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Notes from the Manse

*“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

Sometimes, life can be kind of confusing, kind of disorienting, as we seem to race from moments of happiness and hope to other moments that are dark enough to break our hearts. These last few days have felt that way. On Saturday, I led a funeral for G. Marx Fritchey, a 90 year old man who had lived a long life marked by both joy and sorrow. His family, now scattered about this country, came together on a bright summer day to say goodbye to Marx. And then last night, Vacation Bible School began at Leacock. I was a shepherd, Shepherd Bob, trying to tell a rambunctious crowd of kids how it had felt to be tending sheep one cold December night when angels came to announce the birth of a savior. Well, it wasn't always easy telling my story; sometimes the kids seemed more excited about capturing one of my small flock of stuffed sheep or just becoming sheep themselves. But, oh, the night was fun, getting the gang to cry out with joy when I asked if they were God's amazing kids, chanting with the Bible verse we learned together. And then this morning, I read the words above from *Ecclesiastes* at Jack Wettig's funeral. It was a genuine pleasure to get to know Jack. He lived a remarkable life, one in which he felt great pain and did everything he could to spare so many others from similar pain. He will be missed and it was sad to bid him farewell.

So, what now is the season; what now is the time? Is it one of joy and light? Or is it one of shadow and sorrow? *Genesis 1* tells us that the lights God put in the sky would serve as signs to mark the seasons. But sometimes it isn't that easy to tell the signs of the seasons. I remember when I first got glasses. I'm not sure what grade I was in, but I'll never forget how I was struck with wonder when I put the glasses on and looked at the trees. For there the colors of the leaves were suddenly so sharp, so alive; I thought I'd never seen anything so beautiful. It was like I saw fall for the first time. Think of the ways you know the seasons—perhaps for winter, it's the first drifting, heavy flakes of snow; for spring, it might be the first, brave flower poking out of a drift of snow; for summer, maybe it's a field of corn rising up above your head. It isn't always so easy to mark the seasons of human life. There will be times when it feels like our lives are full, that we are in our summer, when out of nowhere will come a cold wind, a storm of winter bringing grief and confusion. For people, the seasons can get so mixed up.

One of the theme songs of VBS this year speaks of the journey being long. Life is a journey; faith is a journey. And on it we will travel, often suddenly, through so many seasons. The VBS song says, “Walk with me, for the journey is long.” This is what we need: to walk with each other, so that we can weather the chill of winter, so that we can share the warmth of summer. What season is it? It is winter, for those who mourn Jack and Marx; it is spring for those happy VBS kids. In *Psalms 31*, the psalmist says to the Lord, “My times are in your hand.” If we give ourselves to the Lord, if we trust in God and walk with each other, the journey will not seem so long. And we will make it through all our winters into the promise of a new spring.

Rev. Robert W. Birch



**SPECIAL STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE
MAY 2013**

	<u>Offering May 2013</u>	<u>Expenses May 2013</u>
Year-to-Date	\$76,249	\$84,354

At our congregational meeting at the end of last year, we met to review and approve a budget for 2013. A budget for \$251,275 was approved, a modest \$4,000 increase over the previous year, but even so it was and is an aggressive budget for our church, given we didn't quite receive enough offering to completely cover the 2012 budget. As is the tradition at Leacock, we develop the budget without having any specific pledges from individuals of the congregation, instead doing it on faith that we will receive enough offering to cover the expenses of running and maintaining the church as well as completing the most important work, helping others in need and spreading the word of Jesus Christ. As you can see from the statistics above, after 5 months of 2013, we are \$8,105 behind in offering compared to expenses, and even more alarming, after 20 weeks of 2013 we are about **\$20,000 behind budgeted offering**. If we were on track to make our planned budget, we would receive \$4,832 every week, but as you can see, we are receiving about \$1,000 per week less than we had hoped to.

None of these offering statistics above take into account giving to our special projects. The Organ Fund, the Manse Roof project, the Narthex flooring project and other building and facilities projects are important but are not part of the budget. Giving to these specific funds has been strong! That is a wonderful thing, and is testimony to our congregations' feeling of responsibility to take care of our church properties and contents. With this giving factored in, we have received \$90,456 through the end of May, only a few thousand dollars off our budget! Thank you to all who generously give to these funds and continue to do so.

All that being said, we are still in need of increased giving to cover our general expenses and our church's mission and outreach efforts. Please prayerfully consider increasing your giving to our general offering as you have risen to give to special funds so Leacock can continue to serve others in need and cover our operating expenses. **THANK YOU.**

Steven Boas, Stewardship Committee.

**JULY 2013
MISSION COMMITTEE**

The Mission Committee has received "thank you" cards from Water Street Ministries, Church World Service, and The Factory Youth Ministries for our continued support towards their ministries.

The Mission Committee has been discussing ways we might support the tornado victims in Oklahoma. We are looking for any information that we might consider other than monetary. If any member of the church hears of a trip planned that is seeking support please let any member of the Mission Committee know. We also plan to see if there are any Presbyterian churches in Oklahoma that need support.

When we find out the How, What, Where and When and make a final decision we will let you know, but we are open to any suggestions.

We have planned our meals for July and August. The meal for July is: ham, green beans, potatoes, pepper cabbage, and apple sauce.

The Meal for August is: Amish Wedding, mashed potatoes, corn on the cob, and fruit salad.

Weis Market in Gap donates the breads and desserts for our meals.

We thank you for your continued support in the Community Meal

Project and give thanks for those blessings.

We have voted to donate the 40% of the Pentecost Offering we get to keep as follows; 20% to the Factory Youth Ministries and 20% to Family Support.

Alba Ruhl is the new coordinator for the CROP Walk with help from Geri Lutz. The CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, October 20. Richard Smith has stepped down from coordinating this event but will help with the advertising and answer any questions about how to proceed.

As Chairperson of the Mission Committee I'm proud to say, with Alba's help, this project will continue the tradition of being organized by Leacock Church, as it has for over 30 years.

Twenty five percent (25%) of what we take in goes to the Paradise Food Bank.

Please help support this event. Alba and Geri will need support with the following:

1. Contacting area churches and groups asking them to participate in the walk (a contact list is available)
2. Registering walkers (2 people are needed on the day of the walk)

3. Driving the route on the day of the walk to check on participants
4. Distributing refreshments to the walkers (water and apples will be provided by the Mission Committee)
5. Collecting the money to be given to the Leacock Benevolence Treasurer

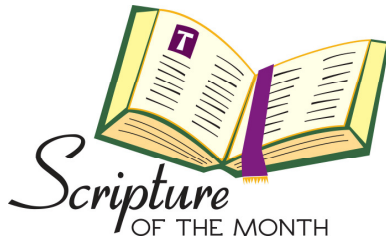
Thank you for your help.

God Bless,
Mission Committee



PRAYER FAMILIES

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| July 7 | Susanna Roland |
| July 14 | H. Michael & Alba Ruhl,
Harrison & Valerie |
| July 21 | Fran Sattazahn |
| July 28 | Michael & Gloria
Schatzmann, Michael, Jr.
& Matthew |



LECTIONARY FOR JULY

- July 7 (14th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30
Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

- July 14 (15th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Amos 7:7-17
Psalm 82
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

- July 21 (16th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Amos 8:1-12
Psalm 52
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

- July 28 (17th Sunday In Ordinary Time)
Hosea 1:2-10
Psalm 85
Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]
Luke 11:1-13

OUR CHURCH KITCHEN

An ad hoc “Kitchen Committee” has been appointed by the session to assess present needs and conditions and to gather information about future needs and possible improvements.

We have begun our work by “cleaning house” and culling any dishes and tools that are in poor condition or unlikely to be used. These will be available in the near future for everyone to look over; they may be “rescued” and returned to service if needed, or they may be taken by members who would like to have them. (A donation will be appreciated.)

If anyone has the expertise to sell any of the items so that we can purchase some new equipment, we would love to hear from you!

We have also reorganized most of the cupboards in an effort to make things easier to use and put away. New labels are coming soon. We appreciate your patience with this work-in-progress and welcome your input on any aspect of church kitchen use.

Sincerely,
Loretta McClarigan, Marie Glass,
and Karen Homsher



TRUSTEE TALK

The repair work is finally complete on the manse and it looks great!

We are still working on getting quotes from several people to do repairs around both Paradise and Old Leacock. Old Leacock exterior will need painted this year; we feel it can’t wait until next year.

After VBS, the fellowship hall floor will be waxed, and we will start to houseclean some areas to try to find out what some items are, who they might belong to and what we should do with them. At that time, we will let you know in the bulletin where the items are located. Other shared areas will be reorganized and labeled to try to make more storage room for everyone.

As summer goes by, look for other things that will be getting spruced up as on-going improvements start to take shape.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Leacock Trustees



CHURCH BALL SCHEDULE			
Date	Time	Field	Opponent
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**

In order to keep our Leacock Congregation healthy and happy, we need our whole membership to fill roles large and small in our church life, and we have designed a short survey to help identify where each of you might be most interested in serving. There will be two opportunities to complete the survey during worship services on July 14th and August 18th, or you may choose to complete the copy in this newsletter and return it to Karen Homsher, Sharon Williams, or the church secretary. We thank you in faith for your thoughtful consideration of how you may best serve God and your church.

We also have an important opportunity to reach out to our larger community through support of **The Factory Auction and Barbecue on July 13**. This is a fun day with lots of good food to buy and lots of great auction items to bid for. Brochures are available in the Narthex and auction items are listed on The Factory’s website.

Don’t forget to save the date—September 8—so you don’t miss our Old Leacock Day worship and picnic: one service at 9:30.

**THE FACTORY MINISTRIES
BENEFIT AUCTION & BARBECUE**

Saturday, July 13, 2013
9am - 2pm

Old Paradise Elementary School
Auction begins at 9am

Chicken and Ribs Barbecue 9am - 2pm
Large Chicken Quarters
Half Rack or Whole Rack Ribs



STEWARDSHIP REPORT - FINANCIAL UPDATE MAY 2013

	<i>Offering May</i>		<i>Expenses May</i>	
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Monthly Total	\$13,775	\$13,563	\$14,411	\$15,963
Year-to-Date	\$76,249	\$84,096	\$84,354	\$84,679

Budget Tracking Through May

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Total Annual Budget	\$251,276	\$247,355
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$84,354	\$84,679
% of Budget Spent	34.0%	34.0%

Expenses through May are higher than our income from offering, continuing the trend from the first four months of the year. The lower offering unfortunately affects our contributions to benevolence. At the end of May \$3,594 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!

In addition to the lower amounts being transferred to benevolence, since we are not meeting our expenses with offering, the difference needs to be made up by funds already in our account, reducing the amount of cash we have in the account.

The Stewardship Committee

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 JULY 2013

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Tues, July 2	Yoder's Market	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Wed, July 3	Bird-in-Hand Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Thurs, August 1	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.



Just for

KIDS

One of a Kind

The scrambled words and phrases below are all found in the Bible. They all have something in common. Find what that is. First, unscramble the words. Next, transfer the circled letters in order to the lines at the bottom of the page.

- 1) eiVn _ _ _
- 2) ilLy fo teh elaVly
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- 3) abLm fo dGo _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
- 4) estMar _ _ _ _ _ _ _
- 5) eJuss _ _ _ _ _
- 6) okRc _ _ _ _
- 7) rdBea fo eiLf _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
- 8) higLt fo hte dorWl
_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
- 9) voaSir _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
- 10) doLr _ _ _ _ _ _
- 11) ishCrt _ _ _ _ _ _ _
- 12) ehSprhed _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
- 13) Teh doWr _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
- 14) rncPie fo cePae
_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

What do all these words have in common?
 “ _ _ _ _ _ , _ _ _ _ _ . ”

Answer on Page 9



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO AT HOME MEMBER

July 16 Charles Danner
 Apartment 113
 Garden Spot Village
 433 S. Kinzer Avenue
 New Holland, PA 17557

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

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

Sunday, October 20
 CROP Walk

December 1
 Advent Family Night
 5:30pm

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**NURSERY
JULY & AUGUST 2013**

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!

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
August 4	10:30	Ruth Anne & Lauren Appel
August 11	10:30	Skip & Marie Brackbill
August 18	10:30	Carol Shearer & Fran Sattazahn
August 25	10:30	Marie & Rich Glass

Names of God's Son.
Shepherd, The Word, Prince of Peace.
Rock, Bread of Life, Light of the World, Savior, Lord, Christ,
ANSWERS: Vine, Lily of the Valley, Lamb of God, Master, Jesus,

**USHERS
JULY & AUGUST 2013**

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

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

JULY

Jan Huffman
Janet Huffman
Scott Shenk
Art Myers

Michael Hartman
Rich Glass
Lori Smith
Shirley Smith

AUGUST

Nick Lopez
Evie Lopez
Eugene Bare
Richard Miller

Darwin Eshleman
Shelly Summers
Sharon Williams
Emily Birch

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.

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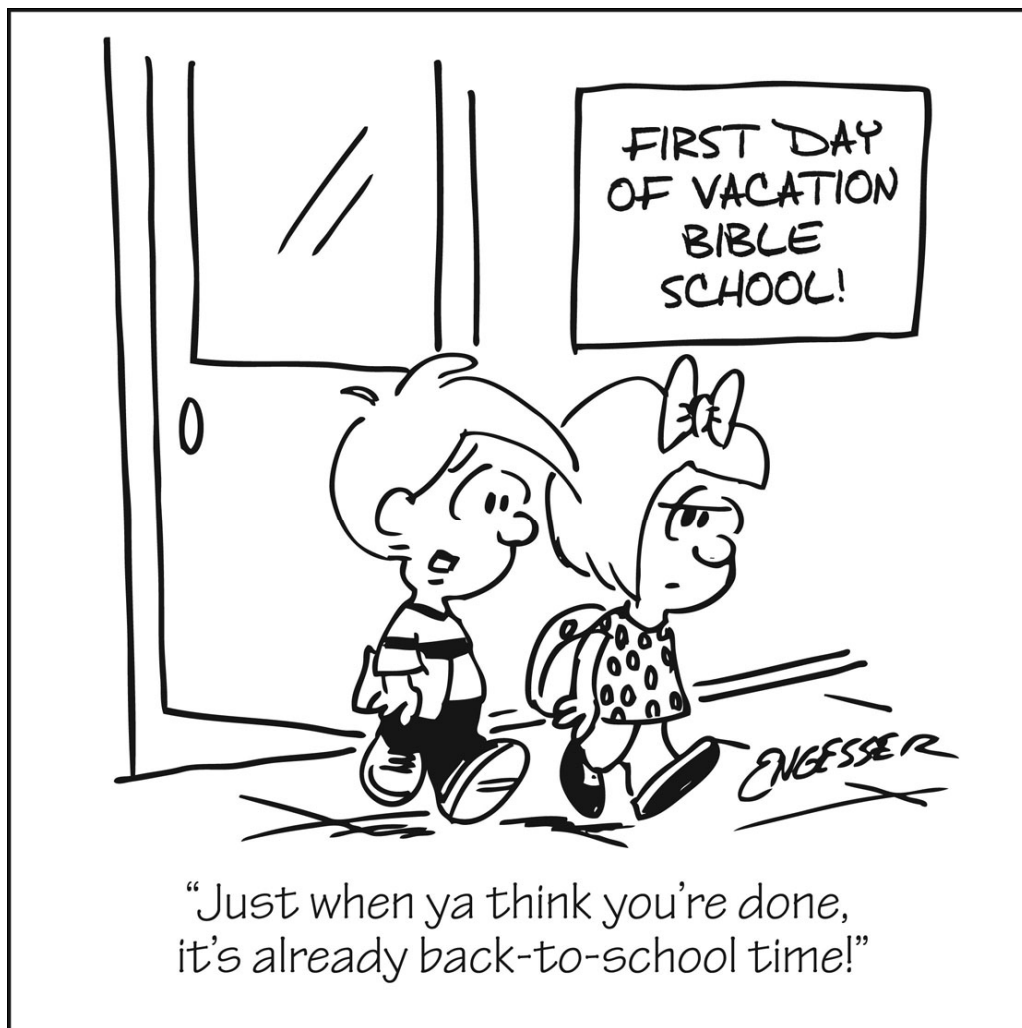
DEACONS

<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 Shelly Summers	Margy Hershey Ralph Shank	Janet Cosby Geri Lutz
<u>Christian Education</u>	Dianne Yuninger (chair), Emily Birch	Jane Witmer	Betty Sowers	Lori Smith
<u>Worship</u>	Christian Brackbill (chair), Deb Sindall			
<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 Scott Shenk	Mike Hartmann Mike McLaughlin	George Shue Karen Shue

TRUSTEES

CLIP AND SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

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