

**May 6, 2018
Worship Service**

Prelude

Meagan Byler

Worship Leader

Lyle Yoder

Worship Team Leader

Jean Byler

Sermon

Ivan Yoder

“Children of God”



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

Nursery: Infants through 3 year olds

9:00 – Sally Clark, Hope Staley

10:30 – Sherry Miller, Josh & Sarah Kanagy

*Next Week: 9:00- Andrew & Alicia Zook

10:30- Sarah & Sylvia Peachey, Sonya Yoder

Prayer List

At Home: Kent & Angie Knable

Max & Tami Peachey

Valley View: Effie Hostetler, 321 Valley View Haven

Away: Andrew & Mikaela Pealock, PO Box 620, Ooltewah, TN 37363

Reaching Out: Max is preaching today at the Fairview Mennonite Church near Albany, Oregon and plans to return home tomorrow. Mayard Beitzel is preaching at Lauvers Mennonite this morning. **Ivan & Pam** leave tonight with the young adult group for a mission trip to Alaska.

April 29, 2018

9:00 Worship Attendance	195
S.S. Attendance.....	357
10:30 Worship Attendance	209
S.S. Offering	\$17.25
Morning Worship Offering.....	\$10,672.45

Week 17

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$196,095

Actual Morning Worship Offerings – \$195,633

This Week’s Events:

Tuesday, 7:00am – Men’s Pursuit of God Bible Study in Café

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

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

Upcoming Events:

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 10th- Mega Sports Camp Volunteer Informational Mtg.in the gym

June 11-15th- Mega Sports Camp

June 24th- VBS Volunteer Informational Mtg. in the gym

June 24th-27th- Vacation Bible School

August 12 – Nathan Rittenhouse will speak in both morning and evening.

August 26 – Church picnic and baptism at Creekside Pavilion

MYF Grades 10-12: Wednesday - Meet at Greenwood Furnace parking lot at 7:00 for an evening of games and a hotdog cookout. (if you need a ride meet at the church at 6:30)

Group Grades 7-9: Meet tonight from 6-8pm for Bible Study & Trip Planning. 7th bring a drink, 8th & 9th bring a snack.

Young Adults: There will not be lunch at Ivan & Pam’s today. Those on the Alaska trip meet at the church at 12am midnight tonight for departure!

CHURCH NEWS

Elders' News: Heidi Yoder has been appointed as our church treasurer in addition to her duties as our assistant secretary and web site tech. She will receive an hourly wage for her time.

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

Church family **thank you** for all your prayers, meals, and service in different ways over the past several months. Please continue to pray for healing. Our family has been so blessed by your generosity. -Shawn & Emily Yoder Family

Thank you everyone who came out to my fundraiser meal, and everyone who donated. It greatly exceeded my expectations. I feel very blessed by everyone's generosity, and support! – MaryCatherine Peachey

Elder Vote: Today you will have the opportunity to nominate someone to serve as an elder to replace Rob Plank for a five year term. Current elders are Lyle Yoder, Neil Renno, Drew Derstein, and Mike Hartzler.

Baptism: We are planning for a baptismal service on August 26. If you would like to be baptized or become a member, contact Max at 717.348.4488.

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!

Radiant Marriages Seminar will be held on Friday, May 18th from 6:30-9pm and Saturday, May 19th from 9am-5pm. Please sign up on the bulletin board! Or register online at www.locustgrovemc.org

Need a Quick Meal? The MYF has a meal deal for you! You will find Chicken Tetrazzini casseroles in the upright freezer for an easy meal option. 8 x 8 size is \$10 and 9 x 13 is \$20. **NEXT WEEKS** casserole, available Thursday morning, May 10, will be Poor Man Steak with gravy and rice. Thank you for your ongoing support of our Youth and their summer mission outreach in Quito Ecuador.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS



Sunday school teachers & helpers: Please stop by the sewing room (downstairs) anytime this morning to enjoy a muffin and a cup of coffee. Thank you for your dedication to teaching our children about Jesus and the amazing love of God!

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 is open online at:

www.locustgrovemc.org/connect/childrens-ministry. 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 is open online at:

www.locustgrovemc.org/connect/childrens-ministry! 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.

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.

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.

MISSION SPOT

Wycliffe: C & H in Southeast Asia: Imagine speaking one language in your home, a different language when you go shopping at the farmer's market, and a third language when you go to any government office or to school. Our organization is taking focused time to pray over and discuss how to best serve minority language communities that are facing significant changes in how they use their languages. Many communities are grappling with how to respond to outside cultural influences (both good and bad) brought through media and better transportation. Others are facing acute challenges such as displacement due to war. C will participate in one meeting on this topic next week with coworkers serving in 35 countries. This meeting will focus on how to make God's Word available in communities where people speak multiple languages, but where each language is only used in specific situations or places each day. We are grateful for good health these past two months. We have made good progress in plans for translation and related work in our area but we are still lacking enough translators to help all the groups that are interested. C has also helped teams he supervises in other areas work through recent project activities. For example, one team finished dubbing the Jesus Film into a language spoken by six million people that will be used as an evangelistic tool to reach out to those who follow the majority religion. Another team published an illustrated study guide about one Bible book for use by local believers in the language of their city and received approval for several more chapters of Luke and Psalms that they have been translating in the same language. Please pray with us about a couple of specific things. A young American couple with our group arrived in our town last week to begin national language study. We are orienting them and helping them get settled into their house. Pray that they can learn and adjust well. We are also planning our annual conference for our

field unit in June. We expect about 50 adults and children altogether. Pray that all the details come together for travel plans, finalizing topics for the schedule, and the remaining funds needed to cover the venue. A pastor from Florida who served in the Middle East before will be our guest speaker. Pray for us as we develop more teacher training for our language school, both the English language program and the national language program. H is directing the school and doing some teaching, and C is training teachers and working on the curriculum. Please also ask the Lord to raise up others who can help carry the leadership role in our field unit. A couple of our leaders have had to leave due to visa reasons or the need to care for family members back home. This places a heavier workload on C as he needs to supervise more individuals than before. It has been interesting to see things here "anew" through the eyes of the family that just arrived to begin language study. We dodged some large potholes yesterday that were filled with small trees propped upright, and our friends asked if people here normally plant trees in the middle of the road. We had taken it for granted, but it actually has the same function as the orange hazard cones that road crews in the US would use for the same purpose. Thank you for standing with us in prayer and financial partnership through the many seasons of learning and growing we have experienced these past few years.

RMM's LAMP for Ecuador, working with RCE and Alliance Academy International in Quito, Ecuador: Dion, Natacha, Gabriela, and Marcus Peachey: We have been going through some ups and downs just like everyone else on the planet! One amazing God sighting is that my one student who is of Chinese origin decided to follow Jesus! Even better, his mom did too! I am so excited to see this boy who didn't want to move toward God at the beginning of the school year, now talking about being a Christian and believing in God! His mom also prayed with our school secretary to receive Christ as her savior too! Some sad news is that they will be moving to a new city at the end of May, but the good news is God is in that city too! We also have a good Christian friend who lives there and we are hoping to get them connected. On a not so exciting note, we are trying to renew our visas. The process hasn't gone as smoothly as we had hoped. Our goal is to renew to get a permanent visa that will be good for 5 years instead of a 2 year visa. However, we don't have the documents from the US that we need yet. We also don't know how long the process will last, so we don't know when or even if we will be able to travel to the US this summer. Please pray with us that the immigration officials give us favor and we are able to complete the process in time to be able to travel to the US in July. We are super excited about the MYF coming to Quito at the beginning of July! It will be great to have some people we know here and be able to work together to minister in some of the places that we serve regularly. Please pray for us and Ron Sutton, a colleague from our school, as we plan the trip for the group. Pray too for energy and

stamina to end our school year well. The last day of school is June 29 so we still have a long way to go yet until our summer vacation.
Nicaraguan Pastoral Support: Talamanca, Costa Rica: Curtis, Cathy and Camry Sharp: Here is a brief update of ministry activities. Cathy is teaching a weekly series for women called, "Lies women believe and the Truth that Sets them Free" by Nancy Leigh DeMoss. Curtis is on 21 day teaching trip in Guatemala, San Salvador, El Salvador and Santa Ana, El Salvador. He is teaching "The Revelation of Jesus Christ" The Book of Revelation. Camry has finished one year of bible school, and will be returning to Costa Rica for a 3 month summer break on May 14. We are looking forward to being together as a family again.

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Prayer Guide for May 6– May 13

6 Sunday – Let's pray for God to guide our church family in the elder nomination vote today, for God to provide leaders for the challenges we will face.

7 Monday – Pray for **Stacey Goss** who is having surgery on her foot today. Pray for **John Yoder** in his recovery from spinal surgery and pray for **James**, the eight year old boy who continues at Hershey Medical Center because of an infection and issues related to a brain tumor. Also pray for **David Yoder**, son of **J.D. & Twila Yoder** who has been having problems with his shoulder recently.

8 Tuesday – Pray for **discernment** in the selection of our new elder this week as our **leadership team** speaks with nominees from the vote on Sunday. Pray for God to guide the interviews and for God to prepare the person He is calling. Pray for ways others can be called to serve God, using their gifts for His glory.

9 Wednesday – Pray for **Max** as he prepares for a Mother's Day Sermon this week and pray for **Glen Peachey** who is preparing this evening with the worship team to lead our congregational worship time on Sunday.

10 Thursday – Pray for **Mary Catherine Peachey** today as she travels to Romania for a three month mission trip to work alongside several different people in ministry to babies, children, and youth. Pray for **Melissa Yoder** in her ongoing ministry in Romania.

11 Friday – Pray for our young adult group at the Echo Bible Camp in Alaska as they build a fence and encourage the camp staff. Pray for **Ivan & Pam Yoder, Rena Plank, and Abe & Steph Hoffman** as leaders and for **Barbara Peachey, Becca Faulkner, Blake Lyter, Daniel Peachey, Hannah Spotts, Kaitlyn Yoder, Latasha Yoder, Noah Peachey, Peter Ebersole, Steven Yoder, Julia Alexander.**

12 Saturday – Pray for **mothers in our church family**, especially mothers of young children in their home during days and nights of ongoing care and sleeplessness. Pray especially for families participating in dedication services tomorrow, for **Lucas & Kari Metzler, Gabe & Ashley Newman and Matt & Bobbi Yoder.**

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

Gary and Joquetta Galloway Present

RADIANT MARRIAGES SEMINAR

FRIDAY, MAY 18 6:30 PM- 9:00 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 19 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

JOIN US FOR A TIME OF RENEWAL AND ENCOURAGEMENT

Topics Include
The Power of Affirmation
Focused Listening
The 5 Love Languages
Conflict Resolution
Renewed Commitment
And Many More!



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Lunch will be provided on Saturday No Childcare Available
Cost of Seminar is Free, a freewill offering will be taken

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