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Notes from the Manse

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice./ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near./ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God./ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”—Philippians 4:4-7

I’ve said it many times: life is filled with both light and shadow. Sad to say, this is the truth for all mortal creatures, a truth brought home pretty starkly for Emily and me the last few days. I actually had a different *Notes* in mind for this month, but then the shadows came once more. So, that piece I’ll save for another time.

We arrived in Maine fully expecting nothing more than our regular routine of hiking, resting, reading, hiking, writing, hiking (OK; all that hiking usually involves only me). All our animals were with us—Francis and Bernie, the cats, and Clare our dachshund. Now, I know not all of you are animal lovers, and there are probably some who think Emily and I are a bit dotty in our devotion to our furry friends. If so, bear with me. You see, our second morning, Clare threw up her breakfast right after eating it. This didn’t really worry us, for it had happened before—she tends to gobble her food too quickly when the cats show an interest in it, as they did this morning. I took her for a hike and she was fine—I could barely keep up with her, as she raced from rock to rock and greeted strangers who she was sure had come specifically to see her. That afternoon, Emily and I headed to the Bangor airport to pick up her parents. When we got back, I was surprised not to find Clare whining at the door, ecstatic to see us. In fact, I had to hunt till I found her, listless in her crate. The rest is a blur: she had vomited again and continued to, until all she brought up was blood; we took her to a vet in the middle of the night, but she just got sicker and sicker, unable even to hold up her head. Without any guarantee that she would survive, the vet said he had to operate. And then began the waiting.

The words of Paul above say so much about how we are to live, how to find the way through light and shadow. Yes, the dark times will come; yes, we should bring to God our prayers, the deep, aching, requests of our hearts. Emily and I sure did. Clare was so young, only two, and such a sweet, loving creature. How we prayed that she would be spared! But Paul also speaks of rejoicing always, of offering thanks even while we seek help. Oh, that can be hard to do, to keep in mind the good when the bad comes, for it’s the good that makes the bad so painful. Taylor Swift recently wrote a song about a boy who died of cancer at four. In one of the lines, the mother does not speak of the long years of absence to come; instead, she says the four years she had were the best of her life. Well, Emily and I held on to the simply joys we’d already had with Clare. Emily’s parents were gentle with us, and we tried to be so with and for them. And the strange thing is, the longer the hours became, the sharper the worry, the more we felt that the Lord was indeed near. As I write this, Clare is better, resting here with us. She’s not out of the woods; we may still lose her. But what Emily and I have learned again is that, yes, there will always be light and shadow, but there will also always be grace. And it is in that knowledge that, together, we have found some peace.

Rev. Robert W. Birch



LECTIONARY FOR NOVEMBER

- Nov 1 (All Saints' Day)
Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 24:1-10
Revelations 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44

- Nov 4 (31st Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Ruth 1:1-18
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34

- Nov 11 (32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17
Psalm 127
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

- Nov 18 (33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
1 Samuel 1:4-20
1 Samuel 2:1-10
Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25
Mark 13:1-8

- Nov 25 (Christ the King Sunday)
2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18)
Revelations 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

Attention crafters
MAKE JEWELRY

On Fridays November 2, 9, and 16 at 1:00pm, we will meet at church in Fellowship Hall to make bead jewelry for the Christmas Bazaar.

Materials and tools will be available. All are welcome.



BONBONS

New this year for Christmas. You can order our "yummy" chocolate peanut butter bonbons ahead of time, as long as you pay for them (approximately 1/2 pound box for \$4.50).

We will hold your candy until December 2. Every year, many church friends are not able to get to the Bazaar, and the bonbons are sold out by Sunday....so we are hoping this added feature will help you...all orders and money are needed by Tuesday, November 20.

See Loretta McClarigan to place your order(s) 687-9010.



PRAYER FAMILIES

- Nov 4 Marvin & M. Beth Kurtz

- Nov 11 Gregory & Suzanne Lang, Ian

- Nov 18 Miriam Latshaw

- Nov 25 Cassandra Leitch, Peyton

ORGAN FUND NEWS

The Organ Fund Committee would like to thank the Congregation for your hard work in making a number of fall fund raising events successful.

You have come together to bake cakes and pies; dined at restaurants; collected, priced, and carried, yard sale items; staffed a booth at a balloon festival; and made donations. Your efforts have resulted in the Organ Fund standing at over \$64,000.

We have to raise less than \$20,000 to reach our goal.

Well Done Leacock.



FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Mark your calendar for Friday, November 9 at 6:00pm. Christian Ed Committee is hosting a pizza/ game party.

We will have Wii game systems projected to show on the wall and screens. All ages are invited to join in. This is something that has no age limit, so young and YOUNGER can do something together.

It is going to be a great time, so even if you do not want to play a game just come out and cheer people on. Please watch for further details and sign up sheets.

FLOWERS

You may purchase flowers for the sanctuary on any Sunday in November - November 4, 11, 18, or 25 in honor of or in memory of someone or a special occasion. Call the church office at 687-6619 for more information.

CARING TREE FOR BRIDGE OF HOPE

Sundays November 18 and 25, Community Outreach Committee will have a Caring Tree in the Narthex for Bridge of Hope. We are asking that those who have the heart to give will take a tag from the tree and purchase gift cards in the amount of \$10 or \$25.

The gift cards will be distributed to the single mothers at the Bridge of Hope’s annual Christmas Celebration.

The gift cards should be returned by December 2 to Karen Homsher, Emily Birch or the office.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Friday, November 2 - 6:30pm
LECTURE - Lee Barrett

Friday, November 9 - 6:00pm
FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Sunday, November 11
CONGREGATIONAL MTG
Following 9:30 service
Congregational Meal

Sunday, November 11 - 5:30pm
BOOK CLUB & Pizza

Sunday, November 25
COMMUNION
8:00 and 10:30 Services of Worship

Saturday, December 1
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
8:00am to 2:00pm

Sunday, December 2 - 5:30pm
ADVENT CARING FAMILY NIGHT
Potluck Meal



THE CARING TREE

The Caring Tree will be in the Narthex on Sunday, December 2. It provides an opportunity for you to share your blessings this Advent Season. Please choose a name - or several names - and follow the instructions on each tag.

Put your name on the tag that says “taken by” and place it in the basket provided. Please return the wrapped gift with the original tag securely attached and place the gift under the Caring Tree no later than December 16. Gift cards should be given to Emily Birch or Karen Homsher. If you are unable to purchase a gift, but wish to donate money for a gift, please contact Emily Birch (687-7734), or Karen Homsher (687-6469).

<u>Tag Colors</u>	<u>Recipients</u>
Yellow	Factory Ministries
Red	Local School Children
Green	“Boarding Home” Friends

(Bridge of Hope gifts are being collected on a separate schedule to accommodate their program.)

STEWARDSHIP REPORT—FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<i>Offering, September</i>		<i>Expenses, September</i>	
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Monthly Total	\$15,843.00	\$17,222.00	\$14,726.00	\$15,311.00
Year-to-Date	\$143,968.00	\$155,380.00	\$147,879.00	\$159,217.00

Budget Tracking through September

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Total Annual Budget	\$247,355.00	\$250,125.00
Year to Date Expenses	\$143,986.00	\$159,217.00
% of Budget Spent	60%	64%

We ended September with our total year-to-date offering \$3,911 behind year-to-date expenses for 2012. 60% of the budget has been spent through the end of September versus 64% this time last year. The good news is we were able to reduce the total deficit from last month, which was \$5,039 to \$3,911. The bad news is there is still a deficit! Stringent control of discretionary spending by our Trustees and committees has been crucial. As we enter the last quarter of the year, please consider anything you could do to help, so we can continue to fully support our ministry toward others and our budget in general.

The total given in September to special funds and projects was \$6,558. The breakdown of this is \$4,880 for the Organ Fund and \$1,678 for Trustee projects.

Thank you to all who found it in their hearts to also give to the special funds and programs. The Stewardship Committee thanks everyone for all donations small and large, not only of money but of time and talent as well.



LEACOCK LECTURE

Light supper: 6:30pm
Lecture: 7:00pm

Still trying to make up your mind about who to vote for in this year's presidential election? Have made up your mind but would like to hear the sort of take on your choice that you're not likely to hear from all the spin doctors out there in Media Land? Come join us, then, for Dr. Lee Barret's Christian perspective on the

topic.

On Friday, November 2, we will welcome Dr. Barrett, the Mary B. and Henry P. Stager Professor of Theology at Lancaster Theological Seminary, who will be giving us his take on the following:

Christian Faith and the 2012 U.S. Presidential Election

We Christians are commanded to actively care for the well-being of all our neighbors, and therefore to support governmental policies that promote the well-being of our neighbors. The problem is that Christians disagree sharply about what counts as the well-being of our neighbors, and also about what politi-

cal and economic policies would best help our neighbors. In fact, the tensions between "red state"

Christians and "blue state" Christians are becoming bitter and deep.

We shall examine the ways in which both presidential candidates try to justify the appropriateness of their platforms in terms of the mandate to love our neighbors.

Our perspective will be non-partisan, and we will strive to be fair to all perspectives. If you've never heard Dr. Barrett lecture, you're in for a real treat. If you have heard him speak, you know you'll want to be there. We expect a lively, informative, and interesting conversation, so please join us.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

You may purchase a Christmas Poinsettia for \$7.00 to be placed in the sanctuary in memory/honor of someone. Please complete and return this form and money to the church office by **Sunday, December 2**. The ones remembered and by whom will appear in the bulletin on Sunday, December 23. Remember to advise the church if you plan to leave your poinsettia to be taken to an at-home member.

I/We _____ wish to order _____ Christmas Poinsettia(s)
in memory of _____
or in honor of _____

Please place a if your plant(s) is to be taken to an at-home member by our deacons.



**ADVENT CARING
FAMILY NIGHT**

You've been hearing about it for quite some time, but now it is right around the corner. Every one of you has been assigned to a new family, a Leacock family, a unit meant to care for and nurture each other, imitating the love of Christ. Do you want to meet and greet your family members, some of whom you may know well, others who may be new to you? Then come join us on Sunday, December 2 at 5:30pm for what promises to be Leacock's Biggest Event of the winter: Advent Caring Family

Night.

We will join for a potluck meal, games, an introduction to your new family members, a little information about what family members can do for each other, and a carol sing in the sanctuary to top off the night.

Lois Snader and Emily Birch
Advent Caring Family Night Coordinators





CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

It's Treats and Treasures Time

We have become well known for our Bazaar featuring hand-crafted gifts, our famous peanut butter bonbons, our live wreaths, cemetery sprays and live table centerpieces, canned items, themed baskets, home-made cards, baked items such as cookies and breads, and don't forget the Holiday Café. Here are the dates of our Bazaar countdown. Please consider helping celebrate the spirit of the holiday. Signup sheets will be in the Narthex. Hope you can fit at least one or two of these dates, filled with fun and fellowship, into your schedule. Thank you so much.

CARD MAKING

Thursday - November 1, 8, 15 - 1:00 to 4:00pm

Marie Glass and Lauren Appel hope you come out to stamp and decorate cards to sell at the Bazaar. Our card supply has dwindled so low that they need extra hands to help make more. All paper, ink, stampers, and stickers will be provided. They just need a few extra hands.

CHRISTMAS REDECORATIONS

Monday - November 19

Karen Homsher is looking for gently used Christmas items...including ornaments, Christmas books or a variety of Christmas decorations. Please notice - only Christmas items will be sold this year, all other items will be taken to Goodwill before the Bazaar. Please put all your donations in the west corner of Fellowship Hall for pricing by this date.

BASKET BONANZA

Monday - November 26

Karen Shue and Lois Snader are in charge of the themed baskets. If you can, fill a basket with any theme (Italian Sampler, Nail Salon Goodies, Body & Bath, Newborn Baby Items, School Supplies, the list is endless). Please put your filled baskets in Fellowship Hall by this date. Empty baskets will be available in the Narthex. Help yourself.

CANDY WORKSHOP

Tuesday - November 27 - 1:00pm to ?

Carol Shearer will be in charge of our Candy Workshop in the church kitchen. This year we are making our famous peanut butter bonbons. We will need donations of ingredients, as well as helpers to mix and dip the candy. Please see the ingredient requests (please take note if a certain brand is listed...that is what makes our bonbons so tasty) in the Narthex. New this year, you can order bonbons. Every year many church friends were not able to get to the Bazaar and missed purchasing these delicious bonbons. Now they can be ordered and paid for ahead - orders and money are due to Loretta McClarigan by November 20. The boxed bonbons will be held until December 2 for pickup.

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GREENS NIGHT

Wednesday - November 28 - 6:00 to 8:00pm

Come to Fellowship Hall and help make fresh arrangements. We do have some containers, but would love if you can donate any before this date. Donations of greens, from your yard are always appreciated, but please let us know what you have (call Loretta 687-9010) so we know what we need to order. Oasis and candles will be provided. Even if you do not have any greens, come help, we will have plenty to share. At the end of the evening, you can take one of your creations home, if you wish. What a great way to boost your holiday spirit!

TAKE-ALONG-TREATS

Thursday - November 29 - 1:00 to 7:00pm

Michele McLaughlin and Loretta McClarigan need your help in baking cookies and breads for our Bazaar. Please bring your donations to Fellowship Hall by this date as they will be plating and packaging them on this day. If you wish to help plate, be sure to let Michele or Loretta know.

HOLIDAY CAFÉ

Friday - November 30 - 2:00 to 7:00pm

Betty Sowers, Dot Buckwalter, Alba Ruhl and friends will be welcoming your donations of pies, home-made soups, sandwiches, homemade sticky buns, and donuts for the Café. Please check the clipboard in the Narthex to see the foods needed. Don't forget to come the day of the Bazaar to enjoy breakfast as well as lunch with friends.

TREATS & TREASURES BAZAAR AND INTERACTIVE TRAIN DISPLAY

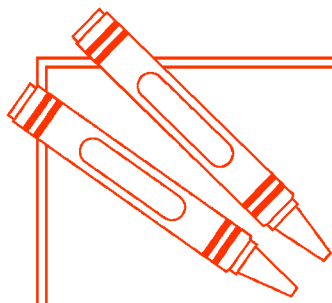
Saturday - December 1 - 8:00am to 2:00pm

Many job opportunities exist here. Check the clipboards in the Narthex to see where you can help. We need cashiers, baggers, friends to condense tables as tables empty, friends to help shoppers with questions or just to lend a helping hand. If you are available for just an hour or two or three or the entire time, we can use your help...just bring a smile!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



Just for **KIDS**

A Bible Time Feast!

We celebrate important events and holidays by gathering for meals – for feasts! The disciples and other people who lived in Bible times did the same. “Breaking bread” together was, and is, an important part of our lives. The early Christians often met for an Agape meal – a time of friendship and fellowship.

We might enjoy ham or turkey or lasagna and pumpkin pie or cheesecake. What would a menu from an early Christian Agape meal look like?



Look up each Scripture reference to complete the menu below.

Grilled _____

(Matthew 7:10)



(Ezekiel 4:12)

_____ (Deuteronomy 23:24)

_____ (Leviticus 2:4)



Loaf of _____

(1 Chronicles 16:3)

C

_____ (Numbers 11:5)

(2 Samuel 23:11)

_____ (Job 10:10)



C

_____ (Deuteronomy 28:40)

_____ (Genesis 25:30)

M

_____ (Numbers 11:5)

O

_____ (Numbers 11:5)

Cake of _____

(1 Chronicles 16:3)



fish, barley cake, grapes, cakes, loaf of bread, cucumbers, lentils, cheese, olives, stew (or pottage), melons, onions, cake of dates (or raisins)

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Dispatches to God's Household: The General Epistles is a study of the six smaller letters of the New Testament, 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2 & 3 John, and Jude. The author of the study calls them love letters from God sent to the churches families of the first century to encourage them to stand firm in the faith, to love one another as God loves them and to practice hospitality. There are nine lessons in the study, and we now have three groups meeting at various times.

The November times are:

- ◆ 9:30am, second Thursday of the month, November 8, at the home of Bea Andrews. This group is on Lesson 3, 1 Peter 2:1-10; 3 John 1-8.
- ◆ 7:30am, first Monday of the month, November 5, at church in Fellowship Hall, meet at 7:00am for the morning walk. This group is on Lesson 2, 1 Peter 1:1-25; 1 John 4:7-21.
- ◆ 7:30pm, third Tuesday of the month, November 20, at church in Fellowship Hall. This group is also on Lesson 2, 1 Peter 1:1-25; 1 John 4:7-21.

All women are welcome. If you have any questions, please call Marie Brackbill (768-8470), Arlene Brackbill (394-9996), or Emily Birch (687-7734).

OCTOBER SESSION SNIPPETS

The Session met with the Board of Trustees for their semi-annual meeting, discussing how to facilitate communication between the two Boards and the proposed 2013 budget. Both Boards approved the Maintenance of the Above Ministries portion of this budget for presentation to the congregation in November.

In other business, the Session approved the following:

- ♦ Ministry to Others and Ministry to Ourselves portions of the proposed 2013 budget for presentation to the congregation at the November Congregational Meeting.
- ♦ The job description of the newly created Church Treasurer position.
- ♦ Hiring Michele McLaughlin as Church Treasurer.
- ♦ Scheduling a Family Fun Night with pizza and Wii bowling November 9.
- ♦ Groups or committees planning activities involving food service are responsible for buying, preparing and selling such items.
- ♦ Positively encouraging worshippers to remain seated, if possible, during the postlude.
- ♦ November 11 as the date of the

Congregational Meeting with one service at 9:30am and a congregational meal following the meeting.

- ♦ For Communion Sunday November 25, Christ the King Sunday, scheduling two worship services.



TRUSTEE NOTES

Colors have been chosen for the Narthex flooring. Installation is scheduled and should be completed before Thanksgiving. Please watch the bulletin for details and sorry for any inconveniences that the work may cause.

Fall workday has come and gone. Thank you to those who pitched in, your efforts are truly appreciated. The freezer has been moved, debris were cleaned up from the storm, filters were changed, cobwebs were knocked down, flower beds weeded, etc.

There are still many chores that need completed as the TO DO LIST was quite extensive. The list is still posted in the Narthex so feel free to review it to see if there is anything that you can help with.

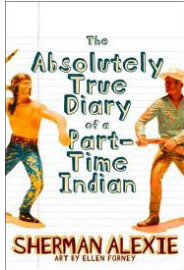
Please express anything that you feel needs addressed as we are heading into the Holidays. We need your assistance to have the facilities look as good as possible. Thank you from all the Trustees.

MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee would like to thank Alba Ruhl for stepping in to coordinate the CROP Walk this year. Along with the help of old faithful, Richard Smith, who visited every church and asked for their participation as well as doing the advertising. Thank you as well Richard.

The holidays are fast approaching, and the time for giving thanks is upon us. We, the Mission Committee, give thanks for our congregation's help throughout the past year with the community meals and clothing drives that Presbyterian Women have in the spring and fall.

The fall clothing drive will begin Sunday the November 11 for distribution at the community meal on Thursday November 15. The meal for November will once again be the Amish wedding meal - turkey and filling mixed, mashed potatoes, cream celery, fruit salad, and desserts from Weis Market in Gap.



LEACOCK BOOK AND A MOVIE CLUB

The book we are reading for the Leacock Book and a Movie Club is *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie. Please join us at 5:30pm on Sunday November 11 for pizza and the book discussion.

Once we've discussed the book, we will set a date for the parallel movie we plan to watch, *Smoke Signals*. The movie is not based on the book, which will be a first for our club, but we are expecting similar themes for discussion. Hope to see you there.

Emily Birch
Book and a Movie Club
Coordinator

COMMUNITY OUTREACH
(Next community outreach meeting: Thursday November 8 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to join us.) The next few months will be busy ones for the Community Outreach Committee. First of all, we will welcome Lee Barrett on November 2 to lecture on Christian Faith and the 2012 Presidential Election.

The weekend after that, on Sunday Nov. 11, the Leacock Book and a Movie Club will meet over pizza to discuss the book *The Absolute True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie. It's a short book, so you have no excuse not to read it and to join us for the discussion (but you're welcome, of course, even if you haven't read the book).

In the midst of all that activity, we will be working to set up the Caring Tree. Like last year, we will have two caring trees, one for

Bridge of Hope and one for our other charities. We hope you will be eager to take this opportunity to play Santa Claus to those in our community who would otherwise have empty stockings. If you do decide to participate, please read the instructions carefully once you see the trees have been set up with their tags.

As the New Year approaches, we hope you are making your list of resolutions. Why not consider joining the Outreach Committee this January or volunteering to help serve dinner at the Factory? We would love to have your help.

Emily Birch
Community Outreach Chair



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 NOVEMBER 2012

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Wednesday, Nov 7	Kinzer Fire Hall	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Thursday, Nov 8	Bird-in-Hand Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Tuesday, Nov 27	Bareville Fire Hall	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Thursday, Nov 29	Lampeter-Strasburg High School	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

As I mentioned last month, the question answered then was the last of the original list given me. When I first received it, I saw a long stretch of months ahead working through the list. It wasn't until I was half done that I started to think about the fact that before long I wouldn't have any more questions. But then my mysterious correspondent put more in my folder. So, here is the first of that second group—"Many Christians are comforted by the supposition that we'll be reunited in heaven with loved ones who have gone before us. Is this idea biblically sound?"

As always, it's a good question. A short answer, but not perhaps a very satisfying one, would be, "Yes, probably." As is often the case, the witness of Scripture on this matter is varied. *Isaiah* 25:8 says that the Lord will swallow up death forever and will wipe away the tears from not some, but all, faces. This rather clearly seems to promise that death will not, does not have the last word, that there will be a day when death will be no more, an idea that is echoed throughout the New Testament—as just one example, *John* 5:28,29 speaks of the hour when those in their graves will hear the Lord's voice and come out in a resurrection. As for tears, there are many things that bring them, but perhaps nothing more powerfully than the loss of a loved one. And so it would seem to be reasonable to infer that when the Lord wipes away all tears, gone will be their cause; we will joyously be reunited with those we have lost.

Paul certainly shared *Isaiah's* belief—in *1 Corinthians* 15, he speaks of what is written, that Death has no sting, that it is swallowed up in victory. But he does acknowledge that the matter is not a simple one. Apparently, people had been asking what a resurrected body would be like, and he goes on at great length in that chapter speaking of the difference between the physical body we have now and the spiritual one to come. He speaks of what he calls a mystery, that when the dead are raised, we will be changed. The question then can be asked, "Well, if we are changed, will we be able to recognize each other?" It's a legitimate question. After all, when Mary Magdalene encountered Jesus on Easter morning, she saw Jesus, but did not know who he was; she thought he was a gardener. Later that day, two followers of Jesus did not recognize him when they met him on the road to Emmaus, even when he taught them at length about all Scripture had had to say about him.

But perhaps it's important to remember that resurrection isn't only about an event to come. Earlier in *John* 5, Jesus states that anyone who hears his word and believes him who sent him has eternal life, has passed from death to life, already. And *1 John* says that we know we've passed from death to life, why?—because we love each other. In fact, if we don't love our sisters and brothers, we remain in death. Love would thus seem to be the key, the key to life eternal. And if love is such a key, then I have to believe that when we enter life, surely we will know those we love, no matter how we have been changed. That's only my belief. But remember, Mary did in the end recognize her friend—when he spoke her name, he showed that he knew her; those on the road to Emmaus recognized Jesus when he took bread, blessed, broke, and gave it to them. These were acts of love. So, maybe love truly is the key, the key that opens our eyes to see again our loved ones.

Rev. Robert W. Birch

**RESPONSIBILITIES AT LEACOCK CHURCH
OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER
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!

Nov 4	8:00	Michele McLaughlin
	10:30	Steve & Forrest Boas
Nov 11	9:30	Dave & Carol Berkhimer
Nov 18	8:00	Nick & Evie Lopez
	10:30	Johanna Gingher & Sharon Williams
Nov 25	8:00	Ellen Barnes
	10:30	Mike & Alba Ruhl
Dec 2	8:00	Karen Boyer
	10:30	Charlene Boas & Craig Keenan
Dec 9	8:00	Janet Huffman
	10:30	Donald Fieldsa & Christy Taub
Dec 16	8:00	Taryn Shenk
	10:30	Michele & Lea Lichty
Dec 23	9:30	Tom & Vicki Burkins
Dec 30	8:00	Tracy Dippner
	10:30	Sean & Maureen Carney

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!

NOVEMBER

Tom Burkins
Vicki Burkins
Tracey Dippner
Scott Shenk

Lois Snader
Valerie Ruhl
David Erickson
Linda Erickson

DECEMBER

Ellen Barnes
Richard Miller
Eugene Bare
Art Myers

Keo Phongxaysanith
Robert Brackbill
Robert Gingher
Johanna Gingher

DEACON RESPONSIBILITIES

(Flower Deliveries)

November Shelly Summers
December Jane Witmer

WELCOME CENTER

8:00am Service

November Tom & Vicki Burkins

10:30am Service

November Emily Birch

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for the November Church
Calendar

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Paradise, PA 17562

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