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Notes from the Manse

“As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.”

Genesis 8:22

When after the flood there was a new beginning, these words were spoken in the heart of the Lord. Shortly thereafter, God promised Noah, in what was the first covenant, that never again would all of life be destroyed by the waters of a flood. No, now and forever, the cycle, the rhythm, of life would remain. Here in this place, we are entering the final weeks of summer. Seeds have long since been planted, and all one need do is travel our roads to see the fruits of much labor. It is the time of harvest.

And this is true in many ways here at Leacock. Though many of our programs have had a break over the summer, many folks have been working hard, planting seeds if you will. And as we begin a new church year in a few weeks, you will begin to see the product of their labors. The youth will kick off their fall activities with a lock-in, and there are rumors that adults will be invited for a few hours at the beginning. However, they most certainly will not be allowed to stay. We are exploring new ways to work with the Factory, as we seek to serve the needy in our community, especially our young people. And the Organ Fund Committee has a host of creative ideas for raising money to fix up our organ—we've already had one, a night at Rita's when we made some money while eating treats. What a concept!

I am excited because we will soon be starting a Communicant's Class for many of our youth. The idea is to help them discover what faith is all about. We will explore the major religions of the world, examining what is at the core of their beliefs through reading and films and attending a variety of worship services. And they will learn about their own faith tradition, what it means to be Christian, to be a Presbyterian. The time when they meet will be their own, and not just an add-on to Sunday morning. They are invited to bring friends, even if they have no connection with Leacock (some adults have already asked if they can join in). The goal is to have them feel free to wrestle with the questions and concerns that are most important to them, as they give shape to their own beliefs. At the end of the year, equipped with the information they need, they will be invited to join our church.

Those words the Lord spoke in the heart after the flood did not promise that things would be easy. There still would be winter along with summer, night with day. There would be loss and heartache, as we feel again now with the passing of Marilyn Brackbill. And there would always be a need for seeds to be planted if there is to be a harvest. The Nominating Committee will soon be asking many of you to serve Leacock. I hope you prayerfully will be led to say, yes, you will be a laborer in the fields of the Lord in this place. If you do, you too will enjoy, as Marilyn did, as so many do now, the satisfaction of seeing grow the seeds the Lord sows through you.

Rev. Robert W. Birch



OLD LEACOCK DAY PICNIC
 Old Leacock Day will be celebrated with a traditional picnic on Sunday, September 4 at Old Leacock Church following the 9:30am service (one worship service only).

Hot dogs, beverage, and tableware will be provided. Please bring a covered dish to share - casserole, salad, fruit, vegetable, or dessert.

Also bring your lawn chairs or blanket.

In the rare chance of bad weather, the picnic will be held at the Paradise church in Fellowship Hall.

TRUSTEES NOTES

The front walk is now gone and grass is growing in its place. Also, some sections of the walk along Route 30 have been replaced.

Fire extinguishers in the kitchen have been updated to code. The filters in the hood over the stove have been brought up to code too.

Sunday School rooms will be painted in the near future. Work Day for the properties will be in October - so keep an eye open for the date in the bulletin.

The Trustees thank everyone for keeping us aware of things that need our attention. It is good to be working with you all. Thank you.

Dave Berkhimer
 Trustee President



PIPE DREAMS

The Organ Finance Committee has been formed: members are Dave Berkhimer, Darwin Eshleman, Jan and Janet Huffman, Ed Margerum, Fran Sattaahn, and Ralph Shank.

With several brain storming meetings under their belts, they have come up with various projects to earn money to pay for the rebuilding of the sanctuary pipe organ.

The first fund raiser was held at Rita's in Gap in August 15 from 7:00 - 10:00pm. Rita's contributed 25% of their profits during that time period. Other projects planned are: yard sale, volleyball tournament, buy a pipe, and coin collection banks.

Specially marked envelopes located in the back of the church may also be used for donations.

Watch the church bulletin and newsletters, and listen for special announcements for the upcoming events.

The organ is slated to be repaired during January - February 2012, and we hope all the monies (approximately \$80,000) will be raised by the completion of the project.

ATTENTION DEACONS

Reminder of our scheduled meeting

Tuesday, September 27

7PM in the Library

See you There

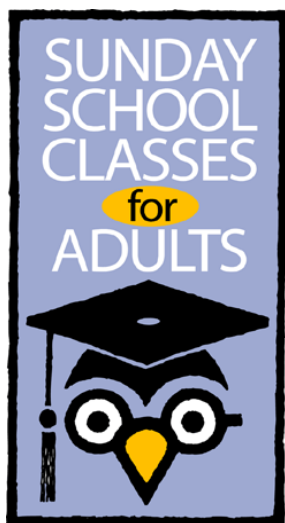
Lois Snader



"Dear God..."

PRAYER FAMILIES

- Sept 4 Stanly, Jr. & Alba Buck Stanley, III
- Sept 11 Dorothy Buckwalter
- Sept 18 Terry & Deborah Burkholder
- Sept 25 Chad & Meghan Burkins



**KNOWING THE WALK
SIX WEEKS OF
LECTIO DIVINA
LEADER MARIE BRACKBILL**

Allow God's Word to speak to you as you listen for the word or phrase God intends for you.

Don't know what Lectio Divina is? Begin with Marie on September 11 and discover how to walk more closely with our Lord. The class will meet in Timlow Library.

**WALKING THE WALK
LEADER DAVID HOMSHER**

On September 11 David will introduce this contemporary study and its format to interested participants. He has planned a discussion of various films which relate to Christian faith and how we apply our faith to our lives in the 21st century as we work for equity, justice, and peace.

CROP WALK

The 30th Annual Paradise CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, October 16. Registration begins at Leacock Presbyterian Church at 1:00pm with the walk starting at 1:30pm.

The CROP walk will be held across America and is sponsored by Church World Services. The goal of the CROP Walk is to stamp out hunger throughout the world, in our nation and here in the Paradise Area.

Twenty-five percent of the monies raised will go to the Paradise Food Bank.

The organizing churches this year are: Hershey Mennonite Church, Kinzer Mennonite Church, Leacock Presbyterian Church, Paradise Bible Fellowship Church and St. John's United Methodist Church.

Richard Smith will again be the Paradise Area CROP Walk Coordinator. Walkers and bikers are invited to do the 3-mile or the 5-mile route through our beautiful farm country.

Remember sponsors are needed. Please consider helping.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO AT HOME MEMBER

Sept 20 Betty Taylor
Fall Crest 117
433 S. Kinzer Avenue
New Holland, PA 17557



**OCTOBER 2
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
ONE SERVICE
930AM**

Gather with your brothers and sisters here at Leacock to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion even as our brothers and sisters around the world eat the bread of life and lift the cup of salvation proclaiming Christ's presence among us until He comes again to receive us unto Himself.

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED
FALL GATHERING**

Wednesday, September 14
9:30am

Parish Resource Center

More Information Contact
Arlene Brackbill 394-9996

MISSION COMMITTEE

Beginning in January 2011, the Mission Committee has been serving a community meal once every month. The meals are served on the last Thursday of every month except for November when the meal is served on the second Thursday.

Sign up sheets are in the Narthex two weeks prior to the meal.

Please look for them and sign up. Help is needed with cooking, setup, serving, cleanup, etc.

The August menu was spaghetti and meatballs and a tossed salad. Breads and desserts were donated by Weis Markets.

Paradise Bible Fellowship volunteered to serve the meal and St. Johns United Methodist Church assisted in cooking, serving, donating food and cleanup.

The Mission Committee would like to express how much we appreciate the volunteers, not only from our church, but those from other churches as well, who have continued to help unselfishly by either donating money for meals or helping serve the meals.

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

God Bless! THANK YOU!!

Nick Lopez
Mission Committee

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, October 1, 2011 -
5:30pm

8th Annual
Dale Albright Memorial
Dinner & Concert to benefit
The Factory Ministries

featuring
Harmony & the Hagans Family

for reservations:
call Karen Homsher (687-6469)
by September 18

BRIDGE OF HOPE

Bridge of Hope is one of ten ministries participating in Cherry Crest Adventure Farm's First Annual Community Ministry Fair in Ranks, PA on September 17 from noon to 6pm.

Visitors must state they wish to participate in the Ministry Day, and they will then receive 10 "ministry bucks" in return for every \$15 admission. Each ministry will have an information table and a collection jar for the donation of "ministry bucks."

At the end of the day, each Ministry Fair Buck will be matched with real bucks by Cherry Crest Adventure Farm - with pleasure.

AUGUST SESSION SNIPPETS

Our Session meeting began with Jan Huffman, chairperson of the Organ Fund Committee, presenting plans for raising money to update Leacock's pipe organ. Committee members include Darwin Eshleman, Janet Huffman, Ed Margerum, Dave Berkhimer, Ralph Shenk, and Fran Sattazahn.

The Clerk reported Leacock's Session minutes were read at the Presbytery level and approved without exception.

Other business included approval of the following items:

- John and Kris Shirk as Youth Group advisors
- Youth Group Lock-in scheduled for September 9
- Two Adult Sunday School tracks: *Knowing the Walk* and *Walking the Walk*
- Year long Communicants Class beginning in September designed and taught by Rev. Birch
- Youth Sunday School focus on the Lectionary and its practical application to growing one's faith, led by Emily Birch
- Elementary Sunday School curriculum *We Believe* published by the PCUSA and taught by Dianne and Harold Yuninger
- In-house designed Preschool

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Sunday School curriculum emphasizing basic faith concepts and introducing children to faith stories

- Lecture Series: September 18 - Dr. Lee Barrett speaking on *The Future of Christianity in the 21st Century*, October 3 - Tim Kauffman speaking on *Searching for the Fountain of Youth*
- October 16 Harmony concert set for 3:00pm

**OCTOBER
NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES DUE
SEPTEMBER 16, 2011**

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

LECTIONARY FOR SEPTEMBER

- Sept 4 (23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 149:1-9
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20
- Sept 11 (24th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Exodus 14:19-31
Psalm 114:1-8 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35
- Sept 18 (25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Exodus 16:2-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16
- Sept 25 (26th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32



**Choir Rehearsals
Resume**

**SING A NEW SONG
TO THE LORD**

Our Chancel Choir season will begin with our first rehearsal Wednesday evening September 7 at 7:30pm. New this year will be our rehearsal place. Seeing music with the lights in the sanctuary has been an increasing problem, so we are moving practice to the cozier, better-lighted Crossroads Class room located behind the sanctuary. An exciting yet accessible set of anthems is being planned for this year and will include new pieces as well as old (but not ancient) favorites.

YOU are invited to become a part of this group as we together sing a new song of praise and prepare to lead God's people in worship.

Questions? Call Dianne Yuninger (442-8379), email her at dmyhry@aol.com, or better yet - show up on September 7 and give choir a try.



On behalf of the congregation of Leacock Presbyterian Church, the Session formally and gratefully acknowledges the excellent work of Loretta McClarigan in designing our Vacation Bible School curriculum and coordinating a very successful VBS week.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Tuesdays Sept 27 & Oct 25
6:30pm
Board Game Nights

Every Monday & 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)



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Did you know that there are only 13 weeks, or should I say 94 days, until our Christmas Bazaar? Ho! Ho! Ho!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 3 starting at 8:00am ... we hope you can help in the kitchen, be a cashier or bagger, or come purchase gifts, crafts, cookies, homemade breads and candy, fresh table greenery arrangements and plenty more items that will be on sale.

In the days and weeks ahead, could you share your talents by donating craft items, making some canned good items, or giving gently used Christmas items for the 2011 Bazaar.

If you have any new craft ideas that can be made together in an evening or afternoon, let us know.

Also, don't forget to get your cookie, bread and candy recipes out and ready for the upcoming event.

Remember, many hands make light work.

Any questions or suggestions can be given to Marie Glass (687-7299) or Loretta McClarigan (687-9010).

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE NEWS

Your C E Committee has been busy preparing for fall and the start of the church year. Focusing on our children has been a priority as the committee wrestles with how to reach out to our littlest ones. We are in the process of writing a Christian Education Mission Statement to articulate our goals in concrete language and to specify our curriculum scope and sequence, aiming to present this document to the Session for approval in September.

Sunday School rooms are being cleaned out and revamped; the C E shelves in the hall closet have been restocked; our fall program is set to begin.

All we need is YOU. If you are a parent, help your child to get ready to attend Sunday School and then stay yourself for one of the two new adult tracks being offered.

Finally on Old Leacock Sunday, September 4, come worship at the old church at 9:30am, receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and then remain with us for a brief slide show of Vacation Bible School highlights, thanks to Marie Glass. See what God is doing in Paradise. And, of course, stay for our church picnic lunch.

Do you have concerns or ideas about Christian Education? See any of these committee members: Bob Birch, Emily Birch, Arlene Brackbill, Tom Burkins, Vicki Burkins, Lois Eshleman, Kelly Hartmann, John Shirk.

We thank you for your continued prayers as we carry on this most important work.

Dianne Yuninger
C E Chairperson



Women's Bible Study

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women of Leacock

Bible Study for 2011-2012

Confessing the Beatitudes

Matthew 5:3-12 and Luke 6:20-26

by Margaret Aymer

"The Beatitudes are some of the most beloved teachings of Jesus, yet they may well be some of the most pointed. We may miss their point, however, if we do not study them within their literary, historical, and cultural contexts. In this study, Margaret Aymer invites us to consider the Beatitudes as they might have been heard when Jesus spoke them - during the time of the Roman Empire."

Two study groups that meet once a month are available:

Monday Mornings

7:00am Walking Group

7:30 for Study and Light Breakfast

First meeting will be September 12
in Fellowship Hall

Any questions, contact
Marie Brackbill (768-8470)

Thursday Mornings

9:30am for Study and

Light Refreshments

First meeting will be September 15
at the home of Doris Brown

Any questions, contact
Arlene Brackbill (394-9996)

Interested in beginning a study group at another time? Please contact Marie Brackbill.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT - WITH FINANCIAL UPDATE THROUGH JULY 2011

	June Weekly Offering		June Expenses	
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
June 6	\$4,538			
June 12	\$4,042			
June 19	\$2,219			
June 26	<u>\$4,572</u>			
Monthly Total	\$15,371	\$16,002	\$17,648	\$16,237
Year to Date	\$107,511	\$108,059	\$109,560	\$109,861

Budget Tracking Through June

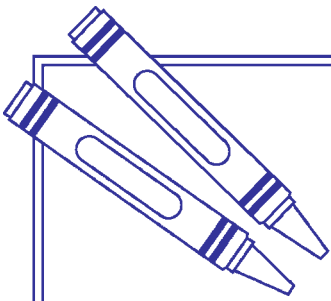
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Total Yearly Budget	\$250,269	\$250,125
YTD Expenses	\$109,560	\$109,861
% of Budget Spent	43.78%	43.92%

	July Weekly Offering		July Expenses	
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
July 3	\$3,508			
July 10	\$3,193			
July 17	\$3,000			
July 24	\$5,227			
July 31	<u>\$4,237</u>			
Monthly Total	\$19,165	\$15,867	\$16,248	\$18,984
Year to Date	\$126,676	\$123,926	\$125,808	\$128,845

Budget Tracking Through July

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Total Yearly Budget	\$250,269	\$250,125
YTD Expenses	\$125,808	\$128,845
% of Budget Spent	50.27%	51.51%

Leacock's financial position through July remains quite solid. June's numbers were a bit off from the year before, with giving down \$631 and expenses up \$1,411 from 2010. But then came July: offering receipts went up \$3,298 compared to 2010, while expenses dropped \$2,736. This left the church with an increase, year to year, in giving of \$2,750 and a decrease in expenses of \$3,037. Overall, our receipts exceed expenses by \$868 so far this year, with only a bit over 50% of the total budget spent through seven months. Given the continuing troubled economic times, all of this is very encouraging. The Stewardship Committee thanks all who continue to support their church so faithfully.



Just for KIDS

2 Timothy 3:16-17

The books and subjects that we study in school prepare us for our futures and our lives. Studying the Bible is important also. Find what Paul wrote to his young helper, Timothy.

First write a word to fit each definition. Then transfer the letters to the lines below.

Printed and bound sheets of paper	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>				
They form the alphabet	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	
One who is learning	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	
A small test	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>				
A group of relatives	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>		
To offer something	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>32</u>				
Glad	<u>33</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>37</u>			
Group who works together	<u>38</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>41</u>				

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THANKS TO THE HEROES

I would like to thank all the HEROES from Leacock that helped with Vacation Bible School in June. We had a total of 41 children register for VBS and a total of 51 volunteers, that helped by donating food and/or giving of their time and energy each evening.

The children learned about John the Baptist, Miriam, Moses, Jonah, Peter and the best hero of them all, JESUS. They enjoyed the dinners, Bible stories, crafts, snacks and outside games, especially the water balloons and sprinkler fun.

We adults had as much fun as the children! It was great working together with St. John's as a ministry to the children in our community.....we made a terrific team of HEROES!

Thanks again!
 Loretta McClarigan

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY,

I know this note is long overdue. Just want to say thank you to Rev. Birch and to Betty and Gene Sowers for their visits while I was in the hospital.

Also thanks for the lovely prayer shawl. I am back to normal and feeling very well.

Sincerely,
 Robert Clark

Mistakes are a fact of life. It is the response to the error that counts.

Nikki Giovanni, American Poet

The man who can make hard things easy is the educator.

Ralph Waldo Emerson, American Writer and Philosopher

Puzzle answer: "All Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness."

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Outreach Committee is busy gearing up for its fall schedule. After taking a couple of months off this summer, board game night will pick up again the last Tuesday of every month, so be ready to come out and play on Tuesday September 27 at 6:30pm.

We've lined up lecturers for the fall, beginning in September. Lee Barrett, a regular for our lecture series, will be speaking on Monday September 19 about *The Future of Christianity in America*. On Monday October 3, physical therapist Tim Kauffman will come to speak about *Finding the Fountain of Youth*, better known as the role of exercise in staying young. On Friday November 11, professors Lindsay Michie and Eunace Rojas will come speak about *The Role of Music in Resistance Movements* like Apartheid South Africa.

We also will welcome the musical group Harmony on Sunday October 16 from 3:00 - 4:00 pm. Please join us for any or all of these special events.

Emily Birch, Outreach Committee Correspondent

LECTURE SERIES

6:30pm light refreshments

7:00 - 8:00pm lecture

Monday, September 19

Dr. Lee Barrett:

The Future of Christianity in America

Monday, October 3

Dr. Tim Kauffman:

Is There a Fountain of Youth?

Friday, November 11

Dr. Lindsay Michie and Dr. Eunace Rojas:

The Role of Music in Resistance Movements



RESPONSIBILITIES AT LEACOCK CHURCH SEPTEMBER

DEACON RESPONSIBILITIES

(Transportation for School House Friends & Flower Deliveries)

September Evie Lopez

WELCOME CENTER

September 8:00 Emily Birch
 10:30 Betty Denlinger

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!

SEPTEMBER

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

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

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

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

Please see separate icon
on the front page
for the September Church
Calendar

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