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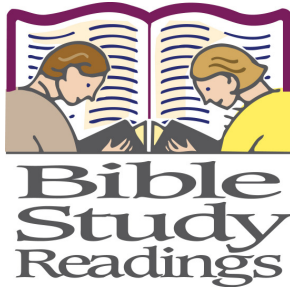
*“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”
Matthew 18:20*

At first glance, this may seem like such a simple verse. Yet, it has always profoundly spoken to me, all the way back to when I was a kid. I used to find something wonderfully hopeful by this idea—that there was no need for a mighty throng, that all it took was just a very few to come together in and for Jesus, and he would be there too. It’s part of what drew me to the faith, for ours is not a Lord distant and inaccessible. No, Jesus is there, with us, always. But in many ways, the key word is “us.” Circumstances may force us, at times, to be alone. But that should not be our choice. Faith is not intended to be a solitary enterprise, a private matter of personal salvation. No, we discover our Lord best when we are together.

All this came to mind when we recently welcomed new members to this congregation. And what a great group it is! *Ralph Shank* was born in Lancaster, but moved out to Paradise when he married and has been here ever since. He was a senior engineering technician for 48 years, and has always been very civic minded, volunteering with two ambulance companies and helping to run the Gordonville Mud Sales. But more than anything, he has a big heart, shown in his love for his family and in the little kindnesses he already shows around Leacock. *Michele Lichty* keeps busy as a visiting nurse working out of Lancaster General, while raising Ian, Lea, and Sara with her husband, Matthew. She loves to read and enjoys the family vacations to Ocean City, MD. And, oh, does she seem to have a good bit of energy! I know, for I see her and Matthew walking to the park and back just about every night. *Robert* (more usually known as Bobby) and *Elaine Dyer* also lead busy lives—he is an account manager for Coca-Cola, while she is the business manager at his family’s restaurant in Parkesburg, Dyer’s Deli. In their little free time, they enjoy movies and hanging out with family. And they too like to travel, to Mexico and Ocean City, MD (someday they will bump into the Lichtys). They will forever have a special place in my heart, for they were the first couple I married at Leacock. And they have generous hearts—even before they joined, they have been coming to fellowship events and offering to help the youth with a variety of donations. Last, but not least, is *Janet Birch*. Her life has been quite an odyssey, taking her from Pittsburgh to New York City to Hershey, from Kansas to West Virginia. She was a music major in college and has led youth choirs, choreographed musicals, and sung professionally. I could go on and on—after all, she is my aunt. And I can’t tell you how much it means that she has chosen to join the church I serve.

These folks will enrich our fellowship in many ways. May they serve to remind us of what a blessing it is to have each other, to be with each other in Christ. Let our joy in fellowship be seen as we serve another community meal, as we serve children through VBS. Across anything that divides us, let us be glad to be together. For there, among us, we will see our Lord.

Rev. Robert W. Birch



**LECTIONARY
FOR JULY AND AUGUST**

July 3 (14th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
 Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
 Psalm 45:10-17 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13
 Romans 7:15-25a
 Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 10 (15th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
 Genesis 25:19-34
 Psalm 119:105-112
 Romans 8:1-11
 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 17 (16th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
 Genesis 28:10-19a
 Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
 Romans 8:12-25
 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 24 (17th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
 Genesis 29:15-28
 Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128:1-6
 Romans 8:26-39
 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

July 31 (18th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Genesis 32:22-31
 Psalm 17:1-7, 15
 Romans 9:1-5
 Matthew 14:13-21

Aug 7 (19th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
 Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
 Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
 Romans 10:5-15
 Matthew 14:22-33

Aug 14 (20th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
 Genesis 45:1-15
 Psalm 133:1-3
 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
 Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28

Aug 21 (21st Sunday in Ordinary Time)
 Exodus 1:8-2:10
 Psalm 124:1-8
 Romans 12:1-8
 Matthew 16:13-20

Aug 28 (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
 Exodus 3:1-15
 Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c
 Romans 12:9-21
 Matthew 16:21-28

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

*Tuesday July 26 and
 Tuesday August 30*

6:30 p.m. Board Game Night

*Every Monday and Wednesday
 (unless noted in the bulletin)*

6:00pm Movers and Shakers
 (exercise class with

Walk Away the Pounds video. Come
 do as little or as many 1-3 miles of
 walking as you'd like)



Please Pray for:

PRAYER FAMILIES

July 3 James & Yvonne Brackbill
 July 10 Robert & Marcia Brackbill
 Ethan
 July 17 Ronald & Joyce Brackbill
 Jonathan, Elizabeth, Timothy
 July 24 Thursa Brackbill
 July 31 Warren & Marilyn Brackbill
 Aug 7 Lee & Doris Brown
 Aug 14 Lura Brown
 Aug 21 Ruth Bryson
 Aug 28 Richard & Jennie Buck
 Tiffany Marie

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO AT HOME MEMBERS

July 16 Charles Danner
Apartment 113
Garden Spot Village
433 S. Kinzer Avenue
New Holland, PA 17557

Aug 4 Malcolm Stannard
61 Slaymaker Hill Road
Kinzers, PA 17535



Birthdays

BIRTHDAYS

The church office is working on a project and needs your help!!

Please let the office know your birth date and those of your spouse and children. You do not have to include the year if you do not wish to.

Please put these dates in the secretary's mailbox or email them to her at:

leacock.secretary@gmail.com.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

If you missed the last Leacock lecture, we're sorry you did. Valerie Weaver-Zercher gave an extremely interesting talk on simple living and the evolution of the book *Living More with Less*. She was quite inspirational while also being realistic and practical.

Although the outreach committee had initially planned to have our final lectures for the year during the summer, we have since decided to take a break this summer, and we will continue in the fall, so stay tuned for that.

Mark your calendars to come see the group Harmony perform on October 16 in the Leacock sanctuary.

We cancelled board game night for June, because of VBS, but we will continue in July on Tuesday the 26th and Tuesday August 30th at 6:30pm.

In other outreach efforts, we've been discussing ways that we can work with The Factory to streamline community efforts, and we still hope to be able to start offering free babysitting to local residents, as well as to bring back "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?"

Finally, don't forget to join us for Movers and Shakers (you can move

and shake as much or as little as you want) every Monday and Wednesday evening, and bring a friend. We have a lot of fun.

Emily Birch
Community Outreach
Committee Correspondent



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

At our last meeting, we discussed Richard Russo's *Straight Man*, a funny book on the surface that addressed some very unfunny topics underneath. We decided to take a bit of a break (mainly because no one seemed able to agree on what book to read next), but we're looking for book suggestions, and we're hoping to meet again in August or September.

Please send title suggestions to Emily Birch at emilymb95@gmail.com or 687-7734, and I'll put them into a hat and draw one.

Also, let me know what dates don't work for you, and we'll work around them. I'm here to give you fair warning: if I don't get any book title suggestions, then you'll be stuck (yet again) reading something I want to read.

Emily Birch
Book Group Coordinator



MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee has been serving a community meal once every month for 2011. The meals are served the last Thursday of every month, except for the 10th of November, which will be served on the second Thursday.

The Mission Committee will have sign up sheets in the Narthex on the Sunday two weeks before the meal. Please check the Sunday bulletin for signup. We will need help with cooking, setup, serving, cleanup, etc.

This month's meal is: A picnic, outside, weather permitting. We will have hot dogs and hamburgers, chips, pretzels, cold salads-- potato, macaroni, and cold drinks.

We would like to thank all who have donated their time, food and service with the past meals reaching out in God's Mission to those in need.

Our Church keeps 40% of the Pentecost Offering. The Mission Committee has made a recommendation, and Session has approved it, to split our portion of the Pentecost Offering between Family Support Services and the Back Pack Services.

The Paradise 300th Anniversary Committee is remembering those organizations that help keep our community strong. It is pleased our group has

decided to get involved. If you are interested in helping with our involvement in the community celebration, you should contact Nick or Evie Lopez (442-4827).

The Anniversary Committee will be holding a parade on September 15, 2012, and they are looking for floats. Leacock Church had a float in the 250th celebration. We should really consider one for the 300th Anniversary!

Please contact Nick or Evie Lopez (442-4827) if you are willing to help with this project. Thank You

God Bless
Mission 'Committee

**SEPTEMBER
NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES DUE
AUGUST 19, 2011**

Mail to -
Vicki Burkins, Editor
557 Galan Drive
Lancaster, PA 17601
Email to -
vicki.burkins@gmail.com
Drop off
At The church office



GRADUATES

Congratulations to our 2011 high school graduates.

- Kaitlyn Dippner graduated from the cosmetology program at Pequea Valley High School. She will pursue a career as a cosmetologist.
- Mary Dippner graduated as a nurse's aide from the CTC program at Pequea Valley High School. Mary will pursue a career as a nurse's aide.
- Harrison Ruhl
- Kelsi Shenk graduated from Pequea Valley High School and plans to attend McDaniel College where she will major in English. Kelsi enjoys reading and tennis and currently works at the Van Heusen Outlet.
- Stephanie Sweigart graduated from Garden Spot High School and plans to study to be an RN at Harrisburg Area Community College in the fall.

Best wishes to the graduates for success in their future endeavors.



BIRTHDAY OFFERING

The theme for the Birthday Offering this year is *Jesus Christ in the Foundation*. We will be taking this offering in August.

Three projects selected this year are:

- ✦ ACROSS - Bring Peace Now, Jonglei, South Sudan

This project seeks to bring an end to the intertribal violence that has plagued southern Sudan for two decades. The offering will help provide teacher training workshops, sponsor an English language course, produce 2,500 books with traditional stories and songs celebrating women leaders, and build a dormitory for teachers in training.

- ✦ MENAUL SCHOOL - Bringing the world top Menaul, Albuquerque, New Mexico

The school equips students for leadership in the church and larger society. The campus welcomes a racially and diverse economic student body who lack other opportunities for quality education. The grant will help reestablish

Menaul's boarding program by refurbishing a dorm and purchasing a van for enrichment activities.

- ✦ ANDERSON INTERFAITH MINISTRIES - Women and Children Succeeding Program, Anderson, South Carolina

This program provides assistance to people in need while guiding them to function on their own. Succeeding program supports parents as they return to school. Funds will help renovate current facilities and expand staff and facilities.

Three worthwhile programs that need our help to meet their needs.

This offering will be taken in August.

LEACOCK PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION (LPWO)

We hope all those of you who attended our first lunch gathering enjoyed yourselves. We certainly hope to have more such gatherings in the future. Based on the feedback we've been getting, we think others hope so, too. If you weren't able to make it, we're sorry you missed it and certainly hope you'll join us in the future.

We've been busy tabulating the surveys we had everyone fill out, and it seems people are quite eager

to participate in many of the activities we've been considering, and many of you came up with some other great ideas yourselves. We will take them all into consideration and hope to start organizing some in the new church year.

Meanwhile, as we noted at the luncheon, we are hoping to have a meeting in September to nominate officers. Please think about the women you would like to see lead us in this new and exciting incarnation of an organization that has had a long, productive, and memorable history here at Leacock. The church has always needed all the women who make it such a warm, loving, and generous one, and we continue to need you.

Emily Birch
LPWO Newsletter
Correspondent

A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable but more useful than a life spent doing nothing.

- George Bernard Shaw

Answers: Ahaziah, Boaz, Jacob, Zebede, Zechariah, Gomer, Hosea, Isaac, Jesse, Rebekah, Elkamah, Moses, Hannah, Obad, Zipporah, Rachel, Sarah, Elizabeth, Saul, David, Mary, Zebede

STEWARDSHIP REPORT - WITH FINANCIAL UPDATE THROUGH MAY 2011

	May Weekly Offering		May Expenses	
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
May 1	\$3,937			
May 8	\$4,048			
May 15	\$3,923			
May 22	\$3,584			
May 29	<u>\$3,397</u>			
Monthly Total	\$18,889	\$19,816	\$13,274	\$15,622
Year to Date	\$92,140	\$91,731	\$91,912	\$89,033

Budget Tracking Through May

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Total Yearly Budget	\$250,269	\$250,125
YTD Expenses	\$91,912	\$89,033
% of Budget Spent	36.73%	35.60%

The Stewardship Committee was pleased with the financial figures for Leacock through May. Giving for the month was down from last year, but overall, it remains slightly up. Expenses for the month were down some \$2,348 from last year. Overall, expenses are still tracking higher than last year at the same time, but we have narrowed the gap considerably the last two months. Through May, income has exceeded expenses by a little, and we continue to have spent less than budgeted for this time of year. So, Leacock's members are to be commended for their faithful, careful financial stewardship.

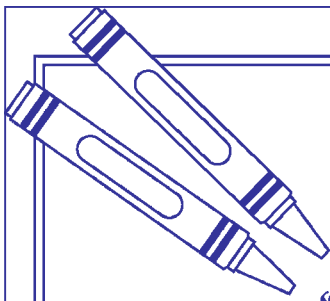


Lancaster General Hospital has scheduled community blood drives throughout the year at the following locations. Won't you consider giving blood - every pint is very important!

BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULE JULY AND AUGUST 2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Thursday, August 11	Bird-in-Hand Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Thursday, August 16	Greenfield Corporation	10:00am to 4:00pm
Wednesday, August 17	Kinzer Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Thursday, August 25	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. For more information call 544-0170.



Just for KIDS

"We Remember Parents"

In spring and summer, we remember mothers and fathers with special days. Find the parents of these Biblical children. Check the verses given for help.

Joash (2 Kings 11:2)	A _ _ _ _ _
Obed (Matthew 1:5)	B _ _ _ _
Joseph (Genesis 35:22-24)	C _ _ _
John-the disciple (Matthew 4:21).....	D _ _ _
John the Baptist (Luke 1:13)	E _ _ _ _ _
	F _ _ _ _ _
Lo-Ruhamah (Hosea 1:6)	G _ _ _ _
Jezreel (Hosea 1:4)	H _ _ _ _
Esau (Genesis 25:28)	I _ _ _ _
David (1 Samuel 16:19)	J _ _ _ _
Jacob (Genesis 25:28)	K _ _ _ _
Samuel (1Samuel 1:19-20)	L _ _ _ _ _
Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22)	M _ _ _ _
Samuel (1Samuel 1:19-20).....	N _ _ _ _
Jesse (Matthew 1:5).....	O _ _ _ _
Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22)	P _ _ _ _
	Q _ _ _ _
Joseph (Genesis 35:23-24).....	R _ _ _ _
Isaac (Genesis 21:3).....	S _ _ _ _
John the Baptist (Luke 1:13) ...	T _ _ _ _
Jonathan (1 Samuel 14:1)	U _ _ _
Solomon (1Kings 2:1)	V _ _ _
	W _ _ _
	X _ _ _
Jesus (Matthew 1:18).....	Y _ _ _
James (Matthew 4:21).....	Z _ _ _



Dear Rev. Birch and the "Leacock Family" of friends,

Bob and I would like to thank Rev. Birch for the visits and prayers. They were very comforting during our time of stress. Also, thank you for Rev. Birch's support for our whole family the day Bob was operated on.

Many thanks to our church friends for their prayers and support.

As Bob continue on his recovery, I hope you will continue your prayers for him and me.

God Bless All of You,
Sincerely,
Bob and Geri Lutz
and Family

Dear Leacock Family,

We want to thank you for your prayers, visits and loving care for Janice and for our family during her illness and during our bereavement.

We deeply appreciate your kindness and support which have helped to carry us through. Special thanks to Bob for his pastoral visits and phone calls, and for the meaningful message he gave at her funeral.

We are also grateful for the congregation's hospitality during the funeral, and for all your notes, cards and calls. This church and its ministry were a very important part of Janice's life; thank you for your encouragement and for embracing us in Christ's name as we continue to be sad about this loss in our lives, and as we hold on to the hope we have for resurrection through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sincerely,
Ralph Homsher
and Family

Dear Leacock Friends,

Thank you for the beautiful bouquet of flowers I received. As I admire their beauty, I think of our great Leacock Church and the lovely members.

Fond Regards,
Miriam Keneagy

PS And the kindness of Nick and Evie Lopez.

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**RESPONSIBILITIES AT LEACOCK CHURCH
JUNE AND JULY**

NURSERY

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

There will be no 8:00am nursery in July and August

July 3	10:30	Margy and Bob Hershey
July 10	10:30	Chuck and Kathy Ankney
July 17	10:30	Marie and Rich Glass
July 24	10:30	Lauren and Ruth Anne Appel
July 31	10:30	Valerie Ruhl and Michele McLaughlin
August 7	10:30	Kris and Allison Shirk
August 14	10:30	Kelly and Mike Hartmann
August 21	10:30	Charlene and Steve Boas
August 28	10:30	Lois Snader and Emily Birch
September 4	9:30	One Service at Old Leacock
September 11	8:00	Loretta McClarigan
	10:30	Johanna and Bob Gingher
September 18	8:00	Dick Miller
	10:30	Bob and Ethan Brackbill
September 25	8:00	Cathy and Scott Shenk
	10:30	Alba and Harrison Ruhl



DEACON RESPONSIBILITIES

(Transportation for School House Friends & Flower Deliveries)

July Sue Esch
August Lois Snader

WELCOME CENTER

10:30AM July Dave and Carol Berkhimer
August Shelly Summers



USHERS

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

8:00 Old Leacock
Bill Menges
Sharon Williams
Deb Burkholder
Art Myers

10:30 Paradise
Darwin Eshleman
Ed Margerum
Michael McLaughlin
Michael Ruhl

AUGUST

8:00 Old Leacock
Deb Sindall
Bob Sindall
David Homsher
Dick Miller

10:30 Paradise
Craig Keenan
Rich Glass
Harrison Ruhl
Valerie Ruhl

SEPTEMBER

8:00 Paradise
Peter Conway
Tom Burkins
Vicki Burkins
Ralph Shank

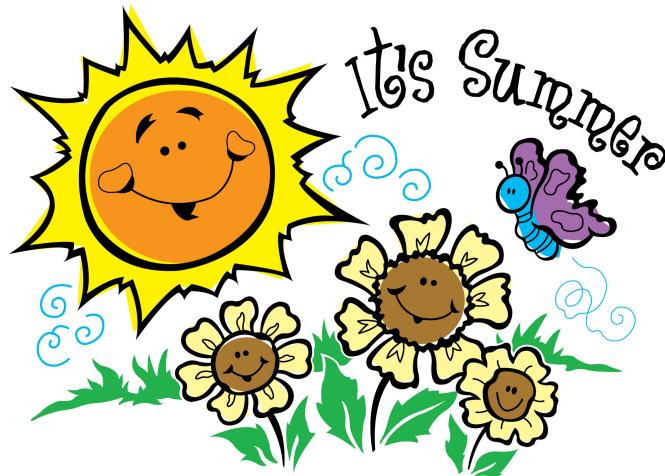
10:30 Paradise
Dave Berkhimer
Carol Berkhimer
George Shue
Karen Shue

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