

April 22, 2018
Worship Service

Prelude

Duke Larson

Worship Leader

Max Zook

Worship Team Leader

Sherryl Yoder

Sermon

Ivan Yoder

“No Loopholes Needed”

1 John 2:1



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

7:00 Evening Program, with an offering

The Rosedale Bible College Chorale will share an evening of music.

Nursery: Infants through 3 year olds

9:00 – Kara Yoder, Heather Eby

10:30 – Sharon & Allison Besch

*Next Week: 9:00- Luke & Carli Donovan, Kara Jerman

10:30- Chase & Allison Peachey

Prayer List

At Home: Sanford & Micki King

Nancy & Katie Peachey

Valley View: Bob Watts, Room 518B, Valley View Haven

Away: David and Brandi Peachey

Mackenzie, Madison, Caleb, & Mallory

105 Gable Dr, Myerstown, PA 17067

Reaching Out: Mayard Beitzel is preaching at Belleville Presbyterian and Theil & Andrea Kauffman are singing at Vira Presbyterian Church this morning.

April 15, 2018

9:00 Worship Attendance.....	201
S.S. Attendance	373
10:30 Worship Attendance.....	222
S.S. Offering	\$18
Morning Worship Offering.....	\$12,535

Week 16

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$173,025

Actual Morning Worship Offerings - \$176,129

This Week's Events:

Today, noon- Church Fellowship Carry-In Lunch

Tonight, 7pm- Rosedale Bible College Chorale program

Tuesday, 7am – Pursuit of God Men's Bible Study, Basement Cafe

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

Tuesday, 6:30pm- Ephesians Bible Study, Room 103

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

Upcoming Events:

April 29th, 7pm – Kendra Fultz will share from her time in the Philippines

May 3rd, 8am- Senior Breakfast (60yrs old and above)

May 5th, 8am – Succulent Arrangement Class

My 6th – Elder Nomination Vote to select an elder to replace Rob Plank

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

May 13 – Mother's Day Parent/Child Dedication Services

May 18-19th- “Radiant Marriage” Seminar with Gary & Joquetta Galloway

May 19th, 6-8pm-Rooted Youth Group (*note this is a Saturday)

June 11-15th- Mega Sports Camp

June 24th-27th- Vacation Bible School

MYF Grades 10-12: Meet at church at 7pm. Bowling or Campfire (weather dependent)

Group Grades 7-9: Meet tonight at the church from 6-8pm for the Coffee House/Talent Show. 8th Grade bring a drink, 9th & 7th bring a snack. Hot beverages will be provided.

Young Adults: Join us for the fellowship meal today!

CHURCH NEWS

Fellowship Carry-in Meal. You are invited to join our church family for a Sunday lunch today. The staff is providing ham loaf as the main meat for this meal which is an appreciation lunch for all the volunteers in our church family who serve so faithfully. Come and join others for an encouraging church family event.

Elder Vote: In two weeks, on May 6, you will have the opportunity to nominate someone to serve as an elder to replace Rob Plank for a five year term. Please read 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1 as you prayerfully seek God for His direction.

New Bible Study The Family Circle Sunday school class is beginning a study of the book "**Prayer**" by Phil Yancy, during the first S.S. Session in room 105.

Bean Soup Supper. You are invited to bean soup and moon pie supper on Friday evening, April 27 from 5 – 7pm as a fund-raising meal for Mary Catherine Peachey who will be spending three months in Romania May 10th - August 7th this year. She plans to work in the Gypsy villages in Sighisoara a few weeks, on to the new born clinic for a week, then to Suceava for three different Bible camps, then to Alin and Gabi's place for a few weeks of work projects.

Need a Quick Meal? There are still several Scalloped Chicken Casseroles available in the freezer. In addition, Pizza Casseroles will also be available on Thursday, April 26th. 9x13 pan is \$20 and 8x8 is \$10. Thank you for continuing to support us as we prepare for our summer missions trip to Ecuador!

Baby Dedication Service. Max is planning a parent/child dedication service for Mother's Day, May 13. If you would like to participate, contact him.

The Single Moms Support Group is planning a community outreach May 5th from 1-4 pm at New Life Church in Burnham. The SPFM team plans to provide **FREE oil changes** to a limited number of Single moms vehicles that day. If you would like to sponsor an oil change for a Single mom in our community, please contact Mike Hartzler or Rob Plank. Sponsorships available for \$25.

Summertime and the livin' is easy...or at least warmer!! It's time to start thinking about the next issue of the Connection! Our theme is Summer: People, Places, Pastimes, and Past Times. Who helps or helped to make your summer days memorable? Want to share a list of top 5 vacations spots for families with little people? Start thinking now about summer (you probably already are...) and tell us about the people, places, pastimes, or past times from your unforgettable summers! Direct questions, poems, and articles to Brenda – brendaebyzook@gmail.com or 717-935-2469 or talk to me!!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Mega Sports Camp: Please plan to join us for Mega Sports Camp June 11-15 from 9:00-11:30 at the Belleville Playground. Sports being offered this year are basketball, cheerleading, flag football, soccer, and tennis. This is for kids in grades 1st (entering) - grade 5th (completed). There is a \$10 fee due the first day of camp. Registration will open April 30th! If you would like to volunteer to help with Mega Sports Camp, please contact Kara Kauffman at (717) 437-1473 or kara@locustgrovemc.org. There is also a volunteer sign-up sheet on the Children's Ministry bulletin board. Thank you!

Vacation Bible School: Plan to join us for our exciting "Rolling River Rampage" themed VBS this year, June 24-27 from 6:30 - 8:00 at Locust Grove! This is for children age 4 - grade 5 (completed). We will have Bible story skits, snacks, games, science experiments, and crafts all while learning how God is always with us in whatever "ride" life takes us on! So come and "experience the ride of a lifetime with God." Registration opens April 30th! If you would like to volunteer to help with Vacation Bible School, please contact Kara Kauffman at (717) 437-1473 or kara@locustgrovemc.org. There is also a volunteer sign-up sheet on the Children's Ministry bulletin board. Thank you!

Supplies/Props needed for VBS: We are in need of several props and supplies to help with VBS. If you have signed up for one of the non-disposable items, please be sure to put your name on it so it can be returned to you. The following are a list of items needed:

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| -Artificial Christmas trees | -Popsicle Sticks |
| -Empty soda cans (rinsed out) | -Pipe Cleaners |
| -Empty water bottles | -Inflatable Rafts |
| -Small Styrofoam coffee cups | -Oars |
| -Aluminum foil | -Life Jackets |

***Please check the list weekly as our needs will grow as more games and activities are chosen. Please contact Kara Kauffman (717) 437-1473 or kara@locustgrovemc.org if you are able to donate/loan any of these items. Thank you for your help with this!

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: ENCR60
Ages 7-12: HGQ880

MISSION SPOT

Mission Spot- Melissa Yoder, Cluj, Romania: Hello from Cluj! Spring is finally here and I am loving the warm days spent outside! The past couple of weeks have been busy with hosting teams and preparing for events here at the base. While Alin and Gabi were in Israel, my team worked hard on many construction projects in preparation. It was so much fun to come together and work in that way. Last week was such a blessing to be with the PA team in Sighisoara! I enjoyed working alongside them, especially with the gypsy kids. It was so good to see friends and family again! Thank you to everyone who sent me something, it was much appreciated!

Mission Spot Continued- This past week a team from Bethel, CA came for an event of worship and prophetic ministry. It is incredible to see how God is continuing to work in the hearts of the people of Cluj and the surrounding area! I was really blessed in these nights and enjoyed leading worship along with Alin and Andrea. God's presence was very alive and active and I love seeing the believers of Romania coming together to celebrate the goodness and power of God! It is truly incredible the work that God is doing here in Romania, but especially in Cluj! I am so blessed to be part of it! Also thank you to everyone, who supported and prayed for my dad and family as we went through this season. I am overwhelmed by God's healing in my dad and I am so very thankful for you, as our church, who was behind us! God is a healer, and please continue to pray for complete healing in his body. Lastly, please be praying for the YWAM base as we prepare to lead a teens camp in July. This will be a two week small DTS for teenagers in the area. Please be praying for God's leading in how to do this, and that He will bring the teens He wants to work in and through. Thanks so much for your prayers and support! ~Melissa

Gator Camp, Punta Gorda, Florida: Gregg, Sharon, Hope, and Katie Kanagy, Tyler and Annie Yoder, Emma Peachey. Pray for God's protection and provision to be upon Gator Camp. And that all who come on the property may see God's hand at work. Pray especially for Gregg and Tyler as they give leadership to the staff and the boys, and Emma as she cooks.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mifflin Co. Single Moms Support Group: A Single Moms Mother's Day Event is planned for May 5th, from 1-4 PM at the New Life Church, 101 N. Beech Street, Burnham, PA. The event will include for moms – pampering treatments, crafts, food, and door prizes. For the kids, there will be games, crafts, fun, and food. The first 20 women to enter will receive a free copy of *Kaye's Cookbook*. There is no charge for the event. The event is sponsored by the Mifflin County Single Moms Support Group, New Life Church, Locust Grove Mennonite Church, Evangel Baptist Church, McVeytown Presbyterian Church, and Lewistown Paper Company. Please text or call Ann at 717-437-4946 for more information.

Community Days of Caring. On April 12,13 & 14 over fifty people helped with 17 different jobs in our community, sharing the love of Christ through the united Body of Christ in this area. Thanks to the area pastors for planning for this first ever event and thanks to Pastor Doug Pierce from the Watts Memorial United Methodist Church for organizing it.

Zaid Alrawi, a graduate student at Penn State will be presenting an overview of work on his dissertation entitled, *Exploring Third Millennium B.C. Rural Economy in Mesopotamia* at the Allensville Mennonite Church building on Friday, April 27th at 6:30 p.m. Zaid uses GIS, satellite images, and old maps to explore resources in the recent and ancient times of southern Iraq. Zaid's presentation will include details about what life was like for people living around the time of Abraham, including some information on agriculture. Refreshments will be served following Zaid's presentation.

Mifflin County Mennonite Historical Society's annual meeting will be held on May 4th at 7pm at Big Valley Brethren in Christ Church. This year's presentation will be "J. James Brenneman, Big Valley Mennonite Country Doctor" by his grandson, Rob French.

Prayer Guide for April 22–April 28

22 Sunday – “*My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense, Jesus Christ the Righteous One.*” 1 John 2:1

23 Monday – Pray for **Ken Yoder** this week as he anticipates a heart catheterization on Friday at Geisinger for a rather serious heart condition. Pray for Ken & Phyllis during this rather apprehensive week. And pray for God to guide our church family as we prepare for an **elder nomination vote** on May 6.

24 Tuesday – Thank God for the volunteers who spend time with our high school youth group. Pray for **Jay & Karen Zook** today on their wedding anniversary and pray for **Nick & Sarah Peachey** on their anniversary on Thursday, April 26th. Pray for these adults to love and encourage our high school students out of a heart filled with the presence and power of Jesus and His Spirit.

25 Wednesday – Pray for **Max** as he prepares a sermon for Sunday morning from 1 John 2:12-20 about the contrast between the temporary attractions of the world and the eternal love of our Father. Pray for **Abe Hoffman** as he meets with a worship team to prepare to lead us in worship Sunday.

26 Thursday – Pray for **Mary Catherine Peachey** in her preparation to spend three months in Romania this summer helping in a variety of ministries. Pray for her families as they prepare for a bean soup meal tomorrow evening as a fund-raiser for Mary Catherine’s expenses.

27 Friday – Thank God today for the faithfulness of couples in our church to their marriage vows and love for each other. Today is **John & Enid Yoder**’s 66th wedding anniversary. Next month we will celebrate **Ray & Arlene Byler**’s 61st anniversary and in November, **David & Sadie Byler**’s 65th. Pray for these three couples who have been married over 60 years in our church family!

28 Saturday – Thank God for the way he led, protected, and spoke through **Kendra Fultz** during her ministry experience in the Philippines. Pray for her as she prepares to share from her experiences tomorrow evening in our church.

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