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Notes from the Manse

In the morning sow your seed, and at evening do not let your hands be idle; for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good.—Ecclesiastes 11:6

It is often a joyous and humbling thing to see how hard members of this congregation work to bring Leacock's programs to life. Much of that work happens behind the scenes, and too often, in the busy course of our lives, we do not take time to thank the people who serve us with imagination and love. And it can be discouraging when great effort is given to a project and it seems not to lead to anything. However, it is good to be reminded of these words from *Ecclesiastes*, which tell us that we should sow seeds both morning and night, that we should never hesitate to lay our hands to a good work, for we do not know how large the harvest we reap may be. Sure, there will be times when an idea will prove to be barren. But other times we will be astonished how great things can come from even the smallest beginnings.

Last week we saw an example of this. For several years, Chip and Deb Wilson invested themselves heart and soul into our Vacation Bible School; now, they were ready for a break. And we were blessed when Loretta McClarigan offered to take over the program. She had an idea, which some thought a bit daring—instead of buying a pre-packaged program that several local churches will all use, why not devise our own program? And so she did. Weeks of planning, the involvement of over 60 people, songs written, meals planned, crafts designed—it all looked good as we headed toward the first night, but would it work? Oh, my, did it ever! We had a spirited group of kids who delighted in singing cherished old children hymns and newer praise songs, who concentrated on making crafts and learning new Scripture passages and the stories associated with them, and who just had fun twirling hula hoops, chalking up the walkway, and tugging on the bejeweled cape of yours truly, your ever-faithful Faith Hero. Many thanks need to go to all who made this week possible, but especially to Loretta, who dared to plant a new seed that bore wonderful fruit.

And there have been so many other fruitful seeds planted of late. We had an inspiring Youth Service that offered a thoughtful sermon, sensitive prayers, and beautiful music. We celebrated the graduation of two of our youth from high school, Stephan Englehart and Kelly Erikson, and Kelly has begun an initiative to make Leacock more environmentally conscious by gathering and recycling all our used paper. We have begun early services again at Old Leacock and continue our Hymn Sings, and it has been a delight to find visitors returning to join us in worship.

So, let us continue to plant seeds in the morning and the evening. Let us never hesitate to invest ourselves in the work of the Lord at this church. We may not be able to predict which of our efforts will prosper, but who knows? Just maybe all will be good.

Rev. Robert W. Birch



LECTIONARY FOR JULY

- July 4 2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30
Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
- July 11 Amos 7:7-17
Psalm 82
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37
- July 18 Amos 8:1-12
Psalm 52
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42
- July 25 Hosea 1:2-10
Psalm 85
Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)
Luke 11:1-13
- Aug 1 Hosea 11:1-11
Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21
- Aug 8 Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

- Aug 15 Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56

- Aug 22 Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

- Aug 29 Jeremiah 2:4-13
Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14



PRAYER FAMILIES

- July 4 Matthew Sowers
- July 11 Malcolm and June Stannard
- July 18 Virginia Stauffer
- July 25 Rich and Cynthia Groff Stewart
Caitlyn
- Aug 1 Grace Stirbe
- Aug 8 Lawrence Lee, Jr. & Jacquelyn A. Summers
Gabrielle Elizabeth,
Miciah Daniel
- Aug 15 Shelly Summers
Stephanie Sweigart,
Camren Lee
- Aug 22 Betty Taylor
- Aug 29 Diep Ngoc & Anh Tran



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

The Nominating Committee will be meeting in the near future to consider nominees for the incoming trustees, deacons and elders for 2011. Please take some time to consider your potential for filling one of these positions and pray that the committee is successful in obtaining energetic, enthusiastic, loving candidates (possibly yourself) for this coming year.

These church leadership positions provide an opportunity to know more people in our congregation and learn how the Presbyterian church functions. They also provide a deep personal satisfaction that comes from serving the Lord and our congregation in a special way.

“Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together.”

- Vincent van Gogh



PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The newly established **Personnel Committee** will consist of the six Session Committee Chairpersons, the Trustee President, and the Deacon Moderator. This committee's responsibility is to complete annual performance reviews for all staff and handle personnel-related issues, working with the Personnel Advisory Resource as needed.

Consisting of a number of persons with human resource or business experience, the **Personnel Advisory Resource**, appointed annually by the Stewardship Committee and approved by Session, will assist the Personnel Committee as requested in areas such as development of policies, job descriptions and performance management.

Performance Management

Teams will meet with the Pastor and staff to conduct annual reviews, as well as managing other performance issues. For staff other than the Pastor, this team will con-

sist of the Pastor and one other person selected by the Personnel Committee with the selected member varying depending on the relevant staff position. For pastoral issues and evaluation, the team will be comprised of two members of the Personnel Committee.



CROSSROADS CLASS PICNIC

The Crossroads Class invites all senior citizens of the church to join them for a picnic at the home of Virginia Stauffer on Saturday, August 14 at 12 noon. Bring a salad or dessert to share. Also bring a lawn chair if it is convenient. Come and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship with good food and table games in or out of the air conditioning.

Please call Ginny (768-7018) by August 11 if you plan to attend. See you there.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO AT-HOME MEMBER

August 4 Malcolm Stannard
61 Slaymaker Hill Road
Kinzers, PA 17535-8082

FLOWERS

You may purchase the flowers for the sanctuary on Sunday, August 22 in honor of or in memory of someone or a special occasion.

Call the church office at 687-6619.

"Often you just have to rely on your intuition."

-Bill Gates

"Laughter gives us distance. It allows us to step back from an event, deal with it and then move on."

-Bob Newhart

"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time."

-Thomas Edison



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The church probably isn't used to having its rafters rocked so thoroughly, but we enjoyed the music of *Forgiven* when they came to play in May. It seems no one could sit still for long, and we had plenty of clapping and foot tapping going on. We hope they will come back and play again sometime, as they are not to be missed.

As I type this, we are looking forward to our first Leacock community game board night. We'll be hosting a game board night on the last Tuesday of every month throughout the summer. If you can't make it this month, we hope you will come with a favorite game in either July or August.

Soon, we will begin planning the fall lecture series. If you have any ideas for lectures you might like to hear, please see Emily Birch (687-7734), Karen Homsher (687-6469), or Karen Shue (687-7240).

Emily Birch
 Moderator
 Community Outreach

MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee met the second Tuesday of June this month due to some schedule conflicts. We discussed the advertising of the Birthday Offering and how best to do this. It is due the end of June. It was decided to put inserts into the bulletins for two weeks during the month describing the projects that the offering will be going to help this year.

Our next free community meal will be held on the last Thursday in July and I'm sure that as usual the meal will be delicious. We will not be meeting in July. Any questions or suggestions please contact any of the members.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

We had to postpone the book discussion group meeting that was scheduled for June 27, which means those of you who have not yet read the book still have plenty of time to read *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* by Barbara Kingsolver.

The meeting date is yet to be determined, so keep your eyes and ears out for an announcement.

Emily Birch
 Moderator, Book Discussion Group

A BIG VBS HEROES THANK YOU

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| Marie Glass | Linda Erikson | Karen Homsher | Jeanne Menges |
| Carol Shearer | Robbin Englehart | Alba Ruhl | Charlene Boas |
| Shirley Smith | Lori Smith | Lauren Appel | Emily Birch |
| Bob Brackbill | Marie Brackbill | Jennifer McElhany | Steve Boas |
| Dean Englehart | John Shirk | Katherine Boas | Bernice Amway |
| David Krikson | Don Knaub | Pastor Sandy Knaub | Louise Knosp |
| Eileen Feister | Harrison Ruhl | Kelly Erikson | Forrest Boas |
| Kelsi Shenk | Taryn Shenk | Stephen Englehart | Sue Mallory |
| Nancy Pfahler | Sue Funk | Cathy Shenk | Kathy Ankney |
| Betty Sowers | Matt McClarigan | Michele Lichty | Karen Boyer |
| Esta Fisher | Karen Shue | Mary Alice High | Tracy Dippner |
| Nancy Bare | Millie Young | Sue Esch | Tom Burkins |
| Skip Brackbill | Dot Buckwalter | Mary Beckett | Dave Berkhimer |
| Marilyn Brackbill | Richard Smith | Rich Glass | Kris Shenk |
| Carol Slaymaker | Mike Ruhl | Valerie Ruhl | Kevin McClarigan |
| Corn | Allison Shirk | | |

And, of course, Our Own Faith Hero Bob Birch. With all the donations of food and everyone who volunteered their time and energy each evening, Vacation Bible School was a huge success. THANK YOU HEROS !!!!!

Loretta McClarigan

JUNE SESSION SNIPPETS

The June Session meeting was held a week earlier than normal to accommodate vacation schedules. Rev. Birch shared Presbytery concerns about mission pledging to Presbytery causes and per capita giving being withheld by several churches, crippling the mission arm of Donegal Presbytery. Leacock has pledged \$11,000 to Presbytery causes, and has no intention of withholding our per capita apportionment.

- ✦ All Session members agreed the June 6 Youth Sunday was a truly wonderful worship experience and praised both the youth and their leaders—Brendon Shenk, John and Kris Shirk.
- ✦ Old Leacock Hymn Sings were extended to include October 3.
- ✦ Hot-dog Night at the Softball Game was scheduled for July 5.
- ✦ VBS plans continue to excite both Session and the Christian Ed Committee.
- ✦ The next Community Meal will occur July 29.
- ✦ The Personnel Committee recommendation proposed in May was adopted (see article elsewhere) and thanks extended to chairperson Darwin Eshleman and his

committee: Bob Gingher, Bob Brackbill, Deb Sindall, and Kevin McClarigan.

- ✦ Rev. Birch will be sharing Mission Study examples with interested elders to facilitate an autumn start for Leacock to begin this task.



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Stewardship Committee is pleased to announce a new reporting format for the church’s offerings. We will continue to report weekly offerings in each Sunday’s bulletin.

Then, on a monthly basis, we will

provide information that will show how the weekly offerings are tracking against the annual budget that we as a congregation voted upon and approved.

The monthly report will show the following:

- Total offerings to date
- Actual expenses to date
- Budget to date

In this way, we hope to offer a clearer, current financial picture for Leacock throughout the year.

The Stewardship Committee

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>
July		
Wednesday, July 7	Kinzer Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Thursday, July 13	Yoders Market	1:00pm to 7:00pm
Tuesday, July 20	Bareville Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Thursday, July 22	Intercourse Fire Company	1:30pm to 7:00pm
Wednesday, Aug 4	White Horse Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Thursday, Aug 5	Bird-in-Hand Fire Company	2:00pm 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. For more information call 544-0170.



To Deacons of Leacock Church,
 What a lovely surprise to us
 when Ed Margerum visited us and
 gave us beautiful flowers.
 Thank you so much.

Love in Jesus,
 Bea and Don Andrews

Dear Church Family,
 Thank you all for the cards,
 prayers, soup, flowers, and good
 wishes while I recover from my
 recent hip revision surgery.
 Thanks, too, to Ed Margerum for
 his kind visit and delivery of beau-
 tiful flowers from the Berean
 Class.

Vicki Burkins

Dear Leacock Family,
 Thanks to everyone who contrib-
 uted food or money to replenish
 our Food Bank shelves last month.
 Your generosity is always encour-
 aging. If you meant to give but
 didn't, I will accept donations at
 any time.

Sincerely,
 Karen Homsher

Dear Friends,
 Many thanks for your cards and
 prayers.

Dick Miller



HIGH CHAIRS

Two high chairs have been pur-
 chased for our youngest members
 or small visitors.

Feel free to use them at any Lea-
 cock Church function, and then
 stack them away when finished.

“Ask your child what he wants for
 dinner only if he’s buying.”
 -Fran Lebowitz

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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!

July 4	10:30	Charlene Boas and Forrest
July 11	10:30	Chip and Deb Wilson
July 18	10:30	Khamtanh Phongxaysanith, Robin Englehart
July 25	10:30	Sharon Williams, Candy Leitch
August 1	10:30	Darwin and Lois Eshleman
August 8	10:30	Carol Shearer, Fran Sattazahn
August 15	10:30	Rich and Marie Glass
August 22	10:30	Johanna Gingher, Mary Kay Mowrer
August 29	10:30	David and Carol Berkhimer

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!

JULY

Jan Huffman
Janet Huffman
Richard Miller
Matt McClarigan

David Berkhimer
Edwin Margerum
Carol Berkhimer
George Shue

AUGUST

Eugene Bare
Richard Glass
William Menges
Lewis Bryson

Margy Hershey
Robert Hershey
Shelly Moore
Darwin Eshleman

DEACON RESPONSIBILITIES

(Transportation for School House Friends & Flower Deliveries)

July
August

Sue Esch
Dorothy Buckwalter

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