

21th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2015

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude "On Eagle's Wings" Michael Joncas

Invocation

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Let us go before our God.

People: For it is good to be in the presence of the Lord.

Leader: Let us always trust in God.

People: For the love of God is forever.

Leader: Let us welcome all into our midst.

People: Let this place be a home for all God's children.

*Hymn #402 "How Lovely, Lord"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, you never leave us alone. You came to us in our Lord Jesus Christ. You come to us in your Spirit. And now we come to you in this place. But we forget, Lord, that neither earth nor heaven can contain you. We try to contain you within walls we know, walls we build from our fears and passing desires. Those walls keep out some. Those walls keep the Spirit from blowing through our lives and making us new. Lord have mercy on us. Tear down the walls we build. Open our hearts. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri (page 581)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Moment For Mission Lois Eshleman

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

1st Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43 (page 297)

*Hymn #22 "God of the Sparrow"

Children's Sermon

2nd Scripture Reading: Psalm 84 (page 513)

Sermon: **A HOME FOR THE SPARROW**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Apostles Creed (p. 17)

The Sacrament of Baptism:

Jayde Elizabeth Short, daughter of Danielle B. Short

The Peace of Christ

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory "Andante" L. Bottazzo

*Doxology (page 606)

*Hymn #482 "Baptized in Water"

*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "Sing Praise to God" Lani Smith

The End of Worship

The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

As you leave worship, greet all with the Peace of Christ

Rev. Robert W. Birch, Minister

Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

VISITORS AND MEMBERS

WELCOME! During the offertory the Friendship Book will be passed from the end of the pew. Please sign it and indicate other information as appropriate. Pass the book back down the pew and notice the names of the other worshippers. Greet one another warmly after the service.

WORSHIP HOUR INFORMATION

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK – Gregory & Suzanne Eshleman Lang,
Ian and Emily

It is an ancient Scottish custom for the pulpit Bible to be brought into the sanctuary and placed by a layperson before the service begins.

8:00 a.m. Tom Burkins 10:30 a.m. Edwin Margerum

IN THE NURSERY (babies through 4 years) 10:30 – Alba & Valerie Ruhl

IN THE NURSERY (babies through 4 years) 10:30 next Sunday, August 30 – Carol & David Berkheimer

TODAY

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

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

THURSDAY

5:30 p.m. Community Meal

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

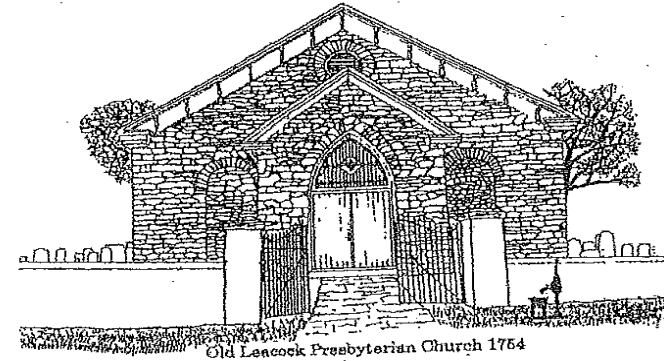
Next free community meal is set for Thursday, Aug. 27 from 5:30 to 6:30 in Smith Fellowship Hall. Please find sign up sheets for helping and for food donations at the back of Old Leacock Church and in the Narthex in Paradise. The meal is a large one and we will need a lot of help. The Mission Committee sincerely appreciates all your support, both in helping and in food donations. Without all of you, this ministry could not continue.

Celebrate 275 years together on Sunday, September 13 at Old Leacock. The worship service will begin at 9:30 am followed by a celebratory picnic. Please bring your lawn chairs and a covered dish to share. Hotdogs, rolls, drinks, potato and macaroni salads, paper goods, and cake will be provided.

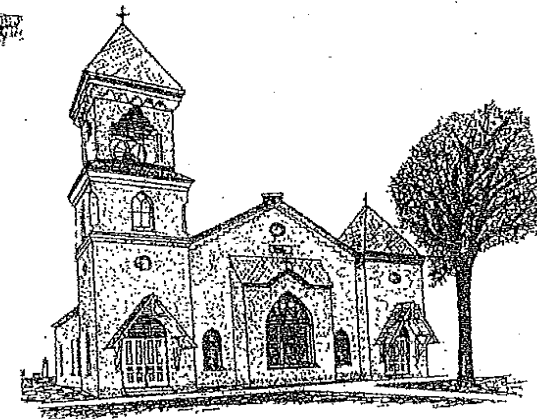
Join us for a NIGHT OUT at the Lancaster Barnstormers! Come support Chad and Paula Hughes as they sing the National Anthem and "America the Beautiful" prior to the game. Reserve a seat for you, your family, and friends for Saturday, September 5. The game starts at 7 pm with fireworks afterward. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex or you can contact Jenny Keenan at 471-1448 to reserve your spot. Cost is \$9/seat and tickets must be pre-paid to Jenny by Sunday, August 30.

Leacock Presbyterian Church

*First met in Leacock Township in 1724, recognized by the Synod in
1740, moved to Paradise in 1840.*



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