



Leacock Communicator

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Notes from the Manse

Throughout the Bible, the number forty can be found over and over, in a wide variety of contexts, often associated with a time for cleansing or self-discovery. There were the forty days and nights of the flood, the forty years that Israel spent in the Sinai desert, and the forty days and nights Jesus spent in the company of the devil and the Holy Spirit. One of its instances that can be overlooked involves the prophet Elijah, in 1 Kings 19. Elijah has most emphatically gotten on the wrong side of his king and queen, Ahab and Jezebel, and now she has vowed to kill him. And so he flees and hides in a cave. An angel comes to him and feeds him, telling him that he needs strength for his journey. Once so fortified, Elijah journeys for forty days and nights to Mt. Horeb, what is called the mountain of God, and there he comes into the presence of the Lord. The Lord does not really address his fears; no, he gives him another call, for now the prophet is ready.

We now have entered our own forty days and nights, the season of Lent, a time indeed for cleansing and self-discovery. As we walk into these wilderness days, we are leaving what has been a somewhat surprising and challenging period for Leacock, as we considered the idea of moving to one service. There were times when passions were raised, and the process was not always a comfortable one. However, much has been learned, and that is good. And in the end, there was a different kind of passion, a heartfelt desire to come back together as a fellowship in Christ. I was moved by how willing those who had wanted very much to move to one service were to let go of their preference out of a larger concern for the church. And so the decision was made to stay with two services, a decision wonderfully informed with grace and love. However, to assure those who did wish a change that they too have been heard, we will on occasion, perhaps ten or so times a year, come together in one service, usually on some of the holiest days of the year, such as Palm Sunday. Now, it is the time to put aside differences and to enter together the future, with all its challenges, all its opportunities.

During the weeks of Lent, on Tuesday evenings, we will gather for a Lenten Study. As before, we will first share a simple meal of bread and soup. And then, this year, we will seek to more deeply understand the meaning of our Lord's journey, in his ministry and his steadfast walk toward the shadows of Jerusalem. We will reflect on what that journey means for us today and what it calls us to do. In some ways, this will speak to individuals, where they are in their walk; but it will also speak to what it means for all of us in our life together. Then, on Palm Sunday, we will enter Holy Week by following Jesus' path from light into darkness, through Scripture, music, and reflection. And on Maundy Thursday, we will gather and try to enter a bit into what it must have been like for Jesus and his friends to share communion—a Seder meal, a last supper together.

May these forty days and nights of Lent be rich ones for our spirits. We may, like our Lord was in his forty days, be tested. But we will be fed, as was Elijah, so that we will have the strength we need for our journey. And then, perhaps, we too, as he did, may receive a new call, a call to do the work of the Lord in a troubled world.

Rev. Robert W. Birch



LECTIONARY FOR MARCH

- Mar 7 (3rd Sunday in Lent)
 Isaiah 55:1-9
 Psalm 63:1-8
 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
 Luke 13:1-9
- Mar 14 (4th Sunday in Lent)
 Joshua 5:9-12
 Psalm 32
 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
- Mar 21 (5th Sunday in Lent)
 Isaiah 43:16-21
 Psalm 126
 Philippians 3:4b-14
 John 12:1-8
- Mar 28 (Passion/Palm Sunday)
 Liturgy of the Palms
 Luke 19:28-40
 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
 Liturgy of the Passion
 Isaiah 50:4-9a
 Psalm 31:9-16
 Philippians 2:5-11
 Luke 22:14-23:56
 Or Luke 23:1-49

SESSION SNIPPETS

- Rev. Birch and Nick Lopez will confer with Paradise Township about an AED for the church.
- The monthly Fellowship Time will be replaced with adding food items to the weekly coffee time in the Narthex following the 8:00am service of worship.
- The Men and Boys' Breakfast will be moved to spring to accommodate outdoor activities and sports.
- Spring Sundays with one service of worship at 9:30am include Palm Sunday, March 28; Easter Sunday, April 4; and Pentecost Sunday, May 23.
- Old Leacock summer 8:00am services have been expanded to include the month of June in addition to July, August and Labor Day Sunday.
- A Lenten Study preceded by a simple meal of soup and bread was scheduled for 6:00pm Tuesday evenings February 23, March 2, March 9, March 16, and March 23.
- Community Outreach Committee is preparing folders containing information about Leacock to be given to visitors.
- Thus far, \$452 has been received for the Blanket Offering and \$1,305 for Haiti Relief.



MISSION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Lent is upon us and as always during Lent we try to concentrate on those less fortunate than ourselves. During all the Sundays in Lent, you will have the opportunity to contribute to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Please use the envelopes provided in the pews for this. The last Sunday for this will be Easter Sunday, April 4.

Our last community meal was served on January 28. We had 35 community people in attendance. Some new faces were seen as well as some that seem to come more regularly. We had about 12 people from the congregation helping to serve. The next community meal will be Thursday, March 25. Please watch for the sign up sheets which will be in the Narthex a few weeks before.

As of two weeks ago, the contributions for Haiti totaled about \$1,305. At our next meeting, we will be discussing other ways in which we may be able to help this earthquake shattered country. If you have any suggestions, please see one of the Mission Committee members - Charlene Boas, Betty Sowers, Alba Ruhl, Nick Lopez, Doug and Mary Alice High, or Lois Eshleman.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE NEWS

We once again have a room dedicated to Primary Church. Check it out, the first room on the left; organized and ready to go for all those volunteers and their wonderfully planned lessons. The supplies should be within reach to use on the roomy worktables. As we go through the spring season, we will keep tweaking the equipment and supplies. Please give any suggestions to Linda Erikson or Marie Glass.

It may seem like a long time until summer, but we are beginning to plan for this year's Summer Selectives. FAITHWORKS is an informal opportunity for you or someone you know to share how their faith impacts their life, their job, their hobby or interest. In other words, we welcome families, friends, or just you to tell us what you love about what you do. We have room for twelve Sunday mornings in this series which begins June 6. Please sign up as soon as possible to make this summer program a success.

And finally, a few members of our

congregation are needed to give one night a month to work with us on the Christian Education Committee. We need fresh new ideas, improvements on old ideas, big ideas and small - all aimed at growing and improving our Christian Education program. Please call Marie Glass (687-7200) to volunteer for this opportunity.



B*I*N*G*O

Ladies be sure to mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 5 for our annual Ladies and Girls Banquet. Dinner at Kinzers Fire Hall will begin at 6:30pm. We will eat first and shout **BINGO** later.

Tickets will be available in April, check the next newsletter for more information.

If you wish to donate a filled basket, please let us know as soon as possible. We also will need empty baskets.

If you have any questions, please call Lisa Herr (431-8123) or Loretta McClarigan (687-9010). Hope to see all our **BINGO** friends...come out and play!



STRESS RELIEF BOXES

From Sunday, March 21 through Sunday, April 18, we will be collecting donations in the Narthex which will be sent to our college and military young adults. Postage to send the boxes would also be appreciated. Here are some suggested items:

- ☺ Erasers
- ☺ Mixes
- ☺ Small boxes of raisins
- ☺ Cans of chips
- ☺ Granola bars
- ☺ Fruit chews
- ☺ Small bags of peanuts
- ☺ Individual packs of cookies
- ☺ Quarters for laundry
- ☺ Crackers
- ☺ Gum
- ☺ Candy bars
- ☺ Pens, pencils
- ☺ Lifesavers
- ☺ Powdered drinks
- ☺ Stamps

Clever alternatives are good, but they cannot be very large.

The Congregational Life Committee thanks you very much for your help on this project. The boxes will be mailed on April 19, prior to final exams.



GARDEN LUNCHEON

Bridge of Hope Lancaster and Chester Counties' Garden Luncheon will feature Australian-born Denise Cowie speaking on *Extraordinary Gardeners: The Art of Cultivating People and Plants.*

The luncheon will be held Saturday, April 17, 11:00am - 1:30pm at the Eden Resort, Lancaster.

For reservations, call 394-7406 X106 or visit www.bridgeofhopelcc.org

TRUSTEE NOTES

The Trustees, of course, are dealing the best they can with the recent bad weather in trying to keep things open and cleaned up. We are also looking into the electric usage and trying to discover ways to keep the church more secure while we are in church on Sundays.

If anyone has ideas, the Trustees welcome all comments.

The tentative workday is April 17. Hopefully, there will be no conflicts with this date.

I know I am thinking, as most of you are, COME ON SPRING.

Dave Berkheimer
Trustee President

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>
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
May		
Tuesday, May 11	Yoder's Market	1:00pm to 7:00pm
Wednesday, May 12	Kinzer Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Tuesday, May 25	Bareville Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Thursday, May 27	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.

BOOK DISCUSSION

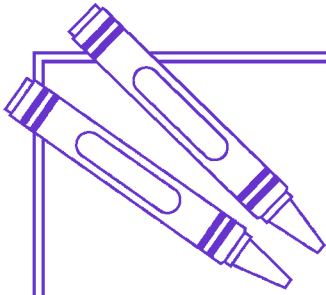
Please join us on Sunday February 28th at 7:00pm. for tea, cookies, and to discuss J. D. Salinger's *Franny and Zooey*. (It's a short book this time, so no excuses due to length!)



FLOWERS

You may purchase flowers for the sanctuary on Sunday March 21 in honor of or in memory of someone or a special occasion. Call the church office at 687-6619.

ANSWER
Love, joy, peace, patience, self-control, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness



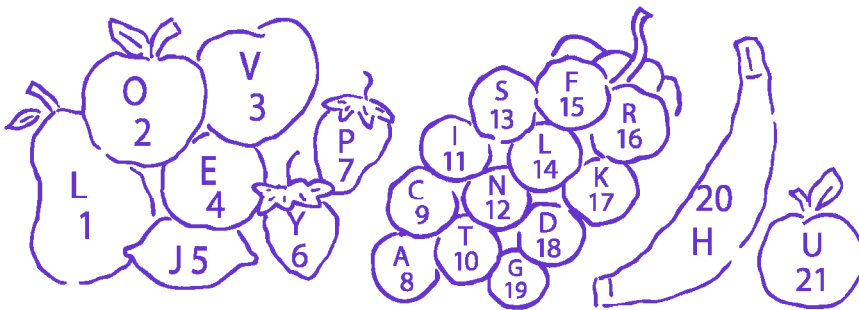
Just for KIDS

Fruit of the Spirit

In the summer we watch flowers, vegetables and fruit grow from tiny seeds and buds. That is also how we grow as children of God – from tiny beings. And as we grow, we need to grow “fruit of the Spirit.” In Galatians 5:22-23 we read about those “fruit of the Spirit.”

Find the “fruit of the Spirit.”

Write the letter from each fruit onto the numbered lines below.



1	2	3	4								
5	2	6									
7	4	8	9	4							
7	8	10	11	4	12	9	4				
13	4	14	15	9	2	12	10	16	2	1	
17	11	12	18	12	4	13	13				
19	2	2	18	12	4	13	13				
15	8	11	10	20	15	21	14	12	4	13	13
19	4	12	10	14	4	12	4	13	13		



SHOES FOR HAITI

Believe it or not, spring is just around the corner! And usually in the spring many of us decide to *clean out* things (or at least attempt to make an effort to do this!!). Well, this year it will be just a little bit easier.

Haiti needs shoes - any shoes that have been gently worn. It does not matter the size, the color, the style - even dress shoes are acceptable.

We will put a box in the Narthex marked **SHOES FOR HAITI** from Sunday, February 28 until Sunday, March 14. This is only three Sundays so you'll have to clean fast.

Dig deep into those closets and let's see how many pairs of shoes we can provide to help the people in Haiti.

Thanks

Your Mission Committee

leacockpres.org

Our web address is www.leacockpres.org

You Can Find

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| ☺ Leacock Communicator | ☺ The Church Staff |
| ☺ Cancellations | ☺ Directions |
| ☺ Usher and Nursery Schedule | ☺ Times of the Services |
| ☺ The Church Calendar | ☺ Church Officers |

Answer to Just for Kids
Puzzle Page 4



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We hope you have noticed the beautiful new welcome center in the Narthex that Bob Hershey built for us. Rumor has it that there were some who were eagerly awaiting its arrival. Soon, we will also have some nice new welcome folders to hand out to our visitors. Of course, with this new center comes new responsibilities. We are hoping that those of you who were so enthusiastic for its arrival will as enthusiastically volunteer to man it. We are looking for people to station themselves behind the center before both the 8:00 and 10:30 services. If you would like to volunteer, please see Emily Birch, Karen Shue, or Karen Homsher. Don't be surprised, however, if we just come calling on you. We are enthusiastic ourselves about showing off what a warm, friendly, and welcoming church we are and can't think of many better ways to do so than to have our members greeting everyone as they come in the door.

Stay tuned for community board game night. Once Lent is over, we will be opening our doors once a month to invite members of the community to play board games. We will be experimenting with dif-

ferent nights, so everyone will have a chance to bring a game and join in the fun

Keep in mind that we are always looking for volunteers to help us serve the youth at The Factory one Thursday night a month. I can personally testify that doing so has been one of the most rewarding of my community outreach experiences, serving these kids who are so grateful for what we do. My hope is that you will all consider taking the time to do so, remembering that Christ taught us that He can be found in everyone, even (maybe most often) in a hungry, needy youth.

Emily Birch
Moderator,
Community Outreach



PRAYER FAMILIES

- March 7 Esther Schenke
- March 14 Erella Jane Schreck
- March 21 John & Patricia Settle
- March 28 Robert & Cristan Sharpe

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people in need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that helps people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future. The gifts we give benefit the Presbyterian Hunger Program, the Self Development of People, and the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund.

The need is increasing. Both within the US and throughout the world, the gap between those who have enough and those who don't continues to widen. Increased costs of living mean that this year's dollar simply can't do as much as last year's. We need your help.

The OGHS envelopes will be in the pews starting Sunday, February 21 through Easter Sunday, April 4. Please prayerfully consider giving to this special fund.

Thank you.

Your Mission Committee

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

Class of 2010
 Glenn Herr
 Ed Margerum
 Jeanne Menges
 Kristine Shirk

Class of 2010
 David Berkhimer
 Rich Glass
 George Shue

DEACONS

Class of 2011 Class of 2012
 Dorothy Buckwalter Ellen Barnes
 Sue Esch Johanna Gingher
 Margie Hershey Evie Lopez
 Mary Lou Rubincam Dorothy Wise

TRUSTEES

Class of 2011 Class of 2012
 Tom Burkins Chuck Ankney
 Richard Miller Craig Keenan
 Mike Ruhl Scott Shenk

CLIP AND SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

EASTER PLANTS

Easter plants may be placed in memory of someone deceased or in honor of someone living. Please complete and return this form and money to the church office by Sunday, March 14. The ones remembered and by whom will appear in the Easter bulletin. Remember to advise the church if you plan to leave your plant(s) to be taken to an at-home member.

I/We _____

wish to order

- Mini Daffodils (6" pot) \$6 Hyacinth (6" pot) \$6 Tulip (6" pot) \$6

in Memory of _____ or

in Honor of _____

Please place a (✓) if your plant(s) is to be taken to an at-home member by our deacons _____

RETURN FORM AND PAYMENT BY SUNDAY, MARCH 14.



Dear Church Family,

Malcolm and I want to thank you for the lovely poinsettia we received at Christmas time. We also enjoyed the carolers who came and the good cookies were appreciated too!

June & Malcolm Stannard

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

DUE MARCH 18

Mail to -

Vicki Burkins, Editor

557 Galan Drive

Lancaster, PA 17601

Drop off at -

the church office.

Next newsletter

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Email to -

vicki.burkins@gmail.com

Dear Church Family,

Thank you to the Leacock Church family for your thoughtfulness to us as we adjust to a different lifestyle.

Your visits, words of encouragement, food and deeds of love have been a blessing indeed.

We are uncertain what the next steps will entail, but we are sure of God's blessing and your support.

Thank you!

Jack & Valaria Ferguson



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!

March 7	8:00	Peter and Ruth Conway
	10:30	David and Carol Berkhimer
March 14	8:00	Tom and Vicki Burkins
	10:30	Mary Kay Mowrer and Khamtanh Phongxaysanith
March 21	8:00	Jan and Janet Huffman
	10:30	Robert and Marcia Brackbill
March 28	9:30	Lauren Appel and Emily Birch
April 4	9:30	Robert and Margy Hershey
April 11	8:00	Loretta McClarigan and Lee Martin
	10:30	Mike Ruhl and Valerie
April 18	8:00	Jeanne Menges and Nancy Bare
	10:30	Alba Ruhl and Harrison
April 25	8:00	Mary Beckett and Karen Boyer
	10:30	Shelly Summers and Stephanie Sweigart

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	<u>Johanna Gingher</u>	_____
Feb 28	<u>Sue Esch</u>	_____
Mar 7	<u>Charlene Boas</u>	<u>Katherine Boas</u>
Mar 14	<u>Johanna Gingher</u>	<u>Mary Alice High</u>
Mar 21	<u>Kathy Ankney</u>	<u>Charles Ankney</u>
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!

MARCH

Deborah Sindall
Robert Sindall
Glenn Herr

Michael McLaughlin
Harrison Ruhl
Barry Martin
Michael Ruhl

APRIL

Peter Conway
David Homsher
Arthur Myers
Stephanie Kloepfer

Karen Shue
Edwin Margerum
Wesley Lowery
Katherine Boas

DEACON RESPONSIBILITIES

(Transportation for School House Friends & Flower Deliveries)

March
April

Mary Lou Rubicam
Jeanne Menges

ADOPT A BIBLE

A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

DEDICATE A BIBLE

IN HONOR OR IN MEMORY OF

SOMEONE SPECIAL

ONLY \$10.00

**SEND TO CHURCH OFFICE WITH
YOUR DEDICATION**



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for the Church
Calendar

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PARADISE, PA 17562
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PERMIT #5
PARADISE, PA 17562

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday Worship 9:30am
Jesus's Journey from Light into Darkness
Music and Reflection

Maundy Thursday 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall
Jesus's Last Supper and Communion

Good Friday Noon in the Sanctuary
A Time for Meditation

Services of the Resurrection

Eater April 4
Easter Dawn 6:45 - 7:15am Old Leacock
Easter Breakfast 7:30am Paradise
Easter Worship 9:30am

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