

**December 23, 2018
Morning Worship Service**

Prelude

Melissa Yoder & Kristyn Byler

Worship Leader

Ivan Yoder

Worship Team Leader

Brian Renno

Advent

1st Service: Katelyn & Ethan Renno

2nd Service: Kate Hartzler & Josh Hartzler

Sermon – Max Zook

His Nourishing Love – John 15:9, 10

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- Ashley Newman, Sophia Plank

10:30- Julie & Lily Yoder

Prayer List:

At Home: David & Sadie Byler

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

Valley View: Anna Margaret Yoder, A123 Valley View Terrace

Away: Sheldon, Cindy, Jed, Annali, Caleb, & Malachi Sharp

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MISSION SPOT: Sunday afternoon Bible Study held at the Mifflin Co. Women's Correctional Facility each 4th Sunday. Women involved in this ministry: Jean Byler, Gin Renno, Diane Snook, Emily Yoder, Twila Yoder, Luann Renno, Nancy Hoefel

REACHING OUT: Jean Byler is leading a Bible study at the Mifflin County Correctional Facility this afternoon at 1:30pm.



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 16, 2018

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| 9:00 Worship Attendance | 183 |
| S.S. Attendance..... | 371 |
| 10:30 Worship Attendance | 192 |
| S.S. Offering | \$14 |
| Morning Worship Offering..... | \$12,973 |

Week 51

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$576,750

Actual Morning Worship Offerings – \$561,138

This Week's Events:

Monday, 6:30 pm – Christmas Eve Service

Upcoming Events:

January 24, 7:00 p.m. – Annual Congregational Business Meeting

Group Grades 7-9: Meet Sunday, December 30th from 6-10:30pm at the church for the New Year's Party. Bring active clothes for games. Girls bring a snack, guys bring a drink.

MYF Grades 10-12: Off this week. New Year's Eve Party Monday, Dec 31st at the church from 5:30pm-12:30am. Dinner will be provided. Please bring a snack & a drink. Dress for outdoor activities. Will also have the gift exchange, gifts should not exceed \$10.

Young Adults: Meet Sunday, December 30th after church at Ivan & Pam's for lunch and discussion.

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 9:00 service we will pray with John, Bethany, Isaiah, John, and Riley Lynn Yoder and then at 10:30 with Daniel, Nadya and Maxim Peachey and James, Elizabeth, and Clayton Reid Lapp.

Funeral: This afternoon at 2:00 we will host the funeral of Justin Peachey, a Gator camp chief from Rockville, who was killed in a cycle accident last Sunday. Pray for his parents David & Rachel Peachey and the Gator Camp staff.

CHURCH NEWS

Church Directory: There are paper sign-ups for directory portraits at the welcome table TODAY. You can also 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!

Lewistown Prayer Walks- January 3rd, 17th, & 31st. No Belleville carpool this month, meet at the Lewistown Bon-Ton parking lot at **6pm**.

MDS is planning a trip to Puerto Rico from Feb 2nd-9th to assist with various construction projects. Money is available through MDS for travel costs. Contact Dave Kanagy at 717.483.6383 with questions or to make reservations for the trip. Space is limited.

Pork and sauerkraut fundraiser for MYF missions 2019. We will NOT be having the pork and sauerkraut meal New Year's Eve but...we WILL have pork and homemade sauerkraut- mixed and sold by the quart, available Sunday, December 30th. Stop by the church multipurpose room to stock up for your New Years celebration and to support our upcoming mission outreach. Price is \$7 a quart. Thanks for your ongoing support of youth missions.

Philippians Bible Study will not meet again until January 22nd.

Pursuit of God Bible Study will not meet until January 8th.

Mom's Time Away will resume in January.

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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Thank you to all who helped make the Children's Christmas program and family Kid's Club night a success. What a blessing it is to experience Christmas through the eyes of children. The kids did an amazing job of bringing honor and glory to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Thank you to all who participated in the winter mission project of socks and a small toy to the children of Lewistown through Backyard Club! What an amazing opportunity to serve the children 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.

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 23 – December 29

23 Sunday – “For this is how much God loved the world – he gave his one and only, unique Son as a gift. So now everyone who believes in him will never perish but experience everlasting life.” John 3:16 - TPT

24 Monday – Pray for people in our church recovering from surgeries: **Mayard Beitzel, Ray Zook, and Kevin Myers**. Pray for the people participating in tonight's Christmas Eve service at 6:30 for a worshipful and meaningful time of celebrating Jesus.

25 Tuesday – “When the time of fulfillment had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law. Yet all of this was so that he would redeem and set free all those held hostage to the law so that we could receive our freedom and a full legal adoption as his children.” **Praise God today for His Gift!** Gal. 4:5 The Passion Translation

26 Wednesday – Pray for **Ivan** as he prepares a sermon for Sunday, for **Sherryl Yoder** in her preparation for leading worship Sunday. Pray for **Max and Ivan** as they continue plans for a new sermon series, *Why?* to address God's purposes for our lives, our church and our world.

27 Thursday – Pray for God to provide for our church financial needs as we are approaching the end of the year with a significant budget shortfall. Pray for guidance for our finance team.

28 Friday – Pray for **Gregg & Sharon Kanagy and the staff** at Gator Camp as they begin a new session with the boys after the Christmas break. Pray for God to guide the chiefs and supervisors as they talk with the campers after the death of Chief Justin Peachey. Pray for the **David and Rachel Peachey family** from Rockville after his death on Dec. 16 and funeral last Sunday.

29 Saturday – Pray for “*Josiah & Sarah*,” a couple forced to return to the US after being denied visas for their North African country. The children are enjoying their new schools, but pray for the family in all their adjustments to new jobs, and cultural changes. Pray for their friends and connections in their former country of service.

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