

Welcome To Locust Grove

Planted in Truth, Growing in Love

April 1, 2018

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9:00 & 10:30 Morning Worship Service

Prelude: The Hartzler Cousins
Worship Leader: Ivan Yoder
Worship Team Leader: Glen Peachey
Sermon: Max Zook

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

Nursery: Infants through 3 year olds-

9:00 – Jeff & Carrie Zook
10:30 – Trevor & Lauren Weaver, Sarah Kanagy
*Next Week: 9:00- Neil & Kendra Martin
10:30- Juanita Byler, Sophia Plank

Prayer List:

At Home: Tyler, Kara, Camden, & Bria Kauffman
Robert & Joann Peachey

Valley View: Martha Yoder, 118 Valley View Terrace

Away: Simon, Morgan, Ethan, Audrey, Lydia, & Jackson Foote
7412 Coleridge Dr, Fayetteville, NC 28304

Reaching Out: Pray for people from our church family in Romania: Sue Fagan & Angie Knable in Oradea caring for abandoned babies. Ron Byler, Kristin Byler, Bob Plank, Melissa Yoder, Phyllis Yoder, and Steve & Miriam Fisher are working on the youth center and encouraging the people as they build relationships. Pray that as they step out in faith and obedience to God that their spiritual life will be strengthened.

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

March 25, 2018

9:00 Worship Attendance 210
S.S. Attendance 372
10:30 Worship Attendance 192
S.S. Offering \$13.25
Morning Worship Offering \$10,023.75

Week 13

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$138,420
Actual Morning Worship Offerings – \$137,749

This Week's Events:

Monday, 7:00pm- Leadership Team
Tuesday- Ladies Sewing, please bring your own lunch
Tuesday, 10:00am - Mom's Bible Study in Church Nursery
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - PIYO in basement. Cost is \$5.

Upcoming Events:

April 9-20 – Church Kitchen Renovation
April 15th- Rooted (Grades 5th & 6th) will meet from 6-8pm
May 6th – 16th, Young Adults trip to Echo Ranch Bible Camp in Juneau, Alaska
June 11-15th- Mega Sports Camp
June 24th-27th- Vacation Bible School

MYF Grades 10-12: Meet at the church at 6:15pm or at Ferguson Valley Rd at 6:30pm for Shirleysburg. Bring money for McDonalds.

Group Grades 7-9: Meet next week, April 8th from 6-8pm for Bible Study.

Young Adults: Meet next week, April 8th at Ivan & Pam's for lunch & discussion after church.

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

National Women's Conference will be held September 27th-29th, 2018 in Indianapolis. This year's theme will focus on "Lies Women Believe and the Truth that sets Them Free". For more information, please contact Dolores Metzler at 717.437.5201, dmetzlerduo@verizon.net or Deb Yoder at 717.935.2030, yoderddb@embarqmail.com. Also see the Women's Ministry Bulletin Board for more details.

CHURCH NEWS

A special thanks for your contribution of food, cards, & prayers that were offered up during the death of our father, John Byler, Sr. May God bless you. In thanks, the Byler Family.

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.

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! This is the last day to sign-up!

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.

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.

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

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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with Kid's Club! It wouldn't have been possible without you. You are truly appreciated! Thank you for volunteering your time and your spiritual gifts to the children of this church and the community!

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. There is also a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the gym if you are able to help and would like to be contacted

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: WYVS41
Ages 7-12: FFM418

COMMUNITY NEWS

Position Opening: Everence Federal Credit Union has a part-time (10 – 17 hours/week) opening for a Member Services Representative (MSR) in our Belleville branch. Cash handling or retail service experience required; experience in financial services preferred. If interested, please contact Kari Cullen, at Kari.Cullen@everence.com or call 717-935-0025.

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.newswwanger@everence.com or calling (717) 653-6662 and asking for Michelle Newswwanger.

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.

Position Opening: Crossroads Pregnancy Center has 2 openings for a Client Services Director (part-time, 14-21 hours/week). One opening is in Mt. Union, the other is in Mifflintown. To learn more, please contact Cindy Mansberger at director@cpcfornlife.org or 814-643-3570.

COMMUNITY NEWS (continued)

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.

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MISSION UPDATES

Wycliffe in Orlando, Florida: Keith, Christina, Luke and Nicole Bitikofer: We have been hearing from our friends and colleagues in Tanzania that it is getting harder to get work visas and resident permits. Tanzania wants to be sure their own people do not lose jobs to foreigners. However, for many of our Bible Translation projects, we need to have at least some expats living in country to train and work with the nationals. Please pray these visas are granted so the work can continue. Luke spent his spring break on a missions trip to New Orleans working the homeless. He really enjoyed his week & we are thankful for this opportunity. Keith is super busy at work and seems to be getting busier. He had a successful trip to Germany, meeting with Wycliffe organizations from all over Europe. Please pray for him as he manages his time and wisdom as he works with the finance system replacement project, balances his other projects, and leads his staff team. Pray for Christine, Luke and Nicole as there is lots to be done to finish out the school year.

MISSION UPDATES (continued)

New Tribes Missions with the Lolo peoples in Mozambique: Matt, Debi, Melody, William, Nicholas, and Nathanael Zook: Praise that we received final copy of Jesus Film in Lolo this week. Pray for wisdom in a dedication service & distribution. Pray that our new house will be completed soon, that we might find water in the hand dug well, and that we'd have wisdom in this new area. We are anxious to move and begin ministry in a new community. Praise for continuing work on the Lolo Bible typesetting. Pray that it will speedily move through printing & shipping so that they can be in the hands of the Lolo people.

RMM in Southern Spain: Phil and Maretta Barr: We got to participate recently in Antonio's world. Antonio is a "pillar" in our local church and the man trying to get the farm school outreach project going at the Springs of Life Camp. During a morning prayer meeting, people were laying their praise and petitions before the Lord. Antonio began with praise but soon switched to praying for people and situations for which he has a burden. He prayed specifically for his family, as Antonio is the only evangelical believer in his extended family. His mother lived most of her life as a devoted Catholic, putting the rituals of the church before her husband & family. This is something she now regrets as she feels disillusioned with the church and distant from her husband. He prayed for Glicerio, his former business partner, who admires Antonio's faith, but is convinced that he can't take that step of faith himself. Then he prayed for Francisco, the engineer helping Antonio design the Springs of Life septic system. Francisco has heard Antonio's witness to the Gospel many times but still remains convinced that life on planet earth was started by aliens from another planet. He tries to convince Antonio that he should look into this more rational and scientific explanation of our origin. Then he prayed for Mario, the architect who is in charge of overseeing the approval process for the farm school project. All three of these work associates are long-standing friends of Antonio's, going back to their days at university together. Then there are his two children growing up in a secular world, hostile to faith, and bombarded with that perspective at school five days a week. He prays for them and other young people of the church that they might stand strong against that influence and hold on to their faith in the Lord. There's thanksgiving for the church, the fellowship of believers, family and friends, petition for the success of the farm school outreach project, and for a life of integrity that will contribute to the effectiveness of their witness to the many neighbors who do not yet know the way of salvation. It's a privilege for us to step into Antonio's world and add our amens to these prayers of faith. He'd appreciate yours too, I'm sure!

Prayer Guide for April 1– April 7

1 Sunday – *I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.*
Rev. 1:17,18

2 Monday – Pray for the **Leadership Team** in their monthly meeting this evening. Continue to pray for **Shawn & Emily Yoder**. Also pray for **Bob Watts** today on his 92nd birthday in room 518B at Valley View Haven. Bob is the oldest man in our church family.

3 Tuesday – Pray for the **women participating in the sewing** today. Pray for all the people around the world who will be warmed and encouraged by the items they sew today. Pray for **Arlene Yoder** and **Sharon Peachey** as they lead the women's sewing group.

4 Wednesday – Pray for **Ivan** as he prepares a sermon for Sunday morning and pray for **Theil & Andrea** as they prepare with the worship team for Sunday.

5 Thursday – Today on **Ann Kanagy's** birthday, let's pray for and encourage her. Pray for the **single parents** and many **children** that she has encouraged through her work. Pray for courage for her as she meets with families in custody court at the Courthouse twice a month.

6 Friday – Pray for the **teachers & students** (k-college) in our congregation as they head to school each day. Pray that they would reflect the light of Christ in their classrooms and that they would grow in wisdom and understanding.

7 Saturday – Let's thank God for the many **volunteers** of this church that contribute their time and spiritual gifts to help make our Sunday morning worship services glorifying to the Lord. Let's also thank the Lord for the many Sunday School teachers that contribute their time each week to teaching the children and adults of our church.

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