

2nd Sunday After Epiphany

January 20, 2013

GATHERING

Prelude: “Be Still My Soul”

Jean Sibelius

Invocation

Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: We are the beloved, the delight of the Lord.

People: Let us go, for he calls us by name.

Leader: The Lord chooses us, as a groom chooses a bride.

People: Let us go, to the wedding feast of the Lamb.

Leader: Through the Spirit, each of us is given gifts of God.

People: Let us go; let us serve the Lord by serving all.

*Hymn: #417 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, you love us, just as we are. But you do more—you transform us; you make us new; you empower us to empower others. Yet we do not always live like new creations. Too often, each of us turns back to the old way, to our old ways. And we do not love as you do, when we do not care for all our sisters and brothers, even those with whom we disagree, those whom we do not like. Forgive us, dear God. Keep working change within us. Help us to become ever more your children. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri (p. 579)

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem: 10:30 – “God of Change and Glory”

Al Carmines

Chancel Choir

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

First Scripture Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5 (p. 651); 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (p. 163)

*Hymn: #356 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Children’s Sermon

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

Second Scripture Reading: John 2:1-11 (p. 87)

Sermon: **WATER INTO WINE**

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: “In Faith I Quiet Wait”

J. S. Bach

*Doxology (p. 592)

*Hymn: **pg. 43, Leacock Sings** “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: “Toccatina”

Lardelli

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 – Loretta McClarigan
10:30 – Bob & Margy Hershey

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of
Doris B. Brown
From her children.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Michael & Melissa Mabry
Mason, Maleah
30 Melvin Drive
Leola, PA 17540

TODAY:

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Services of Worship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for infants through adults
11:30 a.m. 3rd Sunday Singles Group
5:00 p.m. Potluck & Movie “Smoke Signals”

MONDAY:

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
1:00 p.m. Enfield Dr. Bible Study @ home of Arlene Brackbill
7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting

TUESDAY:

7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting

WEDNESDAY:

7:30 a.m. Centering Prayer
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

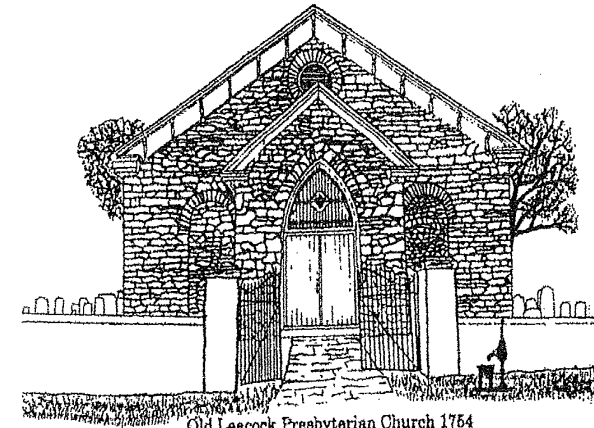
NEXT SUNDAY:

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 – Sue Funk
10:30 – Alba & Valerie Ruhl

Leacock Presbyterian Church

*First met in Leacock Township in 1724, recognized by the Synod in
1740, moved to Paradise in 1840.*



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OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Last week's offering total was \$4,338.70

Total in Organ Fund is \$67,331.71

Please take your offering envelopes. Please pick up your offering envelopes for 2013 in the Narthex on the table beside the Welcome Center. This would save the church a lot of money so we do not have to mail them. Please take your neighbors or someone you might see in your passings.

The Community Meal will be Thursday, Jan. 31st. Doors will open at 5:15 p.m. Sign-up sheets for helping with the meal are in the Narthex. Thank you. Mission Committee

The per capita is \$28.90 per member. Please use the envelope found in the beginning of your envelope box. This pays the overhead of our General Assembly, Synod, and Presbytery offices.

A copy of the addenda to phone numbers that have changed since the directory can be found at the back of the sanctuary. If you would like a copy emailed please email your request to leacock.secretary@gmail.com.

Attention all Treasurers and Auditors - Audit will be held on January 28th starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you did not receive your letter please contact the office and I will make sure you receive one.

Blanket Sunday is today and next Sunday the 27th. \$5.00 will provide a blanket for someone in need. Please place your contribution in an envelope located in the pew. Thank you, Mission Committee

Please see the separate insert for information on the Women's retreat. The speaker this year is Susan Currie. Here is her bio:

Susan Currie (also known as "Sue" but never try "Susie"!), originally lived in Bucks County, where her husband Dave was pastor of the Anchor Presbyterian Church. After several years of shared ministry, including in a pastors' prayer group, the Curries moved north of Boston, where they now minister at Gordon-Conwell Seminary. Susan serves there as a Spiritual Formation mentor with Masters' students, and is also working with a parachurch organization where she trains spiritual directors. Her particular sense of call is to accompany others in their growing life with God, in one-on-one relationships of spiritual companionship as well as in retreat settings. Sue is also the mother of three children--her eldest daughter is a teacher in Washington, DC, her son graduates from Calvin College next month, and her youngest daughter is about to graduate from high school--but it won't be an empty nest because Sue's father lives with them most of the year. And a Siamese cat.

Sue is particularly glad to be back leading retreats, after a year-long course of treatment for colon cancer. By the grace of God, and with thanks for many prayers, she is well this year! But she warns us that she does need to run down the hall to the bathroom much more often than before, so don't worry if you periodically notice her slipping out of the room! She says that this year has made her spiritual life even greater than it was before.

January 2013

Dear Ladies of Leacock Presbyterian Church:

The calendar says January, and the weather is possibly snowy or dreary, but definitely cold. Sounds like a perfect time to start thinking about a beautiful spring weekend with your sisters in Christ, right?

Believe it or not, it is time to plan for our annual Women’s Retreat on April 26-28, 2013 at the Tuscarora Inn and Retreat Center, and this letter is to encourage you all to prayerfully consider joining us.

This year’s retreat, which will again be led by the very gifted Susan Currie, is all about being on a journey with Christ, a “pilgrimage.” This is a perfect time to think about your own life’s journey – what brought you to Christ, how He travels alongside you now, and how He is waiting for you at the end!

Our Scripture passage also brings to mind wonderful images of peace, refreshment, and finding strength in our relationships with Christian women – “Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage. As they pass through the Valley of Baka, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion” (Psalm 84:5-7).

If you have never attended one of these retreats, or you have been saying “I’ll go next year,” this letter is specifically for you. I’ve been in your spot, and I had all of my excuses ready – I have a lot going on with my family, I have a lot going on at work, the house would collapse if I left for two days, and the ever popular “I don’t want to be the youngest one there!” And when I finally went on my first retreat, I thought, “Why didn’t I do this sooner?”

For those of you who have attended retreats in the past, please share your experiences with the ladies in our church, in your family and your friends. Please invite them to share in the spiritual and physical refreshment that we have come to know from these special weekends!

There is a Chinese proverb that states “a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.” Pray about this weekend, consider taking that first step, and have faith that God will travel the 999+ miles to meet you!

For the planning team,
Christy Kealey

PILGRIMAGE: JOURNEYING WITH GOD

"Pilgrimage"--a word that invites us into a journey, resonate with images of significant places, special memories, and shared experiences. It's a journey we make with others who become companions of the soul along the way.

Join us this weekend as we journey together to Tuscarora, surrounded by the beauty of springtime on the Delaware and find there the One who is our journeying companion, and our journey's end and home!

Susan Currie will return as our retreat leader, and our relaxed schedule will include teaching as well as time for reflection, individually and in small groups, some free time simply to relax in the lovely grounds, and our traditional Saturday night movie!

The Details

When: Friday April 26th through Sunday, April 28th.

Where: Tuscarora Inn in Mount Bethel, PA

Lodging*: Cottage - \$200.00 per person
Riverside Manor (motel-style) - \$235.00 per person

Deposit*: Cottage - \$100; Riverside Manor - \$118
Rates cover 2 nights lodging – double occupancy - and five meals served family style in Tuscarora’s dining room.

**Based on increases in rates at Tuscarora and changes in payment policies, you’ll note that – with great reluctance - we have had to increase the retreat fee and also must request 50% of the total with your registration.*

Please return the bottom of this page with your deposit no later than January 27th to either Barb Erdmanis or Pam Kemper.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Room Type (circle one) Cottage/ Riverside Manor

Roommate: _____ or Don’t Care _____

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