



# *Leacock Communicator*

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## ***Notes from the Manse***

This past weekend, this country celebrated Memorial Day. For many, the holiday has come to be little more than a marker of the change of seasons, the unofficial ending of spring and beginning of summer. But, of course, that's not what it was originally supposed to mark. No, this is a day we should honor those who've been members of the Armed Services, those who have served in the wars of our history. This includes those who made it home, but who all too often carried with them scars, physical, psychological. But it is a day especially to remember those who gave what Lincoln called "the last full measure of devotion," those who died to defend liberty. Memorial Day itself is a relatively recent holiday. But the urge, the need to remember those who have served and died in battle is an ancient one. One of the oldest passages in the Bible, scholars believe, is David's lament for his friend Jonathan who had fallen in combat.

And perhaps there is more we can and should do on Memorial Day. If it is indeed to be a holiday, a holy day, then perhaps we should remember others who have served in different ways, including those who have served in our faith. After all, at his final meal with his friends, Jesus asked them to break bread, to share a cup, to do both in remembrance of him. The way of the Lord is not easy; it got Jesus killed, and if we really walk it, it can cost us much as well. Jesus told us it will be hard. Many times Paul spoke of all the opposition, all the pushback we will get if we follow the Lord. Why do you think he spoke in *1 Thessalonians* of the need to put on the breastplate of faith and love, the helmet of the hope of salvation? Because he knew that people of faith were going to need armor, that in their own way they too were soldiers, but soldiers, he says in *Ephesians*, whose only weapon was the spear of the Spirit, the word of God. So, yes, it is good to remember those who have served God, everyone from those who died doing so to mothers and grandmothers like those of Timothy who pass on the faith.

Remembering is good; it honors the past and those who made the present possible. But maybe those who see in Memorial Day a change in the seasons are on to something. Maybe we have to honor the past while being willing to move into the future. *Isaiah* can seem to have a bit of a confused message. In one place, the prophet says to remember the former things; other places, he just as firmly says not to remember those former things. But maybe what he's really after is captured in the NIV translation of 43:18—"Don't dwell on the past." Don't try forever to hang on to the way things used to be or the people who shaped the past. After all, the prophet proclaims that the Lord is about to do a new thing, is about to create new heavens and a new earth. And it's happening—what else is a new covenant, a new commandment? What else does Paul mean when he says that if we are in Christ we become a new creation, that the new creation is everything. If we are stuck in the past, there's no way we will recognize the new thing God wills to do among us. How then can we become a new creation? So let us remember, let us honor the good that was and those who have served before. But let us also dare the future, with the courage to let go of the past and receive the new heart and spirit of which Ezekiel spoke. Then we will honor what the Lord wills.

--Rev. Robert W. Birch

## Lectionary for Sundays in June and July



June 7 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
1 Samuel 8:4-11 (12-15) 16-20 (11:14-15)  
Psalm 138  
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1  
Mark 3:20-35

June 14 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
1 Samuel 15: 34-16:13  
Psalm 20  
2 Corinthians 5: 6-10 (11-13) 14-17  
Mark 4:26-34

June 21 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49  
Psalm 9: 9-20 or

1 Samuel 17: 57-18:5, 10-16  
Psalm 133  
2 Corinthians 6: 1-13  
Mark 4: 35-41

June 28 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
2 Samuel 1: 1, 17-27  
Psalm 130  
2 Corinthians 8: 7-15  
Mark 5: 21-43

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### Outdoor Sexton

Trustees are still actively looking for an Outdoor Sexton.

If you know of anyone interested in being the Outdoor Sexton please contact George Shue or Rev. Birch.

### Gardens

The Garden Task Force has been busy adding special touches to the Memorial Garden; please take a moment to see what Bonnie Rice and JoAnn Stoltzfus have done.

Thanks Ladies!



### Flowers

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



### Book and Movie Discussion Group



Please join us for a potluck and viewing of the documentary *Orphan Train* on June 14 at 5:00 p.m.

Come even if you didn't read the book.

Everyone welcome.

### Pray For

June 7 Ralph Homsher  
June 14 Milton & Barbara Hostetter  
June 21 Tracey Hovis, Sarah  
June 28 Eric & Paula Hughes, Chad

## Youth Group Meeting



Thanks so much to the youth, their parents and everyone else who's supported us!

Emily Birch & Charlene Boas,  
Youth Leaders



The last youth meeting before a summer break will be May 31. It's been a great year.

## Summer Church

Our summer worship schedule begins on **June 7** and continues through Labor Day weekend (**September 6**).

**The 8:00 service will be held at Old Leacock and the 10:30 service at Paradise.**

Nursery will be provided for 10:30 services only, and there will be no God's Place for Kids until September 20.

## May Session Snippets

At their May 21 Stated Meeting, the Session took the following actions:

- ⇒ Approved ordering 500 copies of the updated tri-fold historical brochure of Old Leacock
- ⇒ Approved a Church Family Hike June 14 at the Lancaster County Park at 1:30pm
- ⇒ Approved celebrating Leacock's high school graduates at a reception June 7 after second service
- ⇒ Approved opening Old Leacock for guided tours the first Wednesday in June, July, August and September from 10:00am until noon
- ⇒ Decided not to schedule VBS this year because of scheduling difficulties and the time crunch in obtaining the required Child Protection Clearances.

The Clerk reported Leacock's minutes for 2014 were read at the Presbytery level and approved without exception.

## Church Office Hours



Rev. Birch's Office Hours  
Are

Monday - Thursday  
3:00 - 6:30pm

The Secretary's Hours  
Are

Tuesday - Friday  
8:30am—12:00noon

## Sing a New Song to the Lord



Our summer Hymns of the Month for June and July

are going to take a different format. Many semi familiar worship and praise songs appear in *Glory to God*, so we will be singing one of these for two

to three weeks and then move to a different one.

In June we will sing *As the Deer* (page 626) on the 7th and 14th, and *Great Is the Lord* (page 614) June 21 and 28.

In preparation for our July Communion by Intinction, we will learn *Lamb of God* (page 518) July 5 and 12. As we receive the Communion elements July 19, we will sing

*Lamb of God.*

Our hymn for the 19th and 26th will be *He Is King of Kings* (page 273).

There are so many “old Favorites” and new Favorites in *Glory to God*, that we would like YOU to select a hymn or two you would like to sing in August. Beginning in June and

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## Lectionary for Sundays in June and July (continued)

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July 5 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10  
Psalm 48  
2 Corinthians 12: 2-10  
Mark 6:1-13

July 12 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19  
Psalm 24  
Ephesians 1: 3-14  
Mark 6: 14-29

July 19 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
2 Samuel 7: 1-14a  
Psalm 89: 20-37  
Ephesians 2: 11-22  
Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

July 26 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
2 Samuel 11: 1-15  
Psalm 14  
Ephesians 3: 14-21  
John 6: 1-21



Mark your calendars for fun activities this summer.

Begin with a Hike in Lancaster County Park

## Summer Fun For Everyone

along the creek on a fairly good trail.

June 14 at 1:30pm

Meet at the covered bridge in the park or car pool from the church parking lot at 1:00pm.

Bring water, bug spray, a hat and wear comfortable walking shoes.

Join this great hike and enjoy the beautiful outdoors.

July

A night of miniature golf Date and time will be announced in the church bulletin.

August

Barn Stormers Game

## 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 JUNE 2015

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Tuesday, June 2	Bareville Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Wednesday, June 3	White Horse Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Tuesday, June 9	Yoder's Market	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Wednesday, June 10	Gordonville Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Wednesday, June 24	Kinzer Fire Company	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.



Imagine yourself

sitting on a log amid a circle of friends. Your gaze follows the trail of sparks slowly drifting toward the dark sky. The smell of the campfire is heavy on the warm air.

The storyteller has just finished her story by saying, "It was Jesus all along. My best

friend has always been Jesus." You all begin to sway slowly back and forth in unison as you sing *Amazing Grace*. What a beautiful end to a day filled with laughter, games, songs, and prayer.

You can hardly wait to turn your flashlight on and walk back to the cabin with your friends, talking all the while about everything you have

done, everyone you've met and your plans for the rest of the week at Camp Donegal.

To find out how you can make this experience your own, pick up a Camp Donegal Summer 2015 brochure from the back of the sanctuary or visit Camp Donegal online at [www.CampDonegal.org](http://www.CampDonegal.org).

## Camp Donegal

### Sing (cont)

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continuing through July there will be a basket in the back of both sanctuaries for you to submit an August request. We can't guarantee we will be able to sing all of your hymns, but we will try to work many of them into our services.

### Did You Know ...?

You may fill out a request slip of your favorite hymns, submit it to the pastor or place it in the offering plate, and they will be used in our services as the appropriate occasion arises?

You may jot down a "joy" or "concern" item for the Pas-

toral Prayer before the Sunday service and hand it to the pastor or an usher? These slips can be found at the back of the sanctuary.





## The Bible Speaks of Love

The words found in 1 John 4:16 are important for everyone every day.

*To find out what the verse says, find a word that fits each description and write the letters in the boxes. Next, write the letters on the lines below (use the numbers to match the letters to the correct lines). Read the verse.*

A place to live

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1 2 3 4 5

Opposite of dark

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6 7 8 9 10

Companion

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11 12 13 14 15 16

Hand greeting

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17 18 19 20

Male adult

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21 22 23



“ 8 2 16 13 4 6 2 19 5 ”  
 17 9 2 5 19 5 12 6 7 19 5 4  
 13 15 6 2 19 20 6 7 19 14 4  
 13 15 8 2 16 18 15 16  
 8 2 16 13 23 1 7 21 ”



## Ambassadors for Christ Officials Visit

The Rev. David Chow, president of Ambassadors For Christ, and Paul Schultz, Controller for Ambassadors For Christ, came to our church on Wednesday, May 13, to see the graves of Christiana Tsai, Mary 'China Mary' Leaman and Lucy Leaman. They were met by Rev. Birch, elder Skip Brackbill, church historian Ralph Homsher, author and Leaman historian Dr. Ivan Lea-

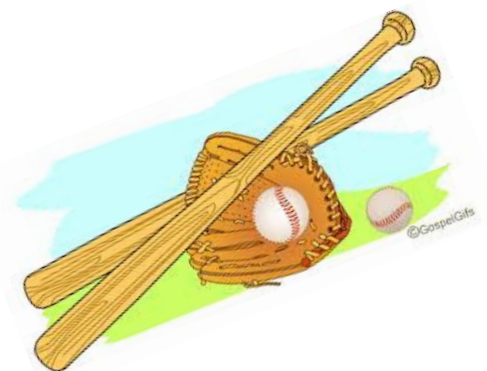
man, and Leacock publicity chair Richard Smith.

The group visited the grave of Henry Leaman, father of Rev. 'China Charley' Leaman missionary in Nanking China and father of the Leaman sisters. Leaman Place was named after Mr. Leaman who was a very successful entrepreneur and businessman. The grave of Christiana Tsai was also visited.

The group also visited the Old Leacock Church where Skip and Ralph gave a briefing on the old church and explained that 2015 is the 275th anniversary of the church.

Rev. Chow and Mr. Schultz were pleased with their tour and became more aware of the connection between our church, the Leaman family and Ambassadors For Christ.

<b>CHURCH BALL SCHEDULE</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Field</b>	<b>Opponen</b>
June 1	7:45	2	Little
June 8	9:00	1	Keystone
June 15	9:00	1	Weaverlan
June 22	7:45	1	Hershey
June 29	9:00	2	Grace
July 6	9:00	1	Weaverlan
July 13	7:45	1	Pequea
July 20	6:30	1	Ridgeview
July 27	6:30	2	St. Johns
Aug 3	6:30	2	Calvary
August 4-5		Mini-Playoffs	
August 10-13		Playoffs	
August 17-19		Finals	



### A Note From Peter Conway

Dear Friends,

Such a short letter can't possibly say how grateful I am to everyone. Most of the time I wasn't able to answer letters and cards, but they sure helped to "pick me up" when I most needed it.

I pray my church friends are always abler to do this with others that are in bad health. Until one has been down that road a lot of folks don't always realize how cards and flowers etc. can help people.

I will miss seeing everyone although lately I wasn't always able to come to church as often as I had wished. I hope on occasion to rectify that and see some of your smiling faces in church.

I have been so fortunate in making friends in the church and indeed in Lancaster County itself. I will miss you all, but at the same time I understand the need to be closer to my family. It seems I am in a constant state laughing. My

two daughters and their families are always able to find the funny side of a situation no matter how serious it seems to be. I guess that's the British in us.

I hope you, too, are able to laugh a lot as it's so good for the soul. I think that's what confuses the Devil...how could he take someone into his domain when they are just laughing all the time?

Peter Conway

### Gratitude Corner (Those Who Go Above and Beyond to Care For Their Minister and His Wife)

Anyone who knows Bob knows he loves Russian literature, so it goes without saying that he might be more than a little interested in Russian cuisine, which is not always easy to find in this mostly-German community.

There's someone in our midst who shares his love of Russia, though, who surprised us by bringing borscht to a Lenten discussion -- delicious borscht that could easily be served in a Russian restaurant (though borscht is actually originally from Ukraine).

This year, we were fortunate enough to have our own special delivery of this borscht.

Thank you to ESTA FISHER for your delivery of the large container of delicious borscht.

God Bless!  
Emily Birch



Answer: house, light, friend, wave, man  
"God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him."



## Stewardship Report - Financial Update April 2015

	<i>Offering April</i>		<i>Expenses April</i>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Monthly Total	\$14,431	\$15,869	\$18,117	\$18,736
Year-to-Date	\$63,293	\$65,036	\$67,427	\$70,958

### ***Budget Tracking Through April***

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Total Annual Budget	\$225,312	\$226,889
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$67,427	\$70,958
% of Budget Spent	30%	31%

April's offering was \$1,438 less than the offering in April of 2014 and is, unfortunately, \$3,686 less than our expenses for the month. For the year to date, we are now **\$4,134 behind**. I know this is in the weekly bulletin, but as a reminder, **we need to receive \$4,333 each week to make our budget.**

This year's per capita amount is \$32 per **member**. The total amount we will pay to Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly in per capita is \$6,762. This is paid in quarterly installments of \$1,690.50. We have already made our first two payments, totaling \$3,381. Through the end of April, we have received **\$2,456** in per capita payments (Thank You!!). But we have paid out **MORE** than we have received. **PLEASE** check your giving envelope boxes for the per capita envelopes, put your payment in it and drop it in the offering plate this Sunday. If you won't be at church, feel free to mail it in as well.



## USHERS - JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST

Skip Brackbill, Head Usher  
8:00 Service

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

### June

Ellen Barnes  
Bonnie Rice

Craig Keenan  
Ed Johann

### July

Scott Shenk  
Ruth Usner

Sharon Williams  
Valerie Ruhl

### August

David Homsher  
Art Myers

Kathy Ankney  
Chuck Ankney

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 - JUNE AND JULY

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!

June 7	10:30	Carol Shearer & Fran Sattazahn
June 14	10:30	Alba & Valerie Ruhl
June 21	10:30	Charlene Boas & Lea Lichty
June 28	10:30	David & Carol Berkhimer
July 5	10:30	Bob & Margy Hershey
July 12	10:30	Sean & Maureen Carney
July 19	10:30	Michele & Sara Lichty
July 26	10:30	Marie & Skip Brackbill

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"Yes, the disciples followed Jesus...  
but not on Twitter."

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