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Notes from the Manse

Let me tell you a story. It's a true story, but then all stories are true in their own way. Better than perhaps anything else, stories can teach us, teach us much. Ideas or facts or laws on their own often can mean little to us. But embody them in a story and it's amazing how they come to life. Jesus showed us this, in stories of good Samaritans and lost sons welcomed home. So, yes, let me tell you a story. There is a young man named Cameron Lyle who graduated from the University of New Hampshire just last Saturday. He wasn't a natural athlete; he didn't get a full athletic scholarship to attend the school. But, oh, he loved to compete and he gave himself fully to track, to field events such as the shot put and discus. In time, his hard work earned him a bit of a scholarship, enough to pay for his books. However, through three years he had never won a gold medal, only silver ones. His senior year, he knew, would be different.

Well, he was right, but, as is so often the case, in ways he did not expect. Two years ago, the athletes at UNH were urged to participate in a program on campus in which people had their mouths swabbed. The swabs were then sent to the National Marrow Donor Program's database. The students were told that the odds were infinitesimal that a match would be found. It only took about five minutes and it seemed like a good cause, so Lyle agreed to be swabbed. Fast-forward two years, to this March. Just as Cameron was working out to get ready for his final track season, he received a phone call from the donor program, asking that he have some additional blood work done. He agreed and it was confirmed that he was a match for a 28-year-old man who had leukemia and who would die in six months if he did not receive a bone marrow transplant. The folks at the program were honest: the procedure would be painful, had a real, if slight, chance of serious complications, and would debilitate him for some time after. But Cameron didn't hesitate; he didn't confer with his mother or friends; he just said yes. He thought his coach would be upset, but, no, that coach only respected him. As he put it, Cameron could try to win a medal or he could save a life. Well, Cameron chose to save a life. On April 24th, he underwent the almost two hour procedure. Afterwards, this young man who had been able to bench press 325 pounds had to have his girlfriend help him tie his shoes. Gone was the track season; gone was the chance for gold. But Cameron won something far more important. And his mother now says that he taught her much she'll never forget, that he, now more than ever before, is her hero.

We are now in the season of Pentecost, and Luke in *Acts* says that on that day long ago there was a rush of violent wind and tongues of fire. I don't know why Cameron made the decision he did; I don't know anything about his faith. But I believe that the Holy Spirit swept into his life like a wild wind and touched him with those tongues of fire. For he now speaks to people a word that before he did not know, a word that is changing lives as it inspires others to find out if they too are matches. We do not all have to be heroes like Cameron. But, oh, let us let the Spirit come and blow through our lives; let us let the Spirit touch us with tongues of fire. For then, in large or small ways, we, like Cameron, may say a new word that loves and heals. We may speak a word of grace.

Rev. Robert W. Birch

LECTIONARY FOR JUNE

- June 2 (9th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
1 Kings 18:20-21 [22-29] 30-39
Psalm 96
Galatians 1:1-12
Luke 7:1-10
- June 9 (10th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
1 Kings 17:8-16 [17-24]
Psalm 146
Galatians 1:11-24
Luke 7:11-17
- June 16 (11th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
1 Kings 21:1-10[11-14] 15-21a
Psalm 5:1-8
Galatians 2:15-21
Luke 7:36-8:3
- June 23 (12th Sunday In Ordinary Time)
1 Kings 19:1-4 [5-7] 8-15a
Psalm 42 and 43
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39
- June 30 (13th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62



TRUSTEE TALK

Over the past month the trustees repaired the mailboxes that were knocked down because of an accident in front of the manse. The library was painted and rearranged. If anyone knows where the missing doors are that were on the bookcase, please contact Karen Boyer. A railing was installed at the back entrance of the church and the recycle rack was modified.

Projects coming up this year include repairing and painting the manse bathroom and silicone coating Old Leacock; the outside also needs painted, but probably will not get done until next year as we also have to repair the fascia at Paradise, and we are working on getting quotes on that. The rotten wood on some window sills needs replaced and covered with vinyl at Paradise.

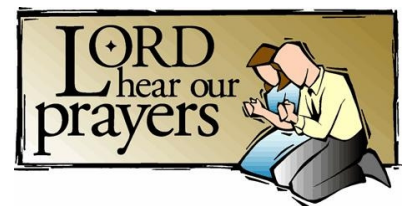
We hope to be able to do a painting project each month in an effort to help spruce up the church.

Also we will be starting a project of housecleaning. There are a lot

of items at church that we have no idea what they are and a suggestion at last night's session/trustee meeting was that we display the items. This way we can find out what they are and if we should keep them, donate them or if they belong to a member. We will keep you posted as to where the items will be displayed.

Thank You,
Leacock Trustees

REMEMBER
THE NEXT
NEWSLETTER
WILL BE
JULY & AUGUST



PRAYER FAMILIES

- June 2 Thurman Petit de Mange
June 9 Keo & Khamtanh Phongxaysanith
June 16 Carl Plomchok
June 23 Bonnie Rice
June 30 Dale & Mary Ellen Rice



**GOD'S AMAZING KIDS
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 23-27
5:30 - 8:00PM**

The countdown to VBS has begun! This year our lesson theme is God's Amazing Son with stories from Jesus's birth to His calling of the Disciples to His miracles and teachings.

Classes will be available for all children from ages three through having completed grade six. As we have for the past several years, we will serve the children a simple meal beginning at 5:30 in Fellowship Hall. Crafts, Bible stories, games, music and a new time slot featuring rhythm instruments and sacred dance will fill the evening.

On Thursday evening, we are inviting parents to come and see what their children have learned and then share in ice cream. The week promises to be AMAZING.

If you are able to help, contact Marie Brackbill, Jenny Keenan, Lois Eshleman, or Dianne Yuninger. We will also be asking for food donations with a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

**JUNE 2013
MISSION COMMITTEE**

In 2011 because of the need in our community, the Mission Committee decided to serve the community meal every month. We have served on average 55 guests. In April we set a record at 80. This doesn't count our average help of about 20. We couldn't do it without them -- THANKS!

June's meal will be a picnic, inside. We will have hot dogs and hamburgers, French fries, chips, pretzels, cold salads -- potato, macaroni, and cold drinks. Mike and Gloria Schatzmann will cook the burgers, hot dogs, and fries for us, so please give them a special THANKS when you see them.

We really love all the help we get; it makes serving the meal so much fun. This month's meal will also be in conjunction with VBS so maybe we will set another record. Come help.

We have not met as a committee since the Pentecost Offering was collected and, as always, 40% of that offering will stay here in our church. The committee will make a suggestion to the Session for approval on where we would like to see the money appropriated. We usually split it for two good causes.

The Carla Tennant project is well under way with Impact Ministries as general contractor for the project. Volunteers can contribute time on weekends or whenever you can to help work on this project. Please contact kendra@thefactoryministries.com if you can help in anyway.

As I reported back in February, we have taken on a new task of reaching out to a local neighbor who needs assistance. She lives just a stone throw from our church, along the highway. Leacock has joined in the assistance with Bible Fellowship, Grace Point, The Factory Youth Ministries, Impact Ministries, and Paradise Township to try to improve her living conditions. Please help in anyway you can. This may be with labor, in clean up, painting, carpenter work, plumbing, electrical, etc. If you would like to help, **please contact Kendra at the above link**. She is the coordinator for the project.

Blessings,
Mission Committee



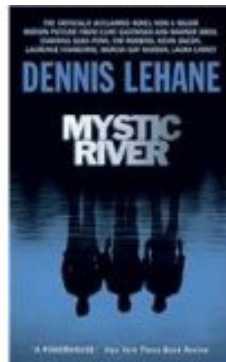
a QUICK RECAP

MAY SESSION SNIPPETS

The Session worked long and hard at their May meeting, hearing about the Acts 16:5 initiative from Nan Best, Presbytery Associate for Healthy Congregations, meeting with the Trustees, and finally conducting their business. The following are highlights from the meeting:

- Summer Hymn Sing offerings will be given to the Benevolence Fund for mission distribution
- The quorum for a Session meeting changed from four to six
- Notes from the Thoughts and Suggestions Box were read and given to the appropriate committee for consideration
- Adopted a Pastor's Continuing Education Policy
- Approved Rev. Birch's accompanying the Youth Group on their June 28 - 30 retreat
- Designated two parking spaces for visitors, to be coordinated with the Trustees

- Changed the Church Secretary's job description to include writing notes to visitors
- Approved Karen Czapl as substitute secretary
- Approved May 26 baptism of Emily Michelle Lang

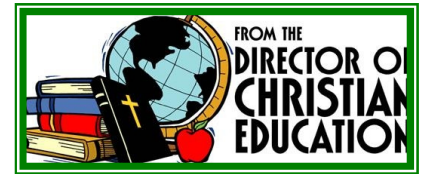


The next book club meeting will take place on Sunday, June 2 at 5:00pm. The book *Mystic River* by Dennis Lehane will be discussed.

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

An apology is the superglue of life. It can repair just about anything.

- Lynn Johnston



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The CE Committee, after much prayer and deliberation, has decided to have a summer hiatus for Sunday School. The adult class will finish their study of World Religions at the end of June and will then begin again September 15, the Sunday after Old Leacock Day. Plans for September through May 2014 are being formulated to include three quarterly offerings: Current Events and the Christian Faith, Films of Faith, and Care of God's Creation.

Our children will begin classes on September 15 as well with a focus on the We Believe curriculum for ages three through fifth grade. Classes are also planned for sixth through eighth grades and high school.

After many faithful years coordinating God's Place for Boys and Girls, Lois Eshleman has decided to "retire." The committee joins all parents of children who benefitted so much from her love and dedication in thanking her for her service. We are looking for a replacement team to coordinate this children's ministry. Anyone who is interested is asked to contact Dianne Yuninger, CE chairperson.

CHURCH BALL SCHEDULE			
Date	Time	Field	Opponent
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		



COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

We hope you had a chance to check out the Narthex bulletin board highlighting the work of The Factory Ministries and how Leacock is involved in that ministry.

We just completed another school year of providing meals once a month for 60-80 teens and staff, and we want to thank all those who provided dessert and/or helped serve the meals this year: Marie Brackbill, David Homsher, Sue Funk, Betty Hamilton, Dick Miller, Keo Phongxaysanith, Rich and Marie Glass, Mary High, Betty Sowers, Janet and David Birch, Charlene Boas, Michele McLaughlin, and Dave Berkhimer -- once he got there. If you did not get to help this year, watch for our new sign-up sheet in the fall, as we always need more help.

We hope you found the new coffee set-up in the Narthex to be more convenient. We will be resuming that program in the fall and are really in need of people to pitch in and provide modest refreshments and prepare the coffee.

Also looking ahead to fall, mark your calendars for Old Leacock Day, which -- along with beautiful weather -- is scheduled for September 8, one service at 9:30 with the traditional picnic to follow.

Sharon Williams and Karen Homsher, CO/CL Committee

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

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

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

Sunday, September 8
Old Leacock Day
9:30 Worship
Picnic

December 1
Advent Family Night
5:30pm

STEWARDSHIP REPORT - FINANCIAL UPDATE APRIL 2013

	<i>Offering April</i>		<i>Expenses April</i>	
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Monthly Total	\$15,850	\$24,447	\$20,820	\$17,150
Year-to-Date	\$62,474	\$70,533	\$69,943	\$68,716

Budget Tracking Through April

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Total Annual Budget	\$251,276	\$247,355
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$69,943	\$68,716
% of Budget Spent	28.0%	28.0%

Expenses through April are higher than our income from offering, continuing the trend from the first three months of the year. April of 2012 was a strong month for offering; it would be a wonderful thing if we see a strong May and June this year to get us back on track!

Important to note the percent of budget spent is in line with 2012, and is lower than what could be expected (33%) after 4 months, but we still need to make up a lot of ground!

The lower offering unfortunately also affects our contributions to benevolence. At the end of April \$4,179 was transferred to our benevolence account to be used by our Mission Committee to help others locally, nationally and internationally.

Because offering is lower, the amount transferred for benevolence use is also lower than anticipated. To meet the Mission Committee's plan, we would like to see over \$5,000 each month!

Thank you to all who give generously of their time, talents and monetarily to allow our church to do the work of Jesus Christ.

The Stewardship Committee.








Just for KIDS

Bugs in the Bible



Whether at a picnic, on the beach or playing outdoors, it seems like we're always joined by uninvited guests – bugs!
 Bugs and other little creatures are mentioned in the Bible. 

*Fill in the blanks with the little creatures mentioned in each verse.
 Circle them in the puzzle below.*

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| Proverbs 6:6 _____ | Exodus 16:20 _____ |
| Psalms 78:45 _____ | 1 Sam. 24:14 _____ |
| Matt. 23:24 _____ | Isaiah 50:9 _____ |
| Judges 14:8 _____ | Isaiah 59:5 _____ |
| Acts 12:23 _____ | Leviticus 11:22 _____ |
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| Deuteronomy 7:20 _____ | |
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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 JUNE 2013

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Wed, June 5	White Horse Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Thurs, June 6	Yoder's Market	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Tues, June 18	Bareville Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Wed, June 19	Kinzer Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Thurs, June 20	Intercourse Fire Company	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.

The Thursday morning women's Bible study will meet on June 13, 9:30am at the home of Arlene Brackbill.



FLOWERS

You may purchase flowers for the sanctuary on Sundays June 9 and June 30 in honor of or in memory of someone or a special occasion. Call the church office at 687-6619.



**NURSERY
JUNE & JULY 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!

June 2	10:30	Carol Shearer & Fran Sattazahn
June 9	10:30	Marie & Rich Glass
June 16	10:30	Skip & Marie Brackbill
June 23	10:30	Steve & Forrest Boas
June 30	10:30	David & Carol Berkhimer
July 7	10:30	Donald Fieldsa & Christy Taub
July 14	10:30	Alba & Harrison Ruhl
July 21	10:30	Michele & Lea Lichty
July 28	10:30	Sean & Maureen Carney



ANSWER: ant, flies, gnat, bees, worms, locust, grasshopper, hornet, maggots, flea, moths, spider, katydid, cricket

**USHERS
JUNE & JULY 2013**

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

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

JUNE

Tracy Dippner
Ellen Barnes
Tom Burkins
Vicki Burkins

Kathy Ankney
Chuck Ankney
Robert Hershey
Margy Hershey

JULY

Jan Huffman
Janet Huffman
Scott Shenk
Art Myers

Michael Hartman
Rich Glass
Lori Smith
Shirley Smith

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	TRUSTEES		
<u>Mission</u>	Nick Lopez (chair), Arthur Myers	<u>Class of 2013</u>	<u>Class of 2014</u>	<u>Class of 2015</u>
<u>Stewardship</u>	Steve Boas (chair), Matthew McClarigan	Dave Berkheimer	Karen Boyer	Sean Carney
		Bob Hershey	Mike Hartmann	George Shue
		Scott Shenk	Mike McLaughlin	Karen Shue

CLIP AND SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

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for the June Church
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