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Notes from the Manse

"Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road...."

Luke 24:32

Over the years, many of you have heard a bit about the time I set out with a friend to discover this country. After our first year at college, we both, for different reasons, had gotten a bit restless. We wanted to stretch our horizons, get to know people and places we had never seen. So, we took a map of this country, picked out central locations in regions north and south, east and west, and headed out to look for America. We were convinced that the only way really to become a part of a community was to live and work there, at least for a while. And the whole thing worked at first. People welcomed us into their lives, sometimes even into their homes. However, it wasn't always easy. The jobs we could get on short notice were often hard and they could be dangerous. In the New Orleans area, we got jobs on off shore oilrigs. Living on a rig was beyond anything we had imagined. It was wintertime, storms came through the gulf frequently, and we had been warned about the dangers, told to look for men missing eyes or fingers. And sure enough, those weren't idle warnings. We each had been sent to different rigs, and by the end of our time out there, my friend had had it. He was heading home, to spend the rest of the year doing something a little saner, a little safer. To me, it seemed that all my plans and dreams for this year on the road might just be at an end.

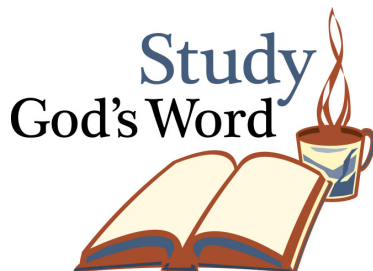
Well, so it was for the two disciples on the road to Emmaus that first Easter day. As Jesus discovered when he caught up with them, they were pretty convinced that all the hopes they had placed in him had died on the cross. Oh, sure, there were the reports of an empty tomb, but they didn't understand what had happened, what, in fact, was happening right there with them. They still thought Jesus had been a great prophet, but apparently not the one to redeem Israel. But here's the thing—Jesus met them on the road that day. He took the time to teach them what Scripture had really meant all along about the Messiah, about how he had to suffer so that he could redeem not only Israel, but the world. And when Jesus took, blessed, and broke bread at last they recognized them.

We are now in the midst of Eastertide. Easter was several weeks ago; Pentecost is yet to come. But I think it's important to notice that the people who first got a glimpse of what Easter was all about were people who were moving. Women went to the tomb to anoint their friend's body and found angels; Peter and the Beloved Disciple raced to find it empty. And later two disciples walked the road to Emmaus. Sometimes, even when it is hard, we have to keep moving, for ahead of us may lie something wonderful. So it was with me. I stayed on the road by myself, pretty sure I'd reached the end too, or soon would. But I was wrong. I went on to explore marvelous parts of this country and meet people who blessed me in ways that stay with me still. We may not always grasp God's plan. There are times when we may feel that things have come to an end, that our hopes and dreams are done. But we need to keep moving, keep walking the way of our Lord, trusting that he will find us. In time, the Holy Spirit will blow into and through our lives, and, in ways we do not expect, we will discover grace.

Rev. Robert W. Birch

LECTIONARY FOR MAY

- May 5 (6th Sunday of Easter)
Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9
- May 9 (Ascension of the Lord)
Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47 or Psalm 93
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53
- May 12 (7th Sunday of Easter)
Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26
- May 19 (Day of Pentecost)
Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21
John 14:8-17 [25-27]
- May 26 (Trinity Sunday)
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15



MISSION COMMITTEE

The Pentecost Offering will be received Sundays, May 19 (Pentecost Sunday) and May 26. Our church keeps 40% of this offering. The Mission Committee with Session approval will make a recommendation for distributing our 40% of the offering. Special offering envelopes will be in the pews.

We continue to serve our community meal. Please check the sign-up sheets in the Narthex two weeks prior to the meal. Help will be needed with cooking, setup, serving, and cleanup. We would like to thank all who have donated their time, food and service in the past as we reach out in God's mission to those in need.

The Mission Committee will be prorating the money remaining in the budget for the Trimbles (missionaries) and putting it toward ministry of our church.

As reported in February, the committee has taken on a new task of reaching out to a local neighbor in need of assistance. She lives just a stone throw from our church along the highway. Leacock has joined with Grace Point, The Factory Youth Ministries, Impact Ministries, and Paradise

Township to try to improve her living conditions. We will help in any way we can. This may be with labor, cleaning, painting, carpenter work, plumbing, electrical work, etc. If you would like to help, please contact anyone on the Mission Committee, and let us know what skill you might bring to assist us in this ministry towards a neighbor in need.

Through the help of all the ministries involved, she has acquired an interest free loan from Lancaster County Housing Authority and two state grants totaling over \$45,000 for repairs to her dwelling. Work will soon begin. Please, please help us in this ministry in any way you can!

God Bless,
Mission Committee



PRAYER FAMILIES

- May 5 Robert Mowrer Jr. and Robert III
- May 12 Stephen & Mary Kay Mowrer, Philip, Gregory & Timothy
- May 19 Shirley Musselman
- May 26 Arthur B. Myers

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH/
CONGREGATIONAL LIFE
(CO/CL) COMMITTEE
FOCUSES ON THE FACTORY**

In May, we are making a specific effort to focus on our support of and participation in The Factory Ministry.

This community outreach started 20 years ago to give teens a safe place to get together, connect, and belong. As it has grown through the years, it has added many services to meet the needs of the youth, their families, and the wider community.

Over the last two years it has established a partnership with Paradise Township and the Pequea Valley School District to address together the issues that affect a great number of our local residents. They also incorporated the Paradise Area Food Bank into their food ministry and moved the youth activities to the much larger old Paradise Elementary School.

Leacock has provided support in many ways – monetary donations, board membership, snack collections for youth nights, Christmas gifts, promotion for fund raising, and the monthly meals that we've served for the last several years.

Through our activities in the next few weeks we hope to better inform our members about the work

of The Factory and our present involvement, as well as inspire some to become more involved and supportive of this very important ministry.

To learn more on your own, please look for their brochure in the back of the sanctuary.



STRESS RELIEF BOXES

The CO/CL Committee thanks everyone who added a contribution to the Stress Relief Boxes. We were able to supply lots of goodies including: snacks, personal items, school supplies and other surprises.

The members who received packages were: Brendon Shenk, Kelsi Shenk, Kelly Erikison, Stephan Englehart, Katherine Boas, Lauren McClarigan, and Ian Leitchy. It's a good feeling to know that when you are away, your church members are thinking about you.

The names will be sent to the office for next year. If you would like to add or remove a name please inform the CO/CL Committee.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Month of May
Building Fund Offering

Thursday, May 9
Women's Bible Study
Betty Sower's Home

Sundays
May 19 and May 26
Pentecost Offering Received

Sunday, June 2
Book Discussion & Pizza
5:00pm

June 23 - June 27
VBS
5:30 - 8:00pm

December 1
Advent Family Night
5:30pm

CRAFTERS

Calling all men or women who do crafts. Would you be willing to donate crafts to be sold at the Farmers Market this summer? All the proceeds will go to the Organ Fund.

Some of the items could be scarves, aprons, dish cloths, kitchen hand towels, candy, wood crafts, baby blankets, baby sweaters, booties, and jewelry.

Contact Dave Berkhimer (442-8319), Dot Buckwalter (687-6566) or Betty Sowers (442-8163).

APRIL SESSION SNIPPETS

- Ron and Sue Esch were granted a letter of transfer to Highland Presbyterian Church.
- Milt and Barbara Hostetter were received into membership by letter of transfer and will join Pentecost Sunday May 19.
- The Clerk read submissions from the Thoughts and Ideas Box in the Narthex, and these items were referred to the appropriate committees for consideration.
- Because the Trimbles are returning to the United States in July, the rest of their mission allotment will remain with the church.
- Chuck Holt will be asked to present information about The Factory Ministry at a mutually agreeable time.
- Advent Family Night was scheduled for December 1 at 5:30pm.

The Thursday morning women's Bible study will meet on May 9 at the home of Betty Sowers.



TRUSTEE TALK

Spring is finally here! We got some sprucing up done outside on work day and now we are working on sprucing up the inside.

Thank you to everyone who helped paint the fellowship hall, it looks great! There are still several other rooms that need to be painted, so if you are interested, the "to do" list is hanging on the bulletin board in the back hallway.

We are in the process of getting quotes to have the frosted windows in the nursery room doors replaced with clear glass and windows cut into the office and library doors. This is something that has to be done to bring our church up to safety standards.

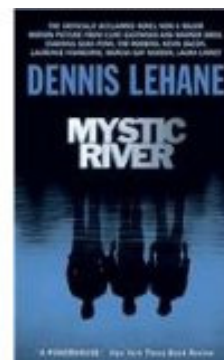
If you might know of someone who could do it with minimal cost, please email karkarboyer@gmail.com with that information.

We will soon be contacting the

contractor to have the manse ceilings repaired and painted because of the rain damage. The total cost is \$7,774 for the roof and painting. We have received \$1,505 towards that goal.

May is our building fund offering month, so please prayerfully consider giving towards this debt.

Thank you,
Your Trustees



The next book club meeting will take place on Sunday, June 2 at 5:00pm. The book *Mystic River* by Dennis Lehane will be discussed.

Everyone is welcome! Come for a lively discussion and PIZZA.



CHURCH BALL SCHEDULE			
Date	Time	Field	Opponent
May 6	6:30	1	Little Britain
May 13	9:00	1	Weaverland #1
May 20	6:30	1	Weaverland #2
May 27	Memorial Day (No Games)		
June 3	9:00	2	Bird-in-Hand
June 10	7:45	1	Grace Point
June 17	6:30	1	?????
June 24	7:45	2	Keystone
July 1	9:00	2	Pequea Baptist
July 8	9:00	2	Bellevue
July 15	7:45	2	Little Britain
July 22	9:00	1	Ridgeview
July 29	7:45	1	St. Johns
July 30-31	Mini-Playoffs		
August 5-8	Divisional Playoffs		
August 12-14	Finals		



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Remember VBS is scheduled for June 23 - 27. Our theme this year is God's Amazing Son. We need volunteers for the kitchen, for registration help, and for classroom and activity aides. Set aside one or more of these evenings to join us as we minister to the children of our church and our community. See Marie Brackbill, Lois Eshleman, Jenny Keenan or Dianne Yuninger if you can help.

Parents, don't forget Camp Donegal opportunities this summer. Brochures may be found at the back of the sanctuary. The church will pay half the camp fee. If you need a personal testimony about how great camp is, see Alyssa or Sarah Keenan who enjoyed last year's experiences and plan to return this year.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT - FINANCIAL UPDATE MARCH 2013

	<i>Offering March</i>		<i>Expenses March</i>	
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Monthly Total	\$18,284	\$13,722	\$19,460	\$18,770
Year-to-Date	\$46,625	\$46,086	\$49,123	\$51,566

Budget Tracking Through March

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Total Annual Budget	\$251,276	\$247,355
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$49,123	\$51,566
% of Budget Spent	20.0%	21.0%

Expenses through March are slightly more than our income from offering, continuing the trend from the first two months of the year. March was a five week month, and total offering was higher, significantly higher than the same month in 2012. I hope that over the next few months we can make up ground between our offering and expenses, but I also realize the vacation season is around the corner, and the nice weather means time spent with family on holiday and somewhat less attendance on Sundays. If possible, please consider what can be done to cover those weeks on vacation ahead of time, so our offering level stays as consistent as possible.

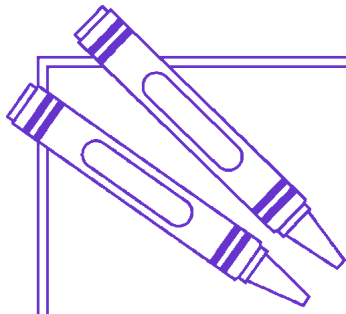
Following up on our Per Capita conversation began last month, I would like to provide some information on how it is used by our governing organizations, specifically our General Assembly. Hopefully everyone searched through their envelope box, found the Per Capita envelope!

Following is a list of only SOME of the uses of the Per Capita funds from a General Assembly perspective.

- **General Assembly meetings**
Planning for General Assemblies and other related gatherings through the General Assembly Meeting Service
- **Permanent and special GA committees and commissions**
Staffing, training, and meeting costs for the:
Committee on the Office of the General Assembly
GA Committee on Representation
GA Nominating Committee
GA Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations
GA Permanent Judicial Commission
Advisory Committee on the Constitution
Advisory Committee on Litigation
Presbyteries' Cooperative
Committee on Examinations
- **Vocational matters**
Providing support in identifying and developing leadership for the PC(USA) and the whole body of Christ through the Office of Vocation, a shared ministry of the Office of the General Assembly (OGA) and the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA)
- **Church Leadership Connection**
A Web-based matching and referral system for all Presbyterian church leaders

Per capita exists as a way for all Presbyterians to share costs that belong to the whole church, to give meaning to the interdependent nature Presbyterian polity. Per capita is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. It exists to allow the whole church to share equitably in those things that make us Presbyterian.

Thank you all from the Stewardship Committee.



Just for KIDS

Journeys

The cities below were all stops on someone's journeys. Fit the cities into the puzzle. Then use the letters that are circled to fill in the blanks below. Write them in the order found.

- Rome
- Tyre
- Berea
- Issus
- Malta
- Perga
- Sidon
- Troas
- Delphi
- Lystra
- Paphos
- Sparta
- Antioch
- Corinth
- Ephesus
- Phoenix
- Caesarea
- Damascus
- Philippi
- Syracuse
- Jerusalem
- Ptolemais
- Thessalonica



----- Journeys

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To Our Christian Friends at Leacock Church,

We appreciate Rev. Bob's many hospital visits and prayers. Betty and Janet giving Don a beautiful prayer shawl Johanna made. Gerry's delicious cake. Gene, your visits and the phone calls were special. So many wonderful prayers and cards, Betty & Evie's flowers. How very kind and caring our church people have been to us. We thank you all. Don still has a way to go yet for complete healing.

Love in Jesus,

Don and Bea Andrews

PS Thank you to Lois Snader for visit and church flowers too.

Dear Leacock Friends,

We would love to thank EVERYONE who took time out of their busy schedules to help paint the Fellowship Hall. It truly is appreciated that you gave up the time to come and help. It was a lot of work, but with it came a lot of laughs. The Fellowship Hall looks great. It is so nice the way the people of this church come together to get things done.

Thank you,
McLaughlin Family

Dear Leacock Friends and Family,

It was a great surprise to receive the "Stress-Relief" box last week. I am already enjoying all the goodies you gave me. My

travels to HACC in Harrisburg are almost over and it was so nice to receive a little relief from all the hectic classes, this semester. I plan to graduate in August. Thank you for the payers and the yummy treats!

Love,
Lauren McClarigan

Dear Friends,

We want to thank you for the prayers, cards, visits, and meals you have given us during the illness and home going of Chuck's dad. Your support means so much to us!

Chuck and Claudia Holt



FLOWERS

You may purchase flowers for the sanctuary on Sunday May 26 in honor of or in memory of someone or a special occasion. Call the church office at 687-6619.

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 MAY 2013

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Tues, May 7	Yoder's Market	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.

**NURSERY
MAY & JUNE 2013**

If you are unable to serve as a volunteer, PLEASE TRADE WITH SOMEONE SCHEDULED ON AN-OTHER SUNDAY. Call the office secretary, 687-6619, so she can make the bulletin change. THANK YOU!

May 5	8:00	Michele McLaughlin
	10:30	Bob & Margy Hershey
May 12	8:00	Loretta McClarigan
	10:30	Chuck & Kathy Ankney
May 19	9:30	Darwin Eshleman
		ONE SERVICE OF WORSHIP
May 26	8:00	Sue Funk
	10:30	Deb Beane & David Erikson
June 2	10:30	Carol Shearer & Fran Sattazahn
June 9	10:30	Marie & Rich Glass
June 16	10:30	Marie & Skip Brackbill
June 23	10:30	Steve & Forrest Boas
June 30	10:30	Carol & Dave Berkhimer

ANSWER: Paul's Missionary Journeys

**USHERS
MAY & JUNE 2013**

Donald Andrews, Head Usher
8:00 Service, (687-7878)

Ed Margerum, Head Usher
10:30 Service, (442-4027)

MAY

Ralph Shank
Deb Sindall
Nick Lopez
Evie Lopez

Steve Boas
Charlene Boas
Keo Phongxaysanith
Robert Brackbill

JUNE

Tracy Dippner
Ellen Barnes
Tom Burkins
Vicki Burkins

Kathy Ankney
Chuck Ankney
Robert Hershey
Margy Hershey

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!

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

DEACONS

<u>Moderator:</u>	Rev. Robert W. Birch	<u>Class of 2013</u>	<u>Class of 2014</u>	<u>Class of 2015</u>
<u>Clerk:</u>	Dianne M. Yuninger	Tracy Dippner	Dorothy Buckwalter	Charlene Boas
<u>Congregational Life</u>	Sharon Williams (chair), Ruth Doutrich Conway	Lois Snader	Margy Hershey	Janet Cosby
<u>Christian Education</u>	Dianne Yuninger (chair), Emily Birch	Shelly Summers	Ralph Shank	Geri Lutz
<u>Worship</u>	Christian Brackbill (chair), Deb Sindall	Jane Witmer	Betty Sowers	Lori Smith
<u>Community Outreach</u>	Karen Homsher (chair), Jenny Keenan	<u>Class of 2013</u>	<u>Class of 2014</u>	<u>Class of 2015</u>
<u>Mission</u>	Nick Lopez (chair), Arthur Myers	Dave Berkheimer	Karen Boyer	Sean Carney
<u>Stewardship</u>	Steve Boas (chair), Matthew McClarigan	Bob Hershey	Mike Hartmann	George Shue
		Scott Shenk	Mike McLaughlin	Karen Shue

TRUSTEES

CLIP AND SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

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