

6th Sunday after the Epiphany

February 16, 2014

GATHERING

Prelude: "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" (PH #460) Donald Busarow
Invocation

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, for God is calling.

People: Let us walk in the way of the Lord.

Leader: The way of God is a way of peace.

People: The way of God is love.

Leader: Let us then love the Lord.

People: Let us be at peace with each other.

*Hymn: "Awesome God" (sung three times) *Leacock Sings*, pg. 27

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, you offer us light and life in our Lord Jesus Christ. Yet too often we reject your gift. We choose instead darkness and death, when we quarrel instead of being together, when we are angry instead of at peace, when we chase after things that only break our hearts, your heart. Forgive us, Lord. Grant us the growth we need, so that we may learn to receive your grace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri (p. 579)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "Rain Down"

John Carter

Chancel Choir and Congregation (see insert)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

*Hymn: #374 "Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace"

Children's Sermon

Children may leave for God's Place for Boys and Girls (10:30 a.m. service)
Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:21-37

Sermon: "A TIME TO CHOOSE"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**From the Confession of 1967*

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with man. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became man and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, man, and the world. Therefore, the church calls men to be reconciled to God and to one another.

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as his reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares his labor of healing the enmities which separate men from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"

Dale Wood

*Doxology (p. 592)

*Hymn: #274 "O God of Earth and Space"

*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "You Shall Go Out with Joy!"

The End of Worship

The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

As you leave worship, greet all with the Peace of Christ

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.): 9:30-Darwin Eshleman & Craig Keenan

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of
Timothy Sowers, son of David & Karen Sowers
Grandson of Gene & Betty Sowers

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Mildred Young
200 Luther Lane
Apt. 120
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TODAY:

9:30 a.m. Service of Worship

MONDAY:

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

TUESDAY:

7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting

7:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY:

7:30 a.m. Centering Prayer

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

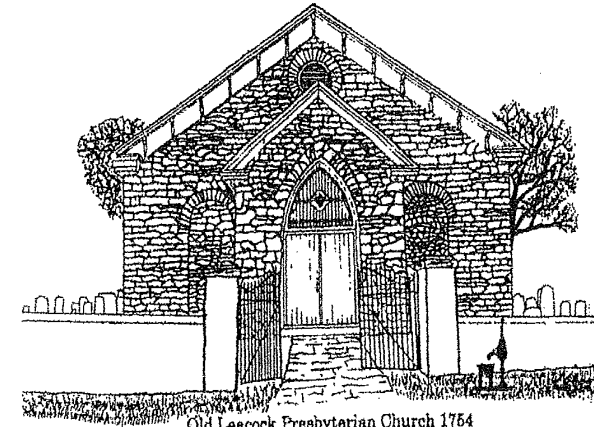
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY:

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

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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FRIDAY:
NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DUE

NEXT SUNDAY:
9:30 a.m. Service of Worship
IN THE NURSERY: 9:30 – Lois Snader & Mary Alice High

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Last week's offering total was \$2,949.92

The per capita is \$29.46 per member. Please use the envelope found in the beginning of your envelope box. This pays the overhead of our General Assembly, Synod, and Presbytery offices.

Please take your offering envelopes. Please pick up your offering envelopes for 2014 in the Narthex on the table beside the Welcome Center. This would save the church a lot of money so we do not have to mail them.

Please take your neighbors, or that of someone you might see in passing.

Offering statements are ready for you to pick-up. They are in a box on a table in the Narthex.

February's special offering is for the Building & Fund. The money collected will be used for some very much needed repairs to the all of the church properties. Thank you,
Your Trustees

The Community Meal is Thursday, February 27. Doors will open at 5:15 p.m. Sign-up sheets for helping with the meal are in the Narthex. Thank you. Mission Committee

Due to the inclement weather the Annual Meeting is canceled for today. The meeting and luncheon will be held next Sunday the 23rd.

The March/April issue of the *UPPER ROOM* devotional in both regular and LARGE print is available at the back of the sanctuary.

DEACONS: Please pick up copies for your shut-ins on the East windowsill at the front of the sanctuary.