

September 20, 2020

Live Stream at: www.locustgrovemc.org

Worship Team Leader: Sherryl Yoder

Worship Leader: Greg Yoder

Sermon: Max Zook

“Refreshment at Engedi”

1 Samuel 24 & Psalm 57



Welcome to our Worship Service

We are so glad you are here. The balcony is reserved for everyone who prefers to wear a mask and practice social distancing. Our morning schedule includes many class options for discussion during both of our morning worship services.

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 postponed until further notice. Thank you for your understanding.

September 13, 2020

9:00 Worship Attendance.....	177
10:30 Worship Attendance.....	118
Sunday School Attendance.....	347
Morning Worship Offering	\$11,720
YTD Morning Worship Offering.....	\$435,950
YTD Budgeted Worship Offering.....	\$418,482

This Week's Events

- **Tuesday, September 22nd, 7:00 pm:** Genesis Bible Study, Room 103 – **Bob Plank**
- **Tuesday, September 22nd, 7:00 pm:** GriefShare, Room 106 – **Tom & Norma Zook**

Upcoming Events:

- **Sunday – Tuesday, September 27th – September 29th:** Fall Renewal Meetings with **Mel Shetler**
- **Sunday, October 4th:** Fall Communion Sunday

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Rooted (5th & 6th Grade): The Rooted will be **tonight**, September 20th, from **4:00 pm – 5:30 pm** at the church. Please note the time change and thank you for your patience as we navigate what works best for the kids.

Team Kid: Join us for fall Team Kid October 13th & 27th and November 10th & 24th from 6:30-8:00. Team Kid is for kids in grades pre-k (age 4) – 4th Grade and is held here at Locust Grove. During our fall Team Kid, we will be going “all in” on the question “What about Prayer?” Come join us for Bible Story, Games, Activities, and snack! Paper registrations are available under the Children’s Ministry board or you can register online at www.locustgrovemc.org/childrens-ministry. Remember to bring your Bibles and your friends!

YOUTH EVENTS

Fusion (7th & 8th Grade): Scavenger Hunt at Greenwood **NEXT Sunday, September 27th**, 4pm – 7pm. 7th grade bring a snack & 8th grade bring a drink. Drop off and pick-up is at the Pavilion by the ballfield.

Ignite (Grades 9 & 10): Canoe Float **NEXT Sunday, September 27th**. Meet the Dollar General in McVeytown at **4pm**. Please bring money for ice cream at Harshbargers afterwards. Parents, pick-up time is **7pm** at Harshbarger's Sub & Malt in McVeytown.

Radiate (Grades 11th & 12th): Meet at Alexis’s apartment **Wednesday, September 23rd** at 7:15 pm. Guys bring a snack & girls bring a drink. You will be receiving directions via a text from Nick. If you have any questions, contact Nick at 717-437-3064.

Young Adults: Meet **today** for lunch & discussion at **Rob & Rena’s**.

HEALTH & WELLNESS EVENTS

Teens: During the month of September, teens are being challenged to spend some time UNPLUGGED. Each week we challenge you to spend less time plugged into technology and screens. Please keep track of your participation and activities. The sheets for tracking are on the Welcome Table. Get plugged into Jesus, family, friends, and the world around you! Please turn your page into **Juanita Byler or Jessica Geissinger** Sunday, September 27th.

Kids & Family Challenge: September’s challenge is to put away all devices for at least an hour a day & spend time together as a family playing games, reading the Bible, playing outside, going for a walk/hike or visiting someone. Have mealtimes together without devices. Kids ages 4-12 have a sheet to complete for the month. Please return your completed sheet Sunday, October 4th to **Juanita** for a drawing for a gift certificate for the Doghouse before it closes.

HEALTH & WELLNESS EVENTS (con't)

Unplugged Resources: “Glow Kids” by Nicholas Kardaras, how screen addiction is hijacking our kids – and how to break the trance, is a book now available for you to read and learn about how “technology is profoundly affecting the brains of our children – and not for the better”. If interested to learn more contact **Juanita Byler**.

Fall Hike: More information coming soon about hike in October.

Winter Work-out for Women & Calling Men 60 years of age & older: If you are interested in participating in a work-out group this winter, 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.

Thank you: Thank you so much for the \$1,000 scholarship toward my education at Penn State University. I have already begun working on my degree in Mechanical Engineering & look forward to using this degree for the glory of God. Thank you for your investment into my life both spiritually & financially. Blessings & thanks, **Grace VanSciver**

Student Aid Fund: This year 7 applicants will receive scholarships totaling \$7,000. The money comes from scholarship contributions, budget, interest, dividends, & capital gains earned by the Locust Grove Memorial Trust Fund. This fund was started in 1983 with \$77,000 received from the **Mary & Lomie Zook** estate. Later it increased with a bequest from **Elsie Glick** in the amount of \$67,653. **John Dan Yoder, Avon & Lena Yoder, & Raymond & Sarah Hartzler**, and others, as well various memorial gifts have contributed to this fund.

Bulletins: There are extra bulletins on the table in the foyer for the purpose of scrap paper. Please help yourself. For **this week only**, please email any announcements for the bulletin to Heidi at heidi@locustgrovemc.org by Thursday morning. Arlene will be on vacation this week.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Single Parent Family Ministry: Thank you, Locust Grove, for your response to Single Parent Family Ministry requests in the past. Currently, we have several families who are either moving or plan to move shortly. Several items needed include bunk beds, small lawn mower, and a washing machine. Please text or call Ann at 717-437-4946 if you have any of these to share. And thanks again!

Single Parent Family Ministry: This is a ministry that reaches out to Single Parents and their children in Mifflin and Juniata counties and includes the following programs: Divorce Care, Divorce Care for Kids (DC4K), Single Moms Support Care, Single Parent’s Class, Car Maintenance, and Food/Meals. **Divorce Care for Adults** kicks off September 21st at Locust Grove Church, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm and at the First Baptist Church, Lewistown, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm. **DC4K** kicks off September 21st at Locust Grove Mennonite Church 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm and the Lumina Center 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm. **The Single Moms Support Group** will kick September 11th at the New Life Church Café, Burnham. If you or someone you know is in a Single Parent role, we invite you to consider enrolling in one or more of the above programs, or if you would like to serve as a volunteer, please call 717-935-2164 & leave a message or call or text **Ann Kanagy** at 717-437-4946.

Local Time of Prayer: Allensville Community Church will be hosting a time of prayer in connection with the Prayer March in Washington D.C. led by Franklin Graham, Saturday, September 26th, 9:00 am – 11:00 am. This time of prayer will be generally structured to mirror that of the Graham Prayer March & will focus on specific areas, such as our nation, healing for communities, our families, the Church, and all those in leadership at every level. For more about the Franklin Graham Prayer March in Washington D.C., please visit prayermarch2020.com.

BMS Celebrates 75 Years: Belleville Mennonite School Community will celebrate 75 years of God’s faithfulness to the school at the Faith Promise Banquet on Friday, October 2nd. Fellowship begins at 6:00 pm & will feature a walk through 75 years of history, a homemade dinner at 6:30 pm, keynote address, an update on BMS today, a concert choir selection, & the recognition of two special alumni as well as classes that are celebrating milestone reunions. The homemade dinner will be served according to current food safety measures & is free of charge; however an invitation to give to the Faith Promise Annual Fund, which supports the school’s operating budget, will be presented. Seating is limited so please reserve your seat soon by calling the office, 717-935-2184.

PRAYER GUIDE

September 20 – September 26

Locust Grove Church Family Prayer List

Home: John, Alyssa, Mason & Micah Mathews & Nelson, Vanessa, Alayna, Xander & Liam Peachey

Valley View: Nancy Yoder, A207 Valley View Terrace

Away: Hannah Diehl, Penn State University, State College PA

Mission Spot: Medical Missions in Philippines, Francis, Leah, Julia, Avea & Justice Daytec

20 Sunday – *He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.” Psalm 91:1, 2*

21 Monday – Pray for **Charlie & Kathy Stump** as **Charlie** recovers at Geisinger from a heart attack over a week ago. Thank God for **Mike Byler’s** recovery from heart surgery a week ago and for **Glen Yoder** in his recovery from a fractured vertebrae.

22 Tuesday – Pray for our church family residents at Valley View who have been isolated from family and friends for six months. Pray for the staff members who have been under enormous pressure to protect the lives and health of the residents. Pray for God’s grace and peace at Valley View Haven.

23 Wednesday – Pray for **Abe Hoffman** as he prepares to lead the worship team on Sunday morning and pray for **Mel Shelter** as he prepares to speak in our fall renewal meetings, Sunday through Tuesday on the subject of being authentic followers of Jesus from the book of James.

24 Thursday – Pray for our college students this fall: **Hannah Diehl, Anthony Fultz, & Grace VanSciver** at Penn State; **Naomi Diehl** at Messiah; **Kara Jerman** at Rosedale; **Ethan Patkalistky, Jacob Yoder, & Olivia Yoder** at Bloomsburg; **Sabrina Deed & Jonathan Reese** at Ethnos 360 Bible Institute; **Nora Grace Stoltzfus** at Temple; & **Melissa Yoder** at Waynesburg.

25 Friday – Pray for **Mel & Edna Shetler**. On Friday, September 18th, **Mel** had a surgery as a follow-up to his earlier heart surgery in May. Pray for God’s healing grace in his recovery and discernment about whether to come for our renewal meetings or to postpone.

26 Saturday – Pray for and encourage **Ruth Yoder** today on her birthday. Last week her mother, **Helen**, died after a long illness and the funeral was on Friday last week. Pray for **Dave & Ruth & their family** as they prepare for **Mark & Blake’s** wedding one week from today, October 3.