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Notes from the Manse

“Thus says the Lord God, ‘See, I am laying in Zion a foundation stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation....’”—Isaiah 28:16

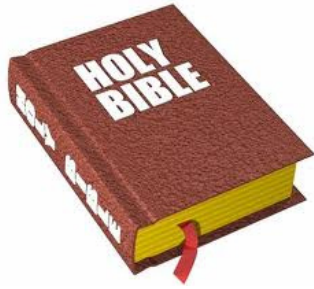
Last month in this space, I urged us not to rush ahead to Easter, but instead to use the days of Lent to examine our hearts. Well, now Easter has passed. And yet my counsel remains the same: let us not rush, this time away from that most holy day and all that led up to it. There is much in the months ahead that we have to look forward to, such as the Hymn Sings that begin this coming Sunday and the Vacation Bible School that many will be building. But let us resolve to keep part of our gaze on what we have learned and felt on the journey we have just traveled. Let us not forget how we got here.

We began with preparation. First, some of the youth and adults let loose in a fun Mardi Gras bash, a symbolic putting aside, for a while, of all the fat, the clutter that can steal our attention. It was a party, a good one, celebrating life. And the next day, Ash Wednesday, we acknowledged our mortality, the truth that the life we celebrate is a gift and that we are in the hands of God. With the cross of ashes on our foreheads, we entered Lent, a time to look within, honestly, steadily, at our hearts to see what there we mourn, we regret, we wish to be healed. Some of us shared a Lenten Study that examined what it takes to live together in fellowship, any fellowship, but especially one of faith. There was much we considered those weeks, including the value of regular spiritual disciplines, of attending to the word of God in prayer and song and sitting with Scripture. And we had affirmed what we already knew, for our Lord taught it over and over—the need to be humble; to forgive others and seek their forgiveness; to bear with each other, even when we make each other crazy; and to bear up others when they are weak and we are strong. Perhaps above all, we were reminded that if everything we do is guided by a will to serve others and not worry about being served, then we will be walking the way of our Lord.

At the end came Holy Week. On Palm/ Passion Sunday, we first exulted in Jesus’ brief triumph as he entered Jerusalem to complete his ministry. But before we could even consider the empty tomb, we slowed down, we would not allow our gaze to shift until, on that morning, on Maundy Thursday, on Good Friday, we had looked at all the pain Jesus had to endure in the betrayal, denial, abandonment of his friends, in his slow, agonizing death on a cross. And then we shouted out with joy our Alleluias on Easter morning.

All of this is the heart of our faith. It shows us, if we but look, the price love paid for our lives. Let us not, therefore, forget this journey through the cross to the empty tomb. Let it be the sure foundation of which the prophet spoke for all that is to come. Let it be the foundation for our service to others. Let it be the foundation for our life together. And let us never forget that the foundation is not something we laid, but is rather the work of God. Its precious cornerstone is the risen Lord, Jesus Christ. As we build upon the foundation given us, let us too rise to new life, growing ever stronger in joy, in love, in grace.

Rev. Robert W. Birch



**LECTIONARY
FOR MAY**

- May 1 (2nd Sunday of Easter)
Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16:1-11
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

- May 8 (3rd Sunday of Easter)
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

- May 15 (4th Sunday of Easter)
Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23:1-6
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

- May 22 (5th Sunday of Easter)
Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

- May 29 (6th Sunday of Easter)
Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

APRIL SESSION SNIPPETS

The Session and Trustees met together in April to share the work of both boards. Tom Burkins showed the recently finished church inventory including photographs of all items. Three electronic files will be stored in separate places for insurance purposes. The Trustees are also discussing the location of the pastor’s study and the possibility of moving it for the sake of confidentiality in counseling or emergency situations. Rev. Birch thanked the Trustees for all their work in caring for and maintaining Leacock’s properties, and especially Dave Berkhimer for his exemplary and tireless leadership.

In other business, the Clerk reported on the progress of the revamping of PW (Presbyterian Women), and Rev. Birch shared his gratitude to all who helped make the Presbytery Mission Fair and Day of Prayer such a successful event. The Christian Education Committee presented plans for summer Sunday School, and Community Outreach shared brainstorming ideas for future church fellowship opportunities.



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Beginning the first Sunday in June, adults will have the opportunity to discuss the Lectionary Texts of the morning during the Sunday School hour.

We will gather in the church library between 9:15 and 9:30am (to allow folks worshipping at Old Leacock at 8:00am time to return to Paradise) with the discussion starting at 9:30 and ending promptly at 10:15.

Youth grades 7 through high school will meet in the new third floor youth lounge for Lectionary discussion while children will continue their study of Bible Adventures.

	May 1	PRAYER FAMILIES Robert & Emily Birch
	May 8	Steven, Charlene, Forrest & Katherine Boas
	May 15	Karen Boyer
	May 22	Arlene Brackbill
	May 29	Benjamin & Aimee Brackbill

Bible Heroes

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
YOU CAN BE A HERO TOO!
Come to Vacation Bible School

- When:** Sunday, June 26 -
Registration and dinner
(for the children)
begins at 5:30pm
Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday
join us at 5:30pm for
dinner before VBS
- Where:** Leacock Presbyterian
Church
- Who:** Children ages 3 - 10
years old (be sure to
invite your neighbors
and friends too!)
- What:** Cool Crafts
Great Games
Songs
Yummy Snacks
Stories About Heroes,
Heroes, and More
Heroes



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE

The mission statement for the Congregational Life Committee begins: The Congregational Life Committee supports and nurtures our church family by planning and implementing events that bring people together.

Fellowship hour on Sunday morning, various lunches, Christmas caroling, scout and graduate recognition are just a few examples of our activities.

We recently completed providing Stress Relief Boxes for college students and military members and wish to thank everyone for your generous donations. Eight boxes were distributed.

The committee would like to plan some new activities but needs help to do so. Additional committee members would be most welcome. Help is also needed for coffee preparation, clean up, and Sunday morning refreshments. If providing refreshments for both services is inconvenient, talk to me about providing for one service only. For those who are already generously donating time and goods, the committee is grateful.

The Women and Girls Banquet scheduled for May 4 has been canceled. We did not have the required minimum registered to avoid excessive expenses. Suggestions for alternate activities would be appreciated.

Esta Fisher
Congregational Life
Committee



FROM THE CHURCH NOMINATING COMMITTEE

To paraphrase an old ditty: "spring has sprung, the grass is riz—I wonder where the new officers is."

Okay, I know it is months yet before our November Congregational Meeting, but it is never too soon to be planning ahead. As you enjoy some rest and re-creating this summer, take some time to consider serving our Lord as an Elder, Deacon, or Trustee here at Leacock, and when a member of the Nominating Committee approaches you prayerfully consider stepping out in faith and saying yes.

Dianne Yuninger
Nominating Committee
Chairperson



FLOWERS

You may purchase flowers for the sanctuary on Sunday May 29 in honor of or in memory of someone or a special occasion. Call the church office at 687-6619.



LEACOCK'S MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT LECTURES

Mark your calendar for the two upcoming Leacock lectures.

Sunday May 15, 2011
6:30pm light refreshments
7:00pm lecture

TITLE: Bipolar Disorder 101: A Basic Understanding of a Complex Illness - Carol Emerson

DESCRIPTION: Bipolar disorder is a biological illness that causes unusual shifts in mood, energy and ability to function. This talk will cover the criteria for the diagnosis, a review of symptoms of depression as well as mania, a look at the different types of Bipolar Disorder and treatment options.

BIO: Carol Emerson is a licensed clinical social worker in private practice here in Lancaster County. She specializes in complex areas such as Bipolar Disorder and Borderline Personality, as well as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Eating Disorders. She received her Master in Social Service at Bryn Mawr Graduate School of Social Work and Social Services and is

trained in psychodynamic process oriented therapy as well as dialectical behavior therapy.

Sunday June 12, 2011
6:30pm . light refreshments
7:00pm lecture

TITLE: Trendsetting Tightwads: More-with-Less Life When Thrift is 'In' – Valerie Weaver-Zercher

DESCRIPTION: Thirty years ago, Doris Janzen Longacre, author of the *More with Less Cookbook*, wrote another book, called *Living More with Less*, about living simply out of concern for the global poor and the health of the planet. Long before *Real Simple* magazine existed, and before Cindy Crawford had her “eco-awakening,” Doris and the contributors to her book were outlining the ways that they were finding to live frugally and responsibly. So is the pop-culture version of “frugality” in 2010 the same thing as “living more with less”? What might three-decades-old writing from a few Mennonites have to contribute to the contemporary conversation about sustainability, and thrift, and overconsumption? What’s a Christian tightwad to do when her countercultural values move dead-center?

BIO: Valerie Weaver-Zercher is a contributing editor to *Sojourners* and editor of the 30th-anniversary edition of *Living More with Less* (Herald Press, 2010). Her writing has appeared in the *Los Angeles Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Orion*,

The Christian Century, *Christianity Today*, *Mothering*, *Publishers Weekly*, *The Mennonite*, and other publications. Valerie does writing and editing from her home in Mechanicsburg, Pa., and she and her husband and three sons attend Slate Hill Mennonite Church.

Stay tuned for more lectures coming this summer and early fall...



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Tuesday May 31
6:30pm Board Game Night
resumes!

We know you've all been sad to have given up board game night for Lent, so please join us to get it going again. All are welcome. Bring a game you love to play.

Sunday May 22nd
7:00pm Book discussion
group meets to discuss
***Straight Man* by Richard Russo**



**CALLING ALL WILLING
VBS HELPERS**

We have chosen 5 Heroes from the Bible for our VBS week. Our theme will be "Splash Heroes" (stories from the Bible, dealing with water).

Please think about helping to provide the children in our community the opportunity to learn the lesson that "Ordinary people can be Heroes, simply by doing things through faith."

VBS will be held on June 26-30 here at Leacock Presbyterian Church. We are so excited to have St. John's help us again this year. Please contact Loretta McClarigan (687-9010) or sign up on the clipboards coming later in May if you are willing to help.

We are planning to feed the children dinner each evening before introducing the Hero of the night. Helpers in all areas are needed. If you can not be here, food/craft items can be donated...just ask Loretta what is needed. Thank you so much for caring!

Answer: "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

MISSION COMMITTEE

This year, the Mission Committee has been serving a community meal on the last Thursday of every month. (The November meal will be served on November 10.) Signup sheets for help with cooking, setup, serving, cleanup and desserts will be in the Narthex two weeks before each meal.

This month's meal is: ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, corn and desserts.

Other area churches will be helping with this mission. St. John's Methodist Church served the March meal and provided sugar-free desserts.

After Marie Glass presented the program to Kinzers Mennonite Church, they donated \$500 for this program. Thank you Marie!

Other churches might supply food, help with the meal at Leacock, or host a meal at their church. Churches interested in helping with this project should contact Marie or Rich Glass (687-7200).

The Mission Committee thanks everyone who has helped with this mission to our community.

Just a reminder - Leacock Church received an invitation from the Paradise Township 300th Anniversary Committee to help with a fundraiser. The Committee and the local fire companies will hold a festival at Paradise Park on June 24-25. Leacock has been asked to man the Hoop Toss from 5:00-10:00pm on Friday and from 3:00

to 10:00pm on Saturday. Proceeds go to the Anniversary Committee; however, a donation jar for the church may be placed at the stand. The church is also encouraged to showcase our community involvement with a display.

A parade celebrating the 300th anniversary is planned for September 15, 2012. Anyone interested in helping with the festival or a float for the parade should contact Tracy Dippner at 341-1981 by May 1.

Thank You

God Bless
Mission 'Committee



MAY TRUSTEE OFFERING

We came up a little short in February for the funds we were looking for to fix the down spouts, so May's Special Offering will go towards the down spouts and also the removal of the front walk. The front walk will be done as soon as the ground is firm enough to drive on with equipment.

Thank you all for your help.

Dave Berkhimer
Trustee President

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Community outreach kicked off its lecture series this year with a very interesting lecture from Melanie Snyder about prison rehabilitation and re-entry into society. If you missed it, we're sorry you weren't here, and we hope we may be able to get her back at some point, as she has some extremely powerful and uplifting stories to tell of the way God's love flourishes even in prisons.

Please join us for our next lecture on May 15, when we will welcome back Carol Emerson, this time to talk to use about bi-polar disorder.

We'd like to thank all those of you who've been doing a wonderful job manning the welcome center this year. It certainly is nice to walk into the Narthex on a Sunday morning and to see smiling faces greeting everyone. If you've been asked to man the center, please check the schedule. If you haven't been asked and would like to man it, please let Karen Shue (687-7240) or Emily Birch (687-7734) know.

We are busy planning a music concert later in the year, and board game night is back to its once-a-month, last Tuesday of the month schedule. Come join us for a little friendly, competitive fun.

We are also working on providing babysitting services to busy parents and are looking for those who like to spend time with young children to volunteer time to do so. Please let us know. We also would welcome any volunteers to help

with our services to the Factory.

As you can see, we have plenty for those of you who would like an interesting volunteer opportunity, to do!

Emily Birch
Community Outreach
Committee Correspondent



TRUSTEES NOTES

Workday, April 2, saw about 19 people come out and spruce up the church. I think everyone had a good fellowship, I know I did, and the work did not seem like work at all. I had a lot of comments about how nice the church looked on Sunday morning.

Everyone who was a part of the workday can feel a sense of pride. I hope everyone who was there Saturday morning feels the same way I do. This is one of the best workdays we have had in a long time. Thanks to all who made time for the church and helped the Trustees.

Dave Berkheimer
Trustee President

CAMP DONEGAL

The water pounds down on your head feeling more like ice water than creek water. All around you are laughing, screaming friends enjoying the waterfall, but just as startled by the coldness of the water. As you look downstream you are amazed by how green everything is. There isn't a house or a road or a bike or an electric wire in sight!

On the hike down you hadn't really noticed because all you could think about was the picnic lunch at Lock 12 park. That sub tasted really good! But now that you're hiking back up and wading in the stream with your friends and standing under a waterfall...This is great! And you still get to go swimming in the pool later!

Come get wet at Camp Donegal this summer. Brochures are available at the back of the sanctuary or visit online at CampDonegal.org.

JUNE NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Mail to -

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Email to -

vicki.burkins@gmail.com

Drop off

At The church office

The deadline for articles
is May 19

STEWARDSHIP REPORT - WITH FINANCIAL UPDATE THROUGH MARCH 2011

	March Weekly Offering		March Expenses	
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
March 6	\$4,434			
March 13	\$3,093			
March 20	\$4,578			
March 28	<u>\$4,435</u>			
Monthly Total	\$16,540	\$15,850	\$20,203	\$20,818
Year to Date	\$56,779	\$55,005	\$58,734	\$54,924

Budget Tracking Through March

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Total Yearly Budget	\$250,269	\$250,125
YTD Expenses	\$58,734	\$54,924
% of Budget Spent	23.47%	21.96%

As you can see, the above figures offer a mixed picture. It is a bit of a concern that our income to date is running almost \$2,000 behind our expenses. At the same time, giving for the month was up by about \$600 and for the year some \$1,800. And expenses for the month were down \$600. The problem is that our overall expenses are up by almost \$4,000. Most of that increase came in February and were related to heating bills. Overall, we will have to monitor our expenses going forward. But we remain confident, as Leacock's members continue to support their church generously and faithfully.

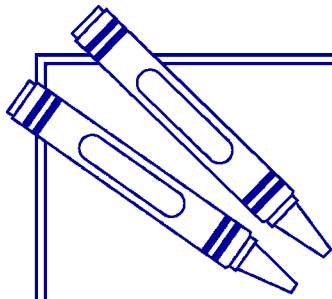


Lancaster General Hospital has scheduled community blood drives throughout the year at the following locations. Won't you consider giving blood - every pint is very important!

BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULE MAY 2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Wednesday, May 12	Kinzer Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Tuesday, May 18	Yoder's Market	1:00pm to 7:00pm
Thursday, May 20	Bird-in-Hand 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. For more information call 544-0170.



Just for KIDS

How to Treat Others

How does God want us to get along with other people? Ephesians 4:32 tells us. To find out what it says, use the code to fill in the blanks.

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To the Deacons and Church Members,

Thanks for thinking of me on my birthday. Also for the concerns for my daughter and family. Where there is a health problem in the family it affects us all. The cards were beautiful.

Also thanks to Mary Lou Rubincam for her visit.

Peace and God's love to all.

Sincerely,
Helen Kreider

Dear Friends of Leacock,
A bit of trivia -

I started going to church at Leacock when I was three years old. (My mother was a Sunday School teacher at that time.)

Through the years—joining church in my early teens, also enjoyed singing in the choir for a few years. Rev. Grey married us in 1951.

Attending Old Leacock in the summer has always been a special treat.

Now playing in the bell choir is also fun.

It's been a long sweet journey at Leacock Presbyterian Church.

Thanks to everyone for the cards, flowers and get well wishes.

Mary Jane Mowrer

Thank
You

Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, calls, cards, and concern during my recent recovery.

Thanks especially to Betty and Gene Sowers for their visit and the very lovely prayer shawl.

You are a caring family.

Sue Funk

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**RESPONSIBILITIES AT LEACOCK CHURCH
MAY AND JUNE**

NURSERY

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

May 1	8:00	Tom and Vicki Burkins
	10:30	John and Allison Shirk
May 8	8:00	Janet Huffman
	10:30	Johanna Gingher and Valerie Ruhl
May 15	8:00	Skip Brackbill
	10:30	Lois Snader
May 22	8:00	Nick and Evie Lopez
	10:30	Bob and Ethan Brackbill
May 29	8:00	Sharon Williams
	10:30	Alba and Harrison Ruhl

There will be no 8:00am nursery in June

June 5	10:30	Dave and Carol Berkhimer
June 12	9:30	Bob and Margie Hershey
June 19	10:30	Deb Beane and Craig Keenan
June 26	10:30	Carol Shearer and Fran Sattazahn



Ushers & Greeters



DEACON RESPONSIBILITIES

(Transportation for School House Friends & Flower Deliveries)

May	Dot Buckwalter
June	Ellen Barnes

WELCOME CENTER

8:00AM	May	Jean Menges
	June	Nancy Bair
10:30AM	May	Dorothy Wise
	June	Dave 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!

MAY

Mac Daniel Watters
 Karen Boyer
 Richard Miller
 Eugene Bare

Steve Boas
 Charlene Boas
 Katherine Boas
 Forrest Boas

JUNE

8:00 Old Leacock
 Jan Huffman
 Janet Huffman
 Brendon Shenk
 Ellen Barnes

10:30 Paradise
 Lois Snader
 Shelly Moore
 Darwin Eshleman
 Ed Margerum

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