

**September 23, 2018
Morning Worship Service**

Prelude

Hartzler Cousins

Worship Leader

Ivan Yoder

Worship Team Leader

Theil Kauffman

Sermon – Mel Shetler, Overseer



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

*Next Week: 9:00- Nate & Meagan Byler

10:30- Julie & Lily Yoder

Prayer List:

At Home: Thad & Heidi Moyer, Ryan Stull
Debi & Alyssa Miller

Valley View: Twila Peachey, A128 Valley View Terrace

Away: Daniel, Rachele, Jolene, & Janessa Yoder
304 Cedar St, Keuka Park, NY 14478

MISSION SPOT: Joy Seekers meeting Mondays in Lewistown at the Presbyterian church lead by; Diane Snook, Gin Renno, Twila Yoder, Carol Goss, and Edith Hartzler.

REACHING OUT: Mayard Beitzel is preaching at Otelia Mennonite this morning.

Welcome to our Worship Service! We are so glad you are here. Our morning schedule includes many class options for discussion during both of our morning worship services. Lists of classes are available on the information table in the welcome corner of our foyer.

September 16, 2018

9:00 Worship Attendance	186
S.S. Attendance.....	383
10:30 Worship Attendance	197
S.S. Offering	\$33.84
Morning Worship Offering.....	\$15,065

Week 38

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$426,795

Actual Morning Worship Offerings – \$419,134

This Week's Events:

Tuesday, 7am- Men's Pursuit of God Bible study in the café

Tuesday, 6:30pm- Philippians Bible Study

Upcoming Events:

Sept. 30 – October 2 – Fall Renewal Meetings with Rick Beachy

Oct. 7 – Fall Communion Service

Group Grades 7-9: Meet tonight at 6:00pm at the church for active games and Bible study. Girls bring a snack and guys a drink.

MYF Grades 10-12: Meet Wednesday, September 26th at the church at 7:15pm for ceiling tile painting.

Young Adults: Meet today after church at Ivan & Pam's for lunch and discussion.

Pint Jars Needed! The young adults will be having another apple butter fundraiser in October to help raise money for a mission outreach to Echo Ranch Bible Camp in May 2019. They are seeking donations of used or new pint jars, which can be dropped off on the cart outside Ivan's office through the first week of October.

Homemade Apple Butter & Whoopie Pies will be available in the church kitchen after October 6th for \$5 a pint and \$1.50 per whoopie pie. Proceeds go to the young adult trip to Echo Ranch Bible Camp in May 2019.

Lewistown Prayer Walks- October 4th & 18th. Belleville carpool meets at the church by **5:30pm**, or meet at the Lewistown Bon-Ton parking lot by **6:00pm**.

CHURCH NEWS

Sheldon and Cindy Sharp and their children will be with us October 24 - November 7 and after a trip to Florida visiting with relatives, they will return to Belleville on November 21 - December 12. A church wide Fellowship Meal is planned for October 28. Plan now to interact with our Missionary Family from Teslin, Yukon territory, Canada.

Silent Auction Items Needed to benefit Dion & Naty Peachey. This will be held at the McBurney Manor during their pizza gathering on September 22nd from 5:30-8:30pm. Contact Jay & Nancy Yoder at 814-667-3622 or mcburneymanor@gmail.com to donate items for the silent auction or to make reservations for the evening.

Locust Grove will be participating in **Operation Christmas Child** again this year to send shoeboxes overseas to children in need. Shoeboxes or supplies can be brought to the church starting in October. Financial donations are also needed, as it costs \$9 per box to send abroad. Kaye Martin is the coordinator, and can be reached at 717-437-0289 with any questions.

Sign-up to host **Ricky & Connie Beachy for meals** while he leads our fall renewal meetings September 30th-October 2nd. This is a great opportunity for fellowship!

It's time to start thinking about the autumn issue of The Connection, our church news magazine. Our theme is **"Step by Step,"** so start thinking about what you'd like to say! Have you seen God leading you to a career change, step by step? Have you hiked the Thousand Steps and lived to tell about it? Maybe you want to tell us how to make your favorite go-to autumn supper casserole, or you have a new hobby you'd like to describe, step by step. Perhaps you've made a major life decision, and you'd be willing to tell us how it happened, step by step, or you moved here from somewhere else, and looking back you can see how God led you here. (Or, there, if you're leaving!) Step By Step – what do those words stir in you? I hope we can read about it next time in the Connection! Contact Brenda for questions or to submit articles! brendaebyzook@gmail.com (Handwritten in the mailbox is fine too!)

Mennonite Disaster Service is planning a trip to **Fort Myers, FL** on November 3 – 10 to rebuild homes from last year's hurricane. They need both men and women to help. If interested, call Marvin Peachey at 717-483-6360.

Lost & Found- Please check the items hanging on the coat rack by the welcome table. All unclaimed items will be donated at the end of the month!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Hats & Gloves Mission Project: Parents and friends, the children's ministry department will be participating in quarterly mission projects. This quarter's mission project will be **hats & gloves** for the children of Backyard Ministries. There are 100 children in the Lewistown area that need new hats & gloves for winter. Please check out the children's ministry bulletin board and grab a label or more with the gender and size of the child you would like to help. When returning the hats and gloves, please put them in a re-closable bag with the label on it. There is a collection laundry basket underneath the children's ministry bulletin board. They will need to be returned by Sunday, October 28th. **Anyone is welcome to participate!** Thank you for participating and please let me know if you have any questions.

Kid's Club will be starting Tuesday, October 9th from 6:30-8. Please note the age group has changed for children now in grades Pre-K (4 years old) - 4th Grade. A sign-up sheet will be available online and in the lobby in the next few weeks. If you would like to help with Kid's Club for the fall, the dates will be October 9th & 23 and November 6 & 20. Please contact Kara Kauffman (717-437-1473) if interested. Thank you!

COMMUNITY NEWS

An **Operation Christmas Child Event** will be held on Saturday, October 13th from 1-3pm at Maple Grove Mennonite Church. Come hear speaker Alex Nsengimana's inspirational shoebox story, meet the newly formed Juniata Valley Area team, learn about The Greatest Journey discipleship program, and enjoy light refreshments!

Fall quilting for the Annual Belleville Mennonite School Auction will be held October 8-12 at Oakwood Centre at Valley View. All quilters are welcome - from beginner (we'd love to teach you!) to expert! If you have a quilt top to be donated for quilting please contact Juli Sunderland (814-667-2511), Jewel Peachey (717-667-9308) or Michelle Byler (717-935-5485).

Make Your Wishes Known workshop and dessert reception is scheduled for Thursday, September 27th from 6:30-8 P.M. at Maple Grove Mennonite Church. The evening will feature a panel with Vaughn Kanagy-Valley View Retirement Community, Richard L. Gingrich-Attorney, and Bill Hartman-Everence. Discussion will include getting answers about how to manage your health, finances, and relationships in preparation of end-of-life planning. The program is co-sponsored by Everence, Belleville Mennonite School, and Valley View Retirement Community. Please RSVP no later than September 25, 2018 by e-mailing michelle.newswanger@everence.com or call 717-653-6662 and ask for Michelle Newswanger. There is no cost for the workshop.

India Flood Relief: The worst monsoon flooding in a century has damaged roads, homes and sources of income for hundreds of thousands of people in India's Kerala state. As displaced people return home, Mennonite Central Committee and Conservative Mennonite Conference are raising funds together so that Gilgal Mission Trust in India can provide tarps, food baskets, cooking utensils, and cleaning and hygiene items. Prayers and financial support for the response are welcomed. You can give online at www.mcc.org/india-flooding; by phone at 888-563-4676; or by mail to MCC U.S., 21 S. 12th St., PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501.

The **Annual Gator Camp Awareness Dinner** will be held October 27, 2018 at 6:30pm at Locust Grove Mennonite Church. A catered dinner will be followed by a short program given by the Cowboy group, led by Chief Judson Fisher & Chief Andre Yoder and Gator Camp updates by Greg Kanagy. An offering will be lifted. Reservations may be given to any of the following: Irv & Sara Hartzler, Max & Tami Peachey, Larry & LouAnn Yoder, or Quill & Ann Kanagy. Please RSVP no later than October 21, 2018.

Belleville Mennonite School is hosting **Student Shadow Day** on September 27 and October 11 for children in the community who are interested in visiting BMS. Guest students will be paired with a student Ambassador in their grade level and will be offered the opportunity to observe classes and activities throughout the school morning. The event is for students in grades one through twelve and will begin at 8:00 AM and be completed at 1:00 PM. Before students attend class, they will receive an orientation to the school and Shadow Day. A complimentary lunch is included in the day. Transportation should be provided by the parents or guardians of the visiting child. To attend, RSVP by September 26 to the school office, 717-935-2184.

Heart & Hands Women's Dinner Conference will be held on Friday, October 19th at Pine Glen CMA Church featuring speaker Arlene Grimes. Dinner begins at 6pm and Arlene Grimes will begin speaking at 7:15pm on the topic of "When all else fails, read the directions". Cost is \$15 for the meal, reservations are required. Please contact Nancy Taylor (717) 348-5592 to RSVP before October 7th.

Join the Belleville Mennonite School community as we celebrate 73 years of God's faithfulness to the school at the **Faith Promise Banquet** on Friday, October 5, at 6:30 PM. The Banquet will feature guest speaker, Rev Jonathan Yoder (Class of '70), a Concert Choir selection, recognition for the classes that are celebrating their 50th and 60th class reunions, and special highlights about BMS today. There is no charge for the Banquet and delicious turkey dinner that will be served, however an invitation to give to the Faith Promise Annual Fund at BMS will be presented. If you wish to attend, please RSVP to the school by September 21 by calling, 717.935.2184.

Prayer Guide for September 23– September 29

23 Sunday – The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field.

24 Monday – Pray for members of our church in recovery.... for **Max** as he continues to recover from his back surgery two weeks ago and **Ira Haire** in his recovery from a broken hip. Also pray for members confined to their homes like **Sara Ann Yoder**.

25 Tuesday – Pray for **Kiya and Shianne Eby**. Kiya was seriously injured in a car accident a few weeks ago, has been paralyzed, and recently moved to a rehab. Shianne is a former employee of Valley View Haven and has many friends in our church. Pray for evidences of God's healing grace and peace for Kiya and Shianne.

26 Wednesday – Pray for **Rick & Connie Beachy** as they prepare to come to our church on Saturday for our fall renewal meetings. Pray for God's Spirit to speak to our church family and pray for an eagerness to hear what He is saying to us and how he wants to lead us. Also pray for **Brian Renno** as he prepares to lead our worship time.

27 Thursday – Pray for **Kara Jerman** in her REACH training in Columbus. Today her Ecuador team meets children in a local park and reads Bible stories and plays with them.

28 Friday – Thank God for the rich heritage of being in a church family will people of all ages. Today, our oldest member, **Mabel Stayrook**, celebrates her 101st birthday! Let's pray for her as well as other older members of our church and thank God for their faithfulness.

29 Saturday – Pray for clarity for our church family to hear God and sense the way he is leading us to serve people in Lewistown with the love and power of Jesus.

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