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### **Notes From the Manse**

In many ways, this holiday season we are about to enter has become a pretty crazy time. So-called Black Friday has become almost an unofficial national holiday in its own right. And somehow in the midst of all the sales and canned music, Thanksgiving is almost forgotten or at best given a brief nod in the race to Christmas shopping. This is why, I think, that Advent is so important for those who follow Christ. For it should make us stop in the midst of all the bustle and think about what this season is really all about.

Advent is a time of great joy as we celebrate the coming of the one we call Lord. We, like Mary, can well say, "My spirit rejoices in God my savior." For with the birth of Jesus began the renewal of the world, the rebirth of creation to be once more what God intended it to be. But change is never easy. Remember the reaction of the shepherds when the angel of the Lord appeared to them—they were scared to death. The angel told them not to be afraid, that he brought good news of great joy for all the people. And note how they then responded—they went to see this thing that had taken place. They told the parents of the baby all they had seen and heard, and Mary—her response was to treasure what they had said, to ponder it in her heart. Well, the shepherds and Mary point the way for what we should do in this season of Advent. We should treasure the word we have heard, the good news of the Word made flesh. And we should take the time in our busy lives to think about what it all means, how it should change not only the world, but also our whole lives. We should go, look about us, seek the signs of this thing that has taken place, the light that has come into the world.

In the book of *Zechariah*, we are told not to despise a day of small things. It can be easy sometimes to see only the brokenness of the world. But when we look more closely we will see the signs of a world even now being redeemed; we will see signs of grace. There was a time when I felt lost. I was miserably unhappy working at a business that seemed more concerned about the bottom line than its people. In the last recession, we were doing better than most, but still our parent company demanded layoffs so our profits could prop up other divisions. One day, some friends came to see Emily and me. Their young daughter, Jessica, could barely contain herself, for she had made me a present. Shyly, she held it out to me—it was a bracelet beaded with wonderfully colored stones. It was too big to wear, but, oh, did I cherish that bracelet. It didn't cost a lot; it was one of those small things of which *Zechariah* spoke. But it was a needed light in a shadowed time. I kept that bracelet on my desk; I wouldn't let Emily put it away when she was straightening things. And whenever I was down, I'd pick it up, run my fingers over it, and I'd feel a bit better.

Thank you, Jessica, for your bracelet. For it was a gift of grace, a reminder that there are things stronger than brokenness. And so I invite all of us, to spend this Advent and really always looking for the signs that our King has come. When we see them, let us rejoice; with eagerness, with hope, let us cry out for him to come again and complete the work he's begun.

Rev. Robert W. Birch

## ADVENT music

Although we are entering one of the most joyous and celebratory times of the church year, we must remember that darkness comes before dawn. That is what Advent is about: our waiting expectantly for the coming of the Christ. Much of our December music will reflect this reality of our faith journey.

During the four Sundays of Advent, we will be singing one verse of a Yiddish folk song as the Advent candles are lit by church families. The tune, whose name means “deep in the forest,” underscores the waiting theme of this season, ending with an unfinished feeling, as the promise is still being fulfilled.

Additionally, four of our junior high youth will be accompanying the singing with bells. The words to this hymn were written by Wayne Wold, a contemporary composer:



Is there a  
Christmas

carol you love, but we never  
seem to sing?

Is there a Christmas carol you  
love but want to sing more than  
once a season?

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

*Light two candles to watch for  
Messiah: let the light banish  
darkness. He shall feed the flock  
like a shepherd, gently lead them  
homeward.*

*Light three candles to watch for  
Messiah: let the light banish  
darkness. Lift up your heads and  
lift high the gateway for the King  
of glory.*

*Light four candles to watch for  
Messiah: let the light banish  
darkness. He is coming, tell the  
glad tidings. Let your lights be  
shining.*

For anyone computer savvy enough to explore music, this link should lead you to hearing this haunting tune: <http://www.smallchurchmusic3.com/MP3/MP3-LightOneCandle-Yiddish-PipeLC-128-CAM.mp3>



Do you need a quiet space amid  
the hustle and bustle of the sea-  
son?

Do you crave a time of chatting  
with folks you don't get to see  
enough on Sunday mornings?

Is there a Christmas recipe you  
have always wanted to try but are

Rather than singing the “Gloria Patri” after the Assurance of Pardon, we will sing the refrain of “Angels We Have Heard on High,” praising our God for abundant mercies.

Finally, our Doxology, following the offering, will be the sung to the same tune but use these words:

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

All of this information will appear in each week's bulletin at the appropriate place in the service, so that no one has to worry about what to sing when.

Music speaks to our souls and raises our spirits. It is our hope that the music during Advent will minister to you and fill your hearts with joyous expectation.

Dianne Yuninger  
Music Coordinator

not quite ready to spring on your  
family?

If your answer to any of these questions is yes, join us Sunday evening December 1 at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for our Advent Family Night. We will share a

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*Preparing for the Christmas Season*

**Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals**

		Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]	10:15-21 Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:[1-9] 10-18
Dec 1	(1st Sunday of Advent) Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44	Dec 25	(Christmas Day) <i>Christmas Dawn</i> Isaiah 62:6-12 Psalm 97 Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20 <i>Christmas Day</i> Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98 Hebrews 1:1-4 [5-12] John 1:1-14
Dec 8	(2nd Sunday of Advent) Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12	Dec 29	(1st Sunday after Christmas) Isaiah 63:7-9 Psalm 148 Hebrews 2:10-18 Matthew 2:13-23
Dec 15	(3rd Sunday of Advent) Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46-55 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11	Jan 5	(2nd Sunday after Christmas) Jeremiah 31:7-14 or Sirach 24:1-12 Psalm 147:12-20 or Wisdom of Solomon
Dec 22	(4th Sunday of Advent) Isaiah 7:10-16 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-25	Jan 6	(Epiphany of the Lord) Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12
Dec 24	(Christmas Eve)	Jan 12	(Baptism of the Lord) Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29 Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 3:13-17
		Jan 19	(2nd Sunday after the Epiphany) Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-11 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 John 1:29-42
		Jan 26	(3rd Sunday after the Epiphany) Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 4-9 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23

**More on Advent Family Night**

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covered dish meal, fellowship with each other, and then adjourn to the sanctuary where we will sing **YOUR** carol choices. The finale, of course, will be "Silent Night" with only our beautiful tree lighting the sanctuary.

And the Youth will be providing homemade desserts which you can purchase to aid their Helping the Homeless Project.

Begin your Advent with your church family.



**Mark Your Calendars**

**December 1**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Family Advent Night**

**Bring a Covered Dish or Salad**

**Buy a Dessert from the Youth Bake Sale**



**“Peace on Earth”...“Good Will to All”**

The story of Jesus’ birth is found in Matthew 1:18-2:12 and Luke 2. Fill in the boxes below with words from the verses that fit the definitions. The letters in the darker boxes will spell a phrase that we hear during the Christmas season – and all year!

Baby Jesus’ bed


heavenly messenger

Mary’s husband


it led the wise men

Jesus’ mother

the town of Joseph’s family


a gift from the wise men

the kings; wise men

Mary wrapped Jesus in these


caregiver for sheep

Answer: manger, angel, Joseph, star, Mary, Bethlehem, gold, Magi, cloths, shepherd  
Final answer: Glory to God

**Session Snippets**

At their November meeting elders met with new members who will be publicly received into the Leacock family December 8, set dates for several Special Meetings in the next several weeks to conduct necessary business, and discussed at length several policies which need to be formulated for our Manual of Operations.

The following church positions were ratified:

Church Organist, Choir Director, and Music Coordinator -

Dianne Yuninger

Bell Choir Director

Karen Homsher

Beadle

8:00 a.m. Janet Huffman

10:30 a.m. Ed Margerum

Head Usher

8:00 a.m. to be assigned to

cover each month

10:30 a.m. Ed Margerum

Church Historian

Ralph Homsher

Assistant Church Historian

Skip Brackbill

Decorating Task Force

Karen Shue and

Lois Snader

The first Communion for 2014 was scheduled for January 19.

Mathew McClarigan was appointed to the Endowment Fund.



## December 22, Christmas Sunday -- The Coming of the Light

As has become our tradition, the Sunday before Christmas, **December 22**, will be one service at **9:30 a.m.** so as a church family we can worship together and raise our voices in anticipation and joy.

The choir is preparing three different styled anthems for this service. First is Kurt Bestor's "Prayer of the Children," a haunting reminder of the chaos in this world and the healing help of

Jesus. Next, we will sing Natalie Sleeth's "Comfort Ye," a lyrical setting of Isaiah's prophecy. Finally is Michael Barrett's "African Advent Carol," which should have you clapping and tapping (at least mentally) as we "prepare the way for the King."

And, of course, there will be Christmas carols for all of us to sing together as we celebrate the Coming of the Christ Child.

Yes, the service will last longer than an hour, but what better way to worship this season than being with your church family as we hear God's Word proclaimed and sung.

And, of course, Fellowship Time in the Narthex following worship will be festive.



We will have two candle light ser-

vices December 24.

The 7:00 p.m. service will be a Family Service, featuring some of our children in a retelling of the Christmas story. The bell choir

## Christmas Eve Services

will play and, of course, we will end with our "Silent Night" candle lighting.

The 11:00 p.m. service at Old Leacock will be our traditional Lessons and Carols with Stephan Englehart singing "O Holy Night."

What better way to usher in Christmas, celebrating the birth of

our Lord and Savior, than worshipping together.



Candlelight Service

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 DECEMBER 2013

Date	Place	Time
Tues, Dec 3	Bareville Fire Company	2:00am to 7:00pm
Wed, Dec 11	Kinzer Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Wed, Dec 18	Mellinger's Mennonite Church	3:00pm to 8:00pm

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.

## Trustee Talk

Have a  
**Very Merry Christmas**  
 and a  
**Happy and Healthy**  
**New Year!**  
**Leacock Trustees**

## Congregational Life/Community Outreach



Thanks to all of you who gave so generously to our Harvest Offering for The Factory Food

Bank and Bridge of Hope. Both organizations greatly appreciate our support.

We are wrapping up the year with our traditional activities.

December 1 through 15 is the opportunity to reach out to our community through the Caring Tree in the Narthex. Choose a card or cards from the tree, if you wish, and follow the instructions. Again this year gifts

given through The Factory do not get wrapped. They should be left in their shopping bags with the yellow tag attached for sorting. **Please remember to leave the small tag that tells us by whom the card was taken.** If you prefer to give a donation toward a gift, see Karen Homsher or Jenny Keenan.

December 15 is our annual

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## Leacock Book and Movie Group



The book and movie discussion club met on Sunday, November 17 to discuss Stephen King's *11/22/63* (and for pizza, kindly supplied by Tom and Vicki Burkins and dessert kindly supplied by Esta Fisher).

We had a wonderful, deep conversation that explored

everything from the usual "Where were you when Kennedy was shot?" to questions of good and evil. I really encourage anyone who can to attend our meetings, whether you've read the book or not, because we have great discussions.

On Sunday, January 19 at 5:00 p.m., we will have a potluck dinner and watch the movie *JFK*, as a follow-up to the book. Please join us either for the dinner or the movie or both.

Emily Birch  
Book and Movie Group  
Coordinator

## Flowers for Church

You may purchase flowers for the sanctuary on Sundays, December 1 or December 22 in honor of or in memory of someone or a special occasion.

Call the church office at 687-6619 for more information.



## Address Changes



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Kitty Shumate  
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New Holland, PA 17557

## more Congregational Life/Community Outreach

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Christmas Caroling event. There will be a light lunch served before the groups go out to visit our "at-home" members and friends. See the bulletin for details.

We want to end with a big note of appreciation for our lay committee members who were such a great help throughout the year: Jane Witmer, June

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Stannard, Linda Erikson, Lauren Appel, Emily Birch, Charlene Boas, and Robbin Englehart.

Sharon Williams and Karen Homsher, Co-Chairs

Ruth Doutrich, Jenny Keenan, Elders



### Pray For

Dec 1 Malcolm & June Stannard  
 Dec 8 Virginia Stauffer  
 Dec 15 Grace Stirba  
 Dec 22 Lee Summers, Jr. & Samantha Kurtz, Gabrielle, Miciah, Colby, Katelyn

Dec 29 Shelly Summers, Stephanie Sweigart, Camren  
 Jan 5 Betty Taylor  
 Jan 12 Diep Ngoc & Anh Tran  
 Jan 19 Ruth Usner  
 Jan 26 Mary Weaver

## Happy Birthday!



January 9

Bill Berkhimer  
 1614 Bentley Ridge Blvd.  
 Lancaster, PA 17602



During the season of Advent, we are going to tweak the order of worship.

Five minutes before the hour of worship (7:55am & 10:25am), we will gather for morning an-

## Order of Worship Changes for Advent

nouncements. At the conclusion of the announcements, we will turn our thoughts and spirits to the morning worship.

The prelude will guide us, followed by the invocation, call to worship, and opening hymn.

The Session is asking for feed-

back concerning these changes. You may contact any Session member, Worship Committee member, or the pastor with your responses. You may also use the Thoughts and Ideas Box in the Narthex.

Skip Brackbill



Thank you,  
thank you,  
thank you to  
all those who  
wore wacky  
sweaters on  
Wacky

Sweater Sunday and who  
donated to the youth effort to  
raise money so we can buy food  
to feed the homeless.

We raised \$136 that day. We  
are still busy raising money and



The end of the year is fast ap-  
proaching along with two tradi-  
tional offerings: The Christmas  
Joy offering and the Blanket Of-  
fering. Please check the pews for  
these special offering envelopes.

The Mission Committee will again  
be serving a community meal  
every month in 2014: January 30,

## Mission (cont)

helped me. Boy it's been fun, and I  
couldn't have done any without  
the support of a great committee:  
Betty Sowers, Art Myers, Geri  
Lutz, Michele McLaughlin, Alba  
Ruhl, and Rich and Marie Glass.

THANK YOU!

God Bless

Nick, Lopez, Mission Committee

## Sweaters, Sweaters, Sweaters Part II

collecting sweaters, so we can  
take our trip into Philadelphia  
this winter to give food and  
sweaters to the homeless.

If you have any gently-used  
sweaters, size M-XL that you'd  
like to donate, please bring them  
to the youth lounge or leave  
them in the boxes we have set  
up in the Narthex. We'll be  
collecting these sweaters  
through Christmas, so please go  
through your closets, and see if

you have anything you want to  
donate.

We are also selling baked goods  
at Family Advent Night on  
Sunday, December 1. For a  
mere \$2.00 you can get a  
delicious dessert made by the  
Leacock Youth, so please join us  
for that as well.

Emily Birch and Charlene Boas  
Youth Group Leaders

## Mission Committee

February 27, March 27, April 24,  
May 29, June 26, July 31, August  
28, September 25, October 30,  
November 13, and December 18.

For two months in a row there  
were over 90 guests, not includ-  
ing the 25-30 who so unselfishly  
helped. God Bless You.

Sheets will be in the Narthex two

weeks before each meal for you  
signup to help with cooking,  
setup, serving, and cleanup. We  
your help, as in the past, our  
meals will be a blessing to those  
in need.

Art Myers will be the Mission  
Chairperson in 2014 and will  
need your help as you have

## Thanks Organ Fund Committee

Dear Organ Fund Committee,  
This is to all current and prior  
Organ Fund Committee members  
and anyone involved in raising or-  
gan fund monies. Thanks for an  
exceptional job well done! You  
took on the daunting task of rais-  
ing over \$80,000 to pay for our  
organ's needs and almost made it

seem easy bringing in the needed  
money way earlier than anyone  
expected. Your creative ways of  
raising money showed your re-  
sourcefulness and dedication. You  
have been an inspiration to us and  
your efforts are greatly appreci-  
ated.

Sincerely,

Thankful Church Members





## Stewardship Report - Financial Update October 2013

	<i>Offering October</i>		<i>Expenses October</i>	
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Monthly Total	\$15,206	\$14,722	\$17,488	\$22,018
Year-to-Date	\$156,570	\$158,690	\$176,652	\$169,897

### *Budget Tracking Through September*

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Total Annual Budget	\$251,276	\$247,355
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$176,652	\$169,897
% of Budget Spent	70.0%	69.0%

We ended October with our total year to date offering **\$20,082 LESS THAN** our year to date expenses for 2013. In addition to the offering that goes toward our expenses, an additional \$3,442 was given during October toward special funds, such as the Organ Fund and the Building and Facilities Fund. As we go through the last two months of the year, please consider any additional help you could provide, so we can better support our ministry toward others and our budget in general.

During our congregational meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup> we all approved a 2014 budget amount of \$226,889, compared to the 2013 budget of \$251,276. This is a significant reduction and represents an effort to bring our budget into alignment with actual giving from the last two years. Even with this reduction, we will be challenged in 2014 to meet our budget if giving stays at the same levels as during 2013/2012.

A question was raised at the congregational meeting regarding the Organ Fund. Since we are nearing the end of the fund raising effort, the question was asked as to whether we have the funds in the checking account to repay the \$30,000 in loans put into the fund and used to help pay for the organ repairs. The answer is YES, we have the money to pay back the loans but no, it doesn't reside in the checking account. Our Session decided that if the way be clear, we will pay back the loans at the end of this year. The decision as to whether the way is clear or not, will be made by the Session in December. The reason the entire amount of the Organ Fund is not in the checking account is because of the deficit we are running between actual expenses and income from offerings. Offering has been below expenses each month for the entire year of 2013 (as shown in the newsletter reports), and in order to pay bills, the money in the checking account was used. There were two obvious alternatives to our use of the money in the checking account: One is to not pay bills and preserve the amount in the checking account for the fund, which is not a good alternative. The other way is to draw from the endowment funds. It would have been necessary to draw each month from the endowment to cover the difference between income and expenditure, which would have been difficult and time consuming, and would have removed money from the endowment fund at a time when the stock market was doing well. When the Session pays back the loans, the money will come from the endowment, at one time, versus being drawn monthly over the entire year to cover expenses. EVERY penny given for the Organ fund was indeed used to make the Organ repair possible.

The Stewardship Committee.

## ORGAN FUND FINAL REPORT

The first donation to the Organ Fund to pay for the organ rebuilding project of Leacock Presbyterian Church was made on May 15, 2011. This gift of \$40 was the first step towards reaching a goal of \$83,000. On October 13, 2013, a mere two years and five months later, our goal was faithfully met.

The church had its first (of many) Dine-Out Nite at Rita's in Gap in August, 2011. Other restaurants graciously donating a portion of their receipts to the Fund included: Isaac's, Squireside Cafe, Texas Road House, Four Brothers, Friendly's, Bird-in-Hand and Bob Evan's.

In September of 2011, the Organ Fund Committee, under the chairmanship of Jan Huffman, launched the Pic-A-Pipe program. This program, in which persons could symbolically purchase an organ pipe, garnished a total of \$34,375 for the Fund.

In October of 2011, the church held its first yard and bake sale bringing in over \$1,800. This was followed by the local Amish community hosting a volleyball tournament in November, which brought in over \$1,000 to benefit the Fund.

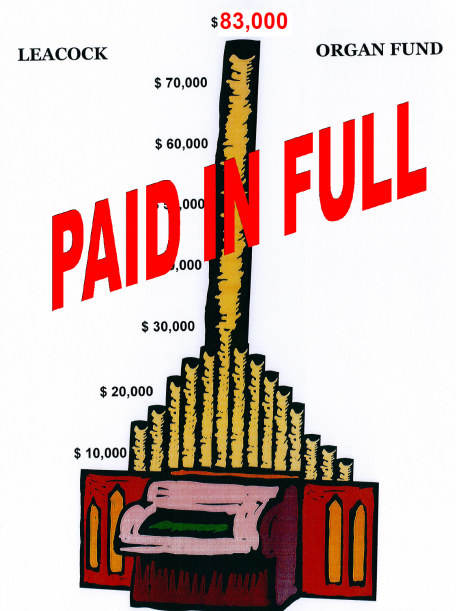
Efforts continued during the winter and spring of 2012. Loose change was collected quarterly in a jar located in the Narthex, adding several hundred dollars to the Fund. In June of 2012, a \$30,000 loan program was instituted to pay the balance of the organ rebuilding.

During the Summer of 2012, the Leacock Crafters diligently made and sold their crafts, as well as baked goods, weekly at the Paradise Flea Market. Their efforts continued in 2013, resulting in several thousand additional dollars for the Fund.

On September 16, 2012, a dedication service and concert was held to celebrate the rebuilt organ, rich in its new-found quality and tone. Beth Denlinger-Hunter provided a program of beautiful music. An offering taken brought in another \$1,000.

The Lebanon Valley College Choir gave another concert in March of 2013 and donated the free-will offering of over \$700 to the Fund. Fund raising activities continued throughout 2013 and included selling Salad Works cards and holding additional bake sales, flea markets and a church corn roast in August.

Praise Be to God for this successful organ project and fund campaign. We are indeed indebted to every member of our church and community who worked and gave of their time and money to this mission.



The Organ Fund Committee  
10-23-13

## REMEMBER THE AT-HOME MEMBERS AT CHRISTMAS

Jean Beane  
c/o Kirk Beane  
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Brethren Village  
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Betty Taylor  
Fall Crest 117  
433 S. Kinzer Avenue  
New Holland, PA 17557



### Gratitude Corner

**(A Thank You to Those Who Go Above and Beyond the Call of Duty to Care for  
Their Minister and His Wife)**

Quick, raise your hand if you remember the day Bob was ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament into the PCUSA. And raise it again if you remember the day he was installed as your pastor here at Leacock. Hmm, I don't see too many hands up out there (not even Bob's and mine). The former is a bit easier for me to remember (although I often still forget it) because it happens to fall on Bob's and my anniversary, but I'd never remember the latter if it weren't for a kind member of our congregation who never forgets.

Every year, she sends a card for each of those occasions (and also our anniversary), so this month's gratitude goes to:

Janet Huffman. Thank you so much for reminding us, through your lovely and thoughtful cards, of two great blessings in our lives when we're likely to forget them.

God Bless  
Emily Birch



Dear Leacock Church Family,

I am so grateful for the love and support given to Dale and I during the past months and years and with his passing. We were very appreciative of the many visits and prayers from Rev. Birch and Emily.

Thanks for the many cards and a special thanks to Betty Sowers and Janet Cosby for the visit and delivery of the beautiful prayer shawls for me and the

## Notes Received

family.

Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Mary Ellen Rice &  
Family

Thank You,

To all thank you for the delicious dinner for the 50 and over members at Leacock.

To everyone who prepared and served and took time for us, we thank you.

We also loved the young singer and the plant so very much.

Love in Jesus  
Don & Bea Andrews



## A Special Thank You

Dear Don Andrews,

Thank you so much for your many years of dedication serving as 8 AM Head Usher. This is and has been a big commitment on your part and you handled it conscientiously and even heroically. We truly appreciate it. We understand and respect your request to step down starting in 2014, but we will miss your devotion and enthusiasm filling this position. We also are very thankful for your offer to help out whenever needed going forward.

Thanks Don for your many years of service as 8 AM Head Usher,  
The Worship Committee



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, phone calls, and concerns. Leacock is a very warm and caring church.

Evie Lopez

## More Notes Received

I just got home from enjoying the wonderful turkey dinner that the members of your church so graciously served. I am in my mid-sixties and have been divorced and alone for quite some time. Every now and again I hit a rough patch of need and really struggle financially. This is one of those times. I've been surviving on bread, peanut butter, eggs, milk, apples and a bit of cheese and orange juice these past few

weeks. I'm very grateful for these things, but a little weary of the limited diet. It was so very grand to sit at a table with others and enjoy a hot meal! It truly lifted my spirits. Thank you for being Jesus' hands. Thank you for helping to meet the needs of each of us there tonight.

In deepest gratitude.

(A Thankful Person)





## Kitchen Renovation

Leacock Friends,

By now you have ventured downstairs and noticed the changes in the kitchen. The updates will be complete by Christmas.

If you wish to personally thank any of the companies/people who helped make the changes, here are the companies that were involved:

- ☺ C. Ray Rathman Trimworks (36 Washington Street, Strasburg, PA 17579) - Ray made all the new counter tops, measured for the cutouts for the two sinks, fixed drawers so they slide more easily, added new backsplash material around the kitchen, made two new shelves - one for the microwave and one for supplies, extended the front counter for more serving space, and made the beautiful new doors that can close off the kitchen when needed.
- ☺ J. G. Graybill Plumbing, Inc. (59 Poplar Street, Gordonville, PA 17529) - Jason and his crew installed the two 10-inch deep, double stainless sinks with high faucets and sprayers that will come in very handy for kitchen usage. They also added a feature that will allow the dehumidifier to sit on the floor and empty automatically without someone needing to empty the bucket.
- ☺ Dwayne Smucker (10 Ocola Drive, Paradise, PA 17562) - Dwayne painted the ceiling, windows, door, walls, folding doors and decorative front counter.
- ☺ Heritage Floors, Inc. (60 N. Ronks Road, Suite H, Ronks, PA 17572) - Their crew will be putting in the Congoleum flooring.
- ☺ Kevin J. McClarigan CPA - Kevin donated the paint that was used throughout the kitchen.
- ☺ Presbyterian Women were able to pay for all the work that was done using money put aside for this big improvement.
- ☺ There were many Leacock friends who cleaned, cleared out, moved, lifted, and scrubbed all to make our kitchen a beautiful place to work.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO WAS INVOLVED!**

We plan to continue to improve the kitchen in the future with renovations and additions (for example, possibly a commercial refrigerator/freezer). If you have any ideas, let me know.

Loretta McClarigan

**USHERS - DECEMBER 2013 & JANUARY 2014****Donald Andrews, Head Usher****Ed Margerum, Head Usher****8:00 Service, (687-7878)****10:30 Service, (442-4027)**DECEMBER

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 Richard Miller  
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 Robert Brackbill  
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 Jennifer McElhany

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Carol Berkhimer  
 David Berkhimer  
 Alba Ruhl  
 Michael Ruhl

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!

**NURSERY - DECEMBER 2013 & JANUARY 2014**

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!

Dec 1	8:00	Karen Boyer
	10:30	Charlene Boas & Linda Erikson
Dec 8	8:00	Janet Huffman
	10:30	Lois Snader
Dec 15	8:00	Taryn Shenk
	10:30	Michele & Lea Lichty
Dec 22	9:30	Tom & Vicki Burkins
Dec 29	8:00	Deb Sindall
	10:30	Sean & Maureen Carney
Jan 5	8:00	Cathy Shenk
	10:30	Lauren & Ruth Anne Appel
Jan 12	8:00	Skip Brackbill
	10:30	Mike Hartman
Jan 19	8:00	Loretta McClarigan
	10:30	Bob & Margy Hershey
Jan 26	8:00	Sue Funk
	10:30	Alba & Valerie Ruhl

**WELCOME CENTER GREETERS**DECEMBER

8:00 a.m.  
 10:30 a.m.

Dick Miller  
 Fran Sattazahan



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