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Notes from the Manse

“By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.”—Galatians 5:22

Several years ago, I was asked to participate in a worship service on Trinity Sunday. There were three of us—I was the only one not a minister—and the idea was that each would speak on one person of the triune God. Now, I guess I’ll never know how the assignments were divvied up, but somehow, mysteriously, I was given the Holy Spirit. The others seemed quite content speaking about the Father and the Son. But the Holy Spirit? Come on! I mean after all, we are talking about a Spirit here, something or someone a bit different from our usual experience within a mortal, physical world. I knew fathers and people who had acted as parents to me; I knew sons—I was one. But a Spirit? The whole thing made me a bit nervous. And I’ve found I’m not the only one. Apparently there are many folks, including ministers, who don’t feel all that comfortable or confident speaking about this third member of the Trinity. But this is the thing—something happened that time long ago. Suddenly, seemingly from nowhere, I knew what I should say. You see, I believe the Spirit came to me, and things turned out OK.

Since then, I have come to believe that, far from being the most mysterious, most remote, person of the Trinity, in many ways the Spirit is the closest, the most accessible. Scripture tells us that the Holy Spirit is many things, and many of them touch us very personally. It is the Spirit who creates us, not only in our birth, but over and over again as we grow and become new, as we are reborn. And it is the Spirit who comforts us, when we lie alone at night in a hospital bed, when we face a decision that will change the course of our lives. But Scripture is very clear that the Spirit, like all of faith, like salvation, is never only a personal thing. No, Jesus and later Paul make it clear that we were not intended to live alone, but rather to be in relation; it is in fellowship that we find Christ and that the Spirit works most powerfully. Many people claim to be filled with the Spirit, to be alive with faith. But there is a way to know if the Spirit is really present. Notice the quote above from *Galatians*. The “By contrast” refers to what Paul calls the works of the flesh. Some of these involve intemperance in all its forms; another is idolatry, in all its forms; but most involve things that tear apart relation, enmity, fighting, jealousy, anger, arguments, dissensions, factions. If any of this is present in our life together, then do not look for the Spirit. There is only a human, broken spirit present.

Ah, but then comes the fruit of the Spirit, what comes when God and not our fearful, hurting hearts leads. Look at that list above: it is all about being with others, across and beyond difference and hurt and our own, oh so sure, opinions about the way things should be done. This Sunday was Pentecost. Do we dare to let the Spirit into our lives; do we dare to become something so different than the usual, human way? Will we be led the way of the cross, the way of Christ? If we do, we will be patient with and faithful to each other; we will be kind and gentle and generous; we won’t impose our will, our ideas on others. We will love; above all, we will love. And then, oh, yes, we will find peace; we will be filled with joy.

Rev. Robert W. Birch



MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee has received thank you letters from the Lancaster County Council of Churches and the Presbyterian Senior Living for Leacock's continued support towards their ministries.

On Friday April 27 at about 7:00pm, Richard Smith received a phone call from Jim Farr in New Guinea. Jim said he was calling to personally thank Leacock Presbyterian Church for our faithful financial support and for our prayers. Their latest *From the Farr Side* newsletter is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

The Pentecost Offering is the last Sunday in May and the first Sunday in June. Our church keeps 40% of the this offering. The Mission Committee will make a recommendation, for Session approval, on the use of the Pentecost Offering.

We continue to serve our community meal, and we ask you to please check for sign-up sheets in

the Narthex. We plan to have a picnic in June, weather permitting, and will need some younger members to help move tables and chairs again this year.

The Committee would like to thank all who assist us with the meal, without your support the meal couldn't happen. God Bless

The Mission Committee is reaching out to our congregation for someone to coordinate the CROP Walk. Richard Smith will help with the advertising and be glad to answer any questions about how to proceed. Please contact Nick Lopez (442-4827) if you would be willing to take over this worthy cause.

Twenty-five percent of the funds received from the CROP Walk go to our local food bank.

We received a walking stick celebrating the 30 years we have sponsored the CROP Walk. We would like to challenge the churches involved with us in the CROP Walk to see which church receives the most donations. That church would have the walking stick until next year's walk when the challenge will be continued.

God Bless,
Mission Committee

LECTIONARY FOR JUNE

- June 3 (Trinity Sunday)
Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3: 1-17

- June 10 (2nd Sunday after Pentecost - 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
1 Samuel: 8:4-11 (12-15)
16-20 (11:14-15)
Psalm 138
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

- June 17 (3rd Sunday after Pentecost - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
1 Samuel 15:34-16:13
Psalm 20
2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17
Mark 4:26-34

- June 24 (4th Sunday after Pentecost - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49
Psalm 9:9-20 or
1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16
Psalm 133
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

In every moment there is a special treasure. Give your best to them all.

-Ralph Marston

CROSSROADS CLASS PICNIC

The Crossroads Class will meet on June 9 at 2pm at the home of John and Joy Koshuta for a picnic.

They are privileged to have Chuck and Margie Wright visit with them. Many of the congregation remember when Rev. Wright was with us and we were involved in having foreign officers visit over weekends.

If anyone remembers this time and would like to visit and fellowship with the Wrights, please call Arlene Brackbill (717 394-9996) or Betty Sowers (717 442-8163). By then we can tell you some suggestions of food to bring along to share.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO AT HOME MEMBER

June 27 Esther Schenke
Room 114
Fairmount Homes
219 Cats Back Road
Ephrata, PA 17522-8629

TRUSTEE NOTES

Thank you for your generous donations during May's Building Fund Offering that was designated to the Narthex floor project. We currently have approximately 70% of the capital needed to have the work completed by Nickel Mine Flooring.

The manse foundation repairs have been completed by Scott Denlinger, General Contracting.

To bring you up to speed on other outstanding projects: The spouting on the manse needs completed. The manse yard still has ruts that need filled and leveled. The mulching needs finishing touches as we ran out of mulch and manpower at spring workday.

Paint work on the window sills, boys bathroom, library and the rear door need addressed.

Any assistance you could provide would be very much appreciated. Opportunity is knocking for you to show off your talents. Please present any other items that you feel need attention or should be considered to a Trustee or place a note in the secretary's mailbox. You can also email me at ram-menterprisesinc@gmail.com.

Thank you for all that you do;
Michael McLaughlin
Trustee President



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

For teens and adults Sunday School this summer promises a time for faith building and a time for adventure. In June and July the Lectionary passages for the day will be discussed either in retrospect after having attended early worship or in preparation for the second service.

August will take us to Africa, New Zealand, China, and skydiving as we view pictures and listen to folks recount their experiences across the continents or above the Lancaster County landscape. Join us for this time of learning and fellowship.

All children will be meeting in the Elementary Room for Awesome Adventures: God's Amazing Kids.

Because of Old Leacock worship, Sunday School will begin promptly at 9:30am at Paradise.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH
(Next community outreach meeting: Thursday June 7 at 7:30pm in the choir room. All are welcome to join us.)

As I write this, we are looking forward to our first “dinner and a movie” night to enjoy a potluck meal and to watch the movie *The Help*, based on the book by Kathryn Stockett, which we discussed last month for the book discussion group. The next book we will be reading and discussing on Sunday June 24 at 7:00pm is *Blue Like Jazz* by Donald Miller. Again, all book discussions and movie potlucks are community-wide events, so please join us and bring your friends and neighbors.

If you haven't already done so, please don't forget to put yourself on the *Who's Your Neighbor? Map*, which is up on the bulletin board as you enter the sanctuary. We are mapping Leacock families to see who lives where, so we can begin our plan for Caring Families, small groups who will nurture each other (See the article “Caring Families – Who's Your Neighbor?” for more details).

We've not yet had any child-lovers offer their time for babysitting twice a year, in the fall and the spring, so we can provide this service to as many parents as need it

on parent-teacher night. Don't be surprised if you get a call from us, because if we don't get any volunteers, we're going to come looking for you. Please let Emily Birch or Janet Huffman know if you would be willing to babysit. Thank you to everyone who helped out with the food bank during the month of May. Stay tuned for more information on the food bank and changes we are considering.

Finally, as far as new initiatives go, we are going to try something new with Board Game Night, moving it to the same night as the community meal. We'll clear away the food and then get down to the business of playing games.

Movers and shakers continues to meet every Monday and Wednesday at 6:00pm unless otherwise noted in your bulletin.

We will be taking the summer off from serving food at The Factory one night a month, but please consider volunteering again in the fall when the school year starts up again.

Emily Birch
Community Outreach Chair



MAY SESSION SNIPPETS

The Session met with six prospective new members at their May meeting and will hold a special meeting June 3 at 9:30am to meet with others who will join Leacock either June 3 or June 10.

Business items discussed included Vacation Bible School, obtaining pulpit supplies, and updating the membership rolls.

The Trustees will be asked to study the feasibility of installing family mailboxes in the back hallway.

Beginning in June, Board Game Night will be moved to the last Thursday of the month following the Community Meal.

The next stated Session Meeting will be held Tuesday, June 26 at 6:30pm with the first order of business being a half hour study of the new Book of Order.

When angry, count ten before you speak; if very angry, count a hundred.

✦ Thomas Jefferson

A strong positive mental attitude will create more miracles than any wonder drug.

Patricia Neal
American Actress

STEWARDSHIP REPORT - FINANCIAL UPDATE APRIL 2012

	Offering, April		Expenses, April	
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Monthly Total	\$24,447.35	\$16,471.75	\$17,149.71	\$14,786.00
Year-to-Date	\$70,533.00	\$73,251.00	\$68,716.00	\$78,638.00

Budget Tracking Through April

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Total Annual Budget	\$247,355.00	\$250,125.00
Year to Date Expenses	\$68,716.00	\$78,638.00
% of Budget Spent	27.8%	31.0%

Not only is our offering this month wonderfully strong, we also kept our expenditures well within budget. Our total percent of budget expended is 27.8% or \$68,716 versus 33% or \$82,452 IF the entire budgeted amount had been spent. We are just ahead of expenses thus far in 2012, and that is a blessing. The summer is just around the corner and in years past this is the time many families go on vacation and travel. Attendance is lower and commensurately, so is the offerings. **Please give consideration to this when planning your giving over the summer months.**

In addition to the extremely generous giving for our operating budget, April also displayed that our congregation values the special funds and projects. \$4,334 was given to special funds!! The breakdown of this is \$3,130 for the Organ Fund, \$455 for Trustee projects, \$100 to the music program, \$500 to the emergency fund and \$149 given during the Easter morning breakfast. Thanks to all who gave to these special funds and programs; this is just awesome. We will still be working on raising funds for the organ in coming months to pay off loans. The Organ Committee is committed to driving to \$60,000 and beyond, as soon as possible! I'm sure we will see some great fund-raising events this summer. I was very happy to hear the organ back in action last Sunday. It sounded incredible (I'm sure Dianne had a little to do with that as well). Really looking forward to the final work to be completed!

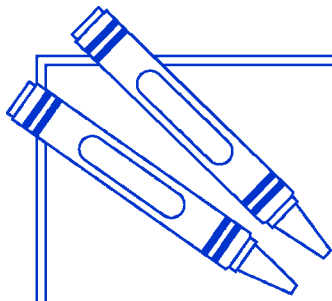
The Stewardship Committee thanks everyone for all donations small and large, not only of money, but of time and talent as well.

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 2012

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Wednesday, June 6	Whitehorse Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Tuesday, June 12	Bareville Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Tuesday, June 19	Yoders Market	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Thursday, June 21	Intercourse Fire Company	2:00pm 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** **HELP!**

Wouldn't it be nice if we never had to make any hard decisions or choices, or face any big challenges? Sometimes we just don't know what to do! But there is help!

Read James 5:13-18.

What do these verses tell us to do?

Use the graph to find the answer.

	A	F	L	P	T
	C	H	N	R	W
	E	I	O	S	Y

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Answer: Pray in faith.
Pray for each other.

FLOWERS

You may purchase flowers for the sanctuary on Sunday June 10 in honor of or in memory of someone or a special occasion. Call the church office at 687-6619.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Every Monday & Wednesday
(unless otherwise noted)
6:00pm
Movers and Shakers
(exercise class
with walking videos,
Come do as little or as many 1-3
miles of walking as you'd like)

Sunday, June 24

7:00pm

Book Discussion

Blue Like Jazz

by Donald Miller

Thursday, June 28

7:30pm

Board Game Night

(after the community meal)



"I HAVE NOT STOPPED GIVING THANKS FOR YOU, REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS."

EPHESIANS 1:16, NIV

PRAYER FAMILIES

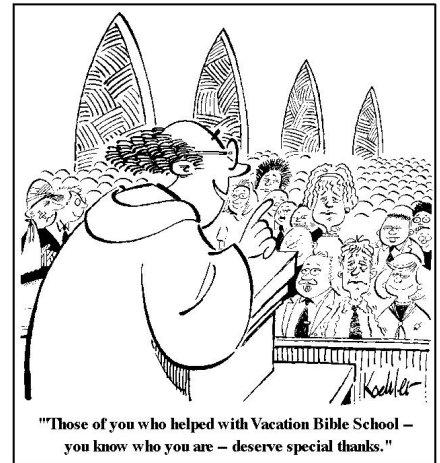
- June 3 Ehren Graybill
- June 10 Jonathan & Melissa Heller, Caroline Rose
- June 17 Glenn & Lisa Herr, Jonathan
- June 24 Andrew & Janelle Hershey, Sawyer Charles

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP!

In the last several years, Leacock’s VBS has grown, in both the numbers of children who attend and those who run the activities. Much thanks goes to Loretta McClarigan and, before her, the Wilsons, in making the program a success.

However, it is a lot of work, and we now are in need of new leaders. Several of you have indicated a willingness to help in various areas, and for that we are thankful. Nonetheless, we still need a **coordinator or coordinators**. There does not have to be one person who manages all the nights; there could be one person for each. But there would still need to be somebody to tie it all together.

So, if you are interested in running one night or the whole program, please let John Shirk, Dianne Yuninger, or Rev. Birch know. Let’s keep the momentum we have gained the last few years—the kids really treasure that time.



CHURCH OFFICERS

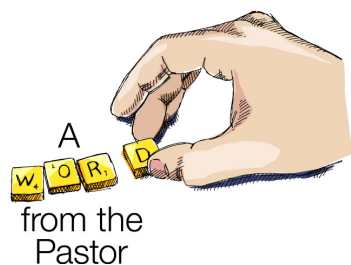
Committed to following Jesus Christ, the Leacock Presbyterian Church is a caring family of God welcoming all persons in their spiritual journey.

SESSION

DEACONS

<u>Moderator:</u>	Rev. Robert W. Birch	<u>Class of 2012</u>	<u>Class of 2013</u>	<u>Class of 2014</u>
<u>Clerk:</u>	Dianne M. Yuninger	Ellen Barnes	Tracy Dippner	Dorothy Buckwalter
<u>Congregational Life</u>	Esta Fisher (chair), Sharon Williams	Johanna Gingher	Lois Snader	Sue Esch
<u>Christian Education</u>	John Shirk (chair), Dianne Yuninger	Evie Lopez	Shelly Summers	Ralph Shenk
<u>Worship</u>	Darwin Eshleman (chair), Christian Brackbill	Margy Hershey	Jane Witmer	Betty Sowers
<u>Community Outreach</u>	Emily Birch (chair), Janet Huffman	TRUSTEES		
<u>Mission</u>	Nick Lopez (chair), Deborah Sindall	<u>Class of 2012</u>	<u>Class of 2013</u>	<u>Class of 2014</u>
<u>Stewardship</u>	Steve Boas (chair), Matthew McClarigan	Chuck Ankney	Dave Berkheimer	Karen Boyer
		Craig Keenan	Bob Hershey	Mike Hartmann
		Scott Shenk	Doug High	Michael McLaughlin

CLIP AND SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE



Matters of Faith—Questions for a Pastor

It's time for the fifth question in our series. Again, I am following the list given me in order. This month's question is, "Why two lit candles in front of the pulpit, to represent the Holy Spirit?"

Light, in some form, has long figured into our faith tradition, stretching back to the earliest history of the Jewish ancestors of Jesus. For instance, in the law given Moses, mention of the lamps that are to be kept lit in the temple. And in *1 Samuel*, the prophet receives his call while sleeping next to the lamp that was burning through the night in the temple. When the early Christian writers sought for ways to convey all that the coming of Christ meant, they turned to the image of light entering a dark, confused world—all you need do is look at the prologue to *John* to see Jesus described as light shining in a darkness that cannot overcome it.

The early Christians adopted many elements of Jewish worship. At first, people simply gathered in homes to share a meal, to celebrate the Lord's Supper, to pray, sing songs, and reflect on Scripture. When churches began to become more formal, they often included an altar, in echoes of Jewish tradition. And in time, a custom arose to have two candles on the altar, placed to either side of a cross. There were very specific rules about the candles: they were to be made of beeswax and had to remain lit throughout the Mass. If, by chance, one or both were blown out, they had to be relit within fifteen minutes or otherwise the Mass would have to be begun again. The wax of the candles was thought to represent Jesus' body, the wick his spirit, and the flame his divinity. Though there have been some changes over the years, all of this remains essentially the practice of Roman Catholicism to this day.

The Eastern Orthodox churches retained this custom, even after the break with Rome. And, interestingly, the custom was retained by many of the churches that grew out of the Reformation. Lutherans, Methodists, and Anglicans all employed two candles, which were again to be made of beeswax. The symbolism, however, did begin to change: Lutherans, for instance, identified one as the Epistle candle and the other as the Gospel candle, with the former lit first and extinguished last.

The Reformed churches, which include the Presbyterians, took a very different tack. There was a strong impetus to get rid of all ornamentation, which, it was believed, could lead to idolatry. Therefore, there was no altar, instead only a communion table that was not to be raised, but rather on the level of the people, since God was in the midst of the people in the Sacrament. And for a long time, nothing but the elements of the Lord's Supper was to be on the table. Times change, and many Presbyterian churches did begin to place things on the communion table. Some now have Peace candles, others a candle to represent Christ as the Light of the world. And there are others, like Leacock, where things have come full circle, for on the table is a cross surrounded by two candles. What those candles symbolize varies from church to church, with some, indeed, seeing the Holy Spirit represented by the shining flame. But in the end, it all comes down to the same thing: in a sad, often dark world, God in Christ is a light that will endure.



CARING FAMILIES - WHO'S YOUR NEIGHBOR?

We all lead extremely busy lives here at Leacock, and often, it seems difficult to find the time to get to know each other better, or to spend as much time with each other on Sunday mornings before and after church as we might like.

Sometimes, we can be so busy that we lose track of our own members. We'd like to bring some of that old-fashioned feel of time back to the Leacock community, time for visiting and enjoying each others' company as well as taking care of each other and helping each other out when needed.

It would be nice to know that there is always a group of people close by to depend on when, for instance, you'd like some company for a doctor's appointment, or need a ride to church, or are too sick to go out and need someone to pick up some medicine for you, or maybe your family is away, and you just want to go out and enjoy brunch with someone after church.

We're working on putting together

small groups of Leacock caring families who can be there for each other, and we're hoping this will be a way to strengthen old friendships while forging new ones.

During May and June, we will be mapping the families at Leacock so we can see who lives where and start forming these caring families by geographic proximity.

On May 1, a large map will be posted on the bulletin board in the hall behind the Sunday school classrooms (across from the women's room). You will note that it has been divided into sections by color. Please locate your address on the map and which color is associated with your address. Stick an appropriately colored pin to mark your home and then print your name and address on the appropriate colored address sheet on the table below the bulletin board. (Directions will be provided.)

We will be grouping families according to neighborhoods. Later this fall, we will have a "kick-off" potluck dinner so that families can get to know each other, and we will explain in detail the nature of these caring families.

If you have any questions, please see Lois Snader or Emily Birch.



THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Church Family,

Many thanks to Rev. Birch for his support as I deal with the side effects of the medications that my doctors are giving me to treat the disease neuropathy. The confusion those meds bring can at times cause me to be out of-sync.

Thanking you for your understanding and for your prayers.

Love,
Richard Smith

RESPONSIBILITIES AT LEACOCK CHURCH JUNE AND JULY

DEACON RESPONSIBILITIES

(Transportation for School House Friends & Flower Deliveries)

June	Ellen Barnes
July	Sue Esch

WELCOME CENTER

10:30am Service

June	Shirley and Lori Smith
July	Ron and Sue Esch
August	Fran Sattazahn

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!

There is no nursery at 8:00am (Old Leacock) in June or July

June 3	10:30	Carol Shearer and Fran Sattazahn
June 10	10:30	Marie and Rich Glass
June 17	10:30	Kelly and Mike Hartmann
June 24	10:30	Kris and Allison Shirk
July 1	10:30	Craig Keenan and Darwin Eshleman
July 8	10:30	Alba and Harrison Ruhl
July 15	10:30	Steve and Forrest Boas
July 22	10:30	John and Kate Shirk
July 29	10:30	Chuck and Kathy Ankney

USHERS

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!

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

Ed Margerum, Head Usher
10:30 Service, (442-4027)

JUNE

Tracy Dippner
Ellen Barnes
Tom Burkins
Vicki Burkins

Robert Gingher
Johanna Gingher
Robert Hershey
Margy Hershey

JULY

Jan Huffman
Janet Huffman
Scott Shenk
Art Myers

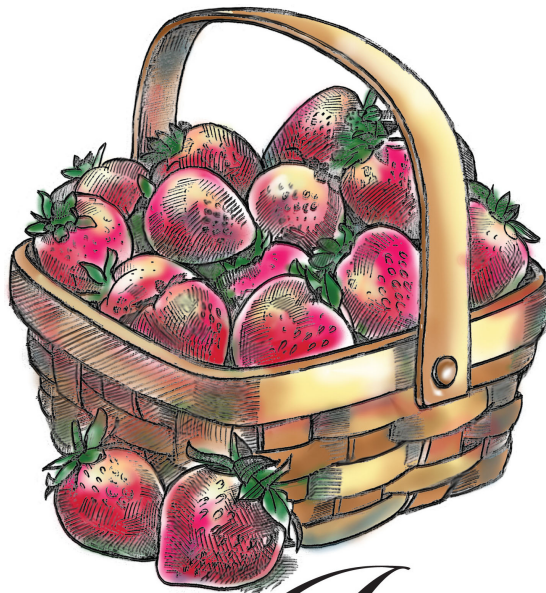
Michael Hartmann
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Shirley Smith

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