

December 2, 2018
Morning Worship Service

Prelude

The Hartzler Cousins

Worship Leader

Mike Hartzler

Worship Team Leader

Leon Miller

Advent

1st Service: Mary Kanagy & Abby Yoder

2nd Service: Salinda Peachey & Jason Peachey

Sermon – Ivan Yoder

Unwavering Hope: Hebrews 10:23

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

Nursery: Infants through 3 year olds

9:00 – Justin & Amanda Byler, Sydney Jerman

10:30 – Clint & Heather Yoder

*Next Week: 9:00- Bobbi Yoder, Briann Mazur

10:30- Cheston & Jen Hartzler

Prayer List:

At Home: Jim & Tawni Buchanan
Victor Yoder

Valley View: Twila Peachey, 415B Valley View Haven

Away: Nathan Martin, 1001 Mathew St, Missoula, MT 59808

MISSION SPOT: YWAM in Cluj, Romania: Alin, Gabi, Melissa, Julia, and Caleb Ciorogar

REACHING OUT: Max and Bob are in Romania, for an ordination service with Alin & Gabi today. Pray for them as they teach 2 Corinthians and 2 Tim.

Lewistown Prayer Walks- December 6th & 20th Belleville carpool meets at the church by **5:30pm**, or meet at the Lewistown Bon-Ton parking lot by **6pm**



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.

November 25, 2018

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| 9:00 Worship Attendance | 212 |
| S.S. Attendance..... | 403 |
| 10:30 Worship Attendance | 209 |
| S.S. Offering | \$16 |
| Morning Worship Offering..... | \$10,786 |

Week 48

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$542,145

Actual Morning Worship Offerings – \$524,565

This Week's Events:

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

Tuesday – Ladies Sewing, lunch will be provided

Philippians Bible Study will **NOT** meet this week

Wednesday 6:45pm – Christmas Carol singing at Valley View Act. Room

Saturday, 8:45 – 10am Pre-k – 4th Grade practice for Christmas Program

Upcoming Events:

December 9 – Children's Christmas Program

December 10 – Mom's Time Away

December 18 – Family Night Kids' Club

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service

Group Grades 7-9: Meet tonight from 6-8pm at the church for games and Bible study (**please bring your bibles**). 9th & 8th grades bring a snack, 7th grade bring a drink.

MYF Grades 10-12: Meet Wednesday, December 5th at 6:15pm at the church or 6:30 at the bottom of the mountain to head to Shirley Home for a Christmas evening.

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.

The **Philippians Bible study** will **NOT** be meeting December 4th. It will resume Tuesday, December 11th.

CHURCH NEWS

Thank you to Ken & Kelly Esh and Nate & Meagan Byler for their time, energy, and creativity in arranging the beautiful Christmas decorations throughout the church.

Meals on Wheels: John & Judy Waddell are compiling a list of substitute drivers to deliver meals when regular drivers are not available. The list will be accessed by all the churches. If you would be willing to serve in this way, please call the Waddell's at 717.935.2773 or Rita at 717.935.5244. Thanks!

Baby Dedication. We are planning for dedication services on December 16 & 23. Contact Max if you would like to participate with your family.

Library News: Christmas is coming...in the library! Stop in to select a Christmas read for those quiet moments we all need to find during the month of December! Kids, Youth, and Adult Christmas books are on display for your convenience! On a more Grinch-like note, **please check your shelves and under the couch at home for church library books.** They like to visit you, but they want to live here! (And visit other homes!!) We'll check in with you at the end of the year about specific books. In the meantime, the search is on! Thanks for your help!

Mom's Time Away is an evening of fellowship, food, and refreshment as well as a short devotional and a time to pray together! This night is for moms with infants through school age children, but the kids should stay at home so the moms can connect and recharge! Our next time together will be **December 10th** at the home of Joyce Staley (10 Whispering Oaks Rd, Belleville) from 7-9pm. Contact Joyce with any questions- 717.348.4868 or Pam at 717.363.6547.

Church Directory: We are planning to schedule family portraits in January and Easter weekend, 2019 for a new 2019 church directory. More info to come!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Children's Christmas Program Practice: Practice for the Christmas program will be this Saturday, December 8th from 8:45–10am. This practice is for children in grades pre-k – 4th grade. 5th & 6th grade will practice December 9th immediately following 2nd service for about 20 minutes. Please let Kara Kauffman or Andrea Kauffman know if you have any questions. Thank you!

Cookies Needed: Following the Christmas program on December 9th, families are invited to join in the gym for a time of fellowship with one another. Cookies and coffee will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the gym if you are willing to donate cookies for this. Please put how many dozen you are able to bring. Thank you for your help!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS (continued)

Family Kid's Club Night: We are inviting kids and their families to join us Tuesday, December 18th from 6:30 – 8pm at Locust Grove (in the gym) for a special family night. You will enjoy a live nativity, crafts, a skit, and special snacks...fun for the whole family! We hope to see you there!

Winter Mission Project: The children's department is working on their winter mission project of socks & a small toy for the children of Lewistown for Christmas. There are labels on the Children's Ministry bulletin board with the age & size of the socks for each child. Backyard Ministries is asking for 10 pairs of socks per child and a small toy for Christmas. Please return in the basket below the Children's Ministry board by Tuesday, December 18th. **We are inviting all to join us in this mission project for the children of Lewistown.** There are 100 kids in need of socks and who would really enjoy a small toy for Christmas. What a wonderful opportunity to serve kids right in our community! Please contact Kara Kauffman if you have any questions.

Early Dismissal times for Pre-k – 4th Grade: Children in grades **pre-k – 4th Grade** will be dismissed today to come to Junior Worship at 9:55 to practice for the Christmas program. They will be practicing from 10:00 – 10:30. The **5th & 6th graders** who have Sunday School in second service should come downstairs at 10:15 to their classroom. Thank you for your help with this!

Children's Christmas Program: The Children's Christmas program will be **Sunday, December 9th at 6:30 p.m.** The 2 & 3 year olds will be invited up at the beginning of the program for Story Time with Amanda. Pre-K – 4th Grade will be singing in the program. Some children in grades 1st – 4th have special memorization parts that they should have brought home. Please practice these songs and parts with your children. The 5th & 6th graders will also be participating by singing a special song that they will be learning in class. Families are invited to join us in the gym after the program to fellowship while enjoying cookies and coffee/water. Thank you for your help and participation with this. Please let Andrea Kauffman, Amanda Yoder, or Kara Kauffman know if you have any questions.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Crossroads Pregnancy Center is has an opening for a **part-time, Client Services Director** in the Mifflintown office. For more information, please contact Cindy Mansberger at 814.643.3570 or director@cpclforlife.org.

The **Monday Nite Seniors** will meet on Saturday, December 8th at noon for lunch in the social room at West Kish. There is no covered dish to bring this time. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship this Christmas season. Anyone aged 60 or above is invited to attend.

COMMUNITY NEWS (continued)

There will be **Christmas Carol singing** on Wednesday, December 5th at the Valley View Terrace Activities Room at 6:45pm.

DC4Teens, a student support group for teens ages 13-19 years whose families are experiencing separation/divorce, is set to kick-off at the Lumina Center January 24, 2019. DC4Teens helps teens to clear up mistaken beliefs about divorce and separation, engage in meaningful activities and discuss topics they may not have been allowed to explore. This is a ten-week program that will run each Thursday from 5:30-7pm at the Lumina Center in downtown Lewistown. The program is led by Central Pennsylvania Youth Ministries and sponsored by Lewistown Kiwanis Club and Locust Grove Mennonite Church. There is no cost for registration. Groups are limited to 10. For more information on DC4Teens or to complete a registration form, call or text Chris at 317-403-0905 or go to youthcybercenter.com.

MISSION MOMENTS

Wycliffe in Orlando, Florida: Keith, Christina, Luke and Nicole Bitikofer:

Keith continues to be busy. The accounting and payroll software transitions went smoothly earlier this year. They are now working with Wycliffe partner organizations around the world that are transitioning to the same human resources software. He regularly meets (through the Internet) with people in places such as Brazil, Chile, Argentina, Austria, Germany, U.K., Canada, Australia, etc... This project will 'go live' in March 2019. He is also working with enhancements to systems used for tacking Bible Translation Projects around the world. (The first 500 languages took 67 years to finish a New Testament; the second 500 languages only took 17 years!) Christine continues to help with the teaching at the homeschool co-op and home management and logistics. Luke is in 12th grade, doing all college classes as dual enrollment. We have done 5 college visits and many applications, plus lots of ice hockey games. Nicole is in 10th grade, enjoying the home school co-op she attends. She is taking horse riding lessons, helps care for a neighbor's horses and volunteers one morning a week with an Equine horse therapy organization. With all of our transitions over the last 8 years that we have been serving with Wycliffe, our children have struggled to make good friends. It is a huge praise that they each now have a great group of friends.

MISSION MOMENTS (continued)

New Tribes Missions with the Lolo peoples in Mozambique: Matt, Debi, Melody, William, Nicholas, and Nathanael Zook: We have been in our new location for 5 months and it feels like home. We have a variety of literacy classes happening. The first 8 students should finish next month. Pray for students to learn well and to be changed by the Bible verses that we read with them. Matt has had opportunities to speak in churches and with local church leaders. Debi teaches a short Bible lesson 4 times a week to the women and the children who attend the pre-literacy classes. Please pray for Kanalima. He is a pastor of 110 churches. Matt has met with him and shared the gospel with him. Pray for his salvation and that God will use him to reach the churches that he oversees. We are producing and selling small booklets to encourage literacy, Bible awareness and greater understanding of the gospel. Pray that these will fulfill the mission for which we are producing them. We received a good quote from a printer in China for the printing of the Lolo Bibles. The first payment has been made and the first printed samples have arrived in the USA so that confirmation can be made before all the copies are printed. We are hoping they will arrive in January. Six months ago, our children were somewhat apprehensive about a new place and making new friends. Now they have forgotten the old life. Melody is doing school and carries our drinking water each day from the village well. William does school and has become a soccer player. Nicholas has started school this year and is learning to read. Nathanael, well, he just plays. We are getting some water out of our well. Slowly but surely our well is producing a little more and cleaner water. I would not call it a good well but by being cautious with the water, we are getting through the dry season. And we got some unexpected rains. In the meantime, the well diggers are giving it another shot at a different location. We helped the local people and the local government by having government workers come from Milange to issue personal ID cards and then photo ID cards. This was the first time the photo ID cards were processed in our area and more than 100 people got them. Our part was giving the government a place with electricity to run their computer and we also did photocopies that were needed and traded Malawian kwacha for Mozambican meticaais.

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Prayer Guide for December 2 – December 8

2 Sunday – *Isaiah 7:14* “*Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel*”.

3 Monday – Pray for **Max and Bob** as they continue teaching leadership principles from 2 Cor. and 2 Timothy in Romania. Pray for **Alin and Gabi** as they continue leading the YWAM team and also begin church planting work in Cluj.

4 Tuesday – Pray today for our **college students** as they begin finals and preparations to finish the fall semester. Pray for the **finance committee** that will be meeting this Thursday; pray as they seek God’s direction in the finalization of the 2019 budget.

5 Wednesday – Pray for **Max** as he prepares a sermon for this coming Sunday and pray for **Glen Peachey** as he meets this evening to prepare a worship time for Sunday’s worship time. Pray for the **children** who will be providing advent readings this month.

6 Thursday – Pray for and encourage **L. Marlin Yoder** today on his birthday. Thank God for his faithful service as our church janitor, cleaning the main floor of our building each week. Pray for he and Twila today on his birthday and find time to send an encouraging note!

7 Friday – Pray for a fresh awareness for us to recognize those in need who live in our community; pray specifically for your **neighbors** who may not know Jesus. Pray also for opportunities to show and share God’s love to them.

8 Saturday – Pray for **Andrea Kauffman** as she meets with the children this morning to practice for the Christmas program tomorrow evening. Pray for the children to worship Jesus during this program as well as lead us all in a celebration of the Good News of Jesus coming to earth to live and die and rise again!

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