organizing several trips to Puerto Rico this spring. If you are interested in going, contact Marv Peachey 717-483-6360 or Dave Kanagy 717-483-6383. Space is limited. Dates available: March 31-April 7; April 7-14; April 14-21; April 21-28; April 29- May 5

Mission Spot: DC4K in Kenya In Eldoret Largos, 44 kids graduated from the DC4K program on December 24. In Kenyan culture, education is highly esteemed, so kids took seriously the scripture verses they were learning. During the program, children recited the 13 scriptures and several kids preached. After Christmas, DC4K began again in the Christian Church International. Sister Beatrice is helping to lead DC4K on Saturday at the International Vision Centre-Baharini. We hope to ship a DC4K kit and an additional 100 activity books to Pastor Tony & Bishop Hudson's church in Katale, the Christian Church International Emoru. This has been a goal since our visit in May 2017, as they have more than 100 children they are working with, many who live with a Single mom. Pastor Tony now has access to wifi, & will be able to participate in the leadership training online, saving literally thousands of dollars that can be used on other mission projects. Please pray for children involved in these programs in Eldoret and Katale, Kenya, and please pray for the leaders, Pastor Tony, Sister Beatrice, and Pastors Titus and Eunice Musyimi who are working with hurting kids and their families. And, join us in praising God for His faithfulness in providing funds for shipping more materials.

Note from Rick and Anji Zook: Recently, there has been a large earthquake in PNG, which happened in a different province, the Southern Highlands, from where we are. We are not directly affected. However, the area where the quake happened is devastated- houses, gardens, roads, trails people walk on, have been lost to mud slides and cell phone towers have been knocked out. Infrastructure has been seriously affected and relief is very slowly getting to the people who need it. The people who live there live on mountain spurs and ridges, in small hamlets and villages. If you would like to help our organization Ethnos360 and NTMPNG get relief to the people in these areas you can go to **Ethnos360.org** On the tab for giving, you can label the gift "**FOR THE PNG DISASTER FUND**". You can also list the PNG FIELD ACCT# number as PNG-218200. That way you know your gift is going to where it can help others.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Parents of children in Grades Pre-k-4th: Your children will be singing the song, "Hosanna, Praise is Rising" today, in front of the congregation at the end of the first service and the beginning of the second service. Those children who are in church during the first service will be dismissed to come downstairs to Junior Worship at 9:55 a.m. The children who are in Sunday School during the first service, will be dismissed to their parents downstairs in the Junior Worship area after they are done singing (approx. 10:50).

Cupcakes: If you signed up to bring cupcakes for Kid's Club on March 27th, please place them in the kitchen by 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday. If you have any questions, please call Kara at (717) 437-1473. Thank you!

Summer Activities: Planning has begun for Mega Sports Camp (June 11-15) and Vacation Bible School (June 24 - 27). We will need lots of volunteers to make these two wonderful ministries a success. If you are able to volunteer at one or both of these events, please contact Kara at 717-437-1473 or kara@locustgrovemc.org.

Last Kid's Club is this Tuesday, March 27th for the spring. Parents, you are invited for the last half hour (7:30) to listen to the children sing their songs and recite The Lord's Prayer which they have been learning over the last month. Afterwards, we will have a celebration with light refreshments.

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: Z11376
Ages 7-12: SCCG32

COMMUNITY NEWS

Saving and Sharing: Everence is presenting a workshop to help people meet their financial needs while leaving the legacy they've envisioned. *Saving and Sharing your Money*, will be presented from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 28, at Maple Grove Mennonite Church in Belleville. There is no charge to attend. A light brunch will be provided. Please RSVP by April 20 by emailing michelle.newswanger@everence.com or calling (717) 653-6662 and asking for Michelle Newswanger.

Position Opening: St. John's Christian Day Care is looking for an individual to provide cleaning services for our center effective immediately. Flexible hours. Please call Kristen at 935-2959 for more information.

COMMUNITY NEWS (Continued)

St. John's Christian Day Care is hosting an **Usborne Book Fair!** Come browse and buy quality books for children and support the day care. Located in the church library, it will be open March 26th from 1-6 p.m., March 27th & 28th from 1-5 p.m, and March 29th from 1-6 p.m.

BMS School Sale: Belleville Mennonite School is hosting the 53rd Annual Auction on Friday, April 20 and Saturday, April 21, 2018 at the school. Friday evening will feature a homemade, traditional turkey dinner with all of the fixings, from 4-7pm, children's activities from 6-8pm, and the Gift Certificate Auction at 6pm. Take-outs of the dinner will be available. Saturday will feature breakfast served from 6:30-10am, the Merchandise Auction at 8:30am, children's activities from 9-2pm, lunch from 10-2pm, the Outdoor Auction at 11:30am, and the Quilt Auction at 1:30pm. Come and enjoy this traditional event with a vast selection of homemade food, baked goods and unique merchandise items donated by our generous sponsors, community organizations and members. A complete listing of auction items can be found at www.bmsprek12.org.

The Lutheran Church in Reedsville is hosting Mrs. Peggy Jackson, better known in this area as Peggy Ann Bradnick, the 17 year old girl who was kidnapped during the spring of 1966 near Shade Gap, PA. She will tell her story about that experience and its impact on her life over the past 52 years. She will be speaking at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 15 in their fellowship hall.

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.

Prayer Guide for March 25 – March 31

25 Sunday – *My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. John 10:27*

26 Monday – Pray for people from our church family who are ministering in other areas and will not be with family members during Easter. Pray for **Kendra Fultz** in the Philippines, **Bob Plank** and **Melissa Yoder** in Romania; **Sheldon & Cindy Sharp** in Yukon, **Dion & Naty Peachey** in Ecuador, **Rick & Angie Zook** in Papua New Guinea, **Gregg & Sharon Kanagy** and **Keith & Cristina Bitikofer** in Florida. Pray for each of them to experience the risen Jesus in a fresh way this week.

27 Tuesday – Pray for **kids** who participate in tonight’s Kids’ Club, for a meaningful time of celebrating Jesus with their families. Pray for **Kara** as she directs the numerous volunteers who will lead this evening’s event.

28 Wednesday – Pray for **Ray Zook** in his back surgery today in State College. Pray for his family, **Joann, Marci, Hannah, & Zachary** today and during his recovery. Pray also for **Shawn & Emily Yoder** in their journey with Shawn’s cancer diagnosis. Pray for God to guide them in their decisions and plans for further treatments.

29 Thursday – Pray for the group going to Romania on Saturday: **Sue Fagan, Angie Knable, Ron Byler, Kristin Byler, Steve & Miriam Fisher**, in addition to some from other churches. Pray for them to be a blessing to the babies in the orphanage as well as some group members working on the youth center.

30 Friday – Read John 19 and **thank Jesus** for what he experienced willingly for us in his suffering and death. Pray for a meaningful time this evening at our Good Friday evening communion service.

31 Saturday – Pray for **Max** as he prepares an Easter sermon for tomorrow and pray for **Glen Peachey** as he prepares to lead our worship team. Pray for a meaningful service as we celebrate the power of Jesus Christ over death and the grave.

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