

**December 16, 2018
Morning Worship Service**



Prelude

Chloe Renno

Worship Leader

Max Zook

Worship Team Leader

Theil Kauffman

Advent

1st Service: Hailey Zook & Harper Zook

2nd Service: Camden Kauffman & Bria Kauffman

Sermon – Ivan Yoder

Choosing Joy, John 15:11

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

Nursery: Infants through 3 year olds

9:00 – Hope Staley, Megan Hartzler

10:30 – Michelle Kline, Rachel Saldubehere

*Next Week: 9:00- Jeff & Carrie Zook

10:30- Trevor & Lauren Weaver

Prayer List:

At Home: Darrel & Arlene Byler

Shawn, Emily, Melissa, Olivia, Doris, & Sonya Yoder

Valley View: Mabel Stayrook, A123 Valley View Haven

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

MISSION SPOT: Pray for all our missionaries who are far from family during the Christmas season, especially Kara Jerman serving with REACH.

REACHING OUT: Dave Sharp is ministering at the Smithfield Correctional Institute today.

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 9, 2018

9:00 Worship Attendance	194
S.S. Attendance.....	433
10:30 Worship Attendance	197
S.S. Offering	\$43
Morning Worship Offering.....	\$12,440

Week 50

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$565,215

Actual Morning Worship Offerings – \$548,165

This Week’s Events:

Tuesday, 7am – Men’s Pursuit of God Bible study in Café

Philippians Bible Study will not meet until January 22nd

Tuesday, 6:30pm – Family Night Kids’ Club

Tuesday, 6-8pm – Young Adult Gift Wrapping Fundraiser in Adult SS wing

Upcoming Events:

December 24, 6:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve Service

Group Grades 7-9: Meet tonight from 6-8pm at the church for a 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 19th at 7:15pm at the church for Bible Study. Guys bring a snack, girls bring a drink.

Young Adults: Meet today 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.

Baby Dedications. This morning in the 10:30 service we will participate with Rodney, Karissa and Clayton Lee Yoder and with Jared, Emily, and Drue Julianna Kanagy in baby dedication services. Next Sunday, Dec. 23 we will pray with John, Bethany, Isaiah, John, and Riley Lynn Yoder in the 9:00 service and with Daniel, Nadya and Maxim Peachey and James, Elizabeth, and Clayton Reid Lapp in the 10:30 service.

CHURCH NEWS

Church Directory: Schedule your family appointment online! Time slots are available for January 24-26 and April 18-20. Each family photographed gets a free 8x10, a copy of our 2019 church directory, and the opportunity to purchase additional portraits. Go to the web site for United Church Directories at: <https://www.ucdir.com/schedule/login.php> Our **church login is pa838** with **password: locustgrove** Thank you for your participation!

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!

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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.

Mom's Time Away will resume in January.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

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 this 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!

COMMUNITY NEWS

A **Spiritual Disciplines Discipleship Course** is being offered this winter at Allensville Mennonite Church. The class will meet Monday evenings from 7pm until 8:45 pm from January 14 until March 4. Course content includes lessons on Scripture reading, prayer, solitude, giving, evangelism, and fasting among other topics. There is a course registration fee of \$15, which includes a book, *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*, each member will be able to keep at the end of the course. Please contact Allensville Mennonite Church at 717.483.6774 by December 30th. Note: The fee covers the cost of the book so couples or families who will be sharing a book need only to pay \$15.

Apply now for a scholarship with higher awards in 2019. Everence wants to help people nurture their talents. If you or your parents are Everence members and you will be enrolled as an undergraduate or in a trade school next fall, apply now for an Everence College Scholarship of \$1000 to \$3000. The deadline is Feb. 28. Visit everence.com/college-scholarships for the guidelines and an application.

DC4K LEADERS needed for Winter Semester: DC4K's winter semester begins January 21, 2019 at the Lumina Center in Lewistown, and the JV YMCA. Leaders are still needed for the YMCA. If you love children and the Lord Jesus and sense the call of the Holy Spirit to join in the battle for the hearts and minds of today's kids; please consider joining the DC4K team. Orientation will be held at Locust Grove in early January. Please call either Karen Goss (717-994-2007) or Ann Kanagy (717-437-4946) to discuss this opportunity.

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 16 – December 22

16 Sunday – *“I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete” John 15:11*

17 Monday – Pray for **Ray Zook** and **Mayard Beitzel** in their recovery from knee replacement surgeries this past Tuesday.

18 Tuesday – Pray for the **children and their families** participating this evening in our annual live nativity family Christmas event from 6:30 – 8:00 in the fellowship hall, complete with calves, goats, sheep, rabbits and chickens. Pray for a meaningful experience of celebrating Christ's birth.

19 Wednesday – Pray for **Brian Renno** as he prepares with his team to lead worship this coming Sunday and pray for **Max** as he prepares to speak during our worship service this coming Sunday.

20 Thursday – Today, let's pray for those who volunteer their time to serve the church in many ways. From washing kitchen towels, to taking attendance records, to running the projector- there are so many behind the scenes volunteers to serve each week to keep things running smoothly!

21 Friday – On winter solstice, the shortest day of the year, let's pray that **God's light would shine in the darkness** of our world and that we would also radiate His light.

22 Saturday – Pray for our **body of believers** as we approach Christmas day. Pray that we would share the true meaning of Christmas with those around us and that we would take time to truly celebrate the birth of Christ.

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