

May 2, 2021

Worship Team Leader: Glen Peachey

Worship Leader: Steven Peachey

Sermon: Missing the Mark, Part 2
Ivan Yoder

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 – Mary Hostetler & Megan Hartzler

10:30 – Diane Shetler & Miriam Stoltzfus

May 9th

9:00 – Brendon & Barbara Groff

10:30 – Joyce Staley & Sonya Yoder

April 25, 2021

9:00 Worship Attendance	184
10:30 Worship Attendance	175
Sunday School Attendance	359
Morning Worship Offering	\$13,794
YTD Morning Worship Offering	\$219,470
YTD Budgeted Worship Offering	\$197,469

Events This Week

- **Monday:** Leadership Team Business Meeting, 7 pm
- **Tuesday:** Ladies Sewing, bring your own lunch
- **Tuesday:** Genesis Bible Study, Room 103, 6:30 pm –**Greg Allen & Bob Plank**

Upcoming Events

- **Tuesday, May 11th:** Men’s Pursuit of God Bible Study, Room 103, 7am - **Ivan Yoder**
- **Sunday, May 16th:** a celebration of music and the gifts and abilities that God has blessed His world with - **Abe Hoffman & Friends**

Children’s Ministry Events & News

Summer Programs: Mega Sports Camp is June 7th – 11th 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.

Specific volunteer needs for Mega Sports Camp: Registration helpers, Flag Football coach (does not need to have played but should have a general knowledge of the game) & **huddle coaches** (huddle coaches do not need to have specific knowledge of the game...they are there for small group huddle and to assist the coaches), **Soccer Coach** (one more adult or older teenage soccer coach to assist the other coaches).

VBS Soundtrack Orders: We are excited to offer this year’s VBS soundtrack to families at a reduced price of \$5 per CD. Order envelopes are available under the children’s ministry bulletin board and must be placed by today.

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. We do not need items until the week before VBS. Please contact **Kara** at 717-437-1473 for more information.

Rooted. 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): Bible Study & games Sunday, May 9th, 6:15 – 8:15 pm at the church. 7th grade please bring a drink & 8th grade please bring a snack.

Ignite (9th & 10th Grades): Meet Sunday, May 9th at **MAPLE GROVE MENNONITE CHURCH** at 4pm to leave for a bike ride. Please bring your own bike - contact one of the sponsors if you need one! Also bring your own personal water bottle and a snack to share with the group. Pick up time will be 6pm at Maple Grove.

Radiate (11th & 12th Grades): Meet at the church Wednesday, May 12th, at 7 pm. Guys bring a drink, girls bring a snack.

Young Adults: Lunch & discussion Sunday, May 9th, 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 to help cover the cost 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!

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 Bever: 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 Bever: "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).

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.

Mennonite Central Committee

March/April Project Locust Grove once again gave abundantly to MCC. A total of 41 bath towels, 11 hand towels, 10 packs for fabric, 131 bars of soap and another sewing kit. Thank you!

May/June Project May & June is dedicated for school kits. Please see the list for items needed. If you have any questions, you may contact **Brucette Metz** at the Thrift Shop 717-935-5233 or **Joyce Haire** 570-250-0076.

My Coins Count Collect your noisy coins for "My Coins Count" on Sunday, May 16. Two years ago, we collected \$690.87. Due to COVID-19, we were not able to take this special offering in 2020, we are hoping to beat the total from 2019.

Community Events

Single & Parenting: Single & Parenting at the Lumina Center Wednesday, May 5th, 6 – 7:30 pm

Singles Mom's Brunch: A brunch for single moms is Saturday, May 15th, 10:30 am – 1:30 pm at the New Life Church, 101 N Beech Street, Burnham. The event will feature a delicious brunch, an interactive food prep demonstration, Successful Sleep Time with Children, & Satin Hands Pampering Treatment. Activities & childcare is available for children ages 0 – 12 years old. Please RSVP by calling 717-935-2164 or text 717-437-4946.

Annual Amish & Mennonite Heritage Center (MCMHS): 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. A ticket is required for entry. A freewill offering will be received for the ministry.

Palmer Museum of Art Special Exhibit: You are invited to attend a special exhibition on view at the Palmer Museum of Art at Penn State campus until the end of May. "Field Language: the painting & Poetry of Warren & Jane Rohrer" features some 50 works, including paintings and 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>. A digital companion with more information and videos is available at <https://sites.psu.edu/fieldlanguage/>

Health Screenings: There have been several inquiries regarding the Omega Health Screenings that have been held here at Locust Grove. Omega Labs are no longer performing health screening, we have tried to find alternatives but are unable to recommend anything at this time

Prayer Guide Prayer Guide

May 2nd – May 8th

Home: John & Rhoda Byler and Shawn, Emily, Melissa, Olivia, Doris & Sonya Yoder

Valley View: Twila Peachey, 415B Valley View Haven

Away: Anthony Fultz, PSU, 309 W. Beaver Avenue, Apt 3, State College, PA 16803

Mission Spot: Wycliff – C&H in Southeast Asia working in Bible Translation

Sunday – *Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:4-5*

Monday - Pray for our local Thrift store. The store serves our community and supports MCC as well. Pray for the over 130 staff and volunteers who contribute to the richness of this ministry and our community. Pray that they are able to shine the light of Jesus to those who come into the store. Give thanks for blessings of abundant donations and sales.

Tuesday – Please continue to pray for the Youth Pastor Search Committee for wisdom and to hear from God on the search for a youth pastor.

Wednesday – Please pray for our Worship Service on Sunday & those involved as they prepare for the service: **John Looney** as he brings the message, **Ivan** as worship leader, **Brian Renno** as worship team leader.

Thursday – Today the focus is on RI Teams in South Asia & East Asia. Please pray for wisdom to know how to engage this culture so people understand the good news & respond and for safety as they travel.

Friday – Pray for Glen & Ramona Byler. Today is Ramona’s birthday, let’s pray for her encouragement today. Ramona continues to struggle with several health related concerns so pray also for God to be at work in her physical body as well, that His strength and grace are abundant.

Saturday – Genesis 39:1-6: Father God we are grateful for all you’ve lavishly blessed us with. We praise you for sealing us as your adopted children. We thank you for comforting us in moments of weakness & tribulation with the knowledge that you will raise us to life after death. Lord, we confess we often wasted and squandered your blessings. Please forgive us & help us to invest every blessing for your kingdom so we may bless others. We pray all this in Jesus name. Amen.