

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 2015

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude “An Appalachian Air: A Meditation”Gilbert Martin

Invocation

*Call to Worship

Leader: Blessed are the poor in spirit,

People: For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Leader: This is grace: God has chosen the poor of the world.

People: And we are to care for the poor.

Leader: Let us fulfill the royal law of Scripture.

People: Let us love our neighbor as our selves.

*Hymn #761 “Partners in Christ’s Service”

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of mercy, your love is everlasting. You grant mercy to all your children. And you call us to follow your way. This is to be our faith. But too often, we love some, and not all. We are quick to judge and slow to grant mercy. Then, our faith dies. Raise us, Lord, from our brokenness. Lift us up to life. Fill us with love for all our neighbors. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri (page 581)

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

1st Scripture Reading: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 (page 570)

*Hymn #754 “Help Us Accept Each Other”

Children’s Sermon

2nd Scripture Reading: James 2:1-17 (page 215)

Sermon:

DEAD FAITH, LIVING FAITH

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*Apostles Creed (p. 17)

The Peace of Christ

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory “Face to Face”Steven Scott

*Doxology (page 606)

*Hymn #318 “In Christ There is No East or West”

*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: “Come, Labor On” Edward Broughton

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 PERSON THIS WEEK – Cassandra Leitch

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 – Mary Alice High & Johanna Ginger

THERE WILL BE NO NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 AS WE GATHER FOR ONE SERVICE AT 9:30A.M. TO CELEBRATE OUR 275TH ANNIVERSARY

TODAY

- 8:00 a.m. Service of Worship at Old Leacock
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Worship at Paradise
- 7:00 p.m. Hymn Sing
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Group

MONDAY

- 7:00 p.m. Church and Community Life Committee

TUESDAY

- 7:15 p.m. Stewardship Committee

WEDNESDAY

- 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY

- 9:30 a.m. Circle Meeting at Arlene Brackbill's home. All are welcome to attend and enjoy fellowship and Bible study.
- 6:00 p.m. The Factory Meal

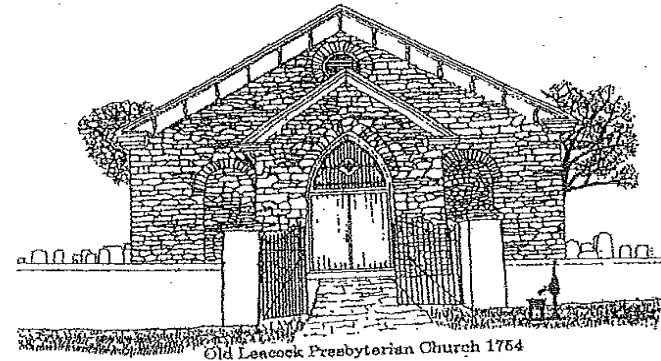
OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATE 275 years together next Sunday, September 13 at Old Leacock. The worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m. 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.

REMEMBER OUR LOVE GIFT to Stanley Siri. The giving container is in the Narthex.

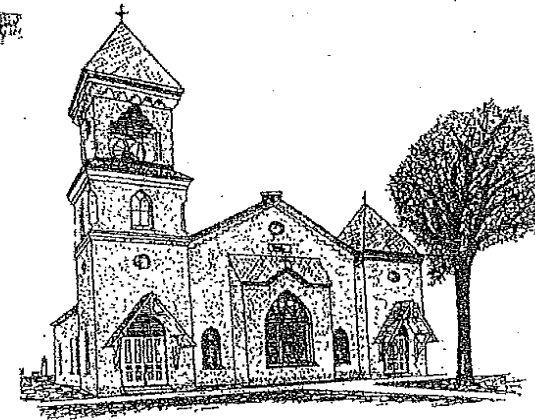
Leacock Presbyterian Church

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



Old Leacock Presbyterian Church 1754

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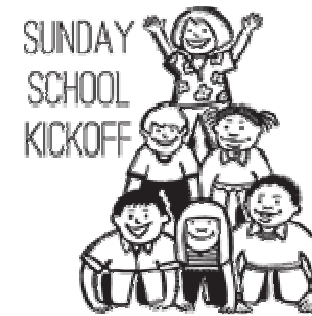


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