



# *Leacock Communicator*

## *Leacock Presbyterian Church*

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### Notes From the Manse

*“For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.” Ephesians 2:14*

At its recent General Assembly, our denomination, the PCUSA, made some tough, controversial decisions. By now, many if not most of you will have heard of these decisions, either through word of mouth or through the news media. As I mentioned at church the other week, I want to convey to you what these decisions really mean in order to minimize any possible confusion or misunderstanding. I met with small groups after both services that Sunday, and I will offer to do so again in the coming weeks. I also invited people to come and meet with me individually, if that would be more comfortable than a group setting. More than trying to make any kind of point, I want to listen, to your angers, if they exist, to your fears and uncertainty, if they exist. For now, though, since not everyone was at church that Sunday, I thought it would be good to use this monthly space to talk a bit about the GA decisions.

First, the decisions themselves. The GA decided that pastors, in places where it is legal, may perform same-sex weddings. The sessions of individual churches may agree to allow church buildings to be used for such weddings. Both of these decisions were Authoritative Interpretations, which are interpretations of the constitution of our denomination that the GA has the power to make. Once made, they go into effect immediately upon the conclusion of the GA. The second, related, decision was a proposal to amend the Book of Order so as to describe marriage as a commitment between two people, traditionally a man and a woman. Before, the language stipulated that marriage was between a man and woman; the new language allows for the change in the Authoritative Interpretation. This change in the Book of Order must be approved by a majority of presbyteries over the coming year. Otherwise, it will not go into effect.

The GA also agreed to have the Board of Pensions divest itself of stock held in three companies, Caterpillar, Hewlett-Packard, and Motorola Solutions. The reason is that the products of these three companies have been used in the occupation of Palestinian territories by Israel. Caterpillar's bulldozers have been utilized to tear down Palestinian homes and in the building of the Separation Wall, which is not on the border of Israel and Palestine, but rather further into Palestinian territory. It has served to separate families and keep farmers from their own fields. Hewlett-Packard's and Motorola's technologies have been used at border crossings and in the naval blockade of the Gaza Strip. In this decision, it was made clear that the PCUSA still supports Israel, that it advocates a two-state solution to the conflict, and that it does not support divestment or boycotts against Israel itself.

Well. That's a lot. And for some, it's enough to get blood boiling. The reality, as many have observed, is that with these decisions there are going to be people who rejoice and there are going to be people who grieve. I believe with all my heart that people on both sides of these issues are good, well-meaning people who have prayed and wrestled over what to do. The sorrow will be if, once more, the body of Christ fractures over human disagreement. And that need not happen. The first two marriage decisions obligate neither pastors nor churches to do anything. The matter is a local option, if you will. If churches and

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pastors so decide, nothing for them will have changed. Further, though there is disagreement on this, to me it seems that if the proposed language change fails in the presbyteries, the Authoritative Interpretation will no longer be valid as it will contradict the Book of Order. I guess, we'll see. In many ways, I think these decisions were attempts at a compromise, to allow those who interpret the will of God differently to remain true to their conscience. And they are an invitation for all of us to continue to seek to discern God's will, to listen, not to our angers, but rather for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Perhaps a little context will help. Two thousand years ago, long before there were Lutherans or Catholics or even Presbyterians, the church was small, a frail, fledgling thing. And it was divided. By now, we read the letters, especially those of Paul, as works of faith and theology. And so they are. But originally they were letters, letters to troubled churches. Think about it. The early church was comprised of Jews and Gentiles and Gentiles who had converted to Judaism or at least respected it. There were poor folks and some rich; there were slaves and masters; there were Romans and the people they occupied. There were women worshipping side by side with men, which was a pretty big deal, given that men and women were separated in Jewish synagogues, sometimes by walls. Now, we may think, or want to think, that all these people got along as one big, happy family. Well, that simply wasn't the case. Some Jewish Christians insisted that Gentiles follow Jewish laws. The old resentments of class and race and sex didn't just vanish, and there were all kinds of passionate arguments over who should be allowed to do what. Just read the second chapter of *Galatians*—Paul seems to be, shall we say, a bit peeved at Peter for not eating with Gentiles when other Jewish Christians were around.

But then go on; read the end of chapter three, for there Paul makes clear a new reality—"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." In his letters, Paul keeps coming back to this, for the need for people who say they follow Christ to get along. Consider *1 Corinthians 12*, where he insists we all need each other, even when we are so different. In that chapter he says, "If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be?" And you know, I think that really gets to the heart of the matter—there needs to be hearing; we need to listen to each other. That's often the best way to discern the will of God; it's why we're supposed to be in fellowship; it's why Jesus is present when two or three are gathered in his name.

One of the ironies of the divestment decision is that it passed by only seven votes. If the churches that left the denomination had stayed, I suspect divestment would not have passed. For many years, there were people of good faith who wished to see the church open its doors more fully to gay people, and they had to live in love in disagreement with their church. All that time, they kept praying; they kept trying to explain how they read Scripture differently. Now there are people who feel just as passionately and faithfully that a great error has been made. Families are divided; people are hurting. And oh, the heart of Christ must be grieving.

My hope, my prayer, is that we all will keep praying, keep trying, gently, to state our views, and, above all, keep listening. The wonderful thing about Leacock is that we are a congregation of all kinds of different folks—why, I have even heard rumors that Republicans have married Democrats! We have weathered other storms when we have remained together, caring more about caring for each other than

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making a point. At the end of that passage in *1 Corinthians*, Paul says that it is the will of God that “there be no dissension in the body, but the members have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.”

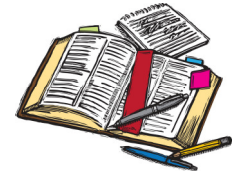
We’ll get through this. Again, if you have any questions or you just want to get things off your chest, let me know. But let us all keep in mind the quote with which I began. If we are in Christ, then through Christ the dividing wall, the hostility, between us should be gone. Christ is our peace. And he gives us peace, a kind of peace the world, we, can never give ourselves. So, let me conclude with one last word from Scripture, again from Ephesians, where we are told to seek a life worthy of our calling, “with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” This is what it means to be a church.

Rev. Robert W. Birch



## Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals in July

July 6 (4th Sunday After Pentecost) Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Psalm 45: 10-17 or Song of Solomon 2: 8-13 Romans 7: 15-25a Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30	Psalm 119: 105-112 Romans 8: 1-11 Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23	Genesis 29: 15-28 Psalm 105: 1-11, 45b or Psalm 128 Romans 8: 26-39 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
July 13 (5th Sunday After Pentecost) Genesis 25: 19-34	July 20 (6th Sunday After Pentecost) Genesis 28: 10-19a Psalm 139: 1-12, 23-24 Romans 8: 12-25 Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43	
	July 27 (7th Sunday After Pentecost)	



## Pray For

July 6 David & Janet Birch	Aug 3 Arlene Brackbill	Sept 7 I. Lee Brown
July 13 Robert & Emily Birch	Aug 10 Skip & Marie Brackbill	Sept 14 Lura Brown
July 20 Steven & Charlene Boas, Katherine & Forrest	Aug 17 James & Delores Brackbill	Sept 21 Ruth Bryson
July 27 Karen Boyer	Aug 24 Robert & Marcia Brackbill	Sept 28 Dorothy Buckwalter
	Aug 31 Warren Brackbill	



## Mark Your Calendars

July 25-27	The Weekend	Youth Retreat
September 7	9:30 Worship	Old Leacock Day
September 7	Following Worship	Picnic at Old Leacock
September 8	7:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study Dessert and Discussion
September 12 - 13	5:00 p.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Youth Group Lock In
September 14	8:00 & 10:30 Worship	Kickoff and Youth Sunday
September 21	5:00 p.m.	Pizza and Book Discussion

## Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals in August

Aug 3 (8th Sunday After Pentecost)  
Genesis 32: 22-31  
Psalm 17: 1-7, 15  
Romans 9: 1-5  
Matthew 14: 13-21

Aug 10 (9th Sunday After Pentecost)  
Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28  
Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b  
Romans 10: 5-15  
Matthew 14: 22-33

Aug 17 (10th Sunday After Pentecost)  
Genesis 45: 1-15  
Psalm 133  
Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32  
Matthew 15: [10-20] 21-28

Aug 24 (11th Sunday After Pentecost)  
Exodus 1: 8-2:10  
Psalm 124  
Romans 12: 1-8

Matthew 16: 13-20  
Aug 31 (12th Sunday After Pentecost)  
Exodus 3: 1-15  
Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45b  
Romans 12: 9-21  
Matthew 16: 21-28

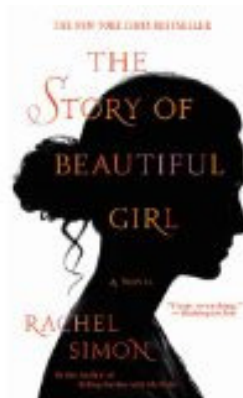


## Books and Movies Kick-Off

The book and movie group will kick off the 2014-15 church year with a discussion of the book *The Story of Beautiful Girl* by Rachel Simon. The book is set in Pennsylvania and explores the lives of a woman with a developmental disorder, the man she loves, and their daughter.

We will meet on Sunday September 21 at 5:00 p.m. for pizza and discussion. All are welcome, even those who haven't read the book.

Emily Birch  
Book and Movie Group Coordinator



## Happy Birthday to At-Home Members



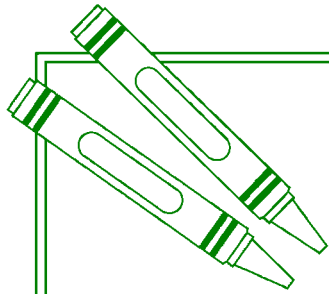
Happy Birthday!

August 4

Malcolm Stannard  
61 Slaymaker Hill Road  
Kinzers, PA 17535

September 20

Betty Taylor  
433 S. Kinzer Avenue  
Fall Crest 117  
New Holland, PA 17557



# Just for KIDS

## A Biblical Picnic

In the warm weather months we like to go on picnics. What do you pack in your picnic basket? If you lived in Bible times, what do you think you might have packed?

*Below are the names of some people in the Bible. Use the code to find out what each person may have taken on a picnic. Look up the verses to read more about each person.*

Code:	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z										
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26										

- Saul      16 15 13 5 7 18 1 14 1 20 5 19      (1 Samuel 14:2)
- Jonathan      8 15 14 5 25      (1 Samuel 14:29)
- Eve      6 18 21 9 20      (Genesis 3:6)
- Daniel and friends      22 5 7 5 20 1 2 12 5 19      (Daniel 1:12-16)
- John the Baptist      12 15 3 21 19 20 19      (Matthew 3:4)
- The 5,000 people      12 15 1 22 5 19 & 6 9 19 8      (Matthew 14:17)
- Israelites in Egypt      3 21 3 21 13 2 5 18 19      (Numbers 11:5)
- Esau      19 20 5 23      (Genesis 25:34)
- Isaac      23 9 12 4      7 1 13 5      (Genesis 25:28)
- Ruth      7 18 1 9 14      (Ruth 2:1-4)

Answers: pomegranates, honey, fruit, vegetables, locusts, leaves & fish, cucumbers, stew, wild game, grain

## June Session Snippets

- ⇒ The following church office hours were approved: Rev. Birch 3:00 - 6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday; the church secretary 8:30 a.m. - noon Tuesday through Friday.
- ⇒ Pastor's vacation approved for June 30 through July 14. Rev. Steve Getty will preach July 6; Linda Erikson will preach July 13 with Rev. Richard Sindall administering the Sacrament of Communion.
- ⇒ Summer Hymn Sing free-will offerings are to be deposited in the Benevolence Account and designated by Mission Committee for local mission.
- ⇒ The Acts 16:5 Vision Statement was approved: "Seeking the Way; sharing the truth; living the Life."
- ⇒ An informational dessert night for the women's Bible study groups will meet on Monday September 8 at 7:00 p.m., with all women of the church being invited.
- ⇒ The Monday morning women's Bible study was moved from the first Monday of the month to the second Monday of the month at 7:30 a.m.
- ⇒ A sub sale for the softball team was approved for July 14.
- ⇒ The Clerk of Session was added to the Personnel Committee.
- ⇒ The next stated Session meeting is scheduled for August 21.

## A Heartfelt Thank You

*The Lord is my Shepherd, I'll walk with Him always.  
He leads me by still waters, I'll walk with Him always.*

The sanctuary and church hallways rang out with this song and many others from June 22 through June 26 as Leacock and community children learned about Jesus, the Good Shepherd, and praised God through song, dance, and instruments. From Bible stories to outdoor activities to craft time and music adventure, the week was filled with spirit and the Holy Spirit. Each evening, after a delicious dinner, children sang favorite praise songs and then met Woolie, the lamb, and her shepherd, Pastor Bob, for a bit of interactive dialogue about sheep and why they need a shepherd.

The Vacation Bible School coordinating team thanks all of the congregation for your support of this ministry. Donations of food items, craft supplies, and money abounded as did your prayers undergirding our efforts. We can't begin to name all of the volunteers who staffed VBS, but without them the week would not and could not have happened.

For an overview of the week, come to worship July 27 to view Tom Burkins' wonderful slide show, sing some favorite VBS songs, and hear again the Good News that *The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.*

Dianne Yuninger, Marie Brackbill, Jenny Keenan



**THANKS to Our  
VBS Volunteers!**

## Leacock Softball Team Schedule

Date	Time	Team v. Team	Field
July 7	9:00	Grace Point v. Leacock	#1
July 14	9:00	Pequea Baptist v. Leacock	#1
July 21	6:30	Ridgeview v. Leacock	#1
July 28	6:30	Leacock v. Bird-in-Hand	#2
August 4	6:30	Leacock v. St. Johns	#2
<b>Mini-Playoffs</b>			
August 5	7:00	Game #1 Division A	#1
	8:15	Game #2 Division A	#1
	7:00	Game #1 Division B	#2
	8:15	Game #2 Division B	#2



**Playoffs Begin August 11**—More details to come at a later date.



Lancaster General Hospital has scheduled community blood drives throughout the year at the following locations. Won't you consider giving blood - every pint is very important!

### BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULE JULY & AUGUST 2014

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Tues, July 7	Yoder's Market	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Thurs, July 10	Intercourse Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Wed, July 16	Bird-in-Hand Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Tues, Aug 5	Bareville Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Wed, Aug 6	White Horse Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Wed, Aug 20	Kinzer Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Thurs, Aug 21	Yoder's Market	2:00pm to 7:00pm

The Lancaster General Suburban Outpatient Pavilion (Health Campus) Blood Drive is located in Building 2104, Suite 202. The hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8:00am to 7:30pm. For more information call 544-0170.



## Stewardship Report - Financial Update June 2014

	<i>Offering June</i>		<i>Expenses June</i>	
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Monthly Total	\$17,336	\$17,372	\$16,394	\$14,329
Year-to-Date	\$95,589	\$93,621	\$100,248	\$98,682

### ***Budget Tracking Through February***

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Total Annual Budget	\$226,889	\$251,276
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$100,248	\$98,682
% of Budget Spent	44.0%	39.0%

For 2014, we set a budget of \$226,880, a significant decrease from 2013. This was an attempt to bring our expected spending into better alignment with our income from offerings.

To meet our budget, we need to receive an average of \$4,363 each week. There were five weeks in June, and we would have liked to see \$4,363 x 5 or \$21,815 received in offering for June.

We received a total of \$17,336 for June, which means we are \$21,815 - \$17,336 = \$4,479 behind our budget for the month of June.

The budget aside, let's look at the actual spending versus the offering: For the month of June, we received more in offering than was spent by about \$1,000 which is wonderful. However, when you look at year to date figures, we see \$100,248 was spent and \$95,589 was received. A deficit of \$4,659, at only half way through the year.

Spending is under control, we have only used 44% of the budget versus 50% which is what one would expect after half a year. If we project out the current trend, we will fall short of expenses about \$9,318 by years end.

We need time, energy and commitment which are short in supply, myself included. We are trying to get a team of people together to dream up and manage some fundraising events this year yet, to help our situation. We have had a few good ideas and suggestions already (much appreciated), but we need that time and energy where the rubber meets the road. Talk is easy, doing....well that's another thing.

I openly welcome any more ideas for raising funds, ***and would be especially grateful for persons who will work on this team with me.*** Please contact me (Steven Boas) on my cell phone 610-927-7807 or through email at [sr.boas@hotmail.com](mailto:sr.boas@hotmail.com). I'm sorry...I don't mean to be so negative, but our situation is real and if we don't improve offering and/or raise funds otherwise, we need to cut spending, and that reduction will most likely be from benevolence, I am sad to say.

## Leacock Youth Work and Play

The Leacock youth group will be doing a lot of working and playing (and we hope bonding even more than they have) in the coming months.

The weekend of July 25 - 26, we will head up to Ruhl's cabin (thank you, again, Ruhl family for letting us use this fabulous spot for our retreat) where we will hike, swim, plan our youth service, and explore questions of faith with each other during a casual Sunday morning living room service led by Reverend Birch.

Oh, and did I mention food? We'll eat and enjoy plenty of food, some of it cooked around a campfire.

On August 10, during our regular youth group meeting, we'll pack backpacks for school children in our area who can't afford to buy their own school supplies.

Our youth are doing this in conjunction with the Church and Community Life Committee.

In September, we will hold our second **Youth Lock In at Leacock**.

The youth group members will be locked in the church from Friday September 12 at 5:00 p.m. until Saturday September 13 at 9:00 a.m.

They will practice their youth service and then enjoy a night of very little (if any) sleep and plenty of fun and games.

Kick Off Sunday is September 14, and our youth will lead us in worship that day.

This is always a very special worship service, and we're sure you will be filled with our Lord's spirit when you hear what our young people have to say.

### Summer Youth Group Schedule

July 20	7:00 - 8:30pm
Aug 10	(packing backpacks ) 7:00 - 8:30pm
Aug 24	7:00 - 8:30pm

### Fall Youth Group Schedule

Sept 12-13	Lock In at Leacock
Sept 28	7:00 - 8:30pm
Oct 5	7:00 - 8:30pm
Oct 19	7:00 - 8:30pm
Nov 2	7:00 - 8:30pm
Nov 16	7:00 - 8:30pm
Nov 30	Family Advent Night
Dec 14	7:00 - 8:30pm

If you ever have any questions about youth group meetings, you can call or text Emily on her cell phone: 717-725-6572 or email: [emilymb95@gmail.com](mailto:emilymb95@gmail.com). Those of you on Facebook can also email via Facebook mail.

Emily Birch and Charlene Boas,  
Youth Group Leaders

## Busy, Busy, Busy

The trustee's would like to thank everyone for their giving in the month of May for the Building and Facilities Fund.

The elevator repair is coming along and we hope to have it in full service soon.

The trustees have been trying to keep after the outdoor sextons

responsibilities while she is recuperating, please let us know if you see anything that needs attention.

If you see Dick Miller, please thank him for his years as the Garden Task Force Chairperson. We are now looking for someone to take over as Gar-

den Task Force Chair as Dick has asked to step down.

If anyone is interested please contact any trustee.

## Facelift for Christian Education



As mentioned in the last newsletter, The Christian Ed committee is busy looking at ways to invigorate our Sunday School program this fall to meet the needs of all our members, young and old alike, while making sure we all learn in a spirit of fun that helps our faith grow strong.

We've been so impressed with the success of Vacation Bible School that we are looking at modeling our Sunday School offerings for those in 8th grade and younger after it.

The kids will all gather together for music and Bible verses and will then break up into age-appropriate classes to discuss Bible stories.

We need volunteers to help teach Sunday School and hope you will prayerfully consider guiding our young ones in their walks of faith.

Vacation Bible School, was, as always, a great time for kids and adults alike.

We'd like to thank all of you who participated, especially the committee responsible for pulling it all together Marie Brackbill, Jenny Keenan, and Dianne Yuninger (with quite a bit of help, also, we gather, from Lois Eshleman).

A special thank you to our nightly shepherd (Rev. Birch) and sheep (Dianne Yuninger) who helped get the kids so excited about the theme of the 23rd Psalm.

The Leacock Women's Bible study groups will kick off the 2014-2015 church year with a dessert and discussion evening on Monday September 8th at 7:30 p.m.

All women of the church are invited to attend to learn more about our Bible study groups and which they might like to join.

Emily Birch and Karen Homsher  
Christian Ed Chair and Co-Chair



## Flowers

You may purchase flowers for the sanctuary on Sundays August 31 or September 7 in honor of or in memory of someone or a special occasion. Call the church office at 687-6619.

## Office Hours

During Lent, we tried an experiment—the secretary continued her current hours, Tuesday through Friday, 8:30-12:00. The pastor had new hours, Monday through Friday, from 3:00-6:30. The idea was to make the office available to more folks. It would now be open five days a week and both mornings and afternoons most days.

We asked for your feedback and what we heard was positive. So, we are going to continue with these hours. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Michele or Rev. Birch.

Gratitude Corner  
A Thank You to Those Who Go Above and Beyond the Call of Duty to  
Care for Their Minister and His Wife

If you don't know by now that Bob likes peanut butter, well, all I have to ask is, "Do you ever come to any church events?" One of his favorites is peanut butter pie, and we have someone in the congregation who makes a killer peanut butter pie.

Every month, during the community meal, she makes sure that Bob gets his piece of pie. Not only that, but she also makes sure he brings a piece home for me (I work on Thursdays and rarely get to the community meals). Lately, she's taken to doing even more than that, though. She's made whole pies just for us.

So, this month, I would like to thank Betty Hamilton for her delicious pie. More importantly, though, I'd like to thank her for her thoughtfulness in paying attention to the fact we love it and making pies especially for us. God bless you, Betty!

Emily Birch



## Old Leacock Day: Surrounded by a Cloud of Witnesses

Yes, it may only be July right now, but Old Leacock Day will be here before we know it. Mark your calendar now for **Sunday, September 7**, with **one service** at **Old Leacock** at **9:30 a.m.** We will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion together as one body in this special historic place where generations upon generations of our spiritual ancestors have worshipped.

After the service we will gather in the courtyard for our annual church picnic, enjoying grilled hotdogs and cold beverages supplied by the CCL Committee and covered dishes provided by the rest of us — yummy salads and desserts! All you need to bring, besides a dish to share, are chairs or a blanket for your little ones to use to enjoy their picnic lunch.

What's that? You usually go out for breakfast or lunch following the service you choose to attend? Take a break from "usually" and join your church family for some old-fashioned fun and fellowship.

Just in case there would be rain, the meal will be held in Fellowship Hall at Paradise.

## Thank You

Dear Friends of Leacock,

Many thanks for the expressions of sympathy shown at the loss of my mother, Ann. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated - the many beautiful cards, the flowers, the prayer shawl and visit from the Leacock Presbyterian Women, and the visit and phone calls from Rev. Birch and Emily.

It is not the end, but a beginning for my mom with our Heavenly Father.

Carol Berkhimer & Family

Dear Friends at Leacock,

Thank you just doesn't seem to

be enough. There are other words that I could use - such as grateful, appreciative, feeling honored, etc. - but those, too, just do not sum up what I feel inside for my family at Leacock.

The kindest cards, the thoughtful calls, prayers, prayer shawls, visits, and meals. I look at the cards and smile just knowing how blessed I am to know such kind and caring people.

When you have a life experience, as I have, you certainly learn to appreciate things a little differently. I just cannot thank you enough, and please know I truly do

appreciate everything you have all done.

May God bless you and your families.

Love,  
Evie Lopez

Dear Leacock Family,

Thank you to everyone for your thoughts & prayers during my recent surgery & recovery. So Blessed to be a part of a wonderful church family.

God Bless,  
Danielle Short

## Backpacks for Pequea Valley Intermediate School

We, as a congregation, have been blessed with the opportunity to provide school supplies for children in need at Pequea Valley Intermediate School.

Bellevue Presbyterian has been providing backpacks filled with school supplies for the PV Elementary Schools for a number of years, but they have not been able to expand to assist PVIS.

There are many children in need of school supplies at the middle school level. We are going to have a "giving tree" in the Narthex with requests for school supplies, backpacks and/or monetary donations beginning July 13 with an anticipated return date of August 3.

Per PVIS, required supplies for

their students include: 1" 3-ring binder (non zip), set of 8 tab/dividers for the binder, pocket folders, #2 pencils, highlighters, 3 x 3 sticky notes, wire bound notebooks.

Recommended supplies include: a large binder that can hold all folders, pencil pack, pencil sharpener, 1 gig flash drive (PC and MAC compatible).

The backpacks could also include snacks, toothbrushes and/or toothpaste. If you prefer to not take a giving tag and would like to donate individual supplies, please feel free.

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 Meet-

ing on August 10.

Please help to make this a project that bridges our church and our community.



**USHERS - July, Aug & Sept 2014****Ed Margerum, Head Usher  
10:30 Service, (442-4027)****8:00 Service**JulyJanet Huffman  
Jan Huffman  
Scott ShenkCarol Shearer  
Sharon Williams  
Valerie RuhlAugustDavid Homsher  
Art Myers  
Skip BrackbillKaren Shue  
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## September

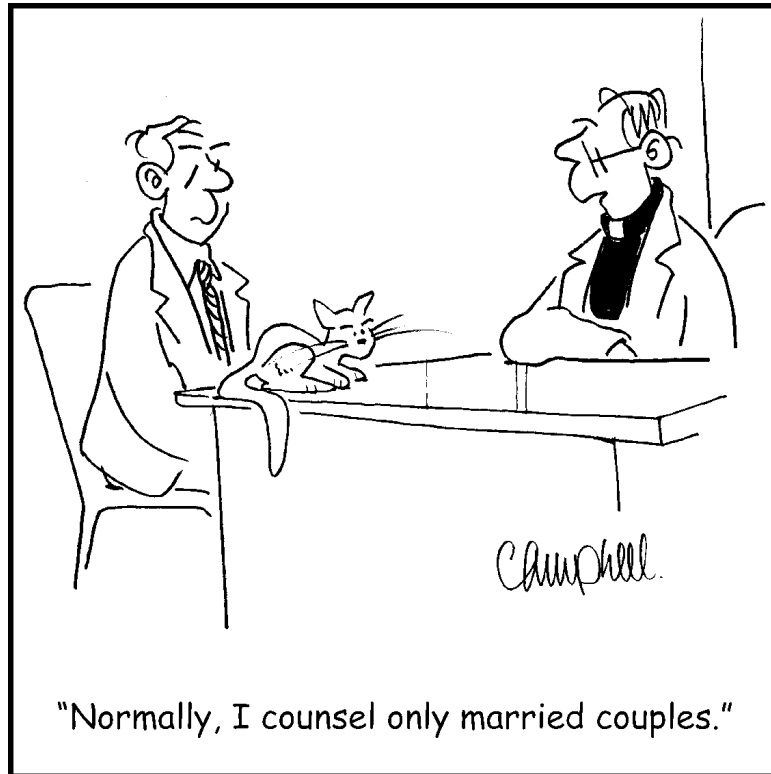
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Dave Berkhimer  
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PLEASE NOTE -- If you are unable to serve the month or part of the month you are scheduled for, please try to trade with someone else and contact the head usher. They will contact the church office. THANK YOU!

**NURSERY - July, Aug & Sept 2014**

If you are unable to serve as a volunteer, PLEASE TRADE WITH SOMEONE SCHEDULED ON ANOTHER SUNDAY. Call the office secretary, 687-6619, so she can make the bulletin change. THANK YOU!

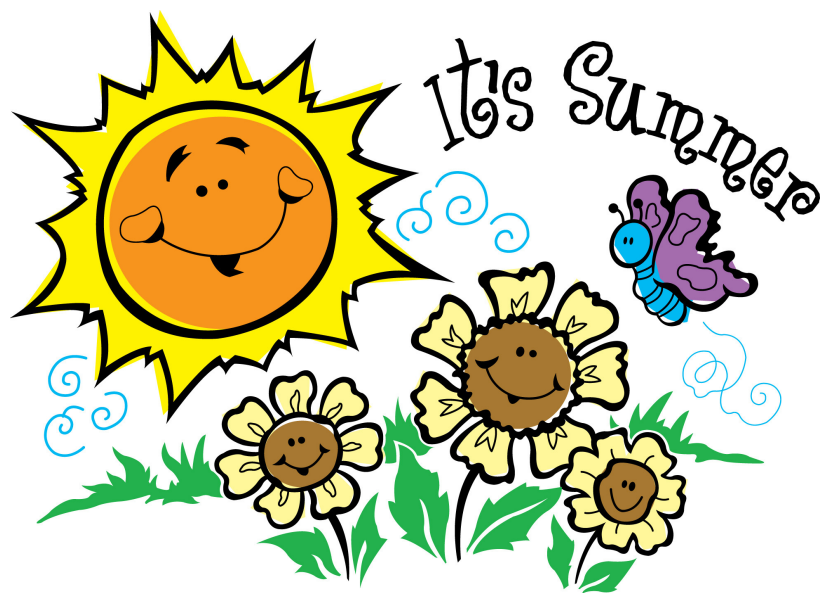
July 6	10:30	Charlene Boas & Craig Keenan
July 13	10:30	Skip & Marie Brackbill
July 20	10:30	Chuck & Kathy Ankney
July 27	10:30	David & Carol Berkhimer
Aug 3	10:30	Carol Shearer & Fran Sattazahn
Aug 10	10:30	Sean & Maureen Carney
Aug 17	10:30	Sara & Michele Lichty
Aug 24	10:30	Alba & Valerie Ruhl
Aug 31	10:30	Johanna Gingher & Sharon Williams
Sept 7	9:30	Old Leacock Day - No Nursery
Sept 14	8:00	Ellen Barnes
	10:30	Bob & Margy Hershey
Sept 21	8:00	Donald & Christy Fieldsa
	10:30	Mary Alice High & Lee Lichty
Sept 28	8:00	Janet Huffman
	10:30	Mike Hartmann



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