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Notes from the Manse

"We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 1:2,3

When we think of others, what is the first thing that comes to our mind? Is it something that we or they have to do? Is it some fond memory? Is it gratefulness for things they have done, the people they are? Perhaps. But all too often, what comes to mind is a problem, a criticism, some flaw or more likely flaws that we expect and that really bug us. When we do offer thanks it is often at the end of something, when somebody has completed a job or in the transitions of our lives as we say goodbye. Why don't we say thank you earlier? Because, you know, our jobs are never really done and we don't always pick life's transitions—sometimes, when we're ready to offer thanks, we can't; it's too late.

In a few days it will be Thanksgiving. Rumor has it that it may come with a messy snow. Still, I have been thinking a lot about what it means to give thanks. And I was drawn to Paul. I've always been struck by the pattern that almost always begins his letters. After a standard salutation in which he offers grace and peace, the first thing he does is express gratitude for the people to whom he is writing. If you look at the letters attributed to him, nearly all of them begin with thanks. In *Romans*, *Ephesians*, and *Colossians*, he is grateful for the people's faith; in *1 Corinthians*, he expresses gratitude for their gifts, in *Philippians*, for their sharing of the gospel. In the passage above, he is thankful for his big three, faith, hope, and love. In *2 Thessalonians* and *Philemon*, he again is grateful for faith, but, it seems, most of all for the love shown others. Now, I think this is pretty important. As I've said many times before, he wrote these letters not to perfect churches—he wrote them precisely because they had issues. But almost always, he begins with thanks.


My wife, Emily, came up with an idea a while back called Gratitude Corner, in which she would say thank you to someone in each newsletter. Giving thanks is important to her. And I'm reminded of a time when she came home from being away. There was a whole laundry list of things she had asked me to do (including laundry), and I'd gotten so bogged down in other things, I'd been able to do very little. But after she greeted me, her face lit up and she thanked me, for cleaning the kitchen. It isn't like she couldn't see what I hadn't done. Still, the first thing she said was thanks.

Imagine how our lives would be transformed if we put aside all our quarrels and judgments, all the problems we have with each other, and the first thing we said when we saw each other was thank you. Not some kind of quick, unfelt, token gratitude. No, real, genuine gratitude for that other person, for things he or she has done. There's always time to get to the problems; Paul managed to (but always with prayer for the others). But wouldn't our guards go down a bit? Wouldn't we open ourselves to each other more? I think so. If we greeted each other with thanks, that would be grace, indeed.

Rev. Robert W. Birch

Lectionary for Sundays in December & January

Dec 7	Second Sunday of Advent Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8	Dec 25	Nativity of the Lord <u>Christmas Dawn</u> Isaiah 62:6-12 Psalm 97 Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20 <u>Christmas Day</u> Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98 Hebrews 1:1-4 [5-12] John 1:1-14	Matthew 2:1-12	
Dec 14	Third Sunday of Advent Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Psalm 126 or Luke 1:46b-55 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28	Dec 28	First Sunday after Christmas Day Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Psalm 148 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:22-40	Jan 11	Baptism of the Lord Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm 29 Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11
Dec 21	Fourth Sunday of Advent 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38	Jan 4	Second Sunday after Christmas Day Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 147:12-20 Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:[1-9] 10-18	Jan 18	Second Sunday after the Epiphany 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20] Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 John 1:43-51
Dec 24	Nativity of the Lord <u>Christmas Eve</u> Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]	Jan 6	Epiphany of the Lord Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 Ephesians 3:1-12	Jan 25	Third Sunday after the Epiphany Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 62:5-12 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20



Preparing for the



Happy Birthday To

January 9
Bill Berkhimer
1614 Bentley Ridge
Blvd.
Lancaster, PA 17602



Prayer Families / Persons

Dec 7	Kevin Cummings	Jan 4	Tracy Dippner & Family
Dec 14	Charles & Ethel Danner	Jan 11	Robert, Jr. & Elaine Dyer, Camila
Dec 21	Betty Denlinger	Jan 18	Dean, Jr. & Robbin Englehart & Stephan
Dec 28	Michael & Rebekah Diem, Noah & Delilah	Jan 25	Linda Erikson, Kelly & David

Caring Tree

Our annual caring tree will be on display in the Narthex from November 30th to December 14th. This is the congregation's opportunity to reach out to some in the community and show God's love by sharing your blessings this advent season.

Please choose a card, or several cards, from the tree and

follow the instructions on the card. There will be a basket near the tree in which to place the small "taken by" card, filled out with your name.

Again this year, the gifts given through the Factory (the yellow or gold cards), should not be wrapped. Simply leave them in their purchase bags and attach the yellow or gold

tag to the bag for sorting.

If you prefer to give money toward a gift, please see Lois Eshleman or Jenny Keenan. The gifts should be returned to the church no later than December 14th.

Give A Gift



Advent Calendar

November 30 - First Sunday in Advent
Advent Family Night - 5:00 p.m.

December 6 - Christmas Bazaar

December 7 - Second Sunday in Advent - Bell Choir

December 14 - Third Sunday in Advent - Lunch and Caroling after 10:30 Service

December 18 - Community Meal

December 21 - Fourth Sunday in Advent - One Service at 9:30am
Cantata - Ceremony of Candles
Fellowship Time for Revealing Secret Santas

December 24 - Christmas Eve
7:00pm Paradise
Christmas Pageant
Family Service with Candle-lighting

11:00pm Old Leacock
Lessons and Carols
Candle-lighting



Hymn of the Month

In December, because of the many familiar carols we all know and love, our Hymn of the Month will be sung during the Lighting of the Advent Wreath.

Last year we sang this piece, but this year we have the advantage of having it in our hymnal: *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*. Each week, we will add a verse as another

candle is lit in preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth.

January's hymn is #519, *You Are My Strength When I Am Weak*. Written in 1990, this quiet hymn of contemplation resembles a praise song with its short verse and repetitive refrain:

"You are my strength when I am weak; you are the treasure that I seek; you are my all in all."

When I fall down, you pick me up; when I am dry you fill my cup; you are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name! Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!"

Christmas Sunday December 21



Plan now to join with your Leacock Family, Sunday December 21 at 9:30 a.m. as we

celebrate together the birth of our Savior.

The Chancel Choir will present Joseph Martin's cantata *Ceremony of Candles* featuring creative arrangements of familiar carols and several new pieces.

Our singers have been working hard to lead our worship

that morning as we move from the darkness of "Bleak Mid-Winter" to the light of Bethlehem and His birth.



November Session Snippets



At their November Session meeting, Elders experienced a "first," as Steve Boas, - in Atlanta, GA, on business - was skyped in to the meeting. While Tom Burkins adeptly adjusted the computer system, elders sat in the

library and watched Steve "on the wall" as he led the Stewardship portion of the agenda. The wonders of technology . . .

Business included the following items:

- ◆ Ordination, Installation,

and Recognition of new officers will occur January 11 at both services.

- ◆ Leacock is scheduled to host Donegal Presbytery for their March 17 meeting.
- ◆ Rev. Birch was granted

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News From the Deacons

Christmas Poinsettia's will be available for pick up in the Narthex on December 14th along with the *Upper Room*, for delivery to your at home members.

For Thanksgiving, three local families were provided with a supermarket gift card to get groceries for their holiday meals or whatever they may need from a grocery store.

There will be additional local families given supermarket gift cards by the Deacons for Christmas. Our hope is the gifts will take some of the pressure off them so they can better enjoy the holidays with their loved ones.

A big thank you to all the Deacons for the work you do in caring for our congregation and friends of the church.

We welcome the new Deacons who will be taking positions in January!!

Welcome Tracy Dippner, Johanna Gingham, Maureen Carney and Barbara Hostetter. Thank you.



The Best Gift Ever: Leacock Christian Ed

Thanks to Paula Hughes, the Leacock Sunday School classes will soon begin practicing for their Christmas Eve performance of *The Best Gift Ever*.

This is an original nativity play written by Paula, and we're excited to make it a part of our early service on Christmas Eve.

Please note that we will not hold regular Sunday School classes for our children from Nov. 30 - Dec. 21 in lieu of practice of the play, whose story will teach them about the best gift ever. If you would like to volunteer to help with the play, in any way, please contact Emily Birch or Karen Homsher.

Play practice schedule:

Tue. Dec. 2: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
 Sun Dec. 7: 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (after church)
 Sun Dec. 14: 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (after church)
 Mon Dec. 22nd: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (alternate date or, if needed, Tue. Dec. 23)
 Emily Birch and Karen Homsher, Christian Ed

November Session Snippets (continued)

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- vacation Dec. 29, 30, and 31, and study leave to prepare for the Lenten Study January 4, 5, and 6.
- ♦ Rev. Alicia Conklin-Wood (HR) will supply the pulpit January 4, 2015.

- ♦ Vicki Burkins was appointed Newsletter Editor and Richard Smith Church Publicist.
- ♦ A Hiring Policy was adopted via the Personnel Committee.
- ♦ Termination Language will be added to all Job Descriptions.

- ♦ A free-will offering with proceeds going to the Benevolence Fund will be received Thanksgiving Eve.
- ♦ Youth Sunday was scheduled for April 12, 2015.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry began in January 2008 with 12 people. The first two shawls were given to Jim and Jamie Farr on the death of Cindy Farr in Papua, New Guinea. Cindy, with her husband Jim, was our missionary there.

The shawls have been given to the ill and the bereaved in our families, friends and community. So far, we've given over 165 including 12 to hospice.

In 2010, we started giving to our high school graduates who go on to college. We find out the school colors, and the shawls are knitted in those colors. So far, eight shawls have been given to these graduates.

We also began knitting baby blankets and have given eight of them.

We meet the first and third

Mondays at 9:30 in the church library. We invite anyone interested in this church ministry to join us.

The following notes have been received on receipt of a prayer shawl:

To Ladies of Leacock Presbyterian Church,

And now I want to thank you for all the love expressed by all the little things you do to bring others happiness.

Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer shawl you ladies made for me.

*God Bless You All,
Love,
Betty (Hamilton)*

Dear Karen (Homsher) and the women of the church,

I want to thank you so much for the lovely prayer shawl which you sent me. I was so

touched when I received it, and I shall cherish it especially because it came from you.

The shawl is truly beautiful and came with such a perfect message. I love the color and how soft it is, and it will always remind me of having been made by your loving hands.

Of course, I have a soft heart for your church since Bob (Birch) is there. He gave a perfect eulogy at my husband's memorial service. I have been told over and over and by many present, how wonderful it was. I am grateful to Leacock for lending him to St. Paul's, Ivy, that day.

*Many thanks to all of you again -
Affectionately,
Audrey Michie*

Flowers

You may purchase flowers for the sanctuary on Sundays, December 7, 21 and 28 in honor of or in memory of someone or a special occasion.

Call the church office at 687-6619.

Youth Group Schedule

Nov 30 Advent Family Night
(wacky sweater Sunday for members of the congregation
5:30 p.m.
Dec 14 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Dec 28: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Jan 11: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Jan 25: 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

Christmas Caroling

Our annual Christmas caroling will be on Sunday, December 14th after the morning church service. There will be a light meal served in Fellowship Hall after the service and before the caroling begins. We need everyone to participate so we can have lots of groups to sing to our *at-home members* and bring some Christmas joy into their lives.

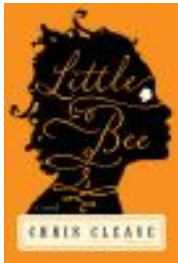
You don't need to be able to sing well, just be able to read the words and *make a joyful noise unto the Lord*. Our *at-home members* always appreciate us taking time to sing to or with them.

Let's make this year the best year ever! A sign up sheet will be in the Narthex on Sunday, November 30th. Please sign

up so we know how many people will be at lunch. You can't sing on an empty stomach!



Of Buses and Bees, Part 2 - Leacock Book and Movie Group



The Leacock book and movie group was, I think, surprised by how much they all enjoyed the movie *Riding*

the Bus with My Sister, a poignant, made-for-television movie about family reconciliation, starring Andie McDowell and

Rosie O'Donnell. O'Donnell stole the show with her portrayal of a mentally-challenged woman who has made a life for herself riding the bus around her town.

We're on to our next book, and you have plenty of time to read it. On January 18, 2015, we'll be discussing, over pizza, the book *Little Bee* by Chris

Cleave.

Please join us as we explore this take of two women from different cultures and how fate brought them together.



Trustee News

As the year draws to an end, the Trustees would like once again to thank everyone for their support and patience's.

A special Thank you to the outgoing Trustees – Karen Boyer, Michael McLaughlin and Mike Hartmann for the past

three years of service to our church.

And welcome to the incoming Trustees – Danielle Short, Dave Berkhimer and Craig Keenan.

We are looking forward to

working with them in the coming year.

Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas!

The Trustees

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

This is another battery story. Those of you who read your newsletter will note that last month I thanked Harold for replacing our garage door opener batteries. The Sunday after that newsletter came out. I was approached by a member of our congregation who told me that the next time we need batteries to let her know. She told me she'd pick them up for us at Batteries Warehouse, where we can, apparently, get any kind of battery we need.

So, this month's huge thank you! goes to **Shirley Smith**, who was kind enough to offer to run that errand for us. The next time we find ourselves with dead batteries, we know where to go. God Bless!

Emily Birch

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 DECEMBER 2014

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Tues, Dec 2	Bareville Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Wed, Dec 3	White Horse Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Tues, Dec 9	Gordonville Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Wed, Dec 10	Kinzer Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Tues, Dec 16	Lampeter-Strasburg High School	8:00am to 2:00pm

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.



Acts 16:5 Team Update

The Acts 16:5 team continues to meet regularly. In the most recent meeting, the team looked at the demographic information for a 7 mile area surrounding the church.

While many of us know the area well, some perceptions

weren't as accurate as we originally thought. Feel free to ask any of us for an update.

The team looks forward to the congregation's involvement in new initiatives in the coming year.

Robert Birch
Linda Erikson
Ehren Graybill
Mike Hartmann
Karen Homsher
Jennifer McElhany

Lock-in, Wacky Sweaters, and Secret Santas Part II - Leacock Youth



A great big thank you yet again, to Kris and John Shirk, Charlene and Steve Boas, as well as Reverend Birch who all helped make the 2014 lock-in a success! A special thank you to Charlene for creating our Santa Sleigh, which the kids painted red, and to Steve for his signature breakfast, which it seems, the kids would eat every morning if they could.

That's all I'll say because, you know, what happens at the youth lock-in stays at the youth lock-in.

We're now on to the Secret Santa Season for which that sled was made and painted. It will soon be sitting in the Narthex. Please sign up in the

Narthex to participate in Leacock's first annual Secret Santa project to bring some holiday cheer to one of your fellow congregants. You'll find printed directions next to the sign-up sheet. Please take them home with you.

Don't forget to pull your wackiest sweater out of your closet (or attic) for *Wacky Sweater Sunday*. On Sunday, November 30, please wear that sweater to church. The youth are requesting that you give them a donation (no amount is too small or too large), which will be collected that day. You will find collection receptacles at the back of the church on that Sunday.

Finally, in December, we will begin collecting backpacks and tarps for our winter trip to Make the Homeless Smile. Please consider donating gen-

tly used or new backpacks and tarps. You can leave these in the ping-pong table section of the youth lounge. (If you need help getting them up there, please let us know.) We will be collecting until our trip to Philadelphia, Saturday, **February 14**, to distribute them to the homeless.

Anyone who would like to join us on this special trip is welcome to do so. The youth would love to have anyone who attends our church come along to witness this heart-warming event.



Squireside Saturdays

Don't forget Squireside Saturdays, the first Saturday of every month, except December 5, when we hope to see everyone at the Leacock Bazaar. You'll be able to get a delicious breakfast and lunch there.

Every other first Saturday, all women of the church ages 16

and over are welcome to join us at The Squireside Cafe in New Holland for lunch at 12:30.

Please remember to sign the signup sheet in the Narthex, so we can make reservations.



February 14, 2015
Make the Homeless Smile Day
in Philadelphia

News From the Mission Committee

How fast the year zooms by. It seems like last week you put away the winter clothes and now you are getting them out again. The end of the year has sprung up on us in the blink of an eye.

The Christmas Joy Offering will be taken in December and the Blanket Offering the last two Sundays in January. These offerings are for those truly in need. Look for these special offering envelopes in the pews in the next few weeks.

For the sixth straight year the Mission Committee will be serving a Community Meal each month in 2015. During the past year we have served over 900 meals to guests, and the last two months serving nearly 100 guests each month. This does not include the 18-20 individuals who so unselfishly have blessed us with their help at the Community

Meals each month. God Bless each of you.

Without the generosity of time and food donations from the congregation our success could not have happened. Many thanks and God's blessing on these wonderful individuals.

The schedule for the monthly meals in 2015 is: January 29, February 26, March 26, April 30, May 28, June 25, July 30, August 27, September 24, October 29, November 12 and December 10. Help is always needed on the day of each meal for set-up, cooking, serving the meal and clean-up. As usual the sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex two weeks before the meals. The December Community Meal will consist of ham, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, cranberry sauce, fruit cup and dessert.

During the coming year, Bonnie Rice will be the Mission Committee Chair. Please help her continue the wonderful and blessed job that all of you have participated in the past five years.

The success of the Mission Committee throughout the past year could not have happened without these other wonderful individual members of the committee: Betty Sowers, Geri Lutz, Michele McLaughlin, Alba Ruhl, Nick Lopez and Joann Stoltzfus.

It has been a privilege to have served the congregation as a member of the Session and Mission Committee with these wonderful members.

God's Blessing and Peace

Arthur Myers



Ho! Ho! Ho! Leacock Youth Sponsor Secret Santa



The Leacock Youth invite all who are interested to participate in a Secret Santa activity, which will begin on Advent Family Night November 30 and conclude at the coffee fellowship time on December 21.

Directions follow. Please check with Emily Birch, Charlene Boas, or Karen Homsher if you have any questions.

1. Sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex by November 30th to participate. Names will be drawn (your name will be drawn as a recipient of gifts from a Secret Santa, and you will draw a name of someone to whom you will give gifts). If you are unable to sign up or to attend Family Night but want to participate, please contact Emily or Karen.
2. During the three weeks from November 30 to De-

cember 21, remember your Secret Santa recipient with a card, treat, or small gift each Sunday (12/7 and 12/14) or at any time during those three weeks of Advent. You may arrange to deliver these yourself by mail or other means, or you may leave them — *carefully labeled* — in *Santa's Sleigh* in the Narthex. But, shhhh! Don't give away who you are (although if you want to be creative, you can give hints, so your recipient can try to guess who you are).



3. Remember to check the sleigh for possible gifts from your Secret Santa during that time.
4. On Sunday, December 21, the Youth will host a coffee hour for the whole congregation. Those participating in the Secret Santa program should bring a gift (no more than \$15, please) for their recipient. This time, sign

your name. We will exchange gifts during the coffee hour.

REMEMBER: THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR WILL HAVE WONDERFUL GIFTS!

IDEAS OF THINGS TO SEND/ LEAVE FOR YOUR SECRET SANTA RECIPIENT

Christmas cards
Candy bars
Cookies
Christmas candy
Christmas tree ornaments
Anything handmade (if you're the crafty sort)

But use your imagination and have fun!



Stewardship Report - Financial Update October 2014

	Offering October		Expenses October	
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Monthly Total	\$15,120	\$15,206	\$17,997	\$17,488
Year-to-Date	\$162,261	\$156,570	\$168,017	\$176,652

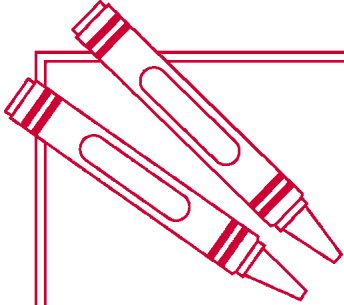
Budget Tracking Through October

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Total Annual Budget	\$226,889	\$251,276
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$168,017	\$176,652
% of Budget Spent	74.0%	70.0%

To meet our budget, we need to receive an average of \$4,363 each week. There were four Sundays in October, and we would have liked to see $\$4,363 \times 4$ or \$17,452 received in offering for the month. That makes us $\$17,452 - \$15,120 = \$2,332$ behind in offering to plan, for October. When looking at the year to date (Jan - Oct) we are \$26,813 behind offering to *budget expectations*.

As far as our actual expenditure versus offering, the headway made earlier in the year has unfortunately been well overtaken. \$168,017 has been spent and we received \$162,261 in offering. **That makes our deficit \$5,756 for the year to date.** As we enter into the last two months of the year, we usually see an increase in giving in response to Thanksgiving and Christmas. There are more opportunities and more programs made available to us that we can give to, all of them very worthwhile and helpful to those who benefit from them. I know our congregation will give generously to these special programs, but *PLEASE do not lose sight of our general offering* either. We are nearly six thousand dollars behind at this point, and we have virtually no buffer of funds in our account to absorb this large of a deficit. Thank you for all you have done this year, and thank you in advance for the extra help we need now.





Just for KIDS

"A New Year – A New You"

Find the words from 2 Corinthians 5:17.

A	D	F	H	L	N	R	T	Y
	C	E	G	I	M	O	S	W
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

“ e ’ ; ! ”

8 4 2,3 7 2,3 3 6,7 7 2,3 4,5 3

1 6 9 6,7 6 2,3 4,5 7,8 4,5 6

1,2 4 7 4,5 7,8 8 ’ 4 2,3 4,5 7,8 1


6 2,3 8,9 1,2 7 2,3 1 8 4,5 6,7 6 ;

8 4 2,3 6,7 5 2 4 1 7,8

3,4 6,7 6 2,3 ’ 8 4 2,3

6 2,3 8,9 4 1 7,8

1,2 6,7 5,6 2,3 ! ”



Answer: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

Flocks and Shepherds: Caring for Each Other

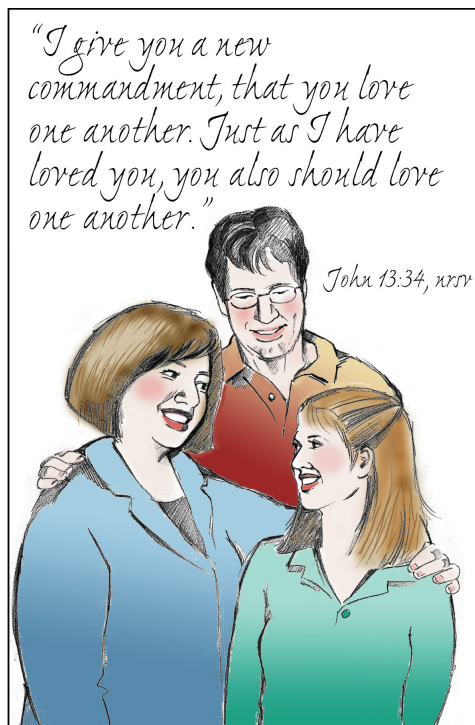
Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you should also love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34,35)

Here at Leacock, how do we show this love for each other? We all can identify many ways this happens, from working together in church sponsored events to participating in the Prayer Chain to passing the Peace each Sunday. Yet we seek ever better ways to connect with each other.

The Session and Deacons have been prayerfully wrestling with this issue for several months and have designed a plan for reaching out to all members of this congregation.

Elders and Deacons have been paired into twelve teams, with each team being randomly assigned 11 family units for whom they will be responsible. This initiative is meant to help all of us be more aware of our joys, concerns, gifts, and needs.

In several weeks you will receive a letter from your Deacon/Elder further explaining what we are doing.



**REMEMBER THE AT-HOME MEMBERS
AT CHRISTMAS**

Jean Beane
c/o Kirk Beane
1846 Mine Road
Paradise, PA 17562

Charles and Ethel Danner
Apartment Suite 113
433 S. Kinzer Avenue
Garden Spot Village
New Holland, PA 17557

Miriam Latshaw
1520 Harrisburg Pike
Lancaster, PA 17601

Bill E. Berkheimer
1614 Bentley Ridge Blvd.
Lancaster, PA 17602

Miriam Keneagy
Apartment Suite 113
Room 3 Village Manor
Brethren Village
3001 Lititz Pike
Lancaster, PA 17606

Malcolm Stannard
61 Slaymaker Hill Road
Kinzers, PA 17535-9703

Lee Brown
8 Bethany Avenue
Paradise, PA 17562

Helen Kreider
3253 Lincoln Hwy. East
Paradise, PA 17562

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

Mildred S. Carpenter
214 Boyer
1520 Harrisburg Pike
Lancaster, PA 17601



USHERS - DECEMBER, JANUARY & FEBRUARY**Skip Brackbill, Head Usher**
8:00 Service**Ed Margerum, Head Usher**
10:30 Service, (442-4027)DecemberRichard Miller
Ellen Barnes
Bonnie RiceMichael Hartmann
Ehren Graybill
Keo Phongxaysanith
Jennifer McElhaneyJanuaryJanet Huffman
Scott Shenk
Ralph Shank
Don AndrewsMichael Ruhl
Alba Ruhl
David Berkhimer
Carol BerkhimerFebruaryDavid Homsher
Loretta McClarigan
Michael McLaughlin
Michele McLaughlinKaren Shue
George Shue
Austin Hayes
Kristin Hayes

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 - DECEMBER, JANUARY & FEBRUARY

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!

Dec 7	8:00	Tom & Vicki Burkins
	10:30	Bob & Margy Hershey
Dec 14	8:00	Karen Boyer
	10:30	Charlene Boas & Lea Lichty
Dec 21	9:30	Michele & Sara Lichty
Dec 28	8:00	Sue Funk
	10:30	Mary Alice High & Craig Keenan
Jan 4	8:00	Deb Sindall
	10:30	Sean & Maureen Carney

Jan 11	8:00	Ellen Barnes
	10:30	Lauren & Ruth Anne Appel
Jan 18	8:00	Donald & Christy Fieldsa
	10:30	Chuck & Kathy Ankney
Jan 25	8:00	Loretta McClarigan
	10:30	Marie Brackbill & Mike Hartmann
Feb 1	8:00	Tom & Vicki Burkins
	10:30	Alba & Valerie Ruhl
Feb 8	8:00	Janet Huffman
	10:30	Charlene Boas & Lea Lichty
Feb 15	8:00	Scott Shenk
	10:30	Dave & Carol Berkhimer
Feb 22	8:00	Karen Boyer
	10:30	Sharon Williams & Johanna Gingher



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

You may purchase a Christmas Poinsettia for \$8.00 to be placed in the sanctuary in memory/honor of someone. Please complete and return this form and money to the church office by **Sunday, December 14.**

The ones remembered and by whom will appear in the bulletin on Sunday, December 21. Remember to advise the church if you plan to leave your poinsettia to be taken to an at-home member.

I/We _____ wish to order _____ Christmas Poinsettia (s)

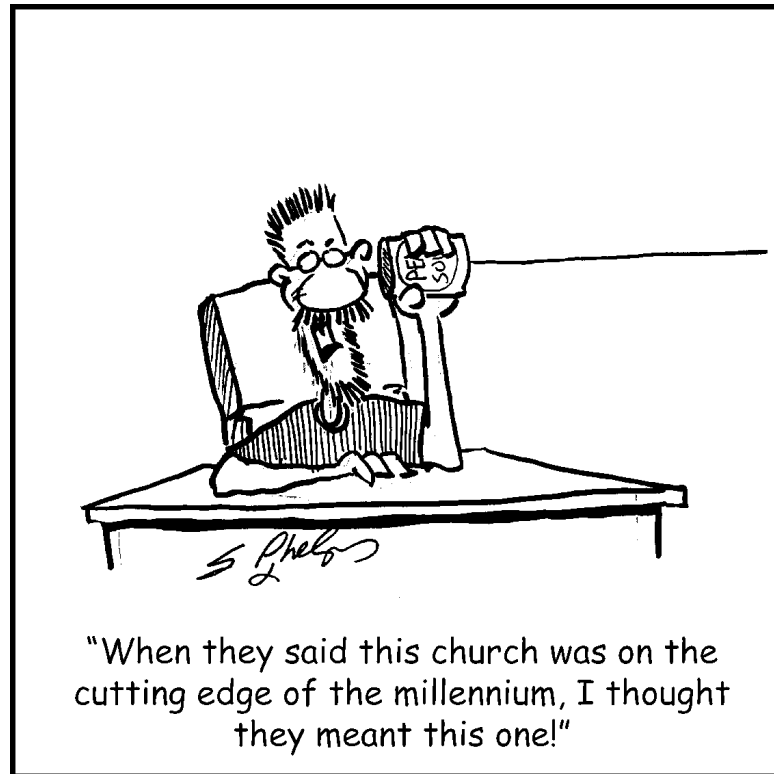
in memory of _____

or in honor of _____

Please place a ☒ in the box if your plant(s) is to be taken to an at-home member by our deacons." ☐



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