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Notes from the Manse

Over the years, I have shared with you some of the stories of my life. As I was reflecting on the coming end of summer, I thought of one such adventure that happened when I was in college. My roommate at Haverford was from San Diego, and he often sang the praises of California, especially southern California, living. To prove his point, he invited me to visit his folks, promising to introduce me to everything from the Pacific to Yosemite and the mountains east of him. It was a great time, though I was shocked to learn that the ocean out there was frigid. And he never did convince me they had the four seasons I so cherished—blooms on a cactus don't really suggest to me a seasonal change.

One of the high points of our time together was to be a backpacking trip up and into the Sierra Nevada's. Those mountains, so young and high compared to most eastern mountains, were indeed breathtaking. It was late summer, early fall, as I remember, and we had the trail mostly to ourselves. That trail wound through woods with towering trees and along cliff faces overlooking deep valleys and other, faraway peaks. My friend had told me we were heading to one peak in particular. But it was only when we camped beneath it one evening that he explained why. It seems that he and his sister went after the same peak the year before and got caught in a freak snowstorm. Not only did they never quite reach the top, but they almost got frostbitten in the weather. Well, now he was going to beat that peak. When we woke the next morning, incredibly enough the temperature had dropped and clouds were rolling in. We quickly broke camp and practically ran the rest of the way to the top, then back to grab our stuff and head down. It was all a bit nerve wracking, for if it snowed very much, the trail would have effectively disappeared. But luckily, we made it down and were all right.

Now, you may think the whole idea was a bit foolish, and you'd probably be correct. And since then, I must say, I've learned that as mortal creatures we cannot always impose our will, on a mountain, on life. My friend and I did not expect a snowstorm; it was far too early in the year. But it had been too early the year before when his sister and he attempted the same peak. One of the hard lessons of life is that winter can come suddenly, even in what we think are our summers or falls or springs. Illness, financial strain, heartache can bring their chill when we least expect them.

But that is not the end of the story. In *Genesis*, just after the flood, God gives a reassuring word: "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease." The promise of God is that life never ends in winter; there will always be another spring; life will always come again. And there's something more, something that makes it possible to endure the storms that come so cold, so sudden. In the first chapter of *Matthew*, an angel of the Lord told Joseph that his wife would bear a son and that his name would be Emmanuel, which means God is with us. And in the last line of that same Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples—tells us—that he is with us always, to the end of the age. God is with us, in all the passing seasons of life, the good and the bad. And in that promise may we all find strength and peace.

Rev. Robert W. Birch



**LECTIONARY
FOR SEPTEMBER**

- Sep 2 (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Psalm 45:1-2,6-9
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23
- Sep 9 (23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23
Psalm 125:1-5
James 2:1-10(11-13)14-17
Mark 7:24-37
- Sep 16 (24th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Proverbs 1:20-33
Psalm 19:1-14
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38
- Sep 23 (25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Proverbs 31:10-31
Psalm 1
James 3:13-4:3,7-8a
Mark 9:30-37
- Sep 30 (26th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Esther 7:1-6,9-10,9:20-22
Psalm 124:1-8
Mark 9:38-50

ORGAN FUND UPDATE

The Organ Fund stands at \$56,366.55 as of Sunday, August 12, 2012. The organ will be dedicated as a special concert/service at 3:00 p.m. on September 16, 2012 (See the related article on page 8). We encourage everyone to make a special contribution to the Organ Fund prior to then to help pay off our remaining debt of \$30,000.

BALLOON FESTIVAL/CAKE WHEEL

To help raise money for the Organ Fund, the Church will have a Cake Wheel Stand at the Balloon Festival in Gap on Friday and Saturday, September 21 and 22, 2012. The stand will be operated from 3:00 to 8:00 on Friday and from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday.

There are 3 ways you can help:

1. Bake a cake or other type of baked good that can be auctioned off.
2. Volunteer to serve a turn at working at the stand. We need to cover 11 hours and should have at least two people at the stand at all times.
3. Come to the Balloon Festival, have fun and win a cake. Call Darwin Eshleman at 717-394-4953 to volunteer to bake an item or to work a shift at the stand. Cakes should be delivered to the Church by Noon on Friday, September 21.

GARAGE SALE

The Session has approved a church-wide Fall Garage Sale to be held on Saturday, October 6, 2012 for the benefit of the Organ Fund. Like last year the garage sale will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon. Gather up your cherished and not-so-cherished items to donate to the garage sale. Like last year, this is a large project and we will need lots of help the week prior and during the day of the sale. Call Darwin Eshleman 717-394-4953 or the Church Office for pick-up of your items or for more information.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO AT
HOME MEMBERS**

- Sep. 20 Betty Taylor
433 S. Kinzer Ave.
Fall Crest 117
New Holland, PA
17557

AUGUST SESSION SNIPPETS

At their August meeting, the Session completed the following business:

- Agreed to have a float in the Paradise Tricentennial Parade September 15
- Scheduled the Organ Dedication Concert with Beth Denlinger Hunter for Sunday September 16 at 3:00 p.m. to be followed by a reception.
- Scheduled Old Leacock Day in 2013 for the second Sunday in September
- Scheduled a Church Yard Sale for October 6 to benefit the Organ Fund
- Agreed to hold a cake wheel at the Balloon Festival in Gap September 21 and 22 to benefit the Organ Fund.
- Approved vacation Sundays August 26 and October 14 and 21 for Rev. Birch and Continuing Education Sunday September 2. Rev. Steve Getty will provide any needed pastoral care during these weeks. Rev. Getty will preach August 26 and Rev. Alicia Conklin Wood will preach and administer the Sacrament of Holy Communion September 2.
- Approved Community Outreach offering babysitting during Parent

Teacher Conferences October 3 and 4 from 4:30 - 8:30.

- Scheduled a potluck supper the first Sunday in Advent to introduce Caring Family Groups and have a Christmas Carol sing.
- Scheduled the Lebanon Valley Concert Choir March 23, 2013.
- Scheduled the CROP Walk October 21, to be coordinated by Alba Ruhl

WITH A VOICE OF SINGING

Jewish poet Berthold Auerbach writes, "Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life." If you want to experience this cleansing power of music, join us for Chancel Choir rehearsals Wednesday evenings at 7:30 beginning September 5 in the Choir Room behind the sanctuary.

We will be learning several new anthems this year as well as singing some "old favorites" as we lead God's people in worship. All voices are welcome -- soprano, alto, tenor, and bass. If you have questions about singing in the choir, contact Dianne Yuninger, 442-8379.

YARD SALE FOOD STAND

Saturday October 6

Congregational Life Committee is soliciting baked goods to sell at the yard sale. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex--just because it helps us plan if we have an idea what will be coming in. Please bring donations (clearly marked yard sale) to the church kitchen Friday October 5. We will package and price items Friday evening. Anyone who wants to help price is welcome to join us.



PRAYER FAMILIES

- Sept. 2 Jan & Janet Huffman
- Sept. 9 Craig & Jenny Keenan, Alyssa, Sarah & Olivia
- Sept. 16 Robert Keene
- Sept. 23 Miriam Keneagy
- Sept. 30 Robert & Stephanie Kloepfer, Dykota, Kelli & Kayla

STEWARDSHIP REPORT—FINANCIAL UPDATE

June 2012

	<u>Offering, June</u>		<u>Expenses, June</u>	
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Monthly Total	\$13,792	\$15,371	\$15,023	\$17,648
Year to Date	\$97,888	\$107,511	\$99,576	\$109,560

Budget Tracking through June

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Total Annual Budget	\$247,355	\$250,125
Year to Date Expenses	\$97,888	\$109,560
% of Budget Spent	40%	44%

July 2012

	<u>Offering, July</u>		<u>Expenses, July</u>	
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Monthly Total	\$17,367	\$19,050	\$19,129	\$16,522
Year to Date	\$115,255	\$126,561	\$118,605	\$126,082

Budget Tracking through July

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Total Annual Budget	\$247,355	\$250,125
Year to Date Expenses	\$118,605	\$126,082
% of Budget Spent	48%	50%

We ended July with our year to date offering slightly behind year to date expenses for 2012, with a difference of about \$3,000.00. Where possible, spending was controlled, as demonstrated by the 48% of budget used after seven months versus the planned 58%. The total given to special funds and projects year to date through July was \$38,645 compared to \$28,448 for the same period in 2011. Although our offering to budget is slightly low, when calculating in our special fund giving, we are still doing well. This displays care and concern for our Trustee projects and the Organ fund. Thank you to all who found it in their hearts to give to the special funds and programs. Please remember the Stewardship Committee also thanks everyone for all offerings small and large, not only of money but of time and talent as well.

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A NEW VENUE FOR THE FACTORY

As of September The Factory youth activities will take place at the Old Paradise Elementary School building. This will greatly expand their meeting space and provide rooms for other activities, including the meal. We are to have a dedicated cafeteria-type space where we can serve the food for a designated period of time. This should be much more user-friendly than our tiny prep area and “whenever” eating at the old building. I was also promised that there would be real outlets!

We will again need help serving the meals and/or providing desserts. If helping to serve the meal, you would need to be at the old Paradise school building shortly after 6:00 p.m. to help set things up, serve, and clean up. We should be finished before 8:00. If you are willing to help with dessert you may provide whatever you wish to serve 30 people (“store-bought” is fine), or I will provide brownie mixes or other ingredients for simple desserts for you to prepare.

If course **THERE IS A SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE NARTHEX!** If you have any questions please feel free to contact Karen Homsher. This is a very special opportunity to witness to God’s love for these teens and get to see The Factory’s youth program firsthand.

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)
**No Movers and Shakers on
Monday, September 3**

**No Board Game Night in
August**

Thursday, Sept. 27
7:30pm
Board Game Night
(after the community meal)



OLD LEACOCK DAY PICNIC SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 2

Plan to stay for the picnic following the service on Old Leacock Day. What a beautiful, peaceful setting for a relaxing meal and time of fellowship! Drinks and HOT DOGS will be provided, just bring your lawn chairs and a dish to share. Hope to see you there.



A NOTE FROM THE TRUSTEES

We will be collecting funds in September for the flooring project. Please help us reach the goal so that we can have installation scheduled before year’s end. We are also making plans for the October work day. Please share any concerns that you feel need addressed with one of the Trustees, Secretary, Minister or simply place a note in the trustee mailbox. We are looking to spend time working inside as well as outside this October. Please consider lending a hand so we can get as much accomplished as possible. We will be sure to share the date with you as soon as we can so that you can keep the morning open. Just a few hours on a Saturday morning will be very productive if you lend your time.

MISSION COMMITTEE

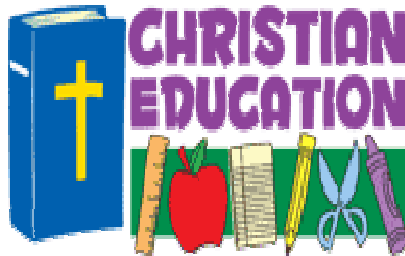
The Mission committee would like to thank everyone for your support on the Hershey/Fisher benefit held at Paradise Park on August 21. As of this writing, the benefit has not occurred but we are very grateful for those that volunteered their time by either helping make the vegetable snacks or for helping deliver meals for the event. It is wonderful to reach out within our local community to help those in need and show God's Grace through our church. The tally for the delivered meals reached over \$11,000.00 with 900 plus orders.

Alba Ruhl has taken command of the Crop Walk (Thank You Alba) and we will need you to help Alba continue to make this a success as you have in the past. Discussion will be continued on where the 25% of the proceeds we achieve from the walk will go since the Factory Ministries will take over our local food bank.

The Mission Committee again thanks everyone for the help given for the community meals. We have decided to plan two months' meals this month. This will allow us to tell you in advance what the meal will be ahead of time. August meal will be; ham and green beans, pepper cabbage, hot dogs, applesauce, and desserts. September's

meal will be; chicken, mashed potatoes, peas, green beans, mixed fruit, and desserts. Please check the sign-up sheets in the narthex.

Blessings,
Mission Committee



SEPTEMBER 9 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

September 9 marks the first Sunday since the end of May when we will all be worshipping in Paradise once more. It also marks the beginning of the Christian Education year on the church calendar. During worship the VBS video presentation, so ably put together by Tom Burkins, will be shown so that everyone may have a taste of that week's experience of "Our God's Awesome Power."

During the Sunday School hour, from 9:15 until 10:15, we are planning a drop-in (or come and stay) fellowship time in Smith Hall. Following the 8:00 a.m. service of worship, refreshments and beverages will be available there instead of in the Narthex. Second ser-

vice attendees are invited to come a bit early and join us for some goodies before 10:30.

Adults can hear about the Sunday School course on Religions of the World which Rev. Birch will be teaching beginning September 16. Children ages two through senior high can meet with their teachers, and parents can learn how they may help our Sunday School program.

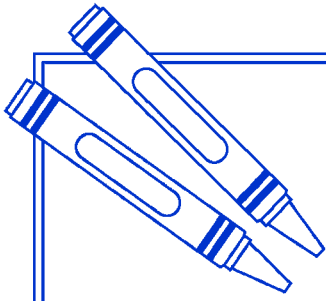
There will be no formal program so feel free to come and go as it suits your schedule.

All of us are children of God and need the companionship of each other on our life journey. Sunday School can provide this opportunity.

See you in Fellowship Hall after the first service or before the second one.



September 13th Bible Study at 9:30 a.m., will be held at the home of Betty Sowers.



Just for KIDS

Mark 12:30-31

Change some of the letters below to find the words in these important verses.

Change:	C's to L	J's to A	K's to O	Z's to H
	Q's to T	P's to R	X's to E	

(The other letters stay the same.)

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G K D W I Q Z J C C Y K U P

Z X J P Q J N D W I Q Z J C C

Y K U P S K U C J N D W I Q Z

J C C Y K U P M I N D J N D

W I Q Z J C C Y K U P

S Q P X N G Q Z . . . C K V X

Y K U P N X I G Z B K P ”

A S Y K U P S X C F .

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength - Love your neighbor as yourself.”

THANK YOU NOTE

Our sorrow with the loss of my dear wife, is somewhat easier to bear because of your kindness. Your sympathy at this time is a comfort to us.

Robert Mowrer Jr.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for remembering me during my recent unexpected illness. When you're too depleted to pray for yourself, it's comforting to know others are doing it for you.

The prayer shawl has a special place in my heart. Thanks knitter friends.

The flowers are still lovely, and being admired.

Last, but not least, thanks for all the cards and good wishes. How uplifting.

In Christian Love,
Betty Clark

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all your prayers and concern during my recent hospital stays.

A special thanks to Rev. Birch for his many phone calls and visits, they meant so much. Thank you to Jane Witmer, June Stannard, Marie Glass, Dot Buckwalter, Betty and Gene Sowers for your visits. The beautiful prayer shawl and flowers were greatly appreciated.

Dale Rice

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

From Sunday evening through Thursday the first full week of August, laughter rang from Fellowship Hall to the sanctuary and almost every place between as kids from the community and Leacock gathered for our annual Vacation Bible School. Beginning with a kid-friendly but healthy meal and ending with a lively rendition of "On This Awesome Adventure" (sung to the tune of "The Twelve Days of Christmas") and a raucous cheer, evenings were filled with Bible stories featuring "Amazing Kids from the Bible," outside games, and crafts. New this year was a Mystery Adventure time slot which involved a different activity each evening: being still and listening for the sounds around them, expressing praise through sacred dance and playing rhythm

instruments, walking a prayer labyrinth, designing an art mural, and making a cross using just one cut of a scissors. Parents joined us on Thursday for singing in the sanctuary and then ice cream sundaes in Fellowship Hall.

This "awesome" week was truly "amazing," but it could not have happened without help and support from many, many people: story tellers, team leaders and helpers, crafters, cooks, dishwashers, sports coordinators and managers, those who donated food items and money, and the many folks who supported this venture with prayer.

A huge THANK YOU goes out to all involved from coordinators Marie Brackbill, Lois Eshleman, Jenny Keenan, and Dianne Yuninger.

ORGAN DEDICATION CONCERT

Save the date now! Sunday afternoon, September 16, at 3:00 p.m. Beth Denlinger Hunter will return to Leacock, her home church, and play our newly rebuilt pipe organ at a dedication concert. Having served as a church organist and music director in Tennessee, Florida, and North Carolina, Beth studied organ at Westminster College and is excited to return to Paradise to share her gifts with us.

The concert promises to be filled with music ranging from the classics of Bach to the Widor Toccata, some Scottish airs and Shenandoah. Additionally Beth's husband Jim will sing several pieces with organ accompaniment. The afternoon promises to be filled with uplifting music for all.

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>
Thursday, Sept. 13	Gordonville Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Thursday, Sept. 20	Yoder's Market	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Tuesday, Sept. 25	Bart Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Wednesday, Sept. 26	Kinzer Fire Hall	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.

MATTERS OF FAITH—QUESTIONS FOR A PASTOR

It's another newsletter and that means it's time for another in the series of questions I have been attempting to answer. As most of you probably recall, at the end of last year a mysterious stranger sent me a list of questions that he or she had pondered over and thought might be of interest to others in the congregation. I'm nearing the end of the first series, but have no fear—our anonymous correspondent sent me a few others around Easter time. But let's get onto this month's question: "Please help me understand the apparent mystery of dinosaurs and other prehistoric animals living and dying off long before "today's" animals. Weren't all animals created on the same day?"

Well, first off, as most any kid will tell you, dinosaurs are indeed a mystery, a wonderful mystery indeed. I can still remember my first visit to the Museum of Natural History in New York. Oh, was I fascinated by the reconstructed skeletons of a huge Brontosaurus and, of course, the fierce Tyrannosaurus Rex! And I have to admit that when Emily and I visited that museum a few years back, I just had to make a trip up to the dinosaur hall. But the question this month touches on what, for many people of faith, has been a troubling question for over a century. Doesn't Genesis 1 state clearly that God created the heavens and the earth in six days? And if you trace out the genealogies listed in Scripture, doesn't that show that the earth cannot possibly be as old as scientists say it is? Further, doesn't such a time span make it impossible for dinosaurs to have existed when science tells us they did? And if God had finished creating, how could other animals have since come to be?

All of this is what some folks call the old earth/ young earth controversy. But I'm not sure that there really needs to be a controversy. First, *2 Peter 3:8* states, "But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years are like one day." Put simply, God's time is not ours, and the time of creation to which the writer of *Genesis* refers could well be, in our terms, thousands and thousands of years. Further, *Genesis 1 and 2* seem to tell two different accounts of creation. In the first chapter, the sea creatures and birds are created on the 5th day; the creatures of the earth, including human beings, are created on the 6th. *Genesis 2* indicates that Adam was created first, then the Garden, then many other creatures, and last (sorry, women) Eve. Both chapters make important theological points about God and God's purpose in creation. And those points seem more important than any strict order.

The founder of Reformed Christianity, of which Presbyterians are a part, was Calvin, and he insisted that science was a good thing, something to be pursued, for our minds and ability to reason were gifts from God. It just sometimes seems sad that there are people out there who want to pit science and religion against each other. Both have much to teach us; each can and should complement the other. Perhaps we need to be humble and not assume that our reason somehow limits God. An old earth? How could that simple idea ever limit, ever negate the activity and will of a loving Creator? I suspect God gets a chuckle or sometimes a bit of sorrow over all our wrangling.

Community Outreach - (Next meeting: Thursday Sept. 6 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to join us.)

Our biggest news from the Outreach Committee is that, after many, many years of service in our community, we have merged our food bank with the larger community effort being supervised by The Factory Ministries. Although we, along with other local churches, have done a superb job of keeping the food bank up and running, we (and the other churches in our community) realized that this larger food bank could offer so many things to the community that this just made sense. For instance, The Factory is able to participate in the Central PA Food Bank, which provides free and very low-cost foods to organizations. The Factory also has volunteers and paid staff to handle calls, intake, and distribution, and they have full business hours to do so. The most compelling reason to merge (or, at least, what we on the outreach committee found most compelling), though, is that The Factory plans to offer classes to help those who use the food bank learn about things like savvy shopping, healthy eating habits, and healthy, cost-effective cooking methods. Leacock members will be able to volunteer with any aspect of the food bank they like, so please think about doing so, which gives us the opportunity to give Leacock a face beyond our church doors. Meanwhile, a big thanks goes to committee member Karen Homsher for all the work she has done with the food bank for so long and for handling the transition phase. Thank you, also, to all those who have ever volunteered your time (or been the secretary taking calls) or given money and food to support the food bank over the years. We hope you will continue to do so.

The community book and movie discussion group had a terrific discussion in August for *Blue Like Jazz* by Don Millar, a thought-provoking book that led us down many different and interesting paths. Our next book will be *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie. The date for that discussion is yet to be determined, so go ahead, get the book and read it. You've got plenty of time, and it's David Homsher's favorite sort of book (short). Meanwhile, we will be hosting another potluck dinner to watch the movie version of *Blue Like Jazz* on Sunday September 30th at 5:00 p.m. Even if you didn't read the book, come join us, and bring a favorite covered dish.

We need baby sitters in October (tentatively the 3rd and the 4th from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.) to kick off our new babysitting initiative. We'll be calling you, but just in case you don't get a call and would like to help, please contact a member of the committee (Emily Birch, Charlene Boas, Robbin Englehart, and Emily Birch). Don't think of it as babysitting. Think of it as VBS-extended, a time for fun for kids of all ages. We will be showing a movie and/or cartoons/old T.V. shows and offering the kids snacks while their parents attend the conferences and then enjoy a little time without their kids.

Mark your calendars, because we've set a date for the Caring Family potluck kickoff. We will be hosting this event on the first Sunday in Advent, December 2. at 5:00 p.m. Come meet the members of your caring family, join in some fun activities with them, and gather with all for a hymn/carol sing in the sanctuary. Details to come (keep an eye on your mailbox this fall).

Finally, we have some very exciting news. The Lebanon Valley College Chorus, of which our own Stephan Englehart is President, will be adding Leacock to its spring tour next March. If you already happen to have a 2013 calendar (and you're Lancastrians. Why wouldn't you?), you can mark that calendar as well. The date is Saturday March 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Phew! That's a lot of information for one committee for one newsletter. You can't accuse the outreach committee of being slackers, but, as you can see, it might be nice to have some help. Please, as always, prayerfully consider becoming a member of the committee. We'd love to have you (and our meetings are fun. I promise you: we laugh *a lot*).

Emily Birch, Community Outreach Chair

**FOR THE WOMEN OF
LEACOCK**

2012–2013 HORIZONS

BIBLE STUDY

*Dispatches to
God's Household:
The General*

Epistles

by Nancy Benson-Nicol

The six books of the New Testament explored in this study—1 and 2 Peter, 1–3 John, and Jude—teach us what it means to live in community, what it means to belong to the household of God. A subset of New Testament letters known as the General Epistles, these letters were written to be shared and read aloud in early Christian communities.

During the time in which the authors of these letters lived, believers regarded one another as members of God's family. Thus, a guiding and powerful metaphor in these epistles is the understanding of family—what it means in the world of the Roman Empire as contrasted with the more expansive idea of being a member of God's household through the Holy Spirit. These letters were meant to inspire and comfort the faithful in first-century Asia Minor, and they continue to speak to us today as we grapple with how to live in community as disciples of Christ.

We have two Bible Study groups for Women of Leacock. The Monday Morning group will begin this 9 lesson study

on **Monday October 1 at 7:30am**, meeting in the church Fellowship Hall. Walkers gather at 7:00am to enjoy some physical exercise prior to light breakfast foods and spiritual enrichment in community. The Thursday group begins the study on **September 13 at 9:30am** also with light refreshments and gathering in the home of one of the members, place to be announced in September. Eight more lessons will follow on the first Mondays or second Thursdays October through June. All are Welcome. Questions may be directed to Marie Brackbill or Arlene Brackbill.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle All the Way.....That time of year is fast approaching once again.....Our annual Christmas Bazaar at Leacock will be held on Saturday, December 1st. Mark your calendar, we will be looking for volunteers to help before December and on the actual day of the bazaar. There are so many ways for you to lend a helping hand. We will be having a Candy Workshop (this year you will be able to order and pay for the amounts you need ahead of time or simply come to the bazaar and buy what you need). We will need tons of bakers to bake cookies and breads to fill tins and plates available for purchase the day of the bazaar. Would someone like to make peanut brittle or fudge? How about birdseed cookies...they were a hit last year! If you are

canning, please think of us....last year our selection was sparse....we could use jams, jellies, fruits, apple butter, salsa, chow chow, applesauce, and any other items you think might sell. We hope you will take time to fill a basket with a theme of your choice again this year. We will only be accepting gently used Christmas ornaments, Christmas books, and Christmas items/decorations for in our "Used Area". Please notice, this year only Christmas items will be sold....all other items will be taken to Goodwill before bazaar. We hope to have another Greens Night to make centerpieces, arrangements and wreaths. If you have any greens to share, let us know ahead of time. Our famous Holiday Cafe will be open for business serving breakfast and lunch items. Then comes the set-up crew, cashiers, baggers, and tear-down crew all necessary helpers that are needed to make this event a huge success. So far all the "crafts" are priced and ready for display.....this is a year-long process! So watch the next newsletter for exact dates and times, mark your calendar, and come out to lend a hand or two. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call Loretta McClarigan 687-9010.

DEACON RESPONSIBILITIES

(Flower Deliveries)

WELCOME CENTER

		<u>8:00am Service</u>		<u>10:30am Service</u>	
September	Evie Lopez	September	Nancy Bare	September	David Homsher
October	Tracy Dippner	October	Emily Birch	October	Bob & Margie Hershey

**RESPONSIBILITIES AT LEACOCK CHURCH
SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER**

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!

Sept. 2		Picnic at Old Leacock—No Nursery
Sept. 9	8:00	Scott and Kathy Shenk
	10:30	Mike and Kelly Hartmann
Sept. 16	8:00	Karen Boyer
	10:30	Ruth Anne and Lauren Appel
Sept. 23	8:00	Janet Huffman
	10:30	Dave and Carol Berkhimer
Sept. 30	8:00	Craig Keenan
	10:30	Margy and Bob Hershey
Oct. 7	9:30	Tom & Vicki Burkins
Oct. 14	8:00	Sue Funk
	10:30	Chuck & Kathy Ankney
Oct. 21	8:00	Loretta McClarigan
	10:30	Deb Beane & Kris Shirk
Oct. 28	8:00	Deb Sindall
	10:30	Darwin Eshleman & Linda Erikson

USHERS

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

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

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

David Homsher
Deb Burkholder
Michael McLaughlin
Michele McLaughlin

David Berkhimer
Carol Berkhimer
Karen Shue
George Shue

OCTOBER

Ralph Shank
Karen Boyer
Deb Sindall
Robert Sindall

Steve Boas
Charlene Boas
Craig Keenan
John Shirk

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