

4th Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2013

GATHERING

Prelude: "Greensleeves"

Richard Purvis

Invocation

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

--9:30 service, The Fieldsa Family

Congregation:

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

Lifting up of Joys and Concerns

Children's Sermon

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: "Offertory on 'O Little Town of Bethlehem'" David Cherwien

*Doxology

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

Receiving the Kingdom: An Advent Meditation in Word and Song

The Prayer of the Children

Scripture (Job 29:2-5; Jeremiah 31:15; Matthew 2:1-8, 13-18)

Anthem "Prayer of the Children" Bestor/arr. by Klouse
--Chancel Choir

Reflection—The Reality of the Darkness

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of grace, we are your children and you love each of us. Yet we forget this. We forget that all of us are your children, that we are all loved. For we do not love all our sisters and brothers. Too often, we are like Herod, driven by fears and anger. And when we hurt another, we hurt a child. Then, like Rachel, you weep for your children. Lord, have mercy. Forgive us; change us; help us to grow in love. Christ, have mercy. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri (tune: refrain from "Angels We Have Heard on High")

Gloria, in excelsis Deo;

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Hymn: #25 "Away in a Manger"

Comfort My People

Scripture (Psalm 130; Isaiah 40:1,2,6,7; 2 Peter 1:12-19)

Anthem "Comfort Ye" Sleeth --Chancel Choir

Reflection—The Comfort of the Dawn

Prayers of the People, with "While We Are Waiting, Come" Cloninger/Cason
Chancel Choir

Hymn: #56 "The First Nowell"

Getting Ready for the King

Scripture (Isaiah 11:6-9; Isaiah 58:9-11; John 1:1-5)

Anthem "African Advent Carol" Barrett --Chancel Choir

Reflection—The Truth of the Light

Prayers of the People

Hymn #31 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "Fanfare on 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing'"

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.

9:30 a.m. Edwin Margerum

The Poinsettia is in Loving Memory of
James Weaver
Given by Mary Weaver

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Lee Summers, Jr. & Samantha Kurtz
Gabrielle, Miciah, Colby, Katelyn
664 Lilac Dr.
New Providence, PA 17560-9688

TODAY:

9:30 a.m. Service of Worship (Nursery – Tom & Vicki Burkins)

TUESDAY:

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service at Paradise

11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service at Old Leacock

WEDNESDAY: MERRY CHRISTMAS

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 – Deb Sindall

10:30 – Sean & Maureen Carney

7:00 p.m. Youth Group

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

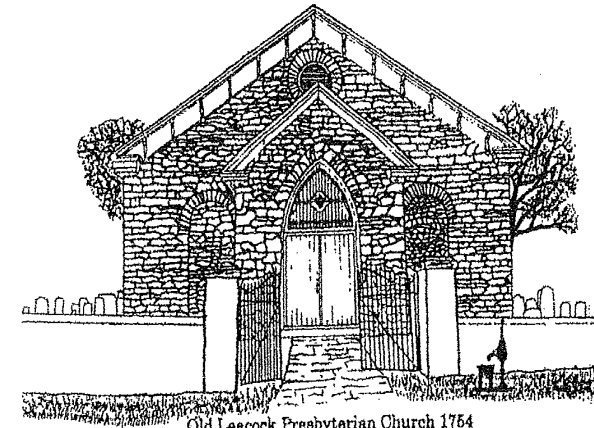
Last week's offering total was \$1,410.00

The Leacock Presbyterian Women will be holding our annual meeting on Monday, January 20 at 7:15. On our agenda is an update of the kitchen renovation, the outcome of the bazaar, and any plans we need to make for the year 2014. All women of the church are invited; we will be meeting in Fellowship Hall. Alternate weather date: January 27. Any questions: contact Marie Brackbill.

The Session, in an effort to care for the health and safety of our members, has adopted the following severe weather policy: In case of severe weather, the 8:00 a.m. service of worship and Sunday School will be cancelled. There will be a 10:30 service, if at all possible; however, please do not attempt to come if you do not feel it's safe. Such a decision will be made by 5:30 a.m. by the pastor and communicated through the church website, phone answering machine message, and media outlets.

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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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS – 2013

GIVEN BY:

Lonnie & Danielle
Kyle & Jayde
Eugene & Betty Sowers

The Huffman Kids
Children of Lee Brown
Robbin & Dean Englehart Jr.
Dianne & Harold Yuninger

Robert Williams & Emily Michie Birch
Steve, Charlene, Katherine & Forrest Boas
Michael, Michele & Ryan McLaughlin

GIVEN BY:

Kevin, Loretta, Matt &
Lauren McClarigan
Shirley & Lori Smith
Malcolm & June Stannard
Gene, Lois & Jeff Harsh

Harshes & Zwoyers
The Beckett Family

Glenn, Todd, Steve & Mike

Robert Williams & Emily Michie Birch
Birch
Phongxaysanith

IN HONOR OF:

David & Carol Berkhimer
Nanny & Pap Pap
Our children, grandchildren &
great-grandchildren
Jan & Janet Huffman
I. Lee Brown
Ralph Shank & Stephan Englehart
Austin Yuninger
Ava Yuninger
Deanna Yuninger
Alyssa Keenan
Sarah Keenan
Olivia Keenan
Emma Keenan
A. Hewson & Audrey H. Michie
Carl Plomchok
Robert & Geri Lutz
Roberta McLaughlin

IN MEMORY OF:

Grandma Sandra Clark

Russell E. Smith, husband/father
Our son Michael Stannard
Herbert & Mary Sheaffer
Leroy & Agnes Harsh
Douglas, Connie & Tyler Harsh
Kathleen Beckett
James (Pete) Beckett
Grandma & Grandpa Funk
Grandma & Grandpa Hable
Ruth Williams & Robert Morris

Janice Homsher
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond & Aleta Herr

GIVEN BY:

Shirley Musselman & family

I. Lee Brown
Eileen & John Best
Darell & Tracy Dippner
Mary Ellen Rice
Dick & Debbie Sindall

Mary Alice High

The Huffman kids
Robbin & Dean Englehart Jr.

Dick Miller & Family

Ed Margerum

Steve, Charlene, Katherine & Forrest Boas

Doug & Lois Snader
Ronald & Cynthia Weaver
Lucy Ames
Miriam Latshaw
Michael & Michele McLaughlin

IN MEMORY OF:

My parents
Fred Musselman
Mary Beth M. Neff
Doris B. Brown
Eunice Robinson
Jack E. Wettig
G. Dale Rice
Arthur & Lorraine Olson
Ed & Ruth Sindall
Charles Landis
Nancy Landis
Douglas High
The Goldchien & Huffman Grandparents
Jean & Dean Englehart Sr.
Emma Kay Shank
My parents, brothers, sisters,
Marty & Mary Lou
My parents, Clarence E. &
Marjorie W. Margerum
Mary Plomchok
Virginia Boas
Doug's parents, Jeanne & Donald Snader
Edwin Ames & Mildred Weaver
My husband, Edwin Leon Ames
My parents, Stanley & Florence Latshaw
Our grandparents

