

9th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 29, 2012

GATHERING

Prelude: "Call to Worship"

Bablon/Handel

Invocation

Announcements and Passing the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, strengthen us in our faith.

People: Through the Spirit, may Christ dwell in our hearts.

Leader: Come to us, Lord! Feed your hungry sheep.

People: Grant us your grace that we may believe,

Leader: And help us to grow strong in love.

People: All glory to God, who in us does what we cannot!

*Hymn: #376 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Loving God, before ever we come to you, you come to us. Before we can give or do anything for you, you give us mercy, you give us Christ; you show us the way to love. But still we are broken. Still, we love with mortal hearts. We take, when we should give. We hurt others to protect ourselves. And then our love is no longer love; it is only a selfish thing. Forgive us, dear Lord. Show us again the way to love. Heal our hearts. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri (p. 579)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "He's Been Faithful"

Carol Cymbala

Solo – Helena Fulmer

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings: 2 Samuel 11:1-15 (p.271); Ephesians 3:14-21 (p. 182)

*Hymn: #265 "Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand"

Children's Sermon

Second Scripture Reading: John 6:1-21 (p. 91)

Sermon: **PICKING UP THE PIECES**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: "Channels Only"

arr. Jack Schrader

*Doxology (p. 592)

*Hymn: #386 "O for a World"

*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "Postlude in D Major"

Walczynski

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.): 10:30 – Chuck and Kathy Ankney

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of
James "Pete" Beckett
Given by his family

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: David & Karen Homsher
3168 Lincoln Hwy. East
Paradise, PA 17562

In hospital: G. Dale Rice, Lancaster General, Room 5010
Lura Brown, Lancaster General, Room 7910

TODAY:

8:00 a.m. Service of Worship at Old Leacock
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for infants through adults
10:30 a.m. Service of Worship at Paradise

MONDAY:

6:00 p.m. Leacock Movers and Shakers
7:45 p.m. Softball – Leacock vs. Ridgeview – field #2

TUESDAY:

7:00 p.m. Congregational Life Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY:

6:00 p.m. Leacock Movers and Shakers

THURSDAY:

7:00 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting
7:30 Community Outreach Committee Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY:

8:00 a.m. Service of Worship at Old Leacock
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for infants through adults
10:30 a.m. Service of Worship at Paradise

IN THE NURSERY: 10:30 – Michael & Michele McLaughlin

5:00 p.m. Registration for VBS; begins at 5:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m. Hymn Sing

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Last week's offering total was \$3,941.00
Total in Organ Fund is \$55,894.95

Great turn out at Isaac's. We raised \$161.60 for our community night out at Isaac's to support the organ fund. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE...October 6th the Organ Fund Committee is having a YARD SALE. Watch for future information.

On August 21, the local Amish community will be holding a day long benefit in Paradise Park. Steve Fisher, a 14 year old boy, suffered severe burns on his legs; Martha Hershey has either been in the hospital or rehab since Good Friday. Both need help paying their medical bills, so the hope is the benefit will raise \$80,000 to assist them. There will be an auction and three meals offered. Leacock has been asked to help out in two ways: assemble 500 veggie packs containing celery, carrots and dip (all ingredients will be supplied); and have drivers to solicit orders for meals from local businesses and then deliver the food on the day of the event. Please consider helping our neighbors. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.

August Sunday School Adventures

For all ages
Travel vicariously and explore the awesomeness and diversity of God's creation
Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m.

August 5 - Africa with Christine Eshleman

August 12 - New Zealand with the Intrepid Leacock Explorers

August 19 - China with Darwin Eshleman and Craig Keenan

August 26 - Costa Rica with Rick and Carol Shearer

VBS Update: There are still some items needed for our VBS meals. Sign up sheets are on the window sills at Old Leacock and in the Narthex at Paradise.

Leaders and Helpers needing more information may visit God's Place today during the Sunday School hour to have questions answered.

Finally, we earnestly ask for **your** prayers as we enter our final week of preparation. Pray for guidance as lessons are prepared; pray for encouragement as leaders plan crafts, games, and meals; pray for the children in our community to whom we are reaching out with the Good News of God's amazing love for them.