

4th Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2012

GATHERING

Prelude: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Franklin Ritter

Invocation

Announcements and Passing the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: In Jesus Christ, God feeds us; God loves us.

People: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

Leader: In even the darkest times, Lord, you are with us.

People: Your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

Leader: You anoint my head with oil.

People: Lord, make me strong for goodness and mercy, all the days of my life.

*Hymn: #457 “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, in Jesus Christ you revealed what love really is. Our Lord was, our Lord is, the good shepherd, claiming us, knowing us, caring for us, showing us the way to life. But too often we do not go where he leads. Instead, we turn our heads to the wolves about us, all that makes us afraid and angry and confused. Then, we become lost in the darkest valley, lost to each other, forgetting you. Forgive us, dear God. Gather your scattered sheep. Lead us again to the waters of life. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri (p. 579)

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem:

8:00 - “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” - Ancient Irish Melody

Solo Karen Homsher

10:30 – “Just As I Am”

K. Lee Scott

Chancel Choir

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

First Scripture Readings: Acts 4:5-12 (p. 113); 1 John 3:16-24 (p. 226)

Children’s Sermon

Children may leave for God’s Place for Boys and Girls

Second Scripture Reading: John 10:11-18 (p. 97)

Sermon: **THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

Green Pastures

*Hymn: #175

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, All My Need”

Dark Valleys

*Hymn: #387

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Tables and Oil

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*Apostles Creed (p. 14)(Ecumenical Version)

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: “Savior Like a Shepherd”

arr. Carol Tornquist

*Doxology (p. 592)

*Hymn: #367

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: “Lord God on High”

Lani Smith

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. Robert W. Birch, Minister

Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

VISITORS AND MEMBERS: WELCOME! During the offertory the Friendship Book will be passed from the end of the pew. Please sign it and indicate other information as appropriate. Pass the book back down the pew and notice the names of the other worshippers. Greet one another warmly after the service.

WORSHIP HOUR INFORMATION:

It is an ancient Scottish custom for the pulpit Bible to be brought into the sanctuary and placed by a layperson before the service begins.

8:00 a.m. Janet Huffman

10:30 a.m. Edwin Margerum

IN THE NURSERY (babies through 4 yrs.): 8:00 – Janet Huffman

10:30 – Emily Birch and Lauren Appel

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Richard & Marie Glass

47 Black Horse Road

Paradise, PA 17562-9773

TODAY: Sub Orders Due

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Services of Worship

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for infants through adults

6:00 p.m. Communicants Class

MONDAY:

6:00 p.m. Leacock Movers and Shakers

9:00 p.m. Softball – Leacock vs. Pequea Baptist – Field #1

TUESDAY:

7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting

7:30 p.m. Christian Ed. Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY:

6:00 p.m. Leacock Movers and Shakers

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY:

7-9:00 a.m. National Day of Prayer Breakfast

6:00 p.m. Sub Pick-up

7:00 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting

7:30 p.m. Community Outreach Committee Mtg.

NEXT SUNDAY:

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Services of Worship

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for infants through adults

IN THE NURSERY: 8:00 – Skip Brackbill

10:30 - Michele & Ryan McLaughlin

7:00 p.m. Old Leacock Hymn Sing

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Last week’s offering total was \$2,842.00

Total in Organ Fund is \$47,940.82

FOOD BANK IN NEED: The heavy demand on the Paradise Area Food Bank has made it necessary to ask our members to collect food at this time. The items for our congregation are instant rice, canned tuna and chicken, canned stew and chili, and soups. Please place your donations, throughout the month of May, in the “Food Bank” box in the Narthex. We thank you, in faith, for your generosity. If you would prefer to make cash gifts, which are also needed, please contact Karen Homsher. (Checks may be made out to Paradise Area Food Bank.)

The May issue of the *LEACOCK COMMUNICATOR* is available at the back of the sanctuary for anyone not on our mailing list.

May is Trustee Special Offering month. In a continued effort, we are still trying to raise funds for the Narthex flooring project. Please give as you can to help us reach this goal. Building Fund Offering envelopes will be available in the pews thru the month of May. Many thanks from all the Trustees.

The May/June issue of the *UPPER ROOM* devotional in both regular and LARGE print are available at the back of the sanctuary.

DEACONS: Please pick up copies for your shut-ins on the East windowsill at the front of the sanctuary.

Camp Donegal is looking for donated items to auction off at their 12th annual Fundraising Auction on May 12, 2012. Donation ideas include gift certificates, handcrafted art or craft items, new or gently used items, and gift baskets. Perhaps your Sunday School classes or other groups within your church would enjoy putting together a themed gift basket. Some theme ideas include chocolate, gardening, bird lovers, car wash, and summer fun or movie night baskets. Maybe even a “Send a Kid to Camp” Basket including items from the Camp Donegal packing list! The possibilities are endless! Camp Donegal is willing to pick up donated items the week of May 6th. Call Karen at (717) 858-8351 or the Camp Office at (717) 862-3722 for more information.

<u>Sunday School Elective-- Winter Quarter---9:20AM each Sunday—Up-Coming Sunday School Adult Elective Topics</u>			
<u>Elective</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>April 29</u>	<u>May 6</u>
Bible Study Discussion	Library	Why We Need Salvation	Judgment for Jews, Too
Current Issues Discussion	Fellowship Hall	God’s Creation/Food	God’s Creation/Food

National Day of Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, May 3 from 7-9:00 a.m. will be held at The Family Cupboard Restaurant. It is a \$5.00 Buffet including coffee.