

Reign of Christ/Christ the King

November 24, 2013

*GATHERING*

Prelude: “Rejoice, The Lord Is King”

Jason Payne

Invocation

Announcements and Passing the Peace of Christ

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Let us come with hope before our King,

**People: For he is our shepherd and we are his sheep.**

Leader: Let us come with gratitude before our King,

**People: For in order to save us, he did not save himself.**

Leader: Let us come with joy before our King,

**People: For in him is our peace.**

\*Hymn: #123 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Prayer of Confession (**Unison**)

**Merciful God, when we were lost, you gave us the good shepherd, a shepherd who loves and cares for and calls his sheep by name. Yet we can be a proud people. Instead of following him, too often we follow only the fears and angers and desires of our hearts. And then we become lost again. Humble our hearts, Lord. Help us to hear our shepherd. Help us to become ever more like our King, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri (p. 579)

*PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD*

Anthem: 8:00 a.m. - “Joy to the World”

Haweis/Webbe

Solo – Jenny Keenan

10:30 a.m. – “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

setting J. Clokey

Chancel Choir

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: “Majesty”

setting Douglas Wagner

\*Doxology (p. 592)

First Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 23:1-6 (p. 681); Colossians 1:11-20 (p. 188)

\*Hymn: #150 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Children’s Sermon

Children may leave for God’s Place for Boys and Girls (10:30 a.m. service)

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 23:33-43 (p. 83)

Sermon: **“THE STRANGEST KING”**

*RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD*

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

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

\*Hymn: #40 “Joy to the World!”

\*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: “Coronation” Fanfares

Robert Lau

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 – Ellen Barnes  
10:30 – Mike & Alba Ruhl

**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: Matthew Sowers  
408 Balderston Dr.  
Exton, PA 19341

**TODAY: Communion**

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Services of Worship  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for infants through adults  
7:00 p.m. Youth Group

**TUESDAY:**

9:30 a.m. Presbytery Mtg., First Presbyterian Church of West Chester

**WEDNESDAY:**

7:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service at Old Leacock

**THURSDAY: Happy Thanksgiving**

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Services of Worship  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for infants through adults

IN THE NURSERY: 8:00 – Karen Boyer  
10:30 – Charlene Boas & Linda Erikson

**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

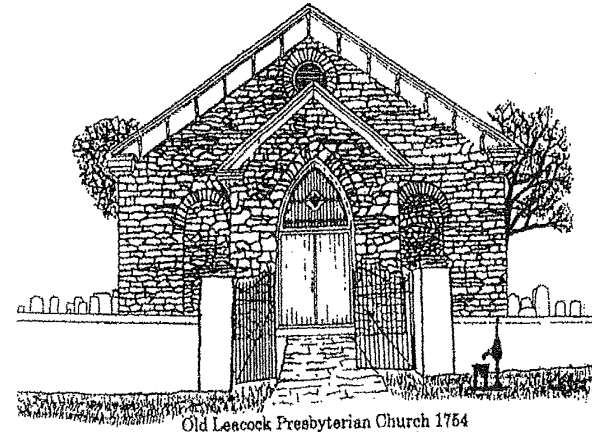
Last week's offering total was \$3,055.00

**Dine Out** - The Church is having another Dine Out to pay for the organ fund expenses. Simply dine at Four Brothers Restaurant on Rt. 30 in Gap during the month of November and show them the card (at the rear of the sanctuary). Ten percent of the bill will be donated to the organ fund. The card can be used for breakfast, lunch or dinner during the month.

**BIRD SEED COOKIES** - Would any friends be willing to bake our "famous" Bird Seed Cookies for the bazaar? I have individual bags that they can be placed in. Just call me for the recipe. Thanks! Loretta (808-7689)

# Leacock Presbyterian Church

*First met in Leacock Township in 1724, recognized by the Synod in  
1740, moved to Paradise in 1840.*



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**Fall Harvest Offering:** From November 10<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> we will hold our annual collection of gift cards for Bridge of Hope. We will also be collecting personal care items that are much needed at the food bank now administered by The Factory. If you wish to contribute to either of these ministries, please take a card from the display in the Narthex and return your item by Nov. 24. Gift cards should be given to Karen Homsher, Jenny Keenan, Robbin Englehart, Emily Birch, or the Welcome Center host.

**Presbyterian Women** is collecting used clothing, *still in nice, clean shape*, for the Lancaster County Council of Churches Clothing Bank. We will be collecting from Sunday Nov 24 thru Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your support.

**CALLING ALL BAKERS** - We need cookies for our bazaar. We put them in tins or plate them for you. All you need to do is the baking. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 dozen - we will take whatever you bake. Cookies needed by Thursday, Dec. 5th. If you make them early and don't have freezer space, call Loretta 808-7689 or Michele in the church office 687-6619.

**The Caring Tree** will be in the Narthex on Dec. 1, and will provide an opportunity for us to share our blessings with area families in need. If you wish to purchase a gift, select a card and be sure to leave the "taken by" portion in the basket provided. Gifts should be of \$25.00 or less and are due no later than Dec. 15. Gifts given through The Factory SHOULD NOT BE WRAPPED.

**Pequea Valley High School** would like to invite the senior citizens to a special concert on Friday, December 13, 2013. The concert is schedule for 11:30 a.m. in the high school auditorium. After the concert a free lunch will be served in the cafeteria. In order to reserve a lunch, we are asking that you call 768-5500 by **Tuesday, December 3**. In the event of inclement weather, please tune in to the local television and radio stations.

**YOUTH GROUP:** We will get together at the Boases' house on Friday evening at 4:00 p.m. for dinner and to bake cakes and make "dirt" for the Advent Family Night bake sale (as well as to celebrate Katherine's birthday). If you need directions, please see Charlene or Emily. Hope you can all make it.

**FAMILY ADVENT NIGHT:** Join us, Sunday Dec. 1 at 5:00 p.m. for fellowship and fun at Family Advent Night. Please bring a covered dish or a salad, but no desserts. The youth group will be holding a bake sale, and you can buy delicious desserts for a mere \$2 to help them raise money for their Help the Homeless Smile project. After dinner, we will gather in the sanctuary to sing favorite Christmas carols, so come prepared to shout out your favorites, and let's all "make a joyful noise unto the Lord".

**DONATIONS:** If anyone would like to donate some goodies for the youth's bake sale, we will happily accept cookies and pies. Please bring them to church Sunday morning Dec. 1st, and leave them in the kitchen. If you have any questions, please call Emily Birch: 687-7734. Also, we are still collecting gently-used sweaters sizes M-XL from now until Christmas to give to the homeless. You can leave them in the youth lounge or in the narthex. Thank you!

**Thank-A-Vet Program Provides Discounts** – The program is organized by Lancaster County Recorder of Deeds Bonnie Bowman, is a new way for the community to express its gratitude and recognize the service and sacrifices made by our veterans. Participating merchants throughout the County provide special discounts on purchases on services when presented with the “Thank A Vet” photo identification card.

This program will provide a free photo ID to Lancaster County veterans who have the DD-214 honorable discharge papers filed on record in the Recorder of Deeds office. For complete details please see flyer in back hallway.

**Christmas cards for at-home members.** I know many of you send cards to our at-home members, but I also know that for them to receive one more card might brighten their day. Please look for the cards in the Narthex for our at-home members and take a minute to sign it and possibly write a brief message.

**Ruby Tuesday** – Organ Fund is having a fundraiser at Ruby Tuesday on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please pick up a flyer and present it to your server, and they will give 20% back to us.

### **It's Treats and Treasures Time**

We have become well known for our Bazaar featuring hand-crafted gifts, our famous peanut butter bonbons, our live wreaths, cemetery sprays and live table centerpieces, canned items, themed baskets, baked items such as cookies and breads, and don't forget the Holiday Café. Here are the dates on our Bazaar countdown, please consider helping celebrate the spirit of the holiday with our church family. Signups will be in the Narthex. Hope you can fit at least one or two of these dates, filled with fun and fellowship, into your schedule. Thank you so much ahead of time.

### **Tuesday - December - 1:00pm to ?** **CANDY WORKSHOP**

Carol Shearer will be in charge of our Candy Workshop in the Kitchen. This year we are making our famous peanut butter bonbons. We will need donations of ingredients, as well as helpers to mix and dip the candy. Please see the ingredient requests in the Narthex (please take note if a certain brand is listed...that is what makes our bonbons so tasty). Again this year, you can order your candy ahead of time, as long as you pay for it. Orders will be held until December 8<sup>th</sup>. Every year, many church friends were unable to get to the Bazaar and we were sold out of bonbons by Sunday....so we are hoping this added feature will help you.... all orders and money are needed by Tuesday, November 16....see or call Loretta (808-7689) to place your orders.

### **Thursday - December 5 1:00 to ?** **TAKE-ALONG-TREATS**

Michele McLaughlin and Loretta McClarigan need lots of help in baking cookies and breads for our Bazaar. Please bring your donations of baked goods to Fellowship Hall by this date, as we will be plating and packaging them on this day. If you can help, let them know, sign-up is in the Narthex, or just call.

### **BASKET BONANZA**

Karen Shue and Lois Snader are in charge of the themed baskets. If you can fill a basket with any theme (Italian Sampler, Nail Salon Goodies, Body & Bath, Newborn Baby Items, School Books or Supplies, the list is endless). Please place your basket donations in Fellowship Hall, Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup>. If you need an empty basket to fill, they will be available in the Narthex, just help yourself.

### **Wednesday, December 4 - 6:00pm to 8:00pm**

#### **GREENS NIGHT**

Come to Fellowship Hall and help us make fresh arrangements. We do have some containers, but would love if you can donate any before this date. Donations of greens, from your yard are always appreciated, but please let us know what you have (call Loretta 808-7689) so we know what we need to order. Oasis and candles will be provided. Even if you do not have any greens, come help, we will have plenty to share. At the end of the evening, you will have an arrangement to take home, if you wish, as well as one to donate to the bazaar. This is a great way to boost your holiday spirit.

### **Monday, December 2 - 4:00pm to 8:00pm** **SET-UP**

Set-up in Fellowship Hall, if you can help, please contact Loretta 808-7689 or Jennifer McElhany 687-0112.

### **Friday, December 6 - 2:00 to 7:00pm** **HOLIDAY CAFÉ**

Betty Sowers, Alba Ruhl and friends will be welcoming your donations of pies, homemade soups, sandwiches, homemade sticky buns, and donuts for the Holiday Café. Please check the clipboard in the Narthex to see the foods they need. Don't forget to come the day of the Bazaar to enjoy breakfast as well as lunch with friends.

### **Saturday - December 1 - 8:00am to 2:00pm** **TREATS & TREASURES BAZAAR**

Many job opportunities exist here. Check the clipboards in the Narthex to see where you can help. We need cashiers, baggers, friends to condense tables as tables empty, friends to help shoppers with questions or just to lend a helping hand. If you are available for just an hour or two or three or the entire time, we can use your help...just bring a smile! Invite any children you know who would enjoy the interactive train set-up in the Narthex.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**