

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2013

***GATHERING***

Prelude: Aria on “Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah” Michael Burkhart  
Invocation

The Lighting of the Advent Candle  
--8:00 service, The Keenan Family  
--10:30 service, The Boas Family

Congregation: Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness. He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.

Call To Worship

Leader: The day of the Lord is coming.  
**People: Let us keep awake; let us be ready for the coming of the Lord.**  
Leader: The day of salvation is near.  
**People: Let us then wake from our broken, mortal sleep.**  
Leader: The day of justice and peace is upon us.  
**People: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!**

\*Hymn: #8 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

Prayer of Confession (**Unison**)

**Dear God, in Jesus, you came to us. In Jesus, you come to us. In Jesus, you make your word known. Yet, we do not hear, Lord. We are too busy in our busy-ness. We are so concerned about being right that we forget to love. We linger in the darkness, when the dawn is breaking. Have mercy, Lord. Forgive us. Awaken us from our sleep. Lead us into the light. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri (tune: refrain from “Angels We Have Heard on High”)  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo;  
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***PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD***

Anthem: 8:00 – “Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us” (P.H. #17) Nicolai/Bach  
Chancel Choir

10:30 – “The Angels Gabriel from Heaven Came” Basque Carol  
Solo – Karen Homsher

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

First Scripture Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5 (p.594); Romans 13:11-14 (p. 152)

\*Hymn: #20 “Watchman, Tell Us of the Night”

Children’s Sermon

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

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 24:36-44 (p. 26)

Sermon: **“SLEEPERS, WAKE”**

***RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD***

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

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Lani Smith

\*Doxology

O glorious God to You we bring  
All that we are as offering  
Spirit of joy, within us dwell;  
Come, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

\*Hymn: #44 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

\*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: “Prepare the Royal Highway”

Robert Hobby

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 – Karen Boyer  
10:30 – Charlene Boas & Linda Erikson

Please take a moment to welcome our new members, Ed and Barbara Johann who have recently moved to the area.

**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Malcolm & June Stannard  
61 Slaymaker Hill Road  
Kinzers, PA 17535-9703

**TODAY: Poinsettia orders due**

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Services of Worship  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for infants through adults  
5:00 p.m. Family Advent Night

**MONDAY:**

7:00 a.m. PW Walk  
7:30 a.m. PW Sunrise Bible Study & Breakfast  
9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministries  
7:00 p.m. Community Outreach/Congregational Life

**TUESDAY:**

7:00 p.m. Christian Education Meeting

**WEDNESDAY:**

7:30 a.m. Centering Prayer  
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY:**

7:00 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

**SATURDAY:**

8:00 a.m. Christmas Bazaar

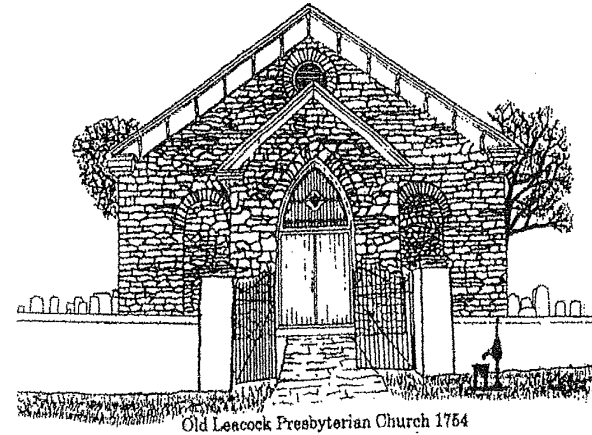
**NEXT SUNDAY:**

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 – Janet Huffman  
10:30 – Lois Snader

# 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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## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Last week's offering total was \$3,555.50

**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 scheduled 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.

**FAMILY ADVENT NIGHT:** Join us, tonight 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."

**Poinsettia orders due today.** Pick up order form in back of sanctuary.

**DONATIONS:** 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!

**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.

**The devastation that hit Illinois** is terrible. We have reached out to a local church there, Washington Presbyterian Church, some of whose members have lost their homes. Things we do not even think about that we have access to every day like toiletries, medication, food, clothing, etc. they no longer have. If you would like to help this community in their time of need, you can do so by purchasing a gift card for CVS, Wal-Mart, Walgreen's, Sears, JCPenney or a prepaid debit Visa card. If you prefer to just give a donation, please let the Mission Committee or office know.

**Christmas in the Woods at Camp Donegal** - Come and celebrate His birth Sunday, December 15, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Witness the Christmas story through a live nativity and caroling in the woods, then gather inside Donegal Hall for an evening of live music. Dinner is available for a small fee. Cookies will be sold by the dozen. Ornaments by Poppy's Woodcrafts will be available for purchase. Bring the whole family to this fun, free event!

Live Nativity Schedule: 5:15, 6:00, 6:45 and 7:30

Special Music Schedule: 5:35, 6:20, 7:05 and 7:50

**New Addresses:** Millie Young, Apartment 120, St. John's Herr Estate, 200 Luther Lane, Columbia, PA 17512, Phone 717 681-9223. Kitty Shumate, Apartment 443 GE, 433 S. Kinzer Avenue, New Holland, PA 17557.