

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2013

## *GATHERING*

Prelude: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Dale Wood

Invocation

Announcements and Passing the Peace of Christ

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord for the gifts of grace he has done!

**People: Let us prepare for the grace to come.**

Leader: The past, be it good or bad, is gone.

**People: Let us dare to move forward to what lies ahead.**

Leader: What we have has been given to us.

**People: Let us give all of ourselves to the Lord.**

\*Hymn: #383 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (with the Bell Choir)

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Merciful God, you have blessed in us in so many ways, so many times. And we cherish the gifts we have been given. But still you call us; you call us into a future even now you are creating. Yet, Lord, sometimes we will not let go of the past. We will not share, we will not give up, the good we have, for the greater good you offer. And then we do not heed your call. Forgive us, dear God. Grant us the courage, lend us the strength, to enter your new day. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri (p. 579)

## *PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD*

Anthem: "Ah, Holy Jesus" (Hymn 93)

John Carter

Bell Choir

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings: Isaiah 43:15-21(p 632); Philippians 3:4b-14(p 187)

\*Hymn: #78 "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

Children's Sermon

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

Second Scripture Reading: John 12:1-8 (p 100)

Sermon: **FREE FOR A FUTURE**

## *RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD*

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

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Robert Lau

\*Doxology (p. 592)

\*Hymn: #339 "Be Thou My Vision"

\*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "March on 'Martyrdom'"

Gordon Young

(Alas And Did My Savior Bleed)

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 – Janet Huffman  
10:30 – Michele & Lea Lichty

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of  
my husband, Lewis, on his birthday.  
Ruth Bryson

**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Barton & Jennifer McElhany  
Keegan & Finian  
18 Meadow Lane  
Paradise, PA 17562

**TODAY: Happy St. Patrick's Day**

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Services of Worship  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for infants through adults  
11:30 a.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Singles Group

**MONDAY:**

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry  
1:00 p.m. Enfield Dr. Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting

**TUESDAY:**

6:00 p.m. Lenten Study  
7:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study

**WEDNESDAY:**

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

**THURSDAY:**

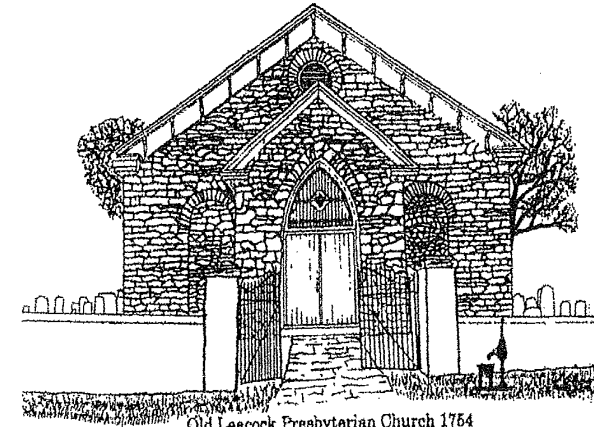
5:30 p.m. Community Meal

**SATURDAY:**

8:00 a.m. Work Day  
7:00 p.m. Lebanon Valley College Concert Choir

# Leacock Presbyterian Church

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**NEXT SUNDAY: PALM SUNDAY**

9:30 a.m. Service of Worship

IN THE NURSERY: 9:30 – Sean & Maureen Carney

**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Last week's offering total was \$2,828.00

Total in Organ Fund is \$68,865.65

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** offering runs through Lent.

Envelopes are available in the pews. Please prayerfully consider giving to this special fund for people in need.

**Cookies for LVC Choir:** We would greatly appreciate your help in providing dessert for the LVC Concert Choir on March 23. If you would be willing to provide cookies, either homemade or “store bought,” please sign up on the sheet provided in the Narthex. The cookies would need to be at the church by noon on Saturday, March 23. Thank you.

**Lebanon Valley College Concert Choir** – What a beautiful way to usher in Holy Week! The LVC Concert Choir is including Leacock on its 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Tour with a concert in our sanctuary on Saturday, March 23, at 7:00 p.m. This 81-voice ensemble includes Leacock's own Stephan Englehart. Their program entitled “With Cheerful Voice” will include choral works from around the world, both sacred and secular. Be sure to put this event on your calendar, invite others, and enjoy a special Lenten blessing. (A free will offering will be contributed to our Organ Fund.)

The March issue of *Presbyterians Today* is available free at the back of the sanctuary.

**The Community Meal** will be this Thursday, March 21<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

**Our New “Thought and ideas” Box –**

Have you ever...

-wanted to express your appreciation for someone or something in our church life?

-wanted to suggest an activity or program?

-wanted to request a song, hymn, or sermon topic?

-had a concern-or possible solution to a concern -- and weren't sure whom to contact?

-wanted to share an idea for worship?

Jot it down and place it in our new “Thoughts and Ideas” box located in the Narthex next to the Welcome Center. It will be delivered directly to the Session and then to the appropriate person(s) or group. We strongly encourage you to sign your name so we can respond personally when appropriate, but that is not a requirement. Although we cannot promise to resolve all issues to everyone's satisfaction, we will give everything our careful consideration.

**Safe Families for Children** is in Partnership with The Factory Ministries. Safe Families for Children helps parents experiencing a temporary crisis arrange for their children to stay with a loving family until the crisis has passed. Safe Families Plus is an extension of the Safe Families for youth who are aging out of the child welfare system. For more information please pick up information in the Narthex or in the back of the Sanctuary.

**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.