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Notes from the Manse

Acts 2:44-47—All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Passages from *Acts* such as this are marvelous gifts to us from Luke. For here we have a glimpse of the earliest church, not even yet called a church, just a group of people who had experienced something wonderful that had changed their lives, changed the world, forever. They were not called Christians; they thought of themselves still as good and observant Jews. However they were a fellowship that would soon be known as The Way. And that fellowship was growing on an almost daily basis.

It is always good to sit and reflect on Scripture, particularly small passages such as this, for then we do not move too fast, we are less likely to miss the subtle nuances of what is before us. And it is good for all of us at Leacock to do so with this passage as we, together, enter a new year, a year, if we let it, of promise and joy. Consider what made this first church special. The text says that its members had “the goodwill of all the people.” In part, this goodwill seems to have come from an abiding generosity, the commitment that the early followers of Christ had in sharing all with all, especially those in need. Now, I rather doubt that we will follow their lead and sell all our possessions and goods. However, surely our sharing can be great. Many of us are struggling, with health, with sorrow, with simply trying to make ends meet. Yet, few of us can begin to imagine the suffering that the people of Haiti are enduring. Before the earthquake, they were among the poorest people on earth; now, they have even less. If anyone is, there are the least of whom Jesus spoke. And we can give to them out of whatever we have, be it little or much.

And we can also give to each other. A short time ago, officers were installed and ordained. I am humbly grateful to serve with all who dedicate themselves to their church, be it the steady, all too often unnoticed labors of love of the Trustees, who keep our churches, up and running; or the caring, the love that the Deacons offer to those who mourn, who are ill, who are alone; or the serving leadership of the Session, trying so hard to care for all in this fellowship; or any others who give of themselves to the church. If only more would be so willing, the work of all would be less.

Those in that first church were also one. The word together is mentioned twice, and it seems they truly were with each other, often, be it in worship or fellowship. I’m sure they had their differences. But there was gladness in their union, and they lifted to God their gratitude for all their blessings. As we approach Lent, let us, too, be grateful and glad, for each other, for our loving Lord. After all, perhaps another reason why they had the goodwill of the people was because they were admired, for being together in joy.

Rev. Robert W. Birch



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

February 7 is our annual SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY. Once again, we will be collecting funds to help support the food distribution in our area.

Our youth will be covering all exits from our church after the 9:30am worship. Rumor has it that you just might not be allowed to leave if you don't drop at least a few pennies in their soup pots!

SESSION COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

- Congregational Life
Ron Esch, Lauren Appel
- Community Outreach
Emily Birch, Karen Shue
- Christian Education
Linda Erikson, Marie Glass
- Mission
Lois Eshleman, Nick Lopez
- Stewardship
Jan Huffman, Matt McClarigan
- Worship
Skip Brackbill, Dianne Yuninger

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 17**

SESSION SNIPPETS

The Session gathered at Camp Donegal for their annual retreat, spending the entire day in developing spiritual connections between each other and brainstorming ideas about the work this year holds for the Session as a whole and for each committee.

Although the day was a long one, it was one well spent as God's Spirit infused the discussions and held us closer in grace. From the prayers for personal and congregational joys and concerns symbolized by the lit candles on each table to the symbolic and in one instance literal washing of each other's feet, from the affirmation of the spiritual gifts each brought to the table to the final stone each took as a reminder of being one in Christ, the day held promise, energy and joy as your Session worked and prayed together for what will best nurture this body of Christ here in Paradise.

We covet your prayers as we embark on this journey together.

Actions taken included the following:

- Dianne Yuninger was elected Clerk of Session for 2010
- Lois Eshleman was appointed to the Church Nominating Committee as elder representative for 2010 and chairperson for 2011
- Pastor's continuing education report was received
- Report of January Presbytery delegate Dianne Yuninger was

received

- Paradise Weight Watchers granted permission to use Fellowship Hall Wednesdays from 3:45 - 5:00pm



MISSION COMMITTEE

We have started our second year of community meals - the first one was Thursday, January 28. The schedule for this year's meals is:

March 25

May 27

July 9

September 23

November 11

We are looking into contacting other churches in the area to see if they would be willing to help and possibly be able to increase the number of meals we have.

The Mission Committee would welcome anyone who has any ideas or suggestions to come and join our committee. Our present members are: Betty Sowers, Alba Ruhl, Charlene Boas, Nick Lopez, and Lois Eshleman. Contact any member or call the church office (687-6619) if you are interested.



POTLUCK LUNCHEON

A congregational meeting and pot luck luncheon will be held on February 7, 2010 following the single service worship (9:30am). This is a time to review and discuss the church's plans for 2010 and enjoy some good food and fellowship with all the members of the congregation gathered together.

A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for the pot luck requirements: TOP-PINGS for baked potatoes, salads and desserts. Sign up early so we can determine if shortage of any item needs some promotion.

Come for the information and discussion as well as the warmth and fellowship of our church family

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO AT HOME MEMBER

Mildred Carpenter will celebrate her 97th birthday on

Feb 6 Mildred Carpenter
1520 Harrisburg Pike
Lancaster, PA 17601

PUBLICITY REPORT

Thanks to The *PennySaver* for the many timely articles covering events at our church. We so appreciate the excellence of their reporter, Ann Mead Ash. The *Strasburg News* has also been very faithful in publishing our many press releases.

Continue to notify Richard Smith (687-0745), Publicity Chairperson, of upcoming church activities. Please give as much advance notice as possible.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

First of all, we would like to welcome Karen Shue who has joined us as Vice Moderator of the Community Outreach Community. Secondly, we would like to thank Bob Hershey, who has built for us a beautiful new welcome center that you will soon see gracing the Narthex (if it is not already in place). And finally, we would like to make an appeal. We have a new welcome center and will be looking for people to staff it to welcome our guests in the church. If you would like to volunteer, please see Karen and or Emily Birch.

We are planning other new endeavors this year as well. One is a community board game night that we hope to hold once a month. The doors will be open to anyone in the community who likes to play board games, and people will be encouraged to bring their favorite games to play, as well as to try new

games. We are hoping to do a dedicated food drive through the church for the food bank, and we are looking into the prospect of providing free babysitting for community members.

Finally, we will continue with the outreach activities we already have firmly in place: concerts in the Sanctuary, the community book discussion group, fall lecture series, the food bank, and providing snacks for the youth at The Factory. To do all this, we do need many hands, so we hope you will consider asking us about what you can do to help. Don't worry, though, if you don't ask, we know where to find you and will be reaching out to the congregation this year to get as many people as we can involved in letting our community know what a warm, loving, welcoming church we are.



BOY SCOUT RECOGNITION

Boy Scouts of all ages will be recognized at the Sunday, February 7, 2010 church service. The wearing of uniforms would add to the day's color and a celebration of this organization that has been a positive influence on many young men in this country. This is a day to remind us that young men still enjoy scouting and that the older scouts can reclaim fond memories of their youth

TRUSTEE NOTES

The New Year always brings renewed energy, ideas, and new people on all committees. It is a time for planning and getting started. Your newly appointed Trustees are on the job, and I can see only good things happening as we all work together.

We are, of course, looking into the electric situation as well as keeping the fuel costs down. Please help the Trustees by turning off all lights not being used and turning thermostats down when your meeting is over and you leave the Church. This is your Church and we do all have to work together.

2010 can be our best year yet. Thanks to everyone.

Dave Berkhimer
Trustee President



TRUSTEES SPECIAL OFFERING

February's Special Offering will go towards the repair of the Narthex roof shingles on the front of the church. There are some missing and torn. Please take a look when you come to church on Sunday. The trustees thank you.

Lancaster General Hospital has scheduled community blood drives throughout the year at the following locations. Won't you consider giving blood - every pint is very important!

BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULE 2010

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
January		
Wednesday, Jan 20	Kinzer Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
March		
Tuesday, Mar 16	Yoder's Market	1:00pm to 7:00pm
Wednesday, Mar 17	Kinzer Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Tuesday, Mar 30	Bareville Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
April		
Thursday, April 1	Intercourse Fire Company	1:30pm to 7:00pm

The Lancaster General Suburban Outpatient Pavilion (Health Campus) Blood Drive is located in Building 2104, Suite 202. The hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8:00am to 7:30pm.

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

Friday, March 5, 2010
Highland Presbyterian Church
500 East Roseville Road
Lancaster

Let Everything That Has Breath
Praise God

9:00am - Registration

9:00 - 11:00am

Bible Study Groups on
Psalm 150 and Isaiah 42

11:30am - 12:30pm

Lunch (\$7) - Speaker
Kelly Towers - *Love 146*

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Worship Service

The women of Cameroon praise God even in and especially during

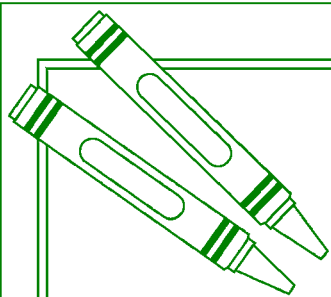
difficult times in their lives. This is because they consider life to be God's greatest gift. As long as one has breath, there is hope. They sing in the hope that things will be better.

The offering received during the worship will support several projects for women and children chosen by the World Day of Prayer Committee.

Contact Arlene Brackbill (394-9996) by February 24 for reservations

FLOWERS

You may purchase flowers for the sanctuary on Sundays February 14, 21 and 28 in honor of or in memory of someone or a special occasion. Call the church office at 687-6619.



Just for KIDS

Work ... Work ... Work!

“The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.” (Genesis 2:15)

Ever since Adam, people have worked! Here are some occupations of people who lived in Bible times. Find them in the puzzle. Circle them.



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| APOTHECARY | FARMER | PHYSICIAN | SILVERSMITH |
| BAKER | FISHERMAN | PORTER | SOLDIER |
| BARBER | FULLER | POTTER | SPINNER |
| BUTLER | GUARD | PREACHER | STEWARD |
| CARPENTER | HUNTER | RECORDER | TANNER |
| CHAMBERLAIN | JUDGE | SAILOR | TEACHER |
| CLERK | LAWYER | SALESWOMAN | TENTMAKER |
| CONFECTIONER | MASON | SCHOOLMASTER | TILLER |
| COPPERSMITH | MUSICIAN | SCRIBE | WEAVER |
| DYER | NURSE | SERVANT | WRITER |
| | | SHEPHERD | |



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BAZAAR NEWS
 Dear Bazaar Helpers,
 I personally would like to thank all the bakers, candy makers, canners, basket fillers, greenery designers, pricers, knitters and crocheters, jewelry makers, Granny's Attic organizers, kitchen food preparers, soup makers, the advertising expert, the strong muscled crew that set-up and took down tables, the cashiers, baggers, the door guard and most of all the shoppers.

Because of all the above Christmas Angels, we raised over \$4,000 at Leacock's Christmas Bazaar. Thank you everyone!

We are already looking forward to December 4, 2010's Bazaar. Ideas and comments are always welcome!

Loretta McClarigan



“Dear God...”

PRAYER FAMILIES

- Feb 7 Donald & Mary Lou Rubincam
- Feb 14 Michael & Alba Maria Ruhl, Harrison & Valerie
- Feb 21 Fran Sattazahn
- Feb 28 Michael & Gloria Schatzmann, Michael, Jr. & Matthew

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Our web address is www.leacockpres.org

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RESPONSIBILITIES AT LEACOCK CHURCH

NURSERY

If you are unable to serve as a volunteer, PLEASE TRADE WITH SOMEONE SCHEDULED ON ANOTHER SUNDAY. Call the office secretary, Marilyn Brackbill, 687-6619 so she can make the bulletin change. THANK YOU!

Feb 7	9:30	Mike and Michele McLaughlin
Feb 14	8:00	Deb Sindall and Candy Leitch
	10:30	John and Katelyn Shirk
Feb 21	8:00	Lisa Herr and Melissa Mabry
	10:30	Kris and Allison Shirk
Feb 28	8:00	Glenn Herr and Cathy Shenk
	10:30	Johanna Gingher and Deb Wilson
Mar 7	8:00	Tom and Vicki Burkins
	10:30	David and Carol Berkhimer
Mar 14	8:00	Peter and Ruth Conway
	10:30	Mary Kay Mowrer and Khamtanh Phongxaysanith
Mar 21	8:00	Jan and Janet Huffman
	10:30	Robert and Marcia Brackbill
Mar 28	8:00	Loretta McClarigan and Lee Martin
	10:30	Lauren Appel and Emily Birch

PRIMARY CHURCH

Primary Church needs volunteers!!! Lessons are planned with a simple craft included! Please pick a date (two people are required each Sunday). Contact - Sue Esch (355-2327 or Lois Snader (687-5698)

Feb 7	_____	_____
Feb 14	_____	_____
Feb 21	_____	_____
Feb 28	_____	_____
Mar 7	_____	_____
Mar 14	_____	_____
Mar 21	_____	_____
Mar 28	_____	_____

A signup calendar will be in the Narthex - think about it - pray about it - then do it! For our kids!!! Thank you

USHERS

**Donald Andrews, Head Usher
8:00 Service, (687-7878)**

**Ralph Homsher, Head Usher
10:30 Service, (442-4443)**

PLEASE NOTE -- If you are unable to serve the month or part of the month you are scheduled for, please try to trade with someone else then contact the head usher. They will contact the church office. THANK YOU!

FEBRUARY

Eugene Bare
William Menges
Sharon Williams
Deborah Burkholder

Margy Hershey
Robert Hershey
Darwin Eshleman
Craig Keenan

MARCH

Deborah Sindall
Robert Sindall
Glenn Herr

Michael McLaughlin
Harrison Ruhl
Barry Martin
Michael Ruhl

FELLOWSHIP TIME HOSTS

February Oxford Sunday School Class
March Berean Sunday School Class

DEACON RESPONSIBILITIES

(Transportation for School House Friends & Flower Deliveries)

February Kris Shirk
March Mary Lou Rubicam

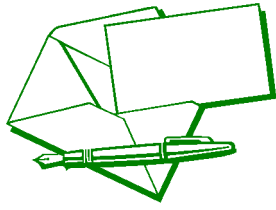
SMALL GROUP REPORTS



The Worship Committee has been gathering reports about the meetings January 17 and 24 from each small group leader and will study them to present a report to the Session in early February.

At this point no decision or recommendation concerning a move to one service of worship has been formulated. The Session will share these reports with the congregation as soon as we have digested and discussed them, ever mindful that

although the ultimate responsibility for any decision rests on us, the congregation's voice must be a constant guide to us as we seek God's will and as we strive to fulfill our ordination vows to serve God's people with energy and imagination and to further the peace and unity of Christ's church.



From The Factory
 What a wonderful privilege it has been for us to partner with you in offering help and hope to our community. Through the generosity of our supporting churches and individuals we were able to provide gifts for almost 90 teens this Christmas

We at The Factory Youth Center are extremely grateful for you and are encouraged at how many of you have given of you time and resources in 2009. May you receive the blessing that comes from such a heart of giving and compassion

Chuck Holt, Director

Dear Church Family,
 Thank you all so much for your prayers and cards during my recent eye surgery. Thanks, too, for the lovely altar flowers delivered by Ron and Sue Esch.

All is going well, and I am so grateful for those who donated my new corneas and the skill of the doctor for the restoration of clear vision.

Vicki Burkins

Dear Friends of Leacock,
 On behalf of the residents of Ware Presbyterian Village, I would like to say thank you for the many items you gathered for the folks here, in the tradition of "Harvest Home."

Thank you so very much for your continued kindness for the men and women who call Ware Presbyterian Village home.

Sincerely,
 Megan Wolfe,
 Director of Volunteers

Dear Church Family,
 To all our friends at Leacock for all the cards and visits. They were so greatly appreciated. A special thank you to the group who came caroling.

Charlie & Ethel Danner

Dear Friends,
 Once again we thank you for welcoming us to your services over the summer at Old Leacock. Also, your hymn sings - your services on Thanksgiving and Christmas Eves.

Sincerely,
 John and Viola Eby,
 New Holland



**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
 DUE FEBRUARY 18**

<p>Mail to - Vicki Burkins, Editor 557 Galan Drive Lancaster, PA 17601</p> <p>Email to - vicki.burkins@gmail.com</p>	<p>Drop off at - the church office.</p> <p>Next newsletter MARCH 2010</p>
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Calendar

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PARADISE, PA 17562
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CHURCH OFFICERS

Committed to following Jesus Christ, the Leacock Presbyterian Church is a caring family of God welcoming all persons in their spiritual journey.

SESSION

Moderator: Rev. Robert W. Birch

Clerk: Dianne M. Yuninger

Class of 2010

Class of 2011

Emily Birch

Lauren Appel

Christian Brackbill

Marie Glass

Linda Erikson

Nick Lopez

Ronald Esch

Matthew McClarigan

Lois Eshleman

Karen Shue

Jan Huffman

Dianne Yuninger

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Glenn Herr

Ed Margerum

Jeanne Menges

Kristine Shirk

Class of 2010

David Berkhimer

Rich Glass

George Shue

DEACONS

Class of 2011

Dorothy Buckwalter

Sue Esch

Margie Hershey

Mary Lou Rubincam

TRUSTEES

Class of 2011

Tom Burkins

Richard Miller

Mike Ruhl

Class of 2012

Ellen Barnes

Johanna Gingham

Evie Lopez

Dorothy Wise

Class of 2012

Chuck Ankney

Craig Keenan

Scott Shenk

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