

GATHERING

Prelude: "Variations on 'Jesus Loves Me'"

J. Wayne Kerr

Invocation

Announcements and Passing the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord calls us; let us follow our Lord.

People: Let us cross all the boundaries that divide us.

Leader: God shows no partiality, for the Lord has created all.

People: Let us then show no partiality; let us be one.

Leader: To follow the Lord is to follow the law of love.

People: Let this be our worship: to love neighbor as self.

*Hymn: #367 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, with love you made all of creation. And for love, you made us. But the creation is broken. Where all creatures should be sister and brother, there are instead friend and enemy. We judge each other; we care for, we fellowship with, some, while we turn away from others. And when we do, we leave too many poor. Have mercy on us, Lord. Teach us mercy. Help us learn how to be rich in love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri (p. 579)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

VBS presentation: "Our God Is an Awesome God"

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 (p.570);

James 2:1-17 (p.215)

*Hymn: #338 "Kum ba Yah"

Children's Sermon

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

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 7:24-37 (p. 40)

Sermon: **A FAITH THAT WORKS**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: "Pastorale on 'Jesus Loves Me'"

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*Doxology (p. 592)

*Hymn: #432 "Song of Hope"

*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "Allegretto on 'Jesus Loves Me'"

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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 – Scott & Cathy Shenk

10:30 – Bob & Margy Hershey

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Craig & Jenny Keenan
Alyssa, Sarah, Olivia
47 Harristown Road
Paradise, PA 17562

MONDAY:

6:00 p.m. Leacock Movers and Shakers

TUESDAY:

7:30 p.m. Worship Committee Mtg.

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6:00 p.m. Leacock Movers and Shakers

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY:

9:30 a.m. PW Bible Study

6:00 p.m. The Factory Meal

SATURDAY:

Paradise Tri-Centennial Celebration

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 – Karen Boyer

10:30 – Ruth Anne and Lauren Appel

11:30 a.m. 3rd Sunday Singles Group

3:00 p.m. Organ Dedication

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Last week's offering total was \$3,075.00

Total in Organ Fund is \$58,976.55

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW! Tickets for the annual Dale Albright Memorial Dinner & Concert to benefit The Factory Ministries must be reserved by next Sunday. Contact Karen Homsher.

September is Building Fund month. Trustees will have envelopes in the pews to collect funds to use for new flooring. As you look around the Narthex, please notice the condition of the carpet and give as you can to help us replace it.

God's Place for boys and girls will resume today for ages kindergarten through 5th grade. If a child younger than kindergarten age wants to listen to the children's sermonette, they are welcome to come to the front of the church at the appropriate time. When the children leave the sanctuary, we will return them to the nursery room.

Bake A Cake/Work The Stand...On Friday and Saturday, Sept. 21 and 22, we will be sponsor a cake wheel at the Hot Air Balloon Fest from 3:00-8:00 pm (Friday) and 3:00-9:00 pm (Saturday) in Gap. The proceeds will go towards the Organ Fund.

We need lots of willing bakers to bake cakes, pies and other goodies to raffle off. In addition, we need to cover the 11 hours of manning the stand. Sign-up Sheets are in the Narthex to volunteer for either position. We hope to have over 65 baked items, which should be dropped off at the church before noon on Friday, Sept. 21. Please help us reach our goal.

Church Garage Sale...Our second church garage sale will be held on Saturday, Oct. 6. Gather up your "no longer wanted" items and donate them for the benefit of the Organ Fund. In addition to your donations, we need a large team of workers to collect, price and display the items. This is a major church-wide event and we need all of your support in making it a success. We need volunteers to work the food stand, pick-up donated items, set-up tables, price items and clean up afterwards. And we need people to pray for no rain (just that day). Mark it on your calendar and watch for more information.

FRIENDLY'S IN GAP - the Organ Fund Committee will have an evening at Friendly's on the 18th of September from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. This is the one in Gap on Route 41. Friendly's is giving back 10% of your total (before taxes). There is no need for a voucher, just tell them you are with Leacock Church. You all have been very supportive with these restaurants and I hope it continues for this one also.

Thank you, Organ Fund Committee

Meals for The Factory Youth begin in September in a new space. See the September newsletter for details and find the sign-up sheet in the Narthex as you consider helping with this special community ministry.



A Journey into Faith: One World, Different Paths

"From one he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth...so that they would search for God and perhaps grope and find him—though he is not far from each one of us."

Acts 17:26,27

Faith is a journey; religion is a path. Faith is a living thing, something intended to grow throughout a lifetime. This year, Leacock is offering a Sunday School class open to all adults who seek to grow in their faith. The way we will do this will be to examine what faith is, what religion is. Our journey will take us to the major faith traditions of the world to see how other people have searched for God, in the process seeking to learn more, understand better our own faith. We will share with each other, learn from each other and others. And in the end, our own faith will deepen.

