

April 25, 2021

Worship Team Leader: Abe Hoffman

Worship Leader: Greg Yoder

Sermon: “Missing the Mark” –Ivan Yoder

Sunday Evening Prayer Service: Please join us tonight at 7 pm for a time of prayer for a Youth Pastor.

LOCUST GROVE MENNONITE CHURCH
ROOTED IN TRUTH GROWING IN LOVE



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.

website: locustgrovemc.org

717-935-2164

Nursery (Infants – 3 years old)

Today

9:00 – Lydia Peachey & Sophia Plank

10:30 – Katie Peachey & Ashley Thompson

May 2nd

9:00 – Mary Hostetler & Megan Hartzler

10:30 – Diane Shetler & Miriam Stoltzfus

April 18, 2021

9:00 Worship Attendance-----185

10:30 Worship Attendance-----140

Sunday School Attendance-----340

Morning Worship Offering-----\$12,627

YTD Morning Worship Offering-----\$205,676

YTD Budgeted Worship Offering ---\$185,852

Events This Week

- **Tuesday:** Men’s Pursuit of God Bible Study, Room 103, 7 am –**Ivan Yoder**
- **Tuesday:** Genesis Bible Study, Room 103, 6:30 pm –**Greg Allen & Bob Plank**

Upcoming Events

- **Monday, May 3rd:** Leadership Team Meeting
- **Tuesday, May 4th:** Ladies Sewing
- **Sunday, May 16th:** Night of Worship - **Abe Hoffman**

Children’s Ministry Events & News

Summer Programs: Mega Sports Camp is June 7-11 and Vacation Bible School is June 27th – 30th. Informational cards as well as paper registrations are available under the children’s ministry board. Go to <https://locustgrovemc.org/ministries/children/> to register online.

****If you would like to volunteer to help with these programs, please contact Kara at (717) 437-1473.**

VBS Soundtrack Orders: The kids in Junior Worship have begun singing this year’s VBS songs! The songs are a good mixture of new and classic worship that kids will be singing all summer long! Due to copyright laws, we are unable to make copies of this CD. You may purchase a CD at the reduced rate of \$5 per CD. Order envelopes are available under the children’s ministry bulletin board. Order deadline is May 2nd. Thank you!

Supplies Needed for VBS: To help reduce expenses, we would like to borrow the following items: 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) with your name so we can be sure to return your item(s) to you. Please contact **Kara** at 717-437-1473 for more information.

Rooted: Rooted meets today from 2:30 – 4 pm at Locust Grove. The last Rooted for the school year is Sunday, May 23rd immediately following second service at Greenwood State Park for an end of the year picnic and celebration! More details to follow.

Youth Events

Fusion (7th & 8th Grades): Meet at today BMS from 6–8 pm. Please dress for outdoor activities. 7th grade please bring a snack & 8th grade please bring a drink. Drop of and pick up is at BMS.

Ignite (9th & 10th Grades): Bible Study & games today from 4–6 pm at the church.

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

Young Adults: Lunch & discussion today at Ivan & Pam’s.

Youth Summer Trips

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

Ignite Fundraiser: A Grilled Chicken/Car Wash/Bake Sale fundraiser will be Saturday, May 15th, from 9 am – 2 pm to raise money for Ignite’s City Challenge Summer Trip to Rosedale International Center. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by Pam’s office to donate items for the bake sale. Thank you!

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 Jesus loves & died for everyone. Ramadan began Tuesday, April 13th, & 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.

Mother-Daughter Brunch: There will be a Mother-Daughter brunch Saturday, May 8th, 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**.

Thank you: Your prayers and cards were encouraging and sustaining during the challenging time of the passing of my brother, Edwin Yoder. Thank you. J.D. & Twila Yoder & family

Bulletin Announcements: For this week only, please send all bulletin announcements to **Heidi** at heidi@locustgrovemc.org by 12 noon on Thursday, April 29th.

MCC May & June Project: May & June is dedicated for school kits. The items needed are listed below. If you have any questions, you may contact **Brucette Metz** at the Thrift Shop 717-935-5233 or **Joyce Haire** 570-250-0076.



Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families who struggle to afford basic school supplies. School kits are often requested after disasters and help bring normalcy to children whose families have been forced to flee their homes.

Contents (NEW items only)

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks**
(8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils**
- 1 ruler** (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils**
(in packaging)
- 1 large eraser**
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens**
- 1 small metal pencil sharpener**
(one or two holes)

AMISH RESOURCES
www.locustgrovemc.org/kits

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 Event

Single & Parenting: Single & Parenting at the Lumina Center Wednesday, April 28th, from 6 – 7:30 pm

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 to schedule a tour, call the school office at 717-935-2184 or visit our website: www.bmsprek12.org.

Annual Amish & Mennonite Heritage Center (MCMHS): Spring Open house is today from 2–4 pm. The Annual MCMHS meeting is Friday, May 7th, 7 pm at Belleville Community Hall. Genealogist Fran Peachey, co-editor of the "New Peachey Book" will be our guest speaker.

Gospel Echoes Prison Ministry Banquet: Gospel Echoes Banquet is Monday, May 10th, 6:30 pm at the Belleville Mennonite School. Tickets are \$8 each for ages 6 and up. Ages 5 & under are free. For tickets contact Josh and Cindy Rhodes at 717-437-5375 or Glenn and Karen Yoder at 717-935-2685. Tickets are required for entry. A freewill offering will be received for the ministry.

Palmer Museum of Art Special Exhibit: A special exhibition is currently on display at the Palmer Museum of Art at Penn State campus during May. "Field Language: the painting & poetry of Warren & Jane Rohrer" features some 50 works, including paintings & works on paper, poetry, an Amish quilt, and examples of Pennsylvania German Painted crockery & furniture. The exhibition is free but timed tickets must be reserved. For tickets go to <https://palmermuseum.psu.edu-exhibits>. For a digital companion with more information and videos is available at <https://sites.psu.edu/fieldlanguage/>

Prayer Guide Prayer Guide

April 25th – May 1st

Home: Glenn & Jean Byler and Steven Yoder

Valley View: Effie Hostetler, 321 Valley View Haven

Away: Hannah Diehl, PSU, 201 Vairo Blvd, Unit Q368, State College, PA 16803

Mission Spot: Gospel Echoes Prison Ministry – Locust Grove Bible Study Graders

Sunday – *“This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and are justified free by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.”*

Romans 3: 22-24

Monday – During the Nicaraguan Mennonite Conference this month, **Salamon**, a pastor in the area of Rama, was shopping in Managua and did not return to the Conference. They discovered he was taken to the hospital due to being injured in the process of being robbed. He is in a hospital in Managua with a blood clot & swelling on his brain. As of April 21st, his wife has not yet arrived in Managua to be with him. Let us join the Nicaraguan churches in praying for **Salamon’s** healing.

The distribution of tin roofing to homes of church members in Nicaragua devastated by the 2 hurricanes in 2020 is going well, thanks to the generous outpouring of support.

Tuesday – Today, **Loren Byler** is having hip replacement surgery and **Rod Hartzler** is having back surgery. Please pray that **Loren & Rod** feel God’s presence and for God to give them peace, courage, and healing. Pray also for the doctors and nurses as they care for **Loren & Rod** and for **Loren & Rod’s** families. Also, please pray for **Glen & Yvonne Peachey** regarding **Yvonne’s** upcoming appointment with an ENT doctor for ongoing health issues.

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

Thursday – Today, pray for all the Sunday School teachers in the Children’s Department as they teach the children about Jesus, for wisdom and for the love of Jesus to shine through the teachers. Pray the children would be receptive to learn and grow in their love for Jesus.

Friday – Please pray for all healthcare workers who work in long term care facilities during these stressful times of covid. Pray for strength, courage, and peace for all.

Saturday – Genesis 37:12-36: God, we praise you for your compassionate heart. Give us the relentlessness of the good shepherd who goes after wandering sheep & never gives up. Holy Spirit protect us from being easily discouraged & grant us the spiritual strength to endure hardships. Please deliver us from a negative compulsive nature to envy others & resist your will. Save us from a life of pretense & guard us from using religion as a mask to cover up our resistance to the claims of Jesus on our lives. Father God, please help us during the seasons of grief & loss to know Jesus lives & sorrow can never have the final word. In Jesus’s name Amen.