

December 20, 2020

Live Stream on our Facebook page

Worship Team Leader: Sherryl Yoder

Worship Leader: Max Zook

Sermon: Ivan Yoder – “Embracing Biblical Joy” John 15: 9-11

LOCUST GROVE MENNONITE CHURCH
ROOTED IN TRUTH GROWING IN LOVE



Welcome to our Worship Service

We are so glad you are here.

For those attending the 9 am service, please exit via the east entrance after the service. For those attending the 10:30 am service, please enter and exit via the west entrance. Please wear masks while entering and leaving the building.

December 13, 2020

9:00 Worship Attendance.....	109
10:30 Worship Attendance.....	88
Morning Worship Offering.....	\$10,267
YTD Morning Worship Offering.....	\$563,153
YTD Budgeted Worship Offering.....	\$557,970



Youth Events

Fusion (7th & 8th Grade): Fusion Christmas party is **today**, December 20th. Please bring a \$10 or less gift. Girls, please bring a snack & guys, please bring a drink. Please feel free to wear any festive Christmas attire.

Ignite (9th & 10th Grade): New Year’s Eve party, Tuesday, December 29th, 6 pm.

Church News

2020 Business Meeting & Annual Reports: Our annual business is Thursday, January 28, 2021. If you are a committee chairperson, you received an email or a letter in your church mailbox this week regarding 2020 annual reports. Please submit your reports to Arlene Byler at via email, arlene@locustgrovemc.org, or by dropping your report off at the Secretary’s office. Thank you for your work this past year.

The church bulletin will be printed on Thursdays for the next 2 weeks. Please submit your announcements to me by Wednesday. Thank you! – Arlene

Health & Wellness Information & Events

December Monthly Focus & Recommended Reading: This month the focus is "The Birth of Jesus, How It Can Change Everything". Recommended reading for this month is:

1. "The Spiritual Man" by Watchman Nee
2. "Christ Formed in You – The Power of the Gospel for Personal Change" by Brian Hedges

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

Group 1-Strength & Stretching (Moderate): Mondays & Thursdays 6:30-7:15 pm

Group 2-Modified/Beginners (low impact): Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:30-6:15 pm.

Community News

Hope Alive: Hope Alive is forming the next group to begin in January. This 30 week treatment program is for men and women who struggle with conflicts and difficulties that steal one's joy and peace. A personal evaluation is required and helpful to answer questions to reach informed consent. The group consists of 3-4 men and women, a facilitator and Karen Yoder as counselor. The group meets at a time that is convenient to all, generally evenings. But would consider Friday or Saturday mornings from 9-12. For more information, please call Karen Yoder at 717-935-2685 or 717-348-2827.

Central PA Clinic/Red Cross Blood Drive: Central PA Clinic & the Red Cross will be holding a blood drive here Monday, December 29th from 1-7 pm in the multi-purpose room.

PRAYER GUIDE

December 20 – December 26

Locust Grove Church Family Prayer List

Home: Rachel, Chloe & Leah Paul & Don & Bonnie Peachey

Valley View: Grace Stacy, 413 Valley View Haven

Away: Melissa Yoder, Waynesburg University, 51 W. College St, Box 2772,
Waynesburg, PA 15370

Mission Spot: Joy Seekers meeting every Monday evening in Lewistown

20 Sunday – *“I bring you good tidings of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.”*

21 Monday – Pray today for the nurses and staff at our **local nursing homes, clinics, and hospitals** with the large number of sick people. Pray for sustaining grace and strength. Pray especially for the people at the **Lewistown Hospital** and join in the special prayer this evening at 6:00 pm at the parking lot.

22 Tuesday – Please pray for families in our church continuing to deal with the death of a loved one. Pray for **Orpha Glick** today on her birthday after her sister Esther died earlier this year. Pray also for **Dave & Ruth Yoder** and his family after **Verna Yoder** died last week. And continue to pray for the families of **Orpha Zook, Mabel Stayrook and John L. Yoder.**

23 Wednesday – Pray for **Abe Hoffman** as he prepares to lead the worship time on Sunday and pray for **Max** as he prepares a message for Sunday morning, reflecting on the purging that has happened this past year. Prepare by reading 1 Corinthians 3.

24 Thursday – Read **Matthew 1 & Luke 1 today and list all the details** in this chapter that prepared people for the coming of Jesus. Then list details of your life that you wish you could change and present each on to the Father and praise Him that He is a God of Details!

25 Friday – Read **Luke 2** today and notice all the words of praise and worship in both this chapter and Luke 1. Paraphrase your own words of **worship to Jesus** based on what the angels and other characters expressed in worship.

26 Saturday – Pray for our missionaries in other parts of the world. Pray for opportunities for them to point people to Jesus as King of Kings this season. Pray for **Sheldon & Cindy Sharp; Dion & Naty Peachey, Gregg & Sharon Kanagy; Alin & Gaby Ciorogar; and Francis & Leah Daytec.**