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Notes from the Manse

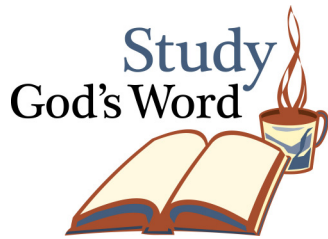
“But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head into Christ, / from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.”—Ephesians 4:15,16

Back when I was a teacher, in order to encourage kids to write, write without worry about grades or whether everything was perfect, I had my students keep journals. The agreement was simple—they could write whatever they wanted, reflections on life or just their day, as long as they wrote something, even a little, every day. For my part, I would simply check to see that they were writing. Anything they did not want me to read they would mark with an asterisk; if they wanted to have me read their stuff, they could let me know. Well, strange to say, most kids did want me to read their journals. Many were struggling, with family or friends or just adolescence, and they seemed to like having someone to confide in, someone who would, in effect, listen, without they’re having actually to say a thing. In time, some of those kids would seek me out and we would have the conversations begun in those journals.

Around the same time, I was charged with bringing back to life the school’s community service program. The founder of the school had believed deeply in the place serving others had in a child’s education, but over the years, the program had kind of died. So, I contacted nursing homes and day care centers and a local facility for the mentally handicapped to find volunteer work for high school students. To the surprise of many of the adults at the school, the program took off like wildfire, with more and more kids getting involved every year. But the first to get involved were for the most part drawn from those students who had opened their often troubled hearts to me in those journals. And the wonderful thing is the service work they did seemed to open up their lives, show them possibility where they had thought they had none, give them an awakening sense of hope, of a future for them. Later, other, different kinds of students joined the program. Service work became kind of cool, even for the star athletes.

It is January, a month that for many is a time for new beginnings, for resolutions, rarely kept, but reflecting a desire to grow, to change. I begin this year with a commitment to change many things, to grow, I hope, in many ways. And it is good that Leacock, like any church, also grow into the future. But as we do, let us remember whom it is we are to grow into—Jesus Christ, who is the head of the church, who is the way, the way all of us should live. And how will we grow? Well, Jesus showed us that too. We are to grow, we are to build ourselves up in love, with love, through love. It was in service to others, it was in caring for, loving others that those students grew and changed, began to discover and realize who they could be. So, let us enter the new year daring new beginnings. If we do so with love, if we seek first to help each other, we will grow ever more into our Lord. We will become new creations.

Rev. Robert W. Birch



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO AT HOME MEMBERS

- Feb 6 Mildred Carpenter
1520 Harrisburg Pike
Lancaster, PA 17601
- Feb 6 Ethel Danner
Apartment 113
433 S. Kinzer Avenue
New Holland, PA 17557
- Feb 28 Miriam Latshaw
1520 Harrisburg Pike
Lancaster, PA 17601



PER CAPITA

The per capita this year is \$28.90 per member. Please use the envelope found in the beginning of your envelope box. This supports the work of the General Assembly, Synod, and Presbytery offices.

LECTIONARY FOR FEBRUARY

- Feb 3 (4th Sunday after Epiphany)
Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30
- Feb 10 (Transfiguration of the Lord)
Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Luke 9:28-36 [37-43]
- Feb 13 (Ash Wednesday)
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or
Isaiah 58:1-12
Psalm 51:1-17
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Mark 6:1-6, 16-21
- Feb 17 (First Sunday in Lent)
Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13
- Feb 24 (Second Sunday in Lent)
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36



LEACOCK BOOK AND A MOVIE DISCUSSION

We will be reading and discussing Barbara Kingsolver's *Lacuna*.

Join the group for a lively discussion and pizza on Sunday, March 3 at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall. (Reading the book is optional.)

Emily Birch
Book and Movie Discussion
Coordinator

PRAYER FAMILIES

- Feb 3 Edwin O. Margerum
- Feb 10 Timothy & Kathryn Homsher Marks, Abigail, Anna
- Feb 17 Barry & Lee Nettke Martin
- Feb 24 Kevin & Loretta McClarigan

Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all. Security is mostly a superstition. It does not exist in nature.

Helen Keller

To live is so startling it leaves little time for anything else.

Emily Dickinson



2013 KITCHEN NEWS

- ⇒ If your group is planning a dinner or an event that will be using Styrofoam dishes, bowls, cups, napkins or plastic ware, etc., please be sure to fill out the *Kitchen Supply Usage* form and send/fax/email/call it to Loretta McClarigan (687-9010). These forms can be found on the inside of the supply closet door. Submitting these forms on a timely basis will help keep the supply closet stocked, especially for upcoming events.
- ⇒ Just a reminder any drink or food items that are not marked are for anyone to use (such as ketchup, mustard, salad dressings, etc. in the refrigerator). We also have a shelf in the supply closet (of items you may use) and anything in the LEFT refrigerator/freezer is included in this sharing. Contact Loretta if you have any questions.
- ⇒ Please try to pickup your plastic ware and tin ware as soon as you can after donating

a food item for a Leacock event. We are getting a BIG, overwhelming amount of items that are unclaimed. Our storage space is very limited.

- ⇒ A chest freezer was moved to the supply closet (thanks to the Trustees), any group is welcome to use it. Just be sure to date and mark all food items. Tape and marker are provided.
- ⇒ Please also mark your foods with dates and event name in the refrigerator. Tape and marker are provided on the LEFT refrigerator.
- ⇒ We now have a rice cooker that was donated to our Leacock kitchen (thank you Shirley Smith!).
- ⇒ Did you know that any Leacock member is allowed to borrow items (such as roasting pan, crock pots, extra large pots, hot dog griller, large drink coolers, etc.) from the kitchen/closet...you just need to sign our *Borrowing Book* located inside the supply closet.

If you have any kitchen questions, kitchen concerns, or kitchen needs, feel free to contact Loretta McClarigan (687-9010). THANK YOU!



TRUSTEE NOTES

Thank you David Homsher for your years of dedicated service as our Outdoor Sexton. Your efforts have been truly appreciated. Make sure that you take a moment to express your gratitude to David who has decided to pursue other interests.

Please welcome Danielle Short as our new Outdoor Sexton. We welcome her and are looking forward to a long relationship working together.

On another note, we have some repairs that will need to be addressed.

These items include: a replacement roof on the manse, repair to the kitchen oven, and repair of the rear door handle. The office copier has also been replaced.

Please take these items into consideration when making your offerings.

Thank you from the Trustee Group.



MISSION COMMITTEE

In January, the *Blanket Offering* will be collected on the last two Sundays of the month, and not far on its heels will be *Souper Bowl Sunday* on February 3. Bring some soups!

There is news posted from the Farrs, our mission family, on the Sunday School classrooms bulletin board. Check it out. We look forward to their visit on February 24 when the Farrs will be joining us for our church service.

The community meals will be held again this year. Check the bulletin for the dates, usually the last Thursdays of the month. There will be signup sheets in the Narthex on the Sunday two weeks before the meal. Help is needed with cooking, setup, serving, and cleanup.

The first meal this year will be held on Thursday, January 31. The meal planned is pork and sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, peas, hot dogs, and fruit salad. The breads and desserts are once again donated by Weis Market of Gap. We have been blessed with their kind giving to our meal for the last

three years. This is approximately \$200 for each meal. These meals would not be a success without all the help received from the congregation - food donations, helping in preparing, serving and cleanup of the meals. Thank you so much and may God bless you for all you do in His name.

We have already received a \$50 donation from St. John's Church this year for the meal and we give thanks for their help as well.

The Mission Committee would like to thank everyone for their generous giving towards all the projects it takes on. Without the members support, we would not be able to reach out to our community. Leacock church members are the *Mission Committee*. Blessings.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:
Sunday, January 27
7:00pm
Senior Youth Meeting

Thursday, January 31
Community Meal

Sunday, February 17
5:00pm
Caring Family Night
Potluck Meal

Sunday, March 3
5:30pm
Book Discussion and Pizza

Saturday, December 7
Christmas Bazaar 2013



BAZAAR THANK

I want to thank all the Leacock Church Angels who helped in some way with the Bazaar in December. The bakers, the candy makers, the canners, the basket fillers, the pricers, the knitters and crocheters, the jewelry makers, the card makers, the Granny's Attic organizer, the advertising and poster printers and distributors, the kitchen food preparers and servers, the strong muscled crew who set up and tore down, the outside sign crew, the cashiers and baggers and the shoppers who came that morning.

Thanks to all those friends, we raised \$4,425.27 to be used for Ministry Enhancement...needs within our own church and surrounding community.

Thank you so much!

Loretta McClarigan

PS - Mark your calendar - Saturday, December 7, 2013 for this year's Bazaar.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT - FINANCIAL UPDATE NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2012

	<i>Offering November</i>		<i>Expenses November</i>	
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Monthly Total	\$15,054	\$15,309	\$16,376	\$14,251
Year-to-Date	\$173,744	\$185,571	\$186,274	\$193,269

Budget Tracking Through November

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Total Annual Budget	\$247,355	\$250,125
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$186,274	\$193,269
% of Budget Spent	75%	77%

Total Giving (offering plus special fund giving) through November

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Monthly Total	\$16,066	\$30,185
Year-to-Date	\$236,933	\$241,369

	<i>Offering December</i>		<i>Expenses December</i>	
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Monthly Total	\$27,456	\$25,063	\$25,868	\$28,154
Year-to-Date	\$201,200	\$210,634	\$210,220	\$221,309

Budget Tracking Through December

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Total Annual Budget	\$247,355	\$250,125
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$210,220	\$221,309
% of Budget Spent	85%	88%

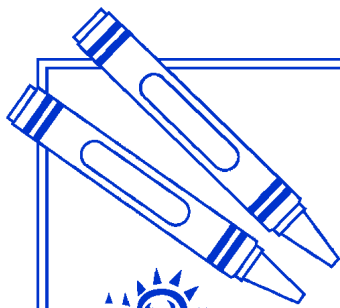
Total Giving (offering plus special fund giving) through December

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Monthly Total	\$30,559	\$36,287
Year-to-Date	\$267,491	\$277,656

We certainly faced our challenges this year in keeping up with our budget and expenses. Our country as well as the world continues to face economic problems that are not allowing growth at a stronger rate. Unemployment is still very high and employers are typically only providing the smallest of raises, if any at all. As you review the results above from our last two months of 2012, you can see we fell slightly short of our expenses and budget goals for the year; however, the offering DID increase these last months because of many persons' loving generosity! If not for this help we would be in a much worse position, so let us be thankful for what we did receive and be happy for all those people in our community and the world that we have been able to help this year.

Looking ahead to a new year, please prayerfully consider any additional help you could possibly give to our cause, whether it is monetarily or with your time in helping with activities. Please become involved in as many church programs, activities and committees as you possibly can. I guarantee you will feel great about being in fellowship with your congregation members and, who knows, you may even find some more good friends! Leacock has always been a caring congregation, with folks that put others' welfare at the top of our concerns. So let's get involved, work hard together and really make 2013 a terrific year. Thank you!

Steven Boas, Stewardship Committee



Just for **KIDS**

James 2:8



In February many of us think of hearts and love and special cards and special people. In the Bible we can read many verses about love. In James 2:8 we find a verse about love that we need to remember all the time. ♥

Write the letter of the alphabet that is missing from each line below. Read James 2:8.

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Happiness is good health and a bad memory.

Ingrid Bergman

Happiness is not a goal, it is a by-product.

Eleanor Roosevelt



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 to 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 February 17 at 5:00pm for what promises to be a fun-filled night for all - 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 hymn sing in the sanctuary to top off the night.

Lois Snader and Emily Birch
Caring Family Night
Coordinators

QUICK RECAP

SESSION SNIPPETS

The Session met on January 12 for an all day retreat at Camp Donegal as well as a business meeting. The retreat was vital to welcome new Session members and to set the Session's mission and direction for 2013. The Session agreed that its theme of the year would be to increase engagement with the community, both our own and the

one in our area. During the business portion of the meeting, the following items were approved:

- The date for VBS will be proposed and voted on at the February Session meeting.
- The first Senior Youth meeting will be Sunday, January 27 at 7pm at the church. Youth leaders are Emily Birch and Charlene Boas.
- The Caring Family Night kickoff will be February 17.
- The Session approved Lois

Eshleman's request to publicize a women's spiritual retreat by the Northampton Presbyterian Church in Doylestown in April of 2013.

Giving thanks is one course from which we never graduate.

Valerie Anders

Life begets life. Energy creates energy. It is by spending oneself that one becomes rich.

Sarah Bernhardt

Dates from worship Committee

The worship committee has finalized our plans for the Lenten season. We will begin with our Ash Wednesday service on Feb. 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Also planned are a series of Lenten reflections led by Rev. Birch. These will include a very lite meal, fellowship and meditation beginning at 6:00 p.m. on the following date: Feb 21 (Thursday), Feb 26 (Tuesday), March 7 (Thursday) and March 21 (Thursday). Palm Sunday - We will have one service of worship at 9:30 a.m. on March 24 and Maundy Thursday service will be at 7:00 p.m. on March 28.



Answer: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

ANSWER



Dear Leacock Family,

Thank you for sharing the beautiful chancel flowers with me. They certainly brought cheer to my recovery room as the lovingly created blue prayer shawl brought me comfort over weeks of pain.

I have been blessed by your kindness.

Janet Birch

Dear Community Meal Helpers,

Month after month reaching out to community to say Thank You to one and all.

Meals so good, the warmth felt to care and share - God sees and knows... (hats off to the cooks).

Wanted to share...

Christmas Gift Suggestions...

To your enemy, forgiveness

To an opponent, tolerance

To a friend, your heart

To a customer, service

To all, charity

To every child, a good example

To yourself, respect

Anonymous

Dear church family,

Malcolm and I would like to thank you for the loving attention we received during the holiday season. He was impressed by all the Christmas cards he received, the lovely poinsettia and the carolers with the good cookies Malcolm looks forward to the carolers every year and asks me "when" will they come.

Love,

Malcolm and June Stannard

Dear Leacock Presbyterian,

Thank you very much for the lovely and warm prayer shawl. It will get some good use over these winter months. We enjoyed the visit by Ginny Stauffer and Millie Young.

Thanks again.

Don Holler

CHURCH OFFICERS

Committed to following Jesus Christ, the Leacock Presbyterian Church is a caring family of God welcoming all persons in their spiritual journey.

SESSION

Moderator: Rev. Robert W. Birch

Clerk: Dianne M. Yuninger

Congregational Life Sharon Williams (chair), Ruth Doutrich

Christian Education Dianne Yuninger (chair), Emily Birch

Worship Christian Brackbill (chair),
Deb Sindall

Community Outreach Karen Homsher (chair), Jenny Keenan

Mission Nick Lopez (chair), Art Myers

Stewardship Steve Boas (chair),
Matthew McClarigan

DEACONS

Class of 2013

Tracy Dippner

Lois Snader

Evie Lopez

Shelly Summers

Class of 2014

Dorothy Buckwalter

Margy Hershey

Shelly Summers

Ralph Shenk

Class of 2015

Charlene Boas

Janet Cosby

Ralph Shenk

Geri Lutz

TRUSTEES

Class of 2013

Dave Berkheimer

Bob Hershey

Doug High

Class of 2014

Karen Boyer

Mike Hartmann

Mike McLaughlin

Class of 2015

Sean Carney

George Shue

Karen Shue

CLIP AND SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

**RESPONSIBILITIES AT LEACOCK CHURCH
FEBRUARY 2013**

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!

Feb 3	8:00	Michele McLaughlin
	10:30	Chuck & Kathy Ankney
Feb 10	8:00	Nick & Evie Lopez
	10:30	Robert Brackbill & David Erikson
Feb 17	8:00	Deb Sindall
	10:30	Deb Beane & Lois Snader
Feb 24	9:30	Darwin Eshleman & Linda Erikson
		ONE SERVICE
March 3	8:00	Karen Boyer
	10:30	David & Carol Berkhimer
March 10	8:00	Scott Shenk
	10:30	Donald Fieldsa & Christy Taub
March 17	8:00	Janet Huffman
	10:30	Michele & Lea Lichty
March 24	9:30	Sean & Maureen Carney
		ONE SERVICE
March 31	9:30	Craig Keenan & Charlene Boas
		ONE SERVICE

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!

FEBRUARY

Karen Boyer
Deb Burkholder
Art Myers
David Homsher

Margy Hershey
Robert Hershey
George Shue
Karen Shue

MARCH

Peter Conway
Ellen Barnes
Tom Burkins
Vicki Burkins

Forrest Boas
David Erikson
Valarie Ruhl
Katherine Boas

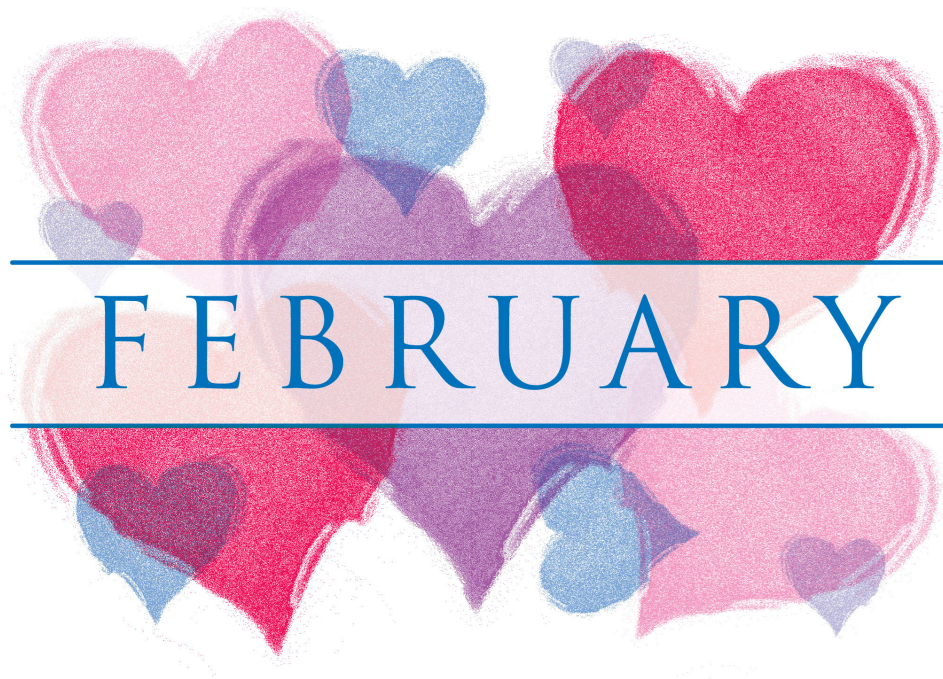
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