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Notes from the Manse

Just this last Saturday, I encountered news in our local paper that brought me up short, to say the least. It seems the Australian government, in its largest counterterrorism effort ever, stopped a plot by a local branch of ISIS, the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria. The terrorist group had planned to grab random people off of Australian city streets, take them off someplace to film and behead them, just as they have done in Iraq and Syria with people who do not accept ISIS's version of "faith." But still it all seemed far away in that crazy madhouse called the Mideast. What made this story so chilling is that it now appears ISIS can strike anywhere and is intent on doing so. One of the saddest, scariest aspects of this group's rapid rise is the ease with which it has recruited people from Europe, Australia, Canada, and, yes, the United States. ISIS is a master of social media and they use it to glamorize their savagery, showing young men gleefully waving arms, floating in captured swimming pools. And as the article I read pointed out, if there are folks who will race over to Iraq and Syria to join the action, there are surely others still here, ready and willing to bring terror to our streets. And this kind of terror wouldn't involve a lot of money and planning, like hijacking jetliners to fly into buildings. No, all you need are a few people willing to grab others, off the streets of U.S. cities, behead them and show it to the whole world.

It's all so frightening, wouldn't you agree? But the more I thought about it, I realized that's just what ISIS wants, for us to be afraid—after all, that's what terrorism is all about. If we let fear master us, it will become all too easy to get caught up in their violent, evil ways. Gandhi once said, "An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind." And the message of Scripture over and over again is that we should not fear. Why? Because, as the *23rd Psalm* says, the Lord is with us. If so, as *Psalm 118* asks, what can mortals do to us? No, as another psalm, *91*, reminds us, we need not fear the terror of the night. OK. But you might well say, "All that's fine. But what do we do about ISIS?" Well, first remember the words of Jesus in *Mark 5*—"Do not fear, only believe." We, on our own, will never end all human madness and cruelty. We have to believe that God is present and at work. As *Psalm 118* also said, "It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in mortals." Still, we are not to sit and passively watch evil unfold. How are we to oppose it? Well, the Lord's answer, all that bit about turning the other cheek, not returning evil for evil, can be hard to accept in the face of something like ISIS. But *1 John* said, "perfect love casts out fear." And think about how often true change, lasting change has come from love, from the non-violent resistance of people like Gandhi and King. Look, I may be wrong, and I would be interested in what you think. But I believe this is the way of Christ. So, let us not be afraid. Let our love be stronger than all hate, all judgment, all evil. And let us remember the words of Jesus in *John*: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

Rev. Robert W. Birch

Lectionary for Sundays in October

<p>Oct 5 (27th Sunday in Ordinary Time) Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19 Philippians 3:4b - 14 Matthew 21:33-46</p>	<p>Oct 19 (29th Sunday in Ordinary Time) Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22</p>	<p>1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46</p>
<p>Oct 12 (28th Sunday in Ordinary Time) Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 Philippians 4:1-9</p>	<p>Oct 26 (30th Sunday in Ordinary Time) Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17</p>	



World Communion Sunday - October 5



“We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord.”

To celebrate our unity in Jesus Christ and our connection with our brothers and sisters around the globe, we will have **one service** of worship at **9:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 5.**

Following this service, we all will share in a **mid eastern themed meal** provided by the Church and Community Life Committee.

Then Rev. Birch will present a **program on his trip to Israel and Palestine** with the Presbyterian Mosaic of Peace.

Come worship, fellowship, and hear God’s good news.

שלום!
Shalom!

Learn More About Bridge of Hope

On Sunday, October 26 we welcome Jeannine Strom Boyer from Bridge of Hope in Lancaster. She will be presenting a *Moment for Mission* at both the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. services.

During the Sunday School hour, she will be giving a longer pres-

entation featuring information about both poverty and mentoring. The Congregation & Community Life Committee met with Ms. Strom Boyer earlier in the year and were excited about the possibilities of mentorship. We wanted to bring the opportunity to the rest of the congregation to learn

more about what Bridge of Hope does, who they serve, and how we might be able to be more involved.

Please join us Sunday, October 26 to learn more about this local ministry which we have helped to support for many years.

Fellowship Time Hosts Needed



Coffee Fellowship

Do you enjoy visiting with your friends and meeting new people while enjoying a beverage and

snack following worship (8:00 or 10:30 services)?

Well, you can be a part of this ministry by either preparing the coffee or bringing the snack. Either job is easy and takes only a few minutes of your time on Sunday morning.

The beverage cart should be ready and in the Narthex by 9:00 each Sunday morning. The

cart is stored in the church pantry and instructions and beverage supplies are provided.

Refreshments should be simple and could include goodies such as cookies, muffins, coffee cake, snack bread, etc. These can be either home baked or purchased (and you can join with a friend to provide them if desired).

There should be approximately
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The Story of Beautiful Evening(s)

The book and movie group enjoyed a very meaningful discussion of the *The Story of Beautiful Girl* by Rachel Simon, and I think we proved, yet again, that even those who haven't read or finished the book (yours truly, say) can have a wonderful time sitting around the table, discussing issues raised by reading a book.

Our next book will be *Little Bee* by Chris Cleave, discussion date yet to be determined.

If you're more of a movie person than a book person, please join us at 5:00 p.m. on **October 26th for a potluck meal and a viewing of *Riding the Bus with My Sister***, a movie based on Rachel Simon's first book

about riding buses with her mentally challenged sister.

As always, all are welcome.

Emily Birch
Book and Movie Group
Coordinator

Trustee News - Outdoor Sexton Needed

The Trustees are looking for someone interested in being our Outdoor Sexton – if interested please contact George Shue 717-687-7240.

The church roofs and manse roof are complete; we are now in the process of getting the damaged ceiling in God's Place

repaired and in the other class rooms.

Once again thank you for all of your patience and support during this time.

Trustees

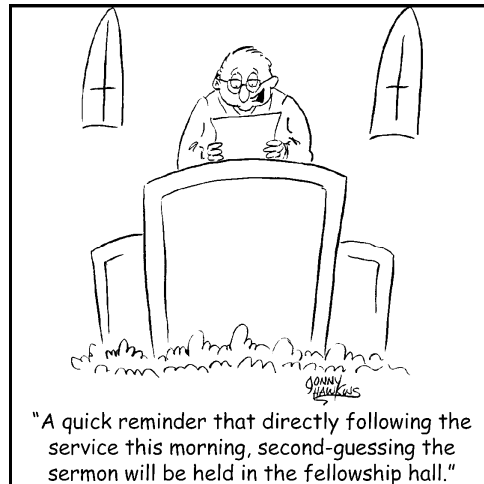
Pray For

- Oct 5 Thomas & Vicki Burkins
- Oct 12 Gloria Burnelis
- Oct 19 Sean & Maureen Carney
Alyssa, Garrett
- Oct 26 Mildred Carpenter



September Session Snippets

- ◇ The Manual of Operations for Leacock was approved for presentation to the congregation at the November 16 Congregational Meeting
- ◇ The following pulpit supplies were approved: October 12 - Rev. Steve Getty; October 19 - Amy Wade, director of Camp Donegal
- ◇ The following church appointments for 2015 were approved: Head Usher 8:00 a.m. Skip Brackbill; Head Usher 10:30 a.m. Ed Margerum; Beadle 8:00 a.m. Janet Huffman; Beadle 10:30 a.m. Ed Margerum; Music Coordinator Dianne Yuninger; Senior Choir Director Dianne Yuninger; Church Organist Dianne Yuninger; Bell Choir Director Karen Homsher; Church Historian Ralph Homsher; Assistant Church Historian Skip Brackbill; Decoration Committee
- Karen Shue and Lois Snader
- ◇ Sixth graders and those not at Leacock during sixth grade will receive Bibles November 16
- ◇ Following World Communion worship October 5 (one service at 9:30) the Church and Community Life Committee will serve the congregation a Middle eastern themed luncheon and Rev. Birch will do a presentation about his trip to Israel and Palestine.
- ◇ A representative from Bridge of Hope Ministries will present a Moment for Mission at both services October 26 and will also speak during the Sunday School hour about mentoring opportunities.



Past Missionaries to China

Richard Smith was recently asked by Paul Schultz, Coordinator of Ambassadors for Christ in Paradise, to research our church records for information on Rev. Charles Leaman of Paradise and his daughters Mary Leaman (China Mary) and Lucy Leaman.

A summary of his research, along with information on Christiana Tsai, is posted on the bulletin board in the back hallway of the Sunday School wing.



Happy Birthday To

October 12

Miriam Keneagy
Room 3 - Village Manor
Brethren Village
3001 Lititz Pike
Lancaster, PA 17606-5093



Just for

KIDS

How to Treat Others

How does God want us to get along with other people? Ephesians 4:32 tells us. To find out what it says, use the code to fill in the blanks.

CODE:

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 8 10,11 4,5 3 9,10’ 5,6 11 10 10,11 1 10
 5 7,8 2 4,5 9,10 5 10 10,11 4 8 2,3
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Answer: “Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”

Mission Committee - October a Special Month

October is a special month bringing some special things to Leacock Presbyterian Church. One of those is the wondrous landscape God creates when He paints different colors on the trees.

It is quite easy to have your faith and belief in God strengthened when you view the beautiful world He creates.



World Communion

Sunday, October 5, is the eighty-first World Communion Sunday bringing Christians from around the world together at Christ's Table honoring Him and praising God.

The Peace Making offering will be taken that day, with 25% staying at Leacock. Please use the special envelopes available in the pews.

Community Meal



October's Community Meal will be on Thursday, October 25. The menu will consist of Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Apple Sauce and Desserts from Weis Markets in Gap.

Each month volunteers come into Fellowship Hall, and start to work preparing place settings; setting up desserts; mak-

ing coffee, iced tea, lemonade; and serving the meal.

It is really a time of fun and fellowship. Join your friends and fellow church members to help feed some of those not as fortunate as many.

Sign-up sheets, as usual, will be in the Narthex.

Fellowship Time (continued)

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100 servings, and they should also be in the Narthex by 9:00 each morning. Instructions for serving these are also provided.

10:30 church goers can drop off the refreshments on Saturday or anytime before 9:00am on Sun-

day. Tom Burkins (392-7253) or Jenny Keenan (768-0557) should be contacted if you wish to drop off your goodies early.

The more volunteers, the easier the job. Please volunteer by signing either sign-up sheet found in the Narthex. Call Tom

or Jenny if you have any questions.



Stewardship Report - Financial Update August 2014

	<i>Offering August</i>		<i>Expenses August</i>	
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Monthly Total	\$17,832	\$15,670	\$20,268	\$16,229
Year-to-Date	\$132,856	\$123,974	\$135,619	\$141,148

Budget Tracking Through July

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Total Annual Budget	\$226,889	\$251,276
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$135,619	\$141,148
% of Budget Spent	60.0%	56.0%

To meet our budget, we need to receive an average of \$4,363 each week. There were five Sundays in August, and we would have liked to see \$4,363 x 5 or \$21,815 received in offering for the month. That makes us \$21,815 - \$17,832 = \$3,083 behind in offering to plan, for August. When looking at the year to date (Jan - Aug) we are \$18,403 behind offering to *budget expectations*.

As far as our actual expenditure versus offering, the headway made in July has unfortunately been overtaken. \$135,619 has been spent and we received \$132,856 in offering. That makes our deficit \$2,763 for the year to date. No doubt, we are doing better than the last two years, but still operating at a deficit, which I still hope will be wiped away these last 3 months of the year!



School's In Session, Please Drive Carefully



We have kicked off our Sunday School year, and it's not too late for you to join.

The youth ages 3 years through 9th grade are studying Men and Women of the Bible. We've been singing songs, reading stories, exploring questions about those stories, and generally having fun as we discover how ancient people are relevant to our lives and our relationships to God today.

The adults have been exploring the possibility of peace in Israel/Palestine, a class led by Reverend Birch and based around his trip last spring.



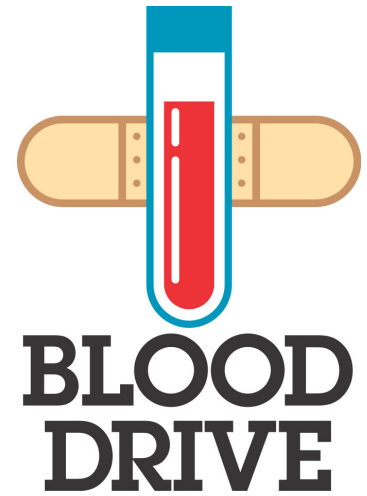
Blood Drive Schedule

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 OCTOBER 2014

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Wed, Oct 1	White Horse Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Tues, Oct 7	Bareville Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Wed, Oct 8	Bird-in-Hand Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Wed, Oct 15	Kinzer Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Thurs, Oct 30	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.



Squireside Saturdays

Thanks to Evie Lopez, Joanne Stoltzfus, and Janet Huffman, we've begun a new tradition for the women of Leacock (yes, women only. Men aren't allowed, because, as Evie told Bob when he asked her during the Old Leacock Day church service, "We want to have fun").

The first Saturday of every month, we will meet at 12:30 at the Squireside Cafe for lunch. If you are a female sixteen years old or older who attends Leacock, you're welcome to join us. Look for a signup sheet in the Narthex, so we can get a head count (which will help us keep Janet from having a heart attack when 30 women suddenly show up at the restaurant unannounced).

There will be an exception on Saturday October 4, when we will join for breakfast at 8:00 a.m.

George Shue has kindly given us all a "late pass," so we can gather for breakfast and then head over to the church for work day.

We look forward to seeing you the first Saturday of every month.

Emily Birch



CROP Hunger Walk

On Sunday, October 19, Leacock Presbyterian Church will be the starting point for the 33rd Annual Paradise CROP Walk. Registration will begin at 1:00pm at the church. The Walk will begin at 1:30pm in front of the church.

Help will be needed to make this CROP Walk successful. There will be **sign-up sheets** in the Narthex for help in:

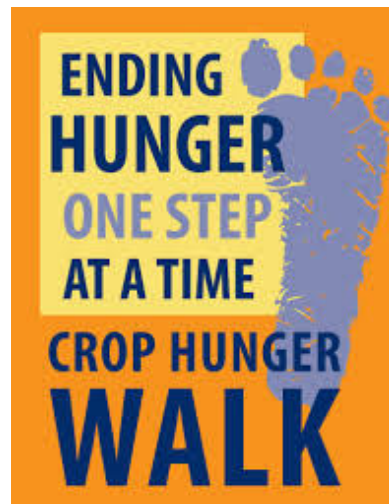
- ◆ setting up the walk
- ◆ registering participants
- ◆ manning refreshment spots (water and apples provided by the Mission Committee)
- ◆ and checking on walkers and riders.

The goal of the CROP Walk is to stamp out hunger across the world. Church World Services sponsors the CROP Walk and encourages local churches across the United States to participate.

Hunger exists not just in those areas we read about in the papers or learn about on TV, but also in the United States, Pennsylvania, and yes in the Paradise area.

As in the past, from each dollar pledged and received twenty-five cents stays in the Paradise area going to the Paradise Food Bank which is currently at the Factory Youth Ministries.

Hunger knows no boundaries, does not recognize race, color or age. Encourage your friends, neighbors, family and fellow workers to walk or bike ride on the 3 mile or 5 mile route through some of the most beautiful farm country in the nation. Help stamp out hunger by raising money on the CROP Walk.



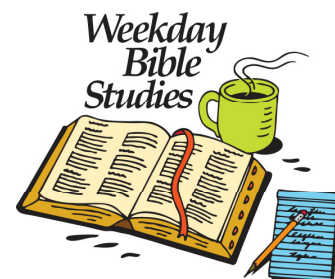
Women's Group Studying Paul and Corinthians

The Leacock Women's Bible study groups kicked off the 2014-2015 church year with a dessert and discussion evening on Monday September 8th.

We're studying Paul and Corinthians this year, and we were happy to see some new faces

around the table to add to our lively discussion.

You can join one of three different classes, two that meet in the morning and one that meets in the evening. Please see Emily Birch, Arlene Brackbill, or Marie Brackbill for more details.



Making Everyone Smile

For a year now, the Leacock youth group has worked toward its theme, "Make the Homeless Smile", which we adopted this time last year

The youth group, however, actually does a lot to make everyone smile. Not only are we going to go into Philadelphia again in February to deliver backpacks, tarps, and other necessities to the homeless, but we're beginning work on creating a clothing bank for high school students to provide them with clothes chosen by teenagers (i.e. clothes they might actually want to wear). Thank you to Michele Lichty for getting this project off the ground.

We'll be making members of the congregation smile during Advent when we encourage them to become Secret Santas. Anyone who wants to will be given the opportunity to sign up to be a Secret Santa. During Family Advent Night, we will draw names, and for the four weeks during Advent, Santas will secretly give the church member whose name they've drawn a note, card, candy, a tiny stocking stuffer.

On December 21st, after the service, the youth will host a Christmas coffee hour for all the Secret Santas, at which time all will be revealed when each Secret Santa gives a gift to the

person he or she has been secretly gifting all along. Stay tuned for details (and maybe even for a little elf).

In preparation for the Secret Santa season, the youth will spend part of the time during their lockin working on making a sled where Santas can leave

their cards, candy, and gifts. We will also just enjoy spending a night with each other playing games, watching movies, and (most likely) getting no sleep.

We're working on new fundraising projects, so keep your eyes and ears open this fall for ways you can help us earn money.

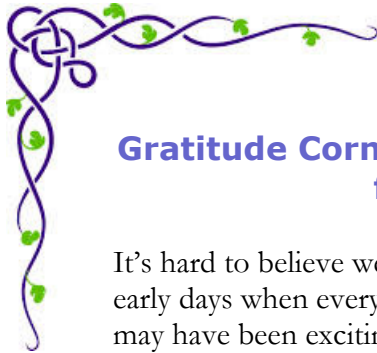
Fall Youth Group Schedule:

October 5:	7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
October 19:	CROP Walk day. Youth are encouraged to walk in the CROP Walk. no 7:00 p.m. meeting.
November 2:	7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
November 14:	Lockin
November 30:	Advent Family Night
December 14:	7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

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. Those of you on Facebook can also email via Facebook mail.

Emily Birch and Charlene Boas
Youth Group Leaders





Gratitude Corner (Those Who Go Above and Beyond to Care for their Minister and His Wife)

It's hard to believe we've been in Paradise for seven years now. I well remember those early days when everything was so new and exciting and — well, SO overwhelming. It may have been exciting, but I'm glad we've settled into a routine now, and I no longer have days in which I find myself thinking, "Am I *ever* going to learn my way around?"

Bob and I had a lot to learn, and we made a lot of mistakes, but this Leacock crowd is quite forgiving, so you let them slide, for the most part (just don't call "mulled cider" "mulled wine").

There were members of the congregation who kept inviting us to do things with them, but, to be honest, we were swimming just to keep our head above water and often had to turn down these very generous invitations, because we never seemed to be able to get our work done.

There were two people, though, who, no matter how often we turned them down, just kept persisting in inviting us (and, once, kidnapping me for a trip to Longwood Gardens).

Eventually, we began, if not exactly floating peacefully on the water, at least to feel that we weren't going to drown. We decided to accept their invitations, and we discovered wonderful, relaxing times with them and their families, often wondering why on earth we'd spent so much time putting work ahead of everything.

So this month's big "thank you!" goes to Charlene Boas and Linda Erikson. We so appreciate all your efforts to get us to "stop and smell the roses", or maybe just to kick back and enjoy a cookout on a warm summer evening. God bless you.

Emily Birch



USHERS - October and November

Skip Brackbill, Head Usher
8:00 Service

Ed Margerum, Head Usher
10:30 Service, (442-4027)

October

Deb Sindall
Robert Sindall
Nick Lopez
Evie Lopez

Mary Alice High
Bob Hershey
Margie Hershey
Darwin Eshleman

November

Ralph Shank
Robin Englehart
Dean Englehart
Tracy Dippner

Charlene Boas
Steve Boas
Lori Smith
Shirley Smith

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 - October and November

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!

Oct 5	9:30	Janet Huffman
Oct 12	8:00	Scott Shenk
	10:30	Chuck & Kathy Ankney
Oct 19	8:00	Sue Funk
	10:30	Dave & Carol Berkhimer
Oct 26	8:00	Loretta McClarigan
	10:30	Lauren Appel & Ruth Anne Appel
Nov 2	8:00	Deb Sindall
	10:30	Alba & Valerie Ruhl
Nov 9	8:00	Ellen Barnes
	10:30	Sean & Maureen Carney
Nov 16	8:00	Scott Shenk
	10:30	Michele & Sara Lichty
Nov 23	9:30	Johanna Gingher & Sharon Williams
Nov 30	8:00	Tom & Vicki Burkins
	10:30	Marie Brackbill & Sharon Williams



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