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Notes from the Manse

The Spirit comes; the Spirit touches us, wherever it chooses. Like the wind, it can be mysterious in the ways it works. Yet if we open our hearts, it can teach us, even when and in places where we do not expect it. Emily and I just returned from Mount Desert Island up in Maine. It was a good time, a restorative time, filled with hikes up and down mountains overlooking the ocean amidst the riot of colors of trees at their fall peak. Mount Desert is a relatively small island; most of it is taken up by Acadia National Park. There are wealthy people who have grand homes on it, the summer people, as they are called, for they come and stay only a few months. But there are also regular folks who live on the island all year round. Most of them live on what is called the Quightside, the less glamorous side, and it is they who do most all the work of the island.

Emily and I were lucky enough to meet a few of those year-rounders. One night, we were gathered with some other couples over dinner. It was only a few hours before the snowstorm, which recently blanketed the east coast, arrived in Maine, and we were all talking about what to do, how to prepare. A woman told us, with a few sheepish glances at her husband, that when he had proposed buying a generator a few years back, she had resisted. She knew storms; she knew what it was to lose power. But she liked it when the whole family was safe and together, gathered around a fire, but really finding the most warmth in each other. Everybody pitched in, figuring out how to do what needed to be done, like cooking a meal on the grate over hot coals and keeping kerosene lamps lit. Somehow, she thought, all that would be lost with a generator. Now, she did admit that when her husband went ahead and got a generator, and he cranked it up the next time they lost power, she kind of enjoyed the forgotten pleasures of running water. But, still, I thought I understood how she had felt.

Another time, Emily and I met two young women, who had just graduated from high school. They were not going to college right away; they had deferred their admissions, so that they could travel the world together for a year. And you may meet them; I invited them to Paradise. One of them allowed that she was a bit nervous about leaving the island. She had lived there almost all her life, and she realized she had come to rely on a community in which, she said, everyone took care of each other. Now, she wondered, how would she do, away, and with only one friend?

Acts describes the first followers of Christ as being together in Jerusalem after the Lord ascended, sharing meals together, “with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people.” Like that caring community in Maine, we too can be an island here at Leacock, an island of grace and kindness in a world often so lost and confused. We should not stay on that island; we need to be a part of that larger world. But we begin together. The words of those women in Maine echo in my heart—do we give each other warmth? Do we take care of each other? When we have a problem with someone, do we do as Christ told us to and go first to that person alone to try to work out the problem, before we ever go to others? Let us live like those first Christians. Let us be wildly generous in our love, our kindness, our forgiveness. And let us be stingy with our anger, our judgment, our criticisms. Let it be here that love, the love of the Lord, grows.

Rev. Robert W. Birch



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Donations are being accepted NOW through Thursday, December 1 of your handmade crafts, jewelry, clothing items, home décor, ornaments, etc.

We will need homemade cookies, pies, breads, candy and bagged treats, as they are one of Leacock’s best selling points. Jams, jellies, and other canned goods are also great sellers.

Once again, we will be putting the homemade items on pretty plates/tins so you only need to send in your goodies and we will do the rest. If you have any questions, please contact Loretta McClarigan (687-9010) or Marie Glass (687-7200).

THE CARING TREE

The Caring Tree will be in the Narthex on Sunday, November 27. It provides a chance for you to share your blessings this Advent Season. Please choose a name - or several names and follow the

instructions on each tag.

Put your name on the tag that says “taken by” and place it in the basket provided. Please return the wrapped gift with the original tag securely attached and place the gift under the Caring Tree no later than **December 12.**

If your tag is a monetary gift, make checks payable to Leacock Presbyterian Church. Gift cards, checks or certificates should be given to Emily Birch, Karen Shue, or Karen Homsher. If you are unable to purchase a gift but wish to donate money for a gift, please contact Emily Birch (687-7734), Karen Shue (687-7240), or Karen Homsher (687-6469).

Tag Colors

- Yellow Factory Ministries
- Green Local School Children
- Blue LaPark and Paradise Living Centers

(Bridge of Hope gifts will be collected on a separate schedule to accommodate their program.)



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND LUNCH

A meeting of the congregation of Leacock Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) is hereby called for SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, following the 9:30am service of worship. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on the 2012 budget and to elect Elders to serve in the class of 2014, and Deacons and Trustees for the class of 2015.

November 20 marks the end of the church year and has been designated on the liturgical calendar as Christ the King Sunday. How fitting, then, that we gather to worship and share in the sacrament of Holy Communion at one service of worship and then meet as a body to decide about issues that will move us forward as we minister to this community in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A covered dish luncheon will follow the meeting. Please bring a salad, casserole, or dessert to share.

from the Clerk of Session

IT'S TREATS AND TREASURES TIME...

We have become well known for our Bazaar featuring hand-crafted gifts, and this mission provides us the resources to reach out to those in need in our area. Here are the dates on our Bazaar countdown: tuck this on your 'fridge and help celebrate the spirit of the holiday with our church family in a day of shopping, fellowship and fun.

Tuesday, November 29 - 2:00pm to 8:00pm

CANDY WORKSHOP

Carol Shearer will be in charge of our Candy Workshop in Fellowship Hall. This year we are making peanut butter bonbons exclusively. We will need donations of ingredients. You will find requests in the Narthex.

Wednesday, November 30 and Thursday, December 1

TAKE-ALONG-TREATS

Loretta McClarigan needs lots of help preparing for our Take-Along-Treats. Please bring your donations of baked goods to Fellowship Hall by these dates and they will be plated or packaged. If you can help, let her know.

REGIFT & REDECORATION

Karen Homsher is looking for gently used Christmas items and quality used items, books, tapes, CDs and DVDs (no garage sale stuff, please) for the ReGift & ReDecoration tables. Please put them on the tables in the west corner of Fellowship Hall for pricing.

BASKET BONANZA

Karen Shue and Lois Snader are in charge of the Basket Bonanza. If you can fill a basket with any theme (Italian Sampler, Nail Salon Goodies, Body & Bath, Newborn Baby Items, School Books or Supplies, the list is endless). Please place your basket donations in Fellowship Hall by Saturday, November 26. If you need an empty basket to fill, just ask.

Wednesday, November 30 - 6:00pm to 8:00pm

GREENS NIGHT

Greens Night in Fellowship Hall. You bring Evie Lopez two or three containers, cuttings of greens, holly, etc. from your yard, and any wires, trims and cutters you have. Oasis and candles will be provided. If you don't have any greens, come and help anyway, there will be greens to share. At the end of the evening, you will have an arrangement to take home, if you wish, as well as one to donate to the bazaar. This is a great way to boost your holiday spirit!

Thursday, December 1 - 4:00pm to 8:00pm

Friday, December 2 - 2:00pm to 8:00pm

SET-UP

Set-Up in Fellowship Hall. If you can help, please contact Loretta McClarigan (687-9010) or Jennifer McElhany (687-0112).

Friday, December 2 - 2:00pm to 8:00pm

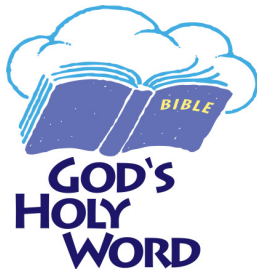
HOLIDAY CAFÉ

Betty Sowers, Dot Buckwalter, Alba Ruhl, Karen Shue and friends will welcome your donations of pies, homemade soup, sandwiches, or sticky buns for the Holiday Café.

Saturday, December 4 - 8:00am to 2:00pm

TREATS & TREASURES BAZAAR

Many job opportunities exist here. Check the clipboards in the Narthex to see where you can help. We need cashiers, baggers, friends to condense tables as tables empty, friends to help shoppers with questions or lend a helping hand. If you are available for just an hour or two or three, or the entire time, we can use your help...just bring a smile! Merry Christmas! Invite any children you know who would enjoy the interactive train set-ups in the Narthex.



LECTIONARY FOR NOVEMBER

- Nov 1 (All Saints' Day)
Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 34:1-10, 22
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

- Nov 6 (32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Psalm 78:1-7
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

- Nov 13 (33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Judges 4:1-7
Psalm 123:1-4
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

- Nov 20 (Christ the King/Reign of Christ)
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100:1-5
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

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- Nov 27 (1st Sunday of Advent)
Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee will be serving a community meal once every month on the last Thursday of the month except November, when the meal will be served on November 10.

Signup sheets for helping with the meal will be in the Narthex on the Sunday two weeks before the meal. Please check the Sunday bulletin for signup. Help is needed with cooking, setup, serving, and cleanup.

The Mission Committee would like to express how much we appreciate the volunteers who have continued to help unselfishly with donations made for the meal, help in preparing and serving the meal and cleaning afterwards .

You have reached out in God's Mission to those in need.

We would also like to thank all those who helped with and participated in the CROP Walk this month.

THANK YOU!

God Bless
Mission Committee

CHIMES ARE RINGING

The yard sale held on October 15 was a huge success thanks to all who donated their time, talents, and treasures. The Organ Finance Committee raised over \$1,500 from the sale of items that covered the front of the church lawn. An additional \$400 was added to the fund though the food sales which the Congregational Life Committee organized.

Coin Banks will soon be available to take home to collect all those coins that we empty from our pockets each day - another way to contribute to the organ fund where every penny moves us closer to the \$80,000 goal that will rebuild the organ.

A volleyball tournament is being organized for November - watch for updates on this event in the church bulletin!

"Pick-a-Pipe" is another way to donate to the restoration of the organ. Forms are available in the back of the church sanctuary, and a pipe can be purchased for a donation of \$100 to \$1,000 and there is no limit to the number of pipes each person can buy!

This project is slated to be completed in February 2012.



FLOWERS

You may purchase flowers for the sanctuary on Sundays November 6, 13, 20, or 27 in honor of or in memory of someone or a special occasion. Call the church office at 687-6619.

BRIDGE OF HOPE

Bridge of Hope LCC is thrilled to announce the celebration of our *21st Annual Kaleidoscope* event. This year's theme is a Winter Festival of Hope which will include exciting festival games, a silent auction, a warm and tasty menu, and a blizzard of laughs during our seventies bash!

Meet us there as we celebrate the life changing ministry to homeless single mothers and their children on Saturday, November 12, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Ridgeview Mennonite Church, 3723 Ridge Road, Gordonville. Call 394-7406 x106 to register! Find more details about activities for children ages 4-11 at www.BridgeofHopeLCC.org.

OUR SYMPATHY TO
the family of
Thursa Brackbill who died on
Wednesday, October 19.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR BASKETS

It's that time again - please start thinking of ideas to fill baskets to sell at the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 3.

You can fill a basket with goodies with a theme of your own or donate items for us to create a filled basket for you!

Place your filled baskets in Fellowship Hall with bazaar items by Saturday, November 26.

Watch for more details - any questions and ideas please contact Karen Shue (687-7240) or Lois Snader (687-5698).

THANK OFFERING 2011

Again this year, we will be collecting for the Thank Offering in November. Twenty-six projects from 68 proposals have been chosen. Fourteen are national and 12 are international.

Here are some of this year's projects:

Brain Injury Adventure Camp in Robards, Kentucky - Purchase adaptive equipment and pave bike trails to create a camp experience for individuals with brain injuries and other disabilities.

Appalachian Women and Children in Distress in Bristol, Virginia - Offer utility and financial assistance for struggling female heads of households

The Urban Mission Center in Baltimore, Maryland - Build an area for a food bank and renovate guest facilities by installing showers and upgrading the kitchen.

Project Hope in South Boston, Massachusetts - Provide for opportunities and supervised recreation for at-risk youth in diverse neighborhoods.

Affordable Homeownership Rehabilitation in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania - Provide material and labor to rehab abandoned houses into energy efficient homes to be pur-

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chased by disadvantaged families who have received financial management training.

Community Livelihood Improvement in Gomoa East District, Ghana

- Build a cold storage facility for fresh fish and increase employment for women by teaching them fish processing, marketing and sales techniques.

Safe Motherhood Project in Georgia, Haiti - Provide training and support for traditional birth attendants who are primary care providers for most Haitian women in rural areas.

Fair Fruit Project in Njombe, Cameroon - Purchase fruit drying equipment and train women and youth to operate the equipment.

Computer and English Language Competency for High School Girls in West Kasai, Congo - Teach computer skills and English to 80 high school girls, improving their opportunities for finding jobs.

Zinder Christian Primary School in Zinder, Niger - Construct a three-classroom school building for grades one to three with three latrines, increasing the number of children who can be educated.

Through our gifts, we offer hope to the world. We give as we are blessed and offer love and mercy to others in God's name.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

I hope those of you who came to hear *Harmony* on October 16 enjoyed an afternoon of good music and company.

On November 12, we will welcome professors Lindsay Michie and Eunace Rojas to speak on Using Music to Fight Oppression. The lecture will include music samples, so please come join us for what will surely be another interesting evening, following on the heels of Tim Kauffman who last month provided us with a very informative lecture on the importance of exercise as we age, complete with exercises we can do to help prevent injury.

Speaking of exercise, now that it's getting colder, you probably will want to think about moving your exercise routine indoors. Movers and Shakers is back to a Monday and Wednesday schedule unless otherwise noted in the bulletin. We meet at 6:00pm to work out to exercise videos, and we promise no coordination or high levels of fitness required.

Another fun, cold-weather activity is board game night which provides entertainment for all ages. Join us,

and bring your favorite game to play.

In November, we will also be putting up the Caring Tree. Please take a tag (or two) off the tree so that you can help *give Christmas* to someone in our community who might otherwise receive nothing.

Finally, we always need volunteers to help serve snacks to the kids at The Factory youth center one night a month. Please contact Karen Homsher (687-6469) if you're interested or sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

Emily Birch
Community Outreach
Committee
Correspondent

PRAYER FAMILIES

- Nov 6 Robert & Ella Clark
- Nov 13 Peter & Ruth Doutrich Conway
- Nov 20 Krista Koshuta Coppins
- Nov 27 Harold & Janet Cosby

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The morning Bible Study will be held the second Thursday November 10 9:30 at the home of Shirley Musselman

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

You may purchase a Christmas Poinsettia for \$7.00 to be placed in the sanctuary in memory/honor of someone. Please complete and return this form and money to the church office by **Sunday, December 4.**

The ones remembered and by whom will appear in the bulletin on Sunday, December 25. Remember to advise the church if you plan to leave your poinsettia to be taken to an at-home member.

I/We _____ wish to order _____ Christmas Poinsettia(s)
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.

THANK YOU

Dear Leacock Congregation,

Thank you for all of your support for Doug and me as we went through Doug's recent surgery.

The cards, flowers, prayer shawl and food have been greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Mary Alice & Doug High

TRUSTEES NOTES

The Trustees have now completed the inventory of Paradise Church. We have a list of 1,370 items in the church. Several copies will be made (paper, DVD, memory stick) and kept in safe places. There are pictures to go with each item and all are cataloged. I thank the Trustees for this task well done.

Work day was well attended and lots of jobs got completed. The grounds are looking good as well as the buildings. Again, thanks to all who came out to get our church ready for winter.

Do not hesitate to tell a Trustee if you see anything needing attention. I thank everyone.

Dave Berkhimer
Trustee President

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Tuesday November 29

6:30pm Board Game Night

Every Monday and Wednesday

(unless noted in the bulletin)

6:00pm Movers and Shakers

(workout to fun exercise videos to keep us in shape)

HOSPICE

Hospice of Lancaster County is seeking volunteers. Training is provided.

Please call 295-3900 for more information or visit their website at www.hospiceoflancaster.org clicking on How You Can Help for details.

LECTURE SERIES

6:30pm light refreshments

7:00 - 8:00pm lecture

Saturday, November 12

Dr. Lindsay Michie and

Dr. Eunace Rojas:

Using Music to Fight Oppression

STEWARDSHIP REPORT - WITH FINANCIAL UPDATE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2011

	September Weekly Offering		September Expenses	
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
September 4	\$3,965			
September 11	\$5,418			
September 18	\$3,784			
September 25	<u>\$4,055</u>			
Monthly Total	\$17,222	\$15,310	\$15,311	\$8,468
Year to Date	\$155,495	\$159,937	\$161,621	\$152,886

Budget Tracking Through September

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Total Yearly Budget	\$250,269	\$250,125
YTD Expenses	\$161,621	\$152,886
% of Budget Spent	64.57%	61.12%

September was a mixed month. Offering was up almost \$2,000 from last September, which helped make up a bit of what we lost with the storm day in August. Unfortunately, expenses were also up, year to year, by some \$6,800. For the year, offering is down, by over \$4,000, while expenses have risen by over \$8,000. And this leaves us about \$6,000 behind. There are many pressures financially on folks these days. But in the last few months of the year, we need to keep a close watch on expenses, while also prayerfully considering contributing to closing the gap between giving and spending.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov 15 Eunice Robinson
1520 Harrisburg Pike
421 Trout Run
Lancaster, PA 17601

Nov 16 Lee Brown
8 Bethany Avenue
Paradise, PA 17562
(90th Birthday)



**RESPONSIBILITIES AT LEACOCK CHURCH
OCTOBER**

DEACON RESPONSIBILITIES

(Transportation for School House Friends & Flower Deliveries)

November Shelly Summers
December Jane Witmer

WELCOME CENTER

November 8:00 Tom and Vicki Burkins
10:30 Eugene and Betty Sowers
December 8:00 Jean Menees
10:30 Bob and Margie Hershey

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSISTANTS

November Linda Erikson
December Matt McClarigan

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!

NOVEMBER

8:00 Paradise
Dick Miller
David Homsher
Peter Conway
Ellen Barnes

10:30 Paradise
Darwin Eshleman
Craig Keenan
Steve Boas
Charlene Boas

DECEMBER

8:00 Paradise
Deb Sindall
Bob Sindall
Karen Boyer

10:30 Paradise
Ethan Brackbill
Forest Bpas
Catherine Boas

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!

November 6	8:00	Tom and Vicki Burkins
	10:30	Bob and Margy Hershey
November 6	8:00	Sharon Williams
	10:30	Mike and Kelly Hartmann
November 20	9:30	One Service - John and Kate Shirk
November 27	8:00	Karen Boyer
	10:30	Kris and Allison Shirk
December 4	8:00	Ellen Barnes
	10:30	Emily Birch and Michele McLaughlin
December 11	8:00	Dick Miller
	10:30	Lois Snader and Valarie Ruhl
December 18	8:00	Loretta McClarigan
	10:30	Darwin Eshleman and Stephanie Sweigart
December 25	9:30	One Service

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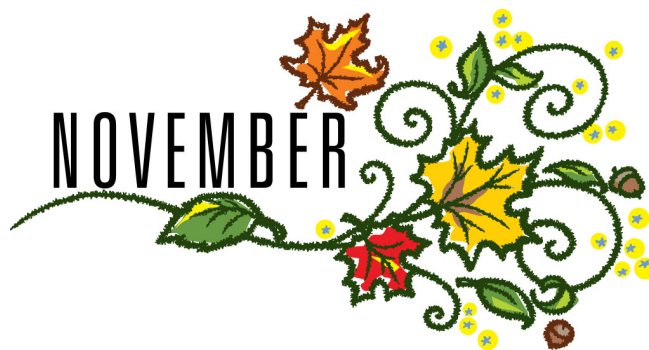
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