

**October 7, 2018**  
**Morning Worship Service**

**Prelude**

**Meagan Byler**

**Worship Leader**

**Ivan Yoder**

**Worship Team Leader**

**Sherryl Yoder**

**Sermon – Max Zook**

**We Are... Eph. 1:3-8**

**Fall Communion Service**

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

**Nursery: Infants through 3 year olds**

**9:00** – Neil & Kendra Martin

**10:30** – Danny & Nadya Peachey, Sophia Plank

\*Next Week: 9:00- Hope Staley, Jada Eckley

10:30- Karen Yoder, Hannah Diehl

**Prayer List:**

**At Home:** John Baker

Helen Zook

**Valley View:** 101 years old... Mabel Stayrook, A123 Valley View Haven

**Away:** Evan Yoder, 1040 Capistrano Ct, Apt 307, Frederick, MD 21703

**MISSION SPOT:** Medical Missions in Philippines- Francis, Leah, Julia, Avea, and Justice Daytec

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

**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.



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September 30, 2018

9:00 Worship Attendance .....	188
S.S. Attendance.....	381
10:30 Worship Attendance .....	192
S.S. Offering .....	\$11
Morning Worship Offering.....	\$9,113

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**Week 40**

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$449,865

Actual Morning Worship Offerings – \$436,691

**This Week's Events:**

Tonight, 7pm – Foot washing service

Tuesday, 7am – Men's Pursuit of God Bible Study in café

Tuesday, 6:30pm – Kids' Club

Tuesday, 6:30pm – Philippians Bible Study

**Upcoming Events:**

October 14<sup>th</sup> – New Attendees Luncheon after 2<sup>nd</sup> service

October 14<sup>th</sup> – Rooted (Grades 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>) 6-8pm at the church

October 28<sup>th</sup> – Fellowship Meal with Sheldon & Cindy Sharp Family

**Group Grades 7-9:** Meet today at Greenwood at 4:00pm at the blacksmith shop parking lot. Girls bring a drink and guys a snack. Parents, please pick up your teens at 6:00pm at the blacksmith shop parking lot.

**MYF Grades 10-12:** Meet Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at the church at 6:00pm (or 6:45pm at the Bon-Ton parking lot) for a prayer walk.

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

**Homemade Apple Butter & Whoopie Pies** are available in the church kitchen for \$5 a pint and \$1.25 per whoopie pie- buy a dozen and get one free! Proceeds go to the young adult trip to Echo Ranch Bible Camp in May 2019.

**October is Pastor Appreciation Month!** Take a moment in October to let encourage them as they lead our church family.

## CHURCH NEWS

**Thank you** so much for your love and prayers over the past few months while I have been dealing with back pain and a surgery. I am so thankful to God for His healing touch, both in my body and soul. The months of “being still and knowing God is God” have been very spiritually refreshing. And after surgery my back is healing and getting stronger each day, with NO PAIN! I am so thankful! May God bless you for your concern for me! -Max Zook

**Paint the Fields** is a lighted/painted bottle and essential oil gathering. This event will be led by Tami Peachey & Chelsea Shepherd on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> in the basement café. The event will start at 11am and a light brunch will be served. Cost is \$5 a person, you may bring your own bottle or use one that is provided. RSVP to Tami Peachey at 717-437-0871 by October 18<sup>th</sup>!

**November is Mission Month-** The theme this year is: Being a Timothy, Being a Barnabas. Max & Ivan will introduce the theme on Nov. 4. John Stahl-Wert will speak on Nov. 11 in the morning and in the evening; with the theme of Servant Leadership in the evening. This service is planned for parents, business owners, church leaders, and others who are invested in leading from a Biblical viewpoint. On Nov. 18, Dan Byler will be our speaker. He also will stay for an evening service where he will be presenting the Discovery method of Bible Study that can be used as a method of outreach to the unreached. Nathan Olmstead will be here on Nov. 25 and will wrap up the month.

**New Church?** Members of the leadership team will continue meeting with Sunday school classes today to continue our discussion about starting a new church in Lewistown at the request of First Baptist Church. Response sheets have been distributed in the classes and are available in the back of the church sanctuary. **Please return your sheet to the office by next Sunday.**

There will be an **MCC work day** at the Resource Center in Ephrata, PA on October 18. The group will be leaving Locust Grove parking at 6:30am- please plan to stop on the way home for supper. Anyone interested in participating can sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board by Sunday October 14. Also, any **health kit items** can be placed in the box in the foyer so the group can take the items along. If anyone has questions, contact Dennis (717) 250-8534 or Rebecca Peachey at 717-250-6937.

**Katie Neer** has requested the transfer of her church membership to the Salford Mennonite Church in Harleysville, PA. She recently wrote, “Belleville and Locust Grove will always feel most like home to me and I feel sad in some ways about officially transferring my membership. Salford has been such a wonderful new home, though. I have found quite a few neat Belleville and other family connections that have made it a special place for me to be. Having Percy Yoder’s grandson as pastor is pretty cool.”

## CHURCH NEWS (continued)

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.

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](mailto: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.

## CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEWS

**Calling all musicians!** We are looking for anyone who is interested in playing simple piano arrangements/chords for several songs in this year's Children's Christmas program. We will also need a flute player and a bongo drummer, as well as someone to help with choreography. Please contact Andrea Kauffman or Kara Kauffman if you are interested. Thank you!

**Hats & Gloves Mission Project:** We still have several tags available for our mission project. We are inviting everyone to participate. There are tags available with sizes that are needed on the Children's Ministry bulletin board in the foyer. Please return hats and gloves in a resealable bag with the label on it, by Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for helping the children of Lewistown stay warm this winter!

**Kids’ Club** is starting this Tuesday, October 9th from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m for Pre-K (age 4) - 4th grade. There are registration forms available under the children's ministry bulletin board in the foyer, or you may register online at <http://www.locustgrovemc.org/connect/childrens-ministry> . If you have any questions, please contact Kara Kauffman at 717-437-1473. Thank you!

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS (continued)

**Kids' Club Volunteers** please plan to arrive Tuesday by 6:15pm. Those helping with registration, please arrive at 6:00pm. If you have any questions, please contact Kara.

**Sunday School Teachers & Helpers:** Charity Kauffman (daughter of Theil & Andrea and writer for Group Publishing) is coming here Sunday, October 21st at 6:30pm. She will be leading a Sunday School teacher & helper refreshment hour! Transitions in the beginning of the year can be difficult for students but can often be difficult for teachers and helpers as well. Charity also was once the Children's Ministry Coordinator here at Locust Grove. Please join us for dessert in the 5th & 6th grade Sunday School room as we discuss various topics! We can also discuss the new curriculum at this meeting. Please RSVP to Kara at 717-437-1473 by Wednesday, October 17th. Thanks!

## COMMUNITY NEWS

You're invited to **Crossroads Pregnancy Center's Annual Fundraising Banquet**. Tuesday, October 16th at Locust Grove Mennonite Church. Special guest again this year is Mike Williams - nationally known comedian and Dove award winner. \*New\* Luncheon: 12:30pm, doors open at 12pm. Dinner: 6:30pm, doors open at 6:00pm. **RSVP before October 9th** at [CPCforlife.org](http://CPCforlife.org) or by calling our offices in Huntingdon 814.643.3570 or Lewistown 717.242.0301. Reservations are required. Adults only, please. Meals are complimentary and an opportunity to make a financial gift will be extended.

The MCMHS, now renamed the **Amish/Mennonite Heritage Center of Belleville**, is requesting contributions to help purchase the vacant lot and white house next door. Our present bank building is overcrowded. We have raised all but about \$35,000- would you consider a donation to help preserve the heritage of those who have gone before? Stop by on Wednesday or Saturday mornings from 9-12 or send contributions to MCMHS Heritage Center, PO Box 5603, Belleville, PA 17004.

**Pizza Fundraiser** will be held at Locust Grove on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4:30pm, to benefit the Lynford Kauffman family. Their son, DeAndre, was born on September 12<sup>th</sup> with a rare, and life threatening birth defect- which has him undergoing many surgeries, and is currently stable, but in critical condition. Proceeds will go to the family to help with many medical expenses.

An **Operation Christmas Child Event** will be held on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm at Maple Grove Mennonite Church. Hear speaker Alex Nsengimana's inspirational shoebox story, meet the newly formed Juniata Valley Area team, & learn about The Greatest Journey discipleship program.

## COMMUNITY NEWS (continued)

**Local Missions Opportunity!** Valley View Retirement Community has many positions available for volunteering. Please consider using your gifts and talents to enrich the lives of our residents, right here at home. For more information, please contact Kelly Esh, Director of Volunteer Services at 717-935-2105, ext. 1330 or [k.esh@vvrconline.org](mailto:k.esh@vvrconline.org). "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25:40

The **SKY Family** from Prince Edward Island will be performing their acclaimed Celtic Revival production at Locust Grove Mennonite Church on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 pm. The performance is an exciting blend of high-energy Celtic music, Riverdance style Irish step-dance and inspiring gospel songs all combining to make an unforgettable experience.

Maple Grove Mennonite Church is excited to announce that we will be hosting a concert by **hammered dulcimer player, Ted Yoder**, on Wednesday November 7th at 7pm. The Goshen, Indiana native broke onto the world stage in August 2016 after the video of his rendition of "Everybody Wants To Rule The World" went viral on YouTube. Find out more about Ted at his web site, [www.tedyoder.com](http://www.tedyoder.com). Come along and enjoy an evening with an incredible musician. A free will offering will be received that evening to help cover travel expenses. We look forward to seeing you. You won't want to miss this!!

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.

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**Locust Grove Mennonite Church**  
**Church Office: (717) 935-2164**  
**Website: [www.locustgrovemc.org](http://www.locustgrovemc.org)**

*Prayer Guide for October 7 – October 13*

7 Sunday – *In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us...*

8 Monday – Pray for our **Leadership Team** in their October meeting tonight. Pray for God’s Spirit to guide them in processing what we have been hearing regarding First Baptist’s request for us to lead ministries in Lewistown beginning in January. And if God is leading us to accept their request, pray for clarity in understanding who God is calling to serve there.

9 Tuesday – Pray for **Kara** and all the volunteers who will be leading tonight’s first Kids’ Club. The theme for this fall is “fall in love with Jesus” and tonight **Kendra Fultz** will be speaking to the children.

10 Wednesday – Pray for **Theil and Andrea** as they prepare to lead worship on Sunday and for **Ivan** as he prepares a sermon. Also pray for **Jim Buchanan** today at an appointment with his heart doctor to prepare for hernia surgery on Monday, Oct. 15 in Philadelphia.

11 Thursday – Thank God for the many people who have begun attending our church services over the past several months. Pray for an encouraging lunch on Sunday as our leadership team plans to host a welcome lunch for all new attenders.

12 Friday – Pray for **Derek Byler** as he goes to Oklahoma this weekend to continue his training to become an air traffic controller. Pray for our young adults in their new jobs, including **Kendra Fultz**, working in maternity and **Krista Groff** working on the fifth floor at Geisinger Lewistown Hospital.

13 Saturday – Pray for God to guide you as you complete your response sheet and return it to your class tomorrow regarding our response to First Baptist’s request. Spend some time today searching your own heart for how God is calling you to participate in his work in this area!

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

**We Are...  
Ephesians 1:3-8**

**Blessed**

**Chosen**

**Predestined**

**Adopted**

**Redeemed**

**Forgiven**

**Rich in Grace**

## MISSION MOMENTS

**RMM's LAMP for Ecuador, working with RCE and Alliance Academy International in Quito, Ecuado- Natacha, Dion, Gabriela, and Marcus Peachey:** Thank you, thank you, thank you Locust Grove Family for your incredible financial support. Our pulled pork meal raised a little over \$10,000 so our financial needs for the coming year are completely covered. Thank you so much for your investment in us so we can continue our life and ministry here in Quito, Ecuador. We are grateful to God for a good start to this school year. We all feel much more at home in what we are doing and that has made life much more positive than in our first two years here. We love our new apartment and its proximity to the school, this is helping us keep connecting with lots of students and parents. Alliance Academy has parent committees for each grade and Naty was elected as parent committee president for the junior class! This means that we will be working a lot with Gaby's class doing fundraisers for the junior-senior banquet and their class trip next year. This will lead to lots of interaction with not-yet-believers, whom we hope to guide closer to Jesus. It could also mean some stressful times ahead, so please pray for extra grace. Another way that we want to invite you to pray for us is that we are making plans to travel to China and Thailand over our Christmas and New Year break. We don't have any of the trip in place yet, but we know that we would like to go visit friends that are "M" workers in those countries. Since we are working to send more workers from Ecuador to unreached countries and we have never been to an unreached country, we thought this would be a good opportunity for us to see first-hand what God is doing in other places around the world. We will keep in touch with our progress toward this goal. Thanks so much for your prayers!

**RMM in Southern Spain- Phil and Maretta Barr:** Montse is the woman who was baptized on Sept. 2. She grew up Catholic but never came to know the Lord in that setting. She found the Catholic service left her feeling empty. Then a friend of hers invited her to think about joining the La Victoria Church's choir. Eunice, Pastor Ivan's wife accepted her in. Later on, they saw her going home in tears after the choir rehearsals and thought she must have emotional problems. But they found out that the words of the songs and the devotionals were touching her. She felt like the Lord was speaking to her through it all. She was also reading the Bible at home by herself and then, later on, with her husband, Andres. Montse asked if there were other church events she could attend. She was invited to the church's women's meeting and it was there, after one of those meetings, that she made a commitment to the Lord. Andres felt like the Lord was working in him through the Bible reading he was doing. It seemed to come to a head this last Sunday and he felt he needed to respond in some way to God's Word. So he spoke with Ivan and made a commitment to the Lord with his help. Montse, of course, was delighted.

## MISSION MOMENTS (continued)

**Nicaraguan Pastoral Support: Talamanca, Costa Rica- Curtis, Cathy, and Camry Sharp:** Cathy has been teaching a class to women from a book called, "Lies Women Believe: And the Truth that sets them Free" by Nancy Leigh DeMoss. Curtis spent two weeks in Mexico, teaching in three different places. He taught on leadership, Galatians, Ephesians, and the heart of the servant. He was also taken to see the pyramids outside the Capital. Camry returned to the states to finish her last year of Bible School at Zion Ministerial Institute in NY. Costa Rica is in a present state of much social unrest. We are on 12th day of a nation-wide strike, that has seen fuel shortages, road blocks, violence. This is due to a huge deficit of 1.5 billion dollars. The GDP of Costa Rica is around \$50 billion a year.

**Wycliffe: C & H in Southeast Asia:** This is a sad week for the people of our region. An earthquake followed by a tsunami and mudslides struck one province on Friday. This was far from where our family lives, and our colleagues based in that area are all safe and accounted for. Conditions there are difficult, though--one group of colleagues had to walk 14 hours to get to a place where they could be evacuated due to destroyed roads. The official death toll continues to rise each day, so far at least 1,350 lives lost. Our team members who live closest to the affected area are providing housing, meals and other assistance for families being evacuated to their city. Please pray for electricity, communications and road access to be restored quickly, and pray for patience and protection for the thousands in need of food, water and medical care. Translation work within the unit we oversee has continued to move forward. One team is in the middle of a two-week final checking for 1-2 Timothy, 1-2 Thessalonians, Titus and Ephesians. Another team officially began their translation project last week with a training workshop where they drafted the short book of Jonah and learned how to create questions about each verse, and how to ask community members for their understanding about the passages. The purpose of that is to make sure the translation can be understood and conveys the intended meaning. There are several translation projects like this within our unit. Pray for wisdom for C as he guides the planning and monitoring process for each team. Ask that each translation team can receive meaningful feedback from churches and church-planters who use the newly translated Scriptures in their outreach. We were able to add an extra classroom within the language school that H directs to accommodate more students. We are both training the local teachers so they can improve their skills. Our son G is keeping us busy now that he is crawling all over the place! Please pray that the delays with his paperwork can be overcome soon so we can all come to the US for a visit. Thank you, friends at Locust Grove, for your faithful partnership in our work here. May the Lord reveal his goodness to you with each new day!