

August 9, 2020

Live Stream at: www.locustgrovemc.org

Worship Team: Brian Renno

Worship Leader: Max Zook

Sermon: Ivan Yoder

“How Many Loaves Do You Have”

Mark 8:1-10



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 our foyer.

Nursery & Break-Out

Please note, the nursery will **not** be staffed until further notice; however, it is open for parents who need to access it. Break-out is still postponed until further notice. Thank you for your understanding.

August 2, 2020

9:00 Worship Attendance.....	184
10:30 Worship Attendance.....	155
Sunday School Attendance.....	303
Morning Worship Offering	\$9,874
YTD Morning Worship Offering.....	\$363,873
YTD Budgeted Worship Offering.....	\$348,738

This Week's Events

- **Today at 9:30 am:** Baptism Class in Max's Office
- **Tonight at 6:00 pm:** Annual Church Baptism Celebration at Creekside Pavilion
- **Monday, August 10th 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm:** Central PA Clinic Blood Drive at Locust Grove
- **Tuesday, August 11th, 7:00 pm:** Genesis Bible Study, Room 103 – Bob Plank
- **Saturday, August 15th, 8:00 am:** 5 mile hike at Greenwood Furnace. Meet at the parking lot past the stone church.

Upcoming Events:

- **Sunday, August 16th,** Children Department teacher appreciation and training
- **Wednesday, August 26th,** 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm: Red Cross Blood Drive

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Two-Year Old Sunday school

Registration: If you have a child who will be two by September 1st, 2020, we invite them to join our two year old Sunday school class in the fall. If you did not receive a registration paper in your mailbox, please contact Kara Kauffman at 717-437-1473 to register your child. We are excited to partner with you in teaching your child about Jesus and look forward to him/her starting their Sunday school journey!

Sunday School Teacher/Helper Appreciation Sunday: I would like to thank all of our amazing and dedicated Sunday school teachers and helpers that have given their time and spiritual gifts this past year. August 16th there will be donuts and coffee in the downstairs sewing room (next to the Junior Worship area). Come enjoy even if you don't teach/help that Sunday. Thank you for all you do to help further the Kingdom of God!

New Sunday School Teacher Training: Thank you to all who have volunteered to teach next year. I will be holding a teacher training for all teachers who are new to teaching this year on August 16th immediately following second service in the café downstairs. A light lunch will be provided. Please let Kara know if you are unable to attend and we can schedule a private meeting at another time. If you are an existing teacher who would like to attend, you are welcome but it is not required. Thank you to all who agreed to teach for the upcoming year!

YOUTH EVENTS

Young Adults: Meet **today**, at Rob & Rena Plank's for lunch and discussion.

Prayer List

Home

John & Jane Looney
&
Steven & Susie
Emma, Jesse, Mahlon
& Steven Jr.
Peachey

Valley View

Joe Byler
413A Valley View
Haven

Away

Glenn & Julie
Stauffer & family
6960 Forest St
Three Lakes, WI
54562

Mission Spot

Wycliffe In Orlando
Florida
Keith, Christine
Luke & Nicole
Bitikofer

HEALTH & WELLNESS EVENTS

Kids Move Challenge: This is the second week of the Kids Move Challenge. Week two charts are on the Welcome Table. Parents/Guardians please help your children keep track of the amount of time they spend on the each activity. Each increment of time should be filled in on the chart. (It will look like a bar graph.) Activities and times are divided by age groups. At the end of each week, Children who have participated will be eligible to choose a prize from the prize basket. In addition, at the end of each month, if a child's chart is completely filled, the child's name will be entered into a drawing for a grand prize. If you have any questions, please contact Juanita Byler, Karen Ritchey, Pam Yoder, or Jessica Geissinger. Kids, let's get moving!

Hiking, Saturday, Aug 15th: Meet at Greenwood State Park at 8:00 am in the parking lot just past the little stone church. We will hike a beautiful 5 mile loop. Wear comfortable shoes and bring your water. See you then.

Winter Work-out: If you are interested in participating in a winter work-out program, please sign-up on the Health & Wellness bulletin board.

CHURCH NEWS

Youth Ministries Coordinator: We are currently accepting applications and recommendations for a Youth Ministries Coordinator. The job description is posted on the bulletin board and church website. Applications are available from the church office or website. Applications & resumes should be submitted to: search@locustgrovemc.org or hard copies can be mailed to **Max Peachey**, c/o Locust Grove Mennonite Church, 3358 W. Main Street, Belleville, PA 17004.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Community Hymn Sing: The Annual Heritage Center hymn sing is **tentatively** planned for August 16 at 6:30 pm at the Allensville Mennonite church outdoor pavilion. Join us in singing the classic acapella hymns of our faith. Bring lawn chairs if you prefer alternate seating. No food or drink will be involved. Contributions for the Center will be accepted.

Red Cross Blood Drive, August 26th 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm: The Red Cross will be at Locust Grove for our annual blood drive on August 26th. If you have been faithfully donating on schedule in the area, this is the blood drive that fits into the 56 day schedule. Please make an appointment online or call Sally Clark at 717-250-9739 to schedule a time to donate. Thank you!!

Pastoral Sabbatical Policy

On Monday, August 10, Ivan and Pam will begin a four month sabbatical until Sunday, December 13, for refreshment during this pastoral transition year. They plan to begin this time by turning off their cell phones and spending two weeks disconnecting from their responsibilities at our church that have preoccupied their minds for the past ten years. Following that time they plan to spend time with Kaitlyn and Josiah in Nevada and Utah before spending several weeks in Montana. Later they plan to return to Belleville to prepare to re-enter before Ivan becomes Senior Pastor on January 31, 2021.

Listed below is a copy of our Sabbatical Policy which was first written for Max's six month sabbatical Jan – June, 2008 and will be guiding Ivan & Pam.

Pastor's Sabbatical Policy Approved May 1, 2006

Purposes of the Sabbatical:

1. To encourage growth and refreshment in the ministry
2. To increase the likelihood of longer pastoral tenure
3. To provide an opportunity for professional learning and development.

Guidelines:

1. One month of sabbatical time is earned for two years of pastoral service rendered (or two weeks for every year of service) for a maximum of six months sabbatical time, eligible after five years of service.
2. The sabbatical time may be spent in study, short term mission project, teaching, travel, or other growth and refreshment related activity.
3. The specific proposal must be presented by October for the following calendar year, and is subject to the approval of the elders and finance committee.
4. Financial reimbursement will be between 50% and 100% of regular salary and benefits, depending upon the nature of the sabbatical activity, and any remuneration received from other sources.
5. Following a sabbatical the pastor agrees to provide a minimum of one year of service to the congregation with the understanding that repayment of sabbatical salary and benefits will be made for failure to do so.

PRAYER GUIDE August 9 – August 15

9 Sunday – *Jesus said, “I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. If I send them home hungry, they will collapse on the way, because some of them have come a long distance.... How many loaves do you have?”* Mark 8:2-5

10 Monday – Pray for Ivan and Pam today as they begin their Sabbatical by turning off their cell phones and disconnecting from all their responsibilities within our church family. Pray for God to help them unload the burdens and concerns they have carried for the past ten years and give them to Jesus so they can be renewed and refreshed in the coming months.

11 Tuesday – Pray for children in Lewistown that Ann Kanagy and a team of leaders have been meeting with each “Terrific Tuesday” this summer and the way those children have been learning Bible stories. Pray for ongoing opportunities for them to learn to know Jesus and develop faith in Him.

12 Wednesday – Pray for Max as he prepares a sermon for Sunday on the subject of contentment from Philippians 4, and pray for Sherryl as she prepares this evening to lead the worship team on Sunday.

13 Thursday – Pray for God to call and prepare more volunteers to serve as teachers and youth leaders beginning in September. We still need a few more people to serve as assistant leaders and Sunday school teachers.

14 Friday – Pray for people in our church family recovering from surgery; Jenny Plank and Abby McMillen, and pray for our sound technician, Dustin Hartzler in his ongoing struggle with intense back pain,

15 Saturday – Pray for our college students who will be moving into dorms and preparing to study over the next few weeks. Pray especially for those who are leaving home for the first time and especially pray for their parents who will be learning how to release their child into the hands of Jesus for His protection