

*GATHERING*

*RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD*

Prelude: "When Morning Gilds the Skies"  
Invocation

Anna Laura Page

\*Call to Worship - (responsive reading from Psalm 117)

Leader: Praise the Lord all you nations!

**People: Extol him, all you peoples!**

**ALL: For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!**

\*Hymn: #473 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. (time of silent personal confession)**

Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri (p. 579)

*PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD*

Anthem: Hymn to Joy/Trumpet Voluntary  
Bell Choir

Beethoven/Clark

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

1st Scripture Readings: Psalm 116: 1-2 (p. 533); 1 Peter 1:17-23 (p. 218)

\*Hymn: #341 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

Children's Sermon

Children may leave for God's Place for Kids (10:30 a.m. service)

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

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: "Pastorale on 'Blessed Assurance'"

Robert Lau

\*Doxology (p. 592)

\*Hymn: #376 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

\*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "Lift High the Cross"

John Leavitt

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.): 8:00 – Loretta McClarigan

10:30 – Alba & Valerie Ruhl

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of  
Jim Hess and Pat Ide  
Given by Gerry & Jessie

The Rose is in Celebration of the Birth of  
Finley Marie, daughter of Kristin & Austin Hayes.  
Finley was born on April 26, 2014, 4lb 15oz.

**Please welcome Sarah A. Kneier** to the pulpit. Sarah is a recent graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary. A Candidate for Ordained Ministry in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Sarah does Pulpit Supply for the Presbytery of Donegal and preaches at various churches in the area. She has done internships at Chestnut Level Presbyterian Church in Quarryville, and Kreutz Creek Presbyterian Church in Hellam. Sarah has also served in the children's, music, and Christian Formation ministries of her home church, Wayside Presbyterian, in Landisville. Sarah looks forward to the day when she will be ordained as a Teaching Elder. When she's not leading worship, she attends Wayside with her husband David and their son Ansel. She also enjoys gardening, needlework, cooking and the many parks in the area. Sarah and her family reside in Columbia, PA.

**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Ralph & Ruth Bair  
15 N. Kinzer Road  
Kinzers, PA 17535

**TODAY:**

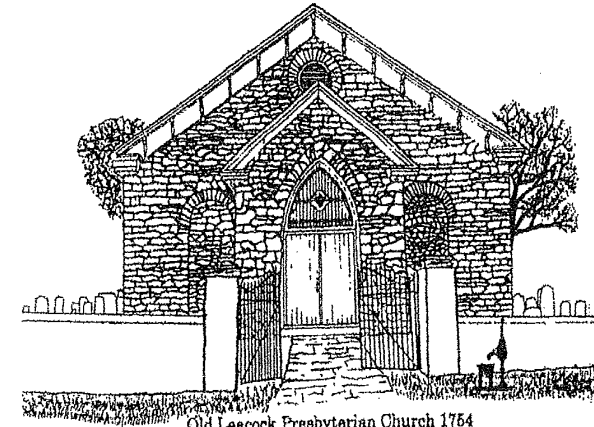
8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Services of Worship  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for infants through adults  
7:00 p.m. Hymn Sing at Old Leacock

**MONDAY:**

7:00 a.m. PW Walk  
7:30 a.m. PW Sunrise Bible Study & Breakfast  
9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry  
7:00 p.m. Church and Community Life

# 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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**WEDNESDAY:**

7:30 a.m. Centering Prayer

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY:**

9:30 a.m. PW Bible Study @ Arlene Brackbill's home

6:00 p.m. The Factory Meal

**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 – Chuck & Kathy Ankney

**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Last week's offering total was \$3234.15

**Chancel Choir** will rehearse briefly following this morning's 10:30 service. Greet one another and our visitors in the Narthex, grab some coffee and a snack, and meet in the choir room.

**May's offering** will be for the trustees. The money collected will be used for some very much needed repairs to the Paradise Church; such as, slate roof repair and elevator repairs. Thank you, Your Trustees

While Rev. Birch is gone, Rev. Steve Getty will be available for pastoral care and emergencies. He can be reached at 717-768-8343 or, as always, call the church office at 717-687-6619.

The May issue of the **LEACOCK COMMUNICATOR** is available free at the back of the sanctuary for anyone not on our mailing list.

**Messiah** – What explains the enduring attraction of Handel's *Messiah*? Emotion, praise and drama produced by the pen of a genius composer with moving text drawn from the Bible. The Lancaster Chamber Singers captures these qualities as they bring the "Easter" portion (parts 2 & 3) of *Messiah* to glorious life with chamber orchestra and guest soloists Amy Yovanovich, Laurice Kennel, Brad Raymond and Michael Popovsky, **Sunday, May 4, at 3PM, at Highland Presbyterian church.** Tickets may be reserved with Karen Homsher or by calling 717-330-9025.

**Leacock Communicator** – From someone who had to TRY to fill Vicki's shoes (to no avail), I find that I am one of "those people." I am guilty for just sometimes not thinking about the time and effort Vicki puts into this 10 times a year. All I know is it magically appears on my computer screen. I can never tell Vicki thank you enough for doing the newsletter. She is an absolute "Gem" that this church is so very lucky to have a part of our family. Thank you, Vicki! (I still think Milky – Tom and Vicki's cat - could have done a better job, and a lot faster!)