

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 13, 2014

GATHERING

Prelude: “Thanks Be To Thee”

G.F. Handel

Invocation

*Call to Worship

Leader: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

People: Give me life, O Lord, according to your word.

Leader: Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your ordinances.

People: I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.

Leader: Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

People: I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

*Hymn: #473 “For the Beauty of the Earth.”

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Loving and most merciful God, forgive us. Too often we are closed to you. We do not nurture the gift of grace that you have given us. We spend our time worrying, judging, caught up in the daily issues that seem so important to us instead of opening ourselves to you. We strive for instant gratification instead of seeking you and your kingdom. We turn on each other and tear each other down instead of allowing you to work through us to spread your love. Help us, O Lord. Open our eyes to see you, our ears to hear you, our mouths to proclaim you and our hearts to embrace you, and through you, each other. This we pray in the name of him who showed us the ultimate power of love, your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri (p. 579)

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem: “This Is My Song”

Solo – Lew Bryson

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: “One Bread, One Body”

John Foley

*Doxology (p. 592)

First Scripture Readings: Genesis 25: 19-34 (p. 20), Romans 8: 1-11 (p. 147)

Children’s Sermon

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23 (p. 13)

Sermon: **BIRTHRIGHT**

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*Hymn: #520 “Here, O Our Lord, We See You Face to Face”

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

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

*Hymn: #379 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: “Now Thank We All Our God”

Stanely Saxton

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.

8:00 a.m. Janet Huffman

10:30 a.m. Edwin Margerum

IN THE NURSERY (babies - 4 yrs.): 10:30 – Skip & Marie Brackbill

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of
Harlan K. Stauffer
Given by Virginia Stauffer and Family

We welcome Lewis Bryson and thank him for his ministry of music.

Thank you to Linda Erikson for filling the pulpit this morning.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Robert+ & Emily Birch
3185 Lincoln Hwy. East
Paradise, PA 17562

In the hospital: Peter Conway, Lancaster General, Room 5801
Clair Hamilton, Lancaster General, Room 3910

TODAY: Communion

8:00 a.m. Service of Worship at Old Leacock

10:30 a.m. Service of Worship at Paradise

MONDAY:

6:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting

9:00 p.m. Pequea Baptist vs. Leacock Softball – Field #1

WEDNESDAY:

7:30 a.m. Centering Prayer

6:45 p.m. Miniature Golf at Water's Edge, Bird-in-Hand

NEXT SUNDAY:

8:00 a.m. Service of Worship at Old Leacock

10:30 a.m. Service of Worship at Paradise

IN THE NURSERY: 10:30 – Chuck & Kathy Ankney

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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OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Last week's offering total was \$4,116.01

The Church and Community Life committee is coordinating a church wide project to give filled backpacks to children in need at Pequea Valley Intermediate School. We have a "giving tree" in the Narthex with requests for school supplies, backpacks and/or monetary donations beginning this Sunday with an anticipated return date of August 3rd. We have a goal of 20 filled backpacks to donate to PVIS! The Youth will sort the items and fill the backpacks at their Youth meeting on August 10th. Please help to make this a project that bridges our church and our community. Monetary donations can be handed to Jenny Keenan, Mary Alice High, Robbin Englehart or Michele Lichty. Donations may also be put in church secretary mailbox in an envelope with donation tag.

CCL committee is organizing two opportunities this summer to get out and enjoy the company of others in our congregation. Join us Wednesday, July 16 at 6:45 at Water's Edge Mini Golf in Bird-in-Hand. Cost is \$6.50/person and if we have 30+ people it will be only \$5.50 each! Bring your friends and family and plan to stay and enjoy some ice cream together after golfing. You don't have to sign up ahead of time but it will be helpful if you do so we have an approximate count.

Our second event is a night out at the Lancaster Barnstormers, Saturday, August 16, game time 7pm. Sign up to join us and bring your friends and family for a fun evening ending with fireworks after the game! Cost will be \$9 per person due to Jenny Keenan by Sunday, August 3. Please call Jenny at 471-1448 with any questions or to reserve your spot for either outing.

CHURCH OFFICERS

Committed to following Jesus Christ, the Leacock Presbyterian Church is a caring family of God welcoming all persons in their spiritual journey.

SESSION

Moderator: Rev. Robert W. Birch

Clerk: Dianne M. Yuninger

Congregational Life/ Community Outreach: Jenny Keenan (chair)

Tom Burkins, Robbin Englehart, Mary Alice High

Christian Education: Emily Birch (chair), Karen Homsher

Worship: Christian Brackbill (chair), Sharon Williams

Mission: Arthur Myers (chair), Bonnie Rice

Stewardship: Steve Boas (chair), Ruth Doutrich Conway

DEACONS

Class of 2014

Dorothy Buckwalter

Margy Hershey

Ralph Shank

Betty Sowers

Class of 2015

Charlene Boas

Janet Cosby

Geri Lutz

Lori Smith

Class of 2016

Kathy Ankney

Forrest Boas

Christy Fieldsa

June Stannard

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Class of 2014

Karen Boyer

Mike Hartmann

Mike McLaughlin

Class of 2015

Sean Carney

George Shue

Karen Shue

Class of 2016

Dean Englehart

Donald Fieldsa

Robert Hershey

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Moderator: Karen Homsher, ex officio

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