

**December 9, 2018
Morning Worship Service**



Prelude

Julianna Hartzler

Worship Leader

Neil Renno

Worship Team Leader

Glen Peachey

Advent

1st Service: Johnny Byler & Aniston Byler

2nd Service: Sadie Goss & Vera Goss

Sermon – Max Zook

“Jesus is Our Peace” Isaiah 2:1-4

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

Nursery: Infants through 3 year olds

9:00 – Bobbi Yoder, Briann Mazur

10:30 – Cheston & Jen Hartzler

*Next Week: 9:00- Hope Staley, Megan Hartzler

10:30- Danny & Nayda Peachey

Prayer List:

At Home: Austin Byler

Ted & Joann Yoder

Valley View: Grace Stacy, A124 Valley View Terrace

Away: Dion, Naty, Gabi, & Marcus Peachey

Calle Villalengua 1515 OE5-195 y Sancho de Escobar, Quito, Ecuador

MISSION SPOT: Gator Wilderness Camp School, Punta Gorda, Florida:
Gregg, Sharon, Hope and Katie Kanagy, Tyler and Annie Yoder, and Emma
Peachey

Lewistown Prayer Walks- December 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.

December 2, 2018

9:00 Worship Attendance	158
S.S. Attendance.....	407
10:30 Worship Attendance	191
S.S. Offering	\$21
Morning Worship Offering.....	\$11,160

Week 49

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$553,680

Actual Morning Worship Offerings – \$535,725

This Week’s Events:

Tonight, 6:30pm – Children’s Christmas Program

Monday, 7-9pm – Mom’s Time Away

Tuesday, 6pm – Philippians Bible Study resumes

Upcoming Events:

December 18 – Family Night Kids’ Club

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service

Group Grades 7-9: Meet December 16th from 6-8pm at the church for white elephant gift exchange. Gifts should be no more than \$10. 9th & 8th grades bring a drink, 7th grade bring a snack.

MYF Grades 10-12: Meet Wednesday, December 12th at 7:15pm at Jay & Karen’s for game night. Guys bring a drink, girls bring a snack. Contact Ivan or Pam if you need a ride.

Young Adults: Meet December 16th after church at Ivan & Pam’s for lunch and Christmas party. Feel free to wear an ugly Christmas sweater!

Looking for Christmas gift ideas? Homemade Apple Butter is available by Ivan’s office for \$5 a pint! Sugar free apple butter is available by request. Proceeds go to the young adult trip to Echo Ranch Bible Camp in May 2019.

CHURCH NEWS

Church Calendar- Last call for any changes, additions, or revisions to church calendar. This includes birthdates and wedding anniversaries. Please contact the church no later than Tuesday (Dec 13th) to make sure your information is correct.

Church Directory: We are planning a new pictorial directory for our church. The dates of the photos will be January 24, 25, and 26th here at Locust Grove. We will be offering sign-ups here at church starting December 23rd. We would like to include everyone so please start thinking of which days suit your family! Thank you for your participation!

Congratulations to John & Bethany Yoder on the birth of their daughter, Riley Lynn Yoder, born November 30th.

Ladies, please check your home library or book case for Juanita Byler's DVD home bible study "Passion Pursuit". It was loaned out and she would like to have it returned to her. Thanks!

Gift Wrapping will be available at the church on Tuesday, December 18th from 6-8pm in the adult Sunday school wing. This is a **fundraiser for the young adult** trip to Echo Ranch Bible Camp in May 2019. Wrapping paper will be available, or you can bring your own if you'd prefer! This is will be by donation, cookies and coffee will be available while you wait!

New Address for Paul & Sherryl Yoder: 555 Maple Grove Rd, Belleville, PA 17004. An updated phone number to reach the Yoder's is: 717.935.2696

Hope Alive will begin a new group towards the end of January. Men & women are welcome to join group. This is an intense six month treatment program that deals with childhood abuse and neglect and pregnancy losses. Call Karen Yoder to schedule an evaluation and seek more information.

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

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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Children's Christmas Program Practice: 5th & 6th grade will practice **TODAY** immediately following 2nd service for about 20 minutes. Please let Kara Kauffman or Andrea Kauffman know if you have any questions. Thank you!

Cookie Reminder- If you signed up to donate cookies for the Children's Christmas program tonight, please have them to the church by 6pm. Thanks!

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!

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. Please come down the stairs by the Children's Ministry bulletin board. Thank you for your help with this!

Children's Christmas Program: The Children's Christmas program is **TONIGHT at 6:30 pm.** 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

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.

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Prayer Guide for December 9 – December 15

9 Sunday – *Micah 5:2 But you Bethlehem, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be a ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.*

10 Monday – Pray for the **Leadership team** as they meet tonight. Pray for God to continue to provide wisdom and guidance as they seek his direction in many different areas of ministry here at Locust Grove.

11 Tuesday – Let's lift up **Ray Zook** in prayer today as he has knee replacement surgery today. Pray for God to guide the hands of the doctors and for Ray to feel wrapped in prayer and peace. Also pray for **Ivan Yoder** as he prepares to preach this coming Sunday. Our Advent theme for this coming Sunday is Joy, let's thank God for the joy that we available to us through Jesus Christ. Pray also for **Theil Kauffman** as he prepares to lead our worship time.

12 Wednesday – Pray for the ministry of **Gator Camp**. Several staff members continue to struggle with health concerns, **Josh Byler** continues to receive chemo for his cancer, **Matt Stoltzfus** is recovering from recent brain surgery, And Tyler Yoder's wife **Annie** continues to struggle with undiagnosed health challenges. Finally pray for **Greg Kanagy** as he leads through this challenging time.

13 Thursday – Pray today for **Shelter Services**, the homeless shelter in Lewistown. Pray for the staff as they provide for individuals and families that have no place to call home this Christmas season. Pray that God would provide for the needs of the residents and the shelter not only this Christmas season but also throughout the next year.

14 Friday – Pray for the missionary's supported by Locust Grove. Pray for them as the celebrate Christmas away from "home". Pray especially for **Kara Jerman** and her family as they celebrate Christmas apart this year while she is serving with Reach in Ecuador.

15 Saturday – Today we are 10 days away from Christmas. Can you list ten gifts that God has already blessed you with? Take a moment to give Him thanks.

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