

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany

January 27, 2013

## *GATHERING*

Prelude: "If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

David Cherwien

Invocation

Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Leader: The Spirit anointed Christ to bring good news to the world.

**People: The Spirit anoints us to be Christ's body in the world.**

Leader: All of us need each of us to do the Lord's work.

**People: In our joys and sorrows, let us be together.**

Leader: And when we fall short, let us not weep.

**People: Let us make the joy of the Lord our strength.**

\*Hymn: **pg. 43**, *Leacock Sings* "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Merciful God, you sent your Son to heal a broken world, to end all division, to bring peace. And through the Spirit, we are to continue the work he has begun; we are to be his hands and feet. Yet, we forget our work. When we should be one, we quarrel. Instead of sharing the suffering of others, sometimes we are the cause of that suffering. Instead of rejoicing over another's blessing, we think of what we lack, of the blessings we seek. Forgive us, Lord. Bring us together, closer and stronger than ever before. Make us one in Christ, for Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri (p. 579)

## *PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD*

Anthem: 10:30 – "In Christ There Is No East or West"

Chancel Choir

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (p 416); 1 Cor 12:12-31a (p 163)

\*Hymn: **#425** "Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining"

Children's Sermon

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

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 4:14-21 (p. 57)

Sermon: **A LABOR OF JOY**

## *RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD*

Passing the Peace of Christ

"I believe that, with the Father and Son, the Holy Spirit is equally eternal God and that God's Spirit is also given to me, preparing me through a true faith to share in Christ and all his benefits, that he comforts me and will abide with me forever. I believe that, from the beginning to the end of the world, and from among the whole human race, the Son of God, by his Spirit and his Word, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself, in the unity of the true faith, a congregation chosen for eternal life. Moreover, I believe that I am and forever will remain a living member of it. I believe that believers one and all, as partakers of the Lord Christ, and all his treasures and gifts, shall share in one fellowship and that each one ought to know that he is obliged to use his gifts freely and with joy for the benefit and welfare of other members." (from The Heidelberg Catechism, questions 53-55)

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: "The Soul That Thirsts for God" (Ps. 42:2)

Paul Taylor

\*Doxology (p. 592)

\*Hymn: **#332** "Live Into Hope"

\*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "Praise, My Soul. The King of Heaven"

Robert Hobby

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 – Sue Funk

10:30 – Alba & Valerie Ruhl

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Douglas High who passed on Friday, January 25, 2013.

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of  
Janice Homsher & Larry Graybill  
Given by the Homsher and Graybill families

**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Allen E. & Cassandra Margerum  
Nicholas  
85 Talon Drive  
Ephrata, PA 17522

**TODAY:**

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Services of Worship

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for infants through adults

7:00 p.m. Youth Group

**MONDAY:**

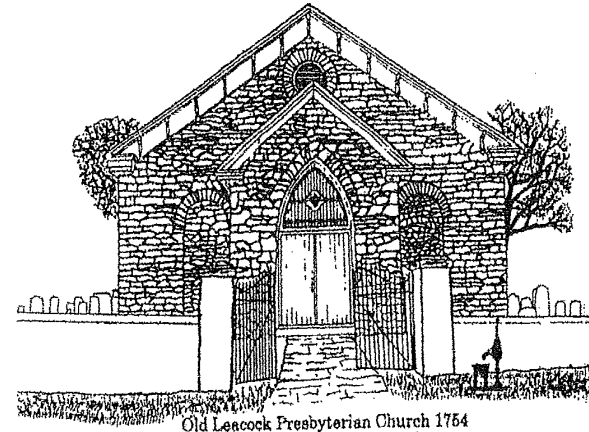
Starting at 7:00 p.m. Audit

**WEDNESDAY:**

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

# 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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**THURSDAY:**

5:30 p.m. Community Meal

**NEXT SUNDAY: Souper Bowl 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 – Michele McLaughlin

10:30 – Chuck & Kathy Ankney

**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Last week's offering total was \$3,389.30

Total in Organ Fund is \$67,431.71

**ALL READY FOR THE SOUPER BOWL?** No, that's not a spelling error. Whether or not you are shopping for the Super Bowl party, pick up a can (or 2) of ready-to-serve soup, chili, or stew to donate to the Food Bank on Souper (Super?) Bowl Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**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.

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

**BOY SCOUT RECOGNITION** - Boy Scouts of all ages will be recognized at the Sunday, Feb. 2, 2013 service. The wearing of uniforms would add to the day's color and a celebration of this organization that has been a positive influence on many young men in this country. This is a day to remind us that young men still enjoy scouting and that the older scouts can reclaim fond memories of their youth.

**Blanket Sunday** ends today. \$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

**Trustee Special Offering:** February's Special Offering will go to a new roof for the Manse. Quotes are coming in to complete this necessary work and plans are to move forward when funds are raised. This is a huge undertaking and your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you from all the Trustee members.

**Please see the separate insert** for information on the Women's retreat. If you are interested in going please call Lois Eshleman 394-4953. 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.