

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2014

*GATHERING*

Prelude: Fantasia on "Nun Danket"  
Invocation

Roger Wilson

\*Call to Worship

Leader: The LORD is merciful and gracious; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**People: Our God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

Leader: As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him. As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you, says the LORD.

**People: All who know how it feels to fail, to be put to shame, to hurt inside where others cannot see, to ache for another person who seems unable or unwilling to change, to look back on life with regret or forward without much hope – all who know how it feels to be human – let us look to our God who raised Jesus from the dead, who renews hope and brings life out of deadness.**

\*Hymn: #555 "Now Thank We All Our God"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**God of our hope and salvation in Christ, we trust you (mostly) to forgive us, but can we really change? We are kind and understanding sometimes, but at other times petty and mean. We disappoint ourselves. Do we disappoint you, also? Help us truly trust your love for us, so we can be human with ourselves and each other, as we learn life together from Jesus Christ. Enable us to let go of our old fears, prejudices, and resentments, and may your own Spirit break their grip on us. Teach us to let ourselves be loved, so we can learn to love, be understanding, and forgive. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri (p. 579)

*PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD*

Anthem: "Feed My Lambs"

Collins/Wolka

10:30 – Chancel Choir

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings: Isaiah 49:13-16 (p. 639); II Corinthians 5:17-21 (p. 170)

\*Hymn: # 324 "Open My Eyes That I May See"

Children's Sermon

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

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 13:1-9 (p. 71)

Sermon: **EVEN IF**

*RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD*

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

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: "He Shall Feed His Flock"

Handel

\*Doxology (p. 592)

\*Hymn: #377 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

\*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "He Shall Reign"

Robert Hughes

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 – Karen Boyer

10:30 – Chuck & Kathy Ankney

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of  
Charles and Fern Danner and Walter and Margaret Turner, Our Parents  
Given by Charles and Ethel Danner

We would like to thank Rev. Richard E. Sindall for filling the pulpit this morning. Rev. Sindall retired July 1, 2012, after forty years of pastoral ministry serving two Presbyterian churches, one in Tamaqua, PA (13 years) and the other in Bridgeton, NJ (27 years). He is a graduate of Westminster College (PA) and Princeton Seminary. Dick and his wife Debbie, a retired teacher, now live in Lititz, and they have two adult sons, Dave and Jon.

**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Eugene & Nancy Bare  
2660 Stumptown Road  
Bird-in-Hand, PA 17505

In the hospital: Peter Conway, Lancaster General, Room 6603  
Evie Lopez, Lancaster General, Room 8013

**TODAY: HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Services of Worship

9:15 a.m. Sunday School for infants through adults

**MONDAY:**

7:45 p.m. Leacock Softball v. Ridgeview – field #2

**TUESDAY:**

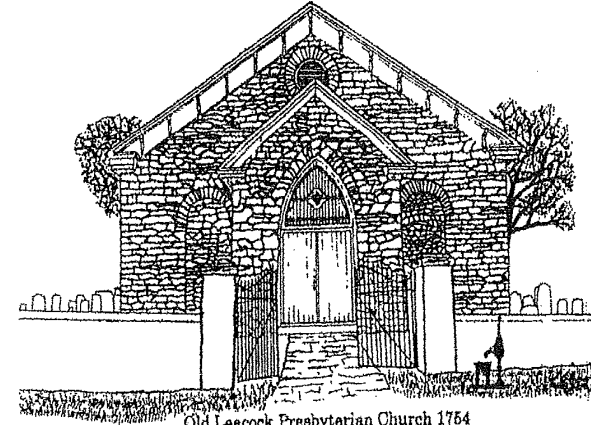
7:00 p.m. Christian Ed Committee Meeting

7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting

7:00 p.m. Worship Committee 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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**WEDNESDAY:**

7:30 a.m. Centering Prayer

**THURSDAY:**

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

**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 – Michele McLaughlin

    10:30 – David & Carol Berkhimer

5:00 p.m. Movie & Potluck

7:00 p.m. Youth Group

**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Last week's offering total was \$4,068.00

**May's offering** is 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

**The Leacock Women's Bible Study** groups will come together on Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup> for a makeup session (due to missed meetings because of snow this past winter) potluck picnic after the 10:30 a.m. service. Please bring picnic food to share and join us for an outdoor fellowship and discussion. If the weather is bad, we will picnic in the fellowship hall.

**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 Leacock Youth Group** will join the Leacock Book and Movie Discussion Group on Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> for a potluck dinner and a viewing of the movie *My Dog Skip*, a coming of age tale about a boy whose dog helps him through a tough period in his life. Parents are welcome to join. **The potluck and movie start at 5:00 p.m.** Youth group will end at its normal time of 8:30 p.m. that night.

**In only six weeks we will begin VBS** for five nights of fun and study with our church and community children. This year's theme for God's Amazing Kids is Psalm 23. How can you help? We need volunteers to serve as group leaders and helpers, craft helpers, outdoor helpers, kitchen helpers. You may sign up for one evening or all five or any number in between. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex. If you prefer to help with a monetary donation toward our expenses, please give your offering to Marie Brackbill, Jenny Keenan, or Dianne Yuningner.

**Family Fun Day Ice Cream Social** – Pack up the family and come on out to Camp Donegal located at 303 E. Telegraph Rd., Airville, PA for the annual Family Fun Day and Auction to be held on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. This year the event will take the form of an Ice Cream Social featuring home-made ice cream made using the PTO on the antique 1938 John Deere L. tractor. Activities begin at 1:00 p.m. with an auction to benefit the camp scholarship fund at 5:00 p.m.

For more than 50 years children of all ages have been enjoying the summer camping experience at Camp Donegal. Because entering into new experiences can be very stressful for children, Family Fun Day is meant to provide an introduction to a summer camp experience. It is an event filled with games for all ages, hayrides, face painting, animals and tours of camp facilities. There will be free ice cream, and other food will be available for purchase.

**Free copies** of the Presbyterians Today magazine can be picked up in the back of the sanctuary.