

December 30, 2018
Morning Worship Service

Prelude

Duke Larson

Worship Leader

Max Zook

Worship Team Leader

Sherryl Yoder

Sermon – Ivan Yoder

Why ask Why, John 11



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

Nursery: Infants through 3 year olds

9:00 – Ashley Newman, Sophia Plank

10:30 – Julie & Lily Yoder

*Next Week: 9:00- Hope Staley, Sydney Jerman

10:30- Danny & Nadya Peachey

Prayer List:

At Home: Elwood & Suzanne Byler

Sara Ann Yoder

Valley View: Martha Yoder, 118 Valley View Terrace

Away: Glen, Julie, Melanie, Erica, Merlin, & Leona Stauffer

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MISSION SPOT: RMM in Southern Spain: Phil and Maretta Barr

REACHING OUT: Dave Sharp is teaching at the Smithfield Correctional Institute this morning.

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 23, 2018

9:00 Worship Attendance	236
S.S. Attendance.....	392
10:30 Worship Attendance	230
S.S. Offering	\$3
Morning Worship Offering.....	\$14,629

Week 52

Budgeted Morning Worship Offerings - \$588,285

Actual Morning Worship Offerings – \$575,767

This Week's Events:

No Ladies Sewing in January

Upcoming Events:

January 14, 7:00pm – Mom's Time Away

January 24, 7:00 pm – Annual Congregational Business Meeting

Group Grades 7-9: Meet tonight 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: 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 today after church at Ivan & Pam's for lunch and discussion.

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.

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

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!

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 **TODAY**. Stop by the church kitchen to stock up for your New Year's celebration and to support our upcoming mission outreach. Price is \$7 a quart. Thanks for your ongoing support of youth missions.

Women Influencing Women Brunch will be held Saturday, January 19th at 10 am. You are invited to join Pam and Kara as they be host a brunch for "women influencing women" for ages 10 and up. Please join us as we meet for fellowship and a Word on how we influence each other and how God has instructed us as women, through scripture, to be mentors to the younger generation from Titus 2. We look forward to seeing you there! There is a sign-up sheet is on the Women's Ministry Board.

Dear Locust Grove Church Family- Thank you very much for opening up the church and for all the great volunteers that dropped everything to help with Justin Peachey's visitation funeral and meal. Please keep Justin's group of boys, the Gator Camp staff, and his family in your prayers over the coming weeks. Gregg and Sharon-for all of Gator Camp

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 meet Monday, January 14th and 28th, at 7pm at Joyce Staley's. Contact Pam with any questions at 717.363.6547.

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

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

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 TODAY. 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 30 – January 5

30 Sunday – *“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”*
Isa 55:8,9

31 Monday – Pray for **Ivan & Pam, J. & Karen, Nick & Sarah**, and the **high school students** in their annual New Years' eve party this evening. Pray for each student, for God to guide, teach, prepare, and for them each to be encouraged and mentored by others in our church family to grow into Godly men and women with a heart for God.

1 Tuesday – Today let's dedicate ourselves, our church family, our leaders, and our families to the love of God, abiding in His love, and making His love known this year to those who need Him most. Pray for God to show you where he is at work in your world so you can join him in his work.

2 Wednesday – Pray for **Max** as he prepares a message continuing our series on “Why?” and pray for **Glen Peachey** as he prepares to prepare with his worship team tonight to lead our worship on Sunday. Pray for **teachers and students** returning to school today.

3 Thursday – Pray for **Ray Zook** and **Mayard Beitzel** in their recovery from knee replacement surgery.

4 Friday – Pray for the **Christian Ed Team and teachers** as we prepare for our Sunday school elective series to begin on February 3 and run through March 31 this year. You will have the opportunity to sign up for the class you wish to attend during that time. Pray for God to use this for growth and building new relationships within our church family.

5 Saturday – Pray for **Leon & Lynda Miller** from our congregation who are participating in a SOOP assignment (Service Opportunities with Our Partners) in Phoenix, Arizona, January 5 – 19, 2019.

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