

**April 18, 2021**

**LOCUST GROVE MENNONITE CHURCH**  
ROOTED IN TRUTH GROWING IN LOVE



**Worship Team Leader:** Sherryl Yoder

**Worship Leader:** Max Peachey

**Sermon:** “<Greater Grace>” John 21:15-25 –Ivan Yoder

**Welcome to our Worship Service.**

We are so glad you are here.

Sunday School Classes are available during both of our services.

Please see the Welcome Table by the multipurpose room for more information.

We livestream our 9:00 am service via our Facebook page each Sunday

**Nursery (Infants – 3 years old)**

**Today**

9:00 – Rodney & Karissa Yoder

10:30 – Josh & Morgan Detwiler

**April 25<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 – Lydia Peachey & Sophia Plank

10:30 – Katie Peachey & Ashely Thompson

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**April 11, 2021**

9:00 Worship Attendance-----203

10:30 Worship Attendance-----169

Sunday School Attendance -----350

Morning Worship Offering-----\$11,223

YTD Morning Worship Offering---- \$193,049

YTD Budgeted Worship Offering --- \$174,235

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**Events This Week**

- **Monday:** Leadership Team Prayer Meeting, 7 pm
- **Tuesday:** Genesis Bible Study, Room 103, 6:30 pm –**Greg Allen & Bob Plank**

**Children’s Ministry Events & News**

**Mega Sports Camp:** MSC is June 7<sup>th</sup>– 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 11:30 am at the Belleville Playground for kids who will be completing Kindergarten through kids who will be completing 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Sports being offered are basketball, cheerleading, soccer, tennis & flag football. Go to <https://locustgrovemc.org/ministries/children/> to register your child(ren) online or paper forms are available under the children’s ministry board. Information cards are also available on the table to give to friends and family who have children who may want to participate in MSC. Please invite neighbors, family, and friends to join in the fun!!

**Vacation Bible School:** VBS is June 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 - 8:00 pm at Locust Grove for kids age 4 through kids who will be completing 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration is available online at <https://locustgrovemc.org/ministries/children/> or paper forms are available for you to give to friends and family who have children who may want to participate in VBS. Please invite neighbors, family, and friends to join in the fun as we learn that we are priceless treasures to God!

**VBS Soundtrack Orders:** The kids in Junior Worship have begun singing VBS songs. Due to copyright laws, we are unable to copy the CD for each child. If your child would like a cd of the VBS songs, order form envelopes are under the Children’s Ministry bulletin board. All orders must be placed & pre-paid by Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Supplies Needed for VBS:** There are a few items that we would like to borrow to reduce expenses. If you are willing to lend any of the following, please contact **Kara** at 717-437-1473: 5 small spotlights, greenery such as artificial plants, trees, or ferns (please no pine trees), 10 tiki torches, 10 large bags of sand (this item will be a donation). Please label each item(s) you are lending to us with your name, so we can return your item(s) to you.

**Rooted (5<sup>th</sup> grade & 6<sup>th</sup> grade):** Rooted will be Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 – 4 pm at Locust Grove. The last Rooted for the school year is Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> immediately following second service at Greenwood State Park for an end of the year picnic and celebration! More details to follow.

**Youth Events**

**Fusion (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades):** Meet at BMS Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 pm. Please dress for outdoor activities. 7<sup>th</sup> grade please bring a snack & 8<sup>th</sup> grade please bring a drink

**Ignite (9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grades):** Bible Study & games Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 4-6 pm at the church.

**Radiate (11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Grades):** Meet at the church Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

**Young Adults:** Lunch & discussion Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at Ivan & Pam’s.

**Youth Summer Trips**

- Fusion Girls: June 30<sup>th</sup>– July 4<sup>th</sup>
- Fusion Boys: June 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>
- Ignite: July 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Radiate: August 16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Young Adults: July 7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>

## Church News

**Mission Board:** The Mission Board invites you to pray with them & thousands around the world for the Muslims during Ramadan. We just celebrated the resurrection of Jesus & were reminded that He loves and died for everyone. Ramadan began Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, & continues for 30 days. Adult Muslim World Prayer Guides are available outside the prayer chapel. Children's prayer guides are on the table at the east entrance.

**Church Usage Guidelines & Policies Update:** At the Directors' April Meeting, the following guidelines, and policies for use of our building and facilities have been updated & approved effective April 8, 2021: **The building & grounds have been dedicated for public worship and related church activities. We are happy to share these facilities, but we ask that you observe the following guidelines. All requests for church usage need to be scheduled by the church secretary. If a request is made that is not within these guidelines and policies, the Directors will review this request. All church usage activities and cleanup must be concluded by 10:30 pm. A \$50 fee will be assessed for every 15 minutes beyond the 10:30 pm deadline to be paid by the person/party requesting use of our facilities.**

**Mother-Daughter Brunch:** There will be a Mother-Daughter Brunch Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 10 am at the church. Please bring your daughter, niece, or granddaughter ages 7 and up, your mother, sister, aunt, or any woman that is special to you. The sign-up sheet is on the Health & Wellness bulletin board. If you have any dietary needs, please contact Pam or Kara.

## Health & Wellness Events & News

**Ladies Winter Work-out:** \$5 per session or \$35/month.

Mondays 6:30: PIYO style exercise

Thursdays 6:30: Strength Training

## **Recommendations/focus for April and May:**

**"Breaking Intimidation" by John Bevere:** This is what Nadya had to say as lessons from the book "When I am gearing toward my highest calling, intimidation will be there. Intimidation will be activated when a challenge or threat comes when the evil in the world feels/sees a threat. As a follower of Jesus Christ, it is my responsibility, with the power of the Holy Spirit, to break the power of that intimidation and walk into the gifts that my Creator has for me. It is painful to live in intimidation and painful to break through, but it is my choice of where I will live, in pain or free. The results are vastly different: live bound or free?" John walks Christians through recognizing intimidation and prayers to break free from it.

**"The Bait of Satan" by John Bevere:** "Satan's most deceptive snare-the spirit of offense. Most people ensnared by offense do not realize it. You will encounter offense, but it is up to you how you are going to let it affect you and therefore your relationship with God. Your response determines your future. Stay free from offense and escape the victim mentality." (Charisma House).

## Community Events

**Single & Parenting:** Single & Parenting at the Lumina Center Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, from 6 – 7:30 pm

**Heritage Center Open House:** The Heritage Center in Belleville is having a Spring Open House Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – 12 noon & Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2– 4 pm.

**Crossroads Pregnancy Center 5K:** Crossroads Pregnancy Center will be holding a 5k race/1 mile walk on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, at the lower trail in Alexandria. Register online or at the event. Registration will begin at 8:30 am on the day of the event and the race will begin at 9:30 am. For more information about the event and to register online, please visit our website [cpcforlife.org](http://cpcforlife.org) and click the link Run Baby Run 2021.

**BMS 2021-2022 School Year:** Belleville Mennonite School is now enrolling students for the 2021-22 school year. Financial aid is available for qualifying families. To learn more or schedule a tour, call the school office at 717-935-2184 or visit our website: [www.bmsprek12.org](http://www.bmsprek12.org).

**Rosedale's Salt & Light Company:** Rosedale Bible College's Salt & Light Company will present a concert Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at Allensville Mennonite Church.

## Prayer Guide Prayer Guide

April 18<sup>th</sup> – April 24<sup>th</sup>

**Home:** Glen & Romana Byler and Ted & Joann Yoder

**Valley View:** Joe Byler, 413A Valley View Haven

**Away:** Sabrina Deed, Ethnos 360 Bible Institute, 312 West First Street, Sanford, FL  
32771

**Mission Spot:** Ethnos 360 Papua New Guinea-Rick, Anji, Kira & Keane Zook

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**Sunday** – *“God's law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. But as people sinned more and more, God's wonderful grace became more abundant. So just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to death, now God's wonderful grace rules instead, giving us right standing with God and resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord”* Romans 5:20-21

**Monday** – Please pray for the Worship Team Coordinators, Glen & Yvonne Peachey and worship leaders, Brian Renno, Sherryl Yoder, Abe Hoffman & Glen Peachey to be aware of God's presence, to listen and to hear God, and as they communicate with whoever is bringing the message as they prepare for worship each week.

**Tuesday** – Please pray for those who are experiencing health related challenges recently: Ray Byler, Paul Hostetler, Ira Haire & Rod Hartzler. Also please pray for Lois Yoder whose 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday was April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Wednesday** – Please pray for our Worship Service on Sunday & those involved as they prepare for the service: **Ivan Yoder** as he brings the message, **Greg Yoder** as worship leader, **Abe Hoffman** as worship team leader.

**Thursday** – Please pray for Devin in West Africa with Rosedale International as he is in language study, and as he builds relationships with Christian brothers and Muslim neighbors.

**Friday** – Today's focus is our local volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel as they are called out at all times of the day & night. This past year has been a stressful year. Please pray for their safety when on calls, as well as their mental wellbeing. Please pray for their families as well in the sacrifices they make and the stress they feel knowing their loved ones may be in dangerous situations when on calls.

**Saturday** – Genesis 37:1-11: God, we thank you for the love and favor you extend to us who believe in Jesus. We confess that we do not deserve your overwhelming grace. We praise you for making us new creations through Christ's death and resurrection. Please turn us from evil thoughts and distractions that divert our attention from you. Holy Spirit, help us to learn from the examples of men & women that God has given to us in His Word that we may live more holy lives for God's glory. Use the Church here and around the globe to shine brightly in our dark world. In Jesus name, Amen.