

**April 29, 2018
Worship Service**

Prelude

Jeremy Suydam

Worship Leader

Neil Renno

Worship Team Leader

Abe Hoffman

Sermon

Tests For Real Christians

1 John 2:3-18 – Max Zook



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

7:00 Evening Program

Kendra Fultz will share about her time in the Philippines

Nursery: Infants through 3 year olds

9:00 – Luke & Carli Donovan, Kara Jerman

10:30 – Chase & Allison Peachey

*Next Week: 9:00- Sally Clark, Hope Staley

10:30- Sherry Miller, Josh & Sarah Kanagy

Prayer List

At Home: Mike, Michelle, Isabella, Adella, & Scott Kline

Mim Peachey

Valley View: Cora Byler, Room 506, 4702 E Main St

Away: Dion, Naty, Gaby, & Marcus Peachey

Urbanizacion Grande Centeno

Calle Villalengua 1515 OE5-195 y Sancho De Escobar

Quito, Ecuador

Reaching Out: Mayard Beitzel is preaching at Allensville Lutheran Church this morning.

April 22, 2018

9:00 Worship Attendance	172
S.S. Attendance.....	371
10:30 Worship Attendance	215
S.S. Offering	\$18.40
Morning Worship Offering.....	\$8,832

Week 16

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$184,560

Actual Morning Worship Offerings – \$184,961

This Week's Events:

Tonight, 7 pm- Kendra Fultz shares about her time in the Philippines

Monday, 7 pm – Leadership Team meets for May meeting

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

Wednesday, 6:45pm- Hymn Sing at Valley View Activities Terrace Act. Rm

PiYO will **not** meet this week. Class will resume on May 8th.

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 (for those registered)

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 13th – 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 Wednesday at 7:15pm at the church for Bible Study. Seniors bring a drink, everyone else a snack.

Group Grades 7-9: Meet next Sunday, May 6th at 6-8pm for Bible Study & Trip Planning. 7th bring a drink, 8th & 9th bring a snack.

Young Adults: There will not be a lunch meal next Sunday, May 6th- those going on the Alaska trip will meet May 6th at midnight for departure to Alaska.

CHURCH NEWS

Elder Vote: Next week, 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 for someone to replace Rob Plank. Current elders are Lyle Yoder, Neil Renno, Drew Derstein, and Mike Hartzler.

With thanks: "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." These words describe the wonderful support we as a family have experienced from you, our church family. Thank you so very much for all your prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, and the delicious meals you have shared with us during my surgery and as I recuperate at home. May God bless you all! -Ray, Joann, Marci, Hannah, & Zackary Zook

Gospel Echoes Team Prison Ministry Fund Raising Banquet is Monday, May 7th, at 6:30 PM, at Belleville Mennonite School. All are welcome. Consider coming in support of our own active prison ministries: Joy Seekers, Sunday Services at Mifflin County Prison, and our own seven Bible Study Graders: Rita Yoder, Joyce Kenep, Mary (Paul) Hostetler, Jean Byler, Pat Yoder, Elsie Yoder and Sally Clark. Consider coming to learn more and explore ways you may become involved. Susie (Sammy) Peachey and Karen Yoder have tickets. Tickets are \$8.00 with ages 5 and under free.

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.

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.

Connection Articles: 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 – brendaebzook@gmail.com or 717-935-2469 or talk to me!

Need a Quick Meal? Another round of freezer meals (chicken tetrazzini) will be available on Thursday, May 3rd. 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!

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 opens tomorrow online! If you need a paper registration form, please see Kara. We are in need of Huddle Coaches- they assist the Head Coach and lead two 10 minute huddle sessions discussing the Mega Point for the day (there is a guide book for this). Please contact Kara Kauffman at (717) 437-1473 or kara@locustgrovemc.org to find out more information. There is 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 tomorrow online! If you need a paper registration form, please see Kara. If you would like to volunteer to help with Vacation Bible School as a group leader or group helper, 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 if you are able to donate/loan any of these items kara@locustgrovemc.org. Thank you for your help in this area. Your donation/loan of supplies helps to keep the cost of VBS down so that we are able to offer more programs that could help lead children to Christ!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Secret Keeper Girls: Come discover the power of true beauty and modesty, while connecting with your daughter and digging into God's Word. State College Alliance Church is hosting this event for Moms and Daughters ages 7-12 on May 12th from 3:30-6:00 p.m. For more information & tickets visit www.secretkeepergirl.com.

Hymn Sing Wednesday, May 2nd at 6:45pm at Valley View Terrace Activities.

Appalachian Songs: Norm Williams, from Breinigsville, PA will present a concert of Old-Time Appalachian songs and tunes, gospel songs, and other folk style music on May 5th, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Belleville, starting at 7:00pm. He is a performer/teacher of the mountain dulcimer who also play guitar, banjo, ukulele, native American flute, and vocals. A free will offering will be received at the door for the Big Valley Ministerium Discretionary Fund.

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.

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.

MISSION SPOT

Tom Fry, Provisions Bible Ministries: We at Provisions Bible Ministries have been invited to return to Cuba in May 2018, to do Bible conferences in several cities across the country. We plan to return to the city of Camaquey, where they want to have a conference of 500 pastors. P.B.M. also would like to hold 2 other conferences in 2 other cities while we are there, which will require a great deal of coordination. Please continue to pray for our team as we will need to find other teachers to go and help with the teaching. Please pray with us as we seek God's will for our ministry in Cuba. God bless you! –Tom Fry

Prayer Guide for April 29– May 5

29 Sunday – *“This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.” 1 John 2:5, 6*

30 Monday – Pray for **John F. Yoder** as he recovers from neck surgery this past Friday, for **Ken Yoder** in his recovery from heart blockages, and for **Ray Zook** in his recovery from back surgery. Pray for eight year old **James** in the Hershey Medical Center as he fights infection and responds to an inoperable brain tumor and pray for his mom **Jessica**.

1 Tuesday – Pray for clear discernment in our **elder's nomination vote** planned for this coming Sunday, May 6th. Pray for God to call young men to serve him as congregational leaders. Pray for God to lead us to the right person to replace Rob Plank as elder for five years. Pray also for the women at the sewing today.

2 Wednesday – Pray for **Ivan** as he prepares to bring a sermon on Sunday morning and pray for **Jean Byler** as she leads congregational singing. Pray for **Ivan & Pam** as they prepare for the **young adult mission trip to Alaska**. They plan to leave Sunday night and return May 17. The group includes: **Barbara Peachey, Becca Faulkner, Blake Lyter, Daniel Peachey, Hannah Spotts, Kaitlyn Yoder, Latasha Yoder, Noah Peachey, Peter Ebersole, Steven Yoder, Julia Alexander, Rena Plank, and Abe & Steph Hoffman**.

3 Thursday – On this **National Day of Prayer**, let us join other believers in our country praying for spiritual unity among believers in this time of huge racial and cultural divisions. Pray for discernment and wisdom for our leaders.

4 Friday – Pray for **Max** as he ministers to the **Fairview Mennonite Church** pastors, leadership team, and congregation this weekend in Oregon. Pray for wisdom in clarifying pastoral roles and sensitivity to the Spirit's leading as he preaches and leads discussions on Sunday. He plans to return home Monday.

5 Saturday – Pray for the **single moms** during the Mother's Day event at New Life Church in Burnham this afternoon. Pray for encouragement, refreshment, and connections with God. Pray for the guys who will be changing oil, and the others who will be caring for the single moms.

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

RADIANT MARRIAGES SEMINAR

Locust Grove Mennonite Church

Dates: Friday, May 18th, 6:30pm- 9:00pm

Saturday, May 19th, 9:00am – 5:00pm

Seminar Cost: Love Offering

Whether you are a newlywed or a seasoned couple, this weekend could be for you. Would you like to learn how to better communicate or brush up on the skills you already have? Come join us in our refreshing, practical seminar. Most of what will be shared is transferrable to all relationships you currently have—from children to your workplace. Radiant Marriage is an interactive seminar. We teach and demonstrate the concept and then ask each couple to practice what was taught. This is not threatening. We get the feedback all the time that “This was fun!” We believe that what we teach truly can change a marriage and we get feedback from many couples who have confirmed this.

Seminar topics include these and more:

- The Power of Affirmation
- Focused Listening Which Touches Your Mate’s Heart
- The Five Love Languages
- Conflict Resolution
- Forgiveness and the Language of Apology
- Keys for Enriching Intimacy in Marriage: For Her, For Him
- Renewed Commitment

Gary & Joquetta Galloway bring a wide background into this seminar. Together they have done marriage classes, seminars, and retreats for decades. Gary’s experience includes pastor, assistant pastor, and assistant dean of a junior college, junior college counselor, and junior high teacher. Joquetta has led ladies “Touching Heart’s” groups through the years. Her desire has always been to comfort others with the comfort with which she has received. She is a former elementary school teacher and home school teacher. Their former church in Fort Worth, Texas describe Gary and Joquetta in this way: “He is a spiritual father who pastors with a gift of grace, gentleness and comfort. Joquetta is the perfect match for Gary. She is a shepherdess who just ministers from her heart wherever she goes.”

Number of couples is limited so reservations must be made by Wednesday, May 16th by calling our church secretary at 717-935-2164. Leave a message with husband & wife’s first and last name, include home and cell phone number in order to contact you. No child care will be available.