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## **Notes from the Manse**

*“For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”—Romans 14:17*

That’s a remarkable statement. I mean, if someone had asked you to tell them what the kingdom of God is what would first come to your mind? Maybe righteousness, sure; maybe the Lord in his glory, reigning at the right hand of God. Or maybe you’d think about justice finally come to a world so often unjust. And maybe peace would occur to you as well. But joy? Why, isn’t faith supposed to be a serious thing? Aren’t people, when talking about faith, supposed to lower their voices and maybe even frown a bit? All too often, in the history of the church, joy has at best been a kind of afterthought. Oh, people might speak of joy in the Lord, or the joy of thinking of God’s grace and the cost that came with it (often with a tear in the eye). But that tended to be a kind of abstract joy. What about good, old joy right here and now? What would be so very wrong about putting all our worries and gripes aside when we came to church and smiling, maybe even laughing, dancing?

Recently, a member of the church commented on the fact that there is joy to be found at Leacock and that she wanted to embrace that joy. I guess she must have been reading Paul. Or maybe she was just on to something. Because, you know, there is a lot to be joyful about in our fellowship. So much work each month is put into offering a meal to our neighbors; we open the doors of the old church for five months of the year so that folks can sing out their favorite hymns. Do we get anything from these things, like new members or money? Maybe a little. But that’s not what it is about. It’s about offering gifts. And what we do gain is joy—just ask those involved in the Community Meal or the Hymn Sings. Or take some time and watch the kids get really excited about going to Sunday School or Youth Group and crushed when time’s up or one or the other isn’t being held that week. There’s joy in those kids and in those working with them. And then there are all the people, the volunteers, who serve on committees and do the work of this church often without notice or thanks. I can tell you, they bring me great joy.

Life, of course, isn’t always easy, and it can seem some time like joy’s a pretty hard thing to find. But there’s Paul again in *1 Thessalonians* calling us to be joyful always. And Jesus, in *Luke*, said that when people hate or revile us we are to rejoice, to leap for joy, for our reward will be great in heaven. But we don’t have to wait that long. Next time someone is mean or snarky to you, step back, remember those other people who have been kind; you’ll find joy past the hurt. Many of us felt joy recently at our 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Well, think of all the trials that came in those 275 years. Think of other times when the denomination and most likely the church was divided. There were probably times of fear and even anger. But I bet there still was joy and that it was that joy that sustained the church. Fear and anxiety don’t tend to do the trick. The angels at Jesus’ birth told the shepherds not to be afraid for they were bringing news of great joy. That joy has never left. So, let us resolve amidst all our challenges and disagreements to rejoice in our church and each other. Our joy will make God glad. And if anything will carry us into the future, it will be that joy.

Rev. Robert W. Birch

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**Lectionary for Sundays  
in October and  
November**

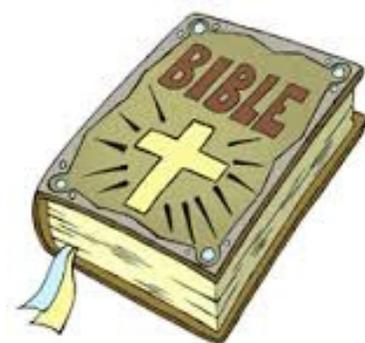
- Oct 4 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Job 1:1; 2:1-10  
Psalm 26  
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12  
Mark 10:2-16
- Oct 11 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Job 23:1-9; 16-17  
Psalm 22:1-15  
Hebrews 4:12-16  
Mark 10:17-31
- Oct 18 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Job 38:1-7 (34-41)  
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c  
Hebrews 5:1-10  
Mark 10:35-45
- Oct 25 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Job 42:1-6, 10-17  
Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22)  
Hebrews 7:23-28  
Mark 10:46-52
- Nov 1 All Saints' Day  
Isaiah 25:6-9  
Psalm 24  
Revelation 21:1-6a  
John 11:32-44
- Nov 8 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17  
Psalm 127

Hebrews 9:24-28  
Mark 12:38-44

- Nov 15 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
1 Samuel 1:4-20  
1 Samuel 2:1-10  
Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25  
Mark 13:1-8

- Nov 22 Christ the King  
2 Samuel 23:1-7  
Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18)  
Revelation 1:4b-8  
John 18:33-37

- Nov 29 1st Sunday of Advent  
Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13  
Luke 21:25-36



**Please Pray For**

- Oct 5 Geraldine Lutz
- Oct 12 Ed Margerum
- Oct 19 Barry & Lee Nettke-Martin
- Oct 26 Kevin & Loretta McClarigan

**BACKPACK  
THANKS**

A big thank you to all who donated to the backpack project.

We filled 15 backpacks and had a few extra supplies that we donated to the guidance counselor for students who may need them. Thanks to your generosity, we also have some money left over which we will use to purchase much needed supplies for the school nurse to give to the children. The giving spirit of our church always fills me with such joy. Thank you from PVIS!



### Leacock Paint Night?

Do you want to explore your artistic side? Or spend a fun evening with friends and fellow congregants? Or make new connections with others in our church family? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, the CCL Committee is trying to plan something just for you!

We are looking into offering an event of painting together at a local art studio. No prior painting skill is required and the artists/instructors give detailed direction and tips to help everyone leave with a painting of which they can be proud. Specific date and details will be available once we have an idea of who might be interested in "Leacock Paint Night."

There is an interest form sign up in the Narthex and we encourage anyone who may have

any interest at all in this possibility to sign up so we can determine if we are able to move forward with planning this social event. If you would like further info, please contact Jenny Keenan at [aly-sarah@hotmail.com](mailto:aly-sarah@hotmail.com) or 717-471-1448.

### KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Come join the K-6 Sunday School which meets during the 10:30 service. Fun, story, singing, games, crafts!



### Trustee News

Work Day – It's that time of year again, the Trustees have set, Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am to noon for FALL WORK DAY. Mark your calendars; just remember many hands make light work.

### Welcoming All Women "Come to the Waters"

Small group Bible Studies in October:

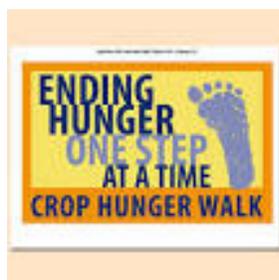
- ◇ Thursday Oct. 8, 9:30am at the home of Arlene Brackbill
- ◇ Monday Oct 12, 7:30am in the church Fellowship Hall
- ◇ Tuesday Oct 20 7:30pm in the church library

Topic: Life-Giving Waters of Baptism, Matthew 3:13-17

"Baptism is a sacrament of belonging and a sacrament of grace. The water is life-giving, clean, refreshing, and a powerful symbol of that grace." (Judy Record Fletcher, study author).

Join one of the groups for a time of reflection, study, support and sharing (but only as much as you want to, no pressures). This will be the second lesson, but they are all stand alone topics, no need to have been to the first one.

Any questions, talk with Marie Brackbill or Arlene Brackbill.



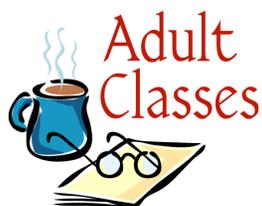
### Paradise Area CROP Hunger Walk

The 34<sup>th</sup> annual Paradise Area Crop Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, October 18, 2015. Registration begins at Leacock Presbyterian Church at 1:00pm with the walk starting at 1:30pm.

CROP Hunger Walk will be held across America and is sponsored by Church World Services. It is promoted by local churches in our area. The goal of the CROP Hunger Walk is to stamp out hunger throughout the world, in our nation, and here in the Paradise area.

Walkers and bike riders are invited to do the 3-mile or the 5-mile route through our beautiful farm country. Gather your family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, church groups, and join us in raising money for hunger. If you are not able to

walk, you can help by sponsoring walkers. Donations by check are to be made payable to Church World Services.



### Adult Sunday School

The first meeting of the Adult Sunday School Class occurred on Kickoff Sunday, September 20 and was filled with rousing and timely conversation on the plight of the Immigrant Refugees, led by Rev Birch.

There will be no adult Sunday school class on October 4 World Communion Sunday. In Rev. Birch's absence on October 11, Tom Burkins will be leading the class.

Have you ever wondered what happened after Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection? This theme will be taken up by Milt Hostetter on October 18th and continue for the rest of the fall session. His questions which were posted in last month's newsletter promise an interesting fall series. Come out and join the conversations!

### Barnstormer Fun

Hope everyone who attended the Barnstormers game had a nice time! It was a thrill to hear two members of our church family sing "America" and our National Anthem! Congratulations Paula and Chad.

It was also a treat to watch people you know participate in the fun contests! And the Barnstormers won! Good evening for all.



### 50-Year Member Celebration

Be sure to mark your calendars for our Fifty-Year Member Celebration and Congregational Luncheon on November 15th after the 10:30 service.

Let's all plan to attend and honor our 50-year members and enjoy each other's company!



### A Miracle Dinner

*Matthew 14:15-21 is a Bible story about a special dinner.  
Below is a poem about that story.*

Complete the poem by filling in the blanks with the correct pairs of words.

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men	you	ate	bunch	quest	ran	spaces	ton

Jesus was tired and went to find \_\_\_\_\_.  
 So away from the crowd he started his \_\_\_\_\_.  
 It came to an end before it \_\_\_\_\_.  
 The crowd followed Jesus; they walked and they \_\_\_\_\_.  
 His boat pulled ashore and he looked at their \_\_\_\_\_ -  
 five thousand men, plus families filled all open \_\_\_\_\_.  
 And so Jesus spoke and he taught until \_\_\_\_\_.  
 The disciples told him it was time they all \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Jesus said, "Yes, that is certainly \_\_\_\_\_,  
 and feeding this crowd is now up to \_\_\_\_\_."  
 Feeding five thousand! It could not be \_\_\_\_\_!  
 What would they do? They'd need a whole \_\_\_\_\_!  
 But then a young boy came and offered his \_\_\_\_\_ -  
 five loaves and two fish to feed this big \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Jesus gave thanks and blessed it and \_\_\_\_\_  
 it fed all the women, the children and \_\_\_\_\_!

## Bazaar Café

Make plans now to eat Breakfast and/or Lunch at Leacock's Café on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 from 8am to 2pm. Also, please consider donating a food item:



Ham and Bean Soup

Chicken Corn Soup

Vegetable Soup

Macaroni and Cheese

Beef BBQ

Pies

Rice Krispie Treats

Brownies

Whoopie Pies

Sticky Buns

Hamburger and Hot Dog Bund



If you can donate an item or two call Betty Sowers (442-8163) or sign up in the Narthex. Thank you ahead of time!

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 SEPTEMBER 2015

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Tuesday, Oct 6	Bareville Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Wednesday, Oct 7	White Horse Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Thursday, Oct 8	Intercourse Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Tuesday, Oct 20	Yoder's Country Market	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Wednesday, Oct 21	Burle Industries LGH Conf Rm 1	11:00am to 5:00pm
Thursday, Oct 22	CVHS	8:00am to 2:00pm
Wednesday, Oct 28	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.

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## Stewardship Report - Financial Update August 2015

	<b><i>Offering August</i></b>		<b><i>Expenses August</i></b>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Monthly Total	\$18,099	\$17,832	\$11,521	\$20,268
Year-to-Date	\$123,109	\$132,856	\$127,344	\$135,619

### ***Budget Tracking Through August***

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Total Annual Budget	\$225,312	\$226,889
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$127,344	\$135,619
% of Budget Spent	57%	60%

**Offering \$123,109 - Expenses \$127,344 = \$4,235**

We have a brighter August financially speaking than the low months of June & July.

At the end of July, we were \$10,574 BEHIND in offering versus expenditure, a significant deficit.

The offering which was stronger in August, coupled with lower than average expenditures has helped our situation significantly. As of the end of August, we are now \$4,235 BEHIND. Looking back to last year, by the end of August 2014, we had \$135,000 in offering year-to-date. It is a shame we could not have received offering at the pace and amounts as in 2014, because if we did, there would be a small surplus versus the deficit we are facing now.

Typical expenditures include paying our employees, paying taxes, paying for utilities etc... Things I would not consider discretionary spending, but very much required. Any spending that can be controlled to a minimum is being controlled. The bottom line is we need more offering to continue to be able to operate normally.

Please, please consider whatever you could do to help out more during this time. Your church needs your financial support now, more than ever. Thank you so very much!

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# Worship With Us

## Worship Notes

### Notes of praise:

A big cheer of appreciation to the 275th Anniversary Committee, Church and Community Life Committee, and Bob Birch for facilitating a wonderful morning at Old Leacock. If only the air had been as warm as the people!

We want to also celebrate another year of enthusiastic and well attended hymnsings. Thanks to all of you faithful attendees, those who invite family and friends, and those who helped facilitate with your hospitality, devotions, music, and lemonade

We want to thank the Trustees who are adapting our sanctuary pews to better accommodate groups of people near the chancel and handicapped persons and their families.

### Note of information:

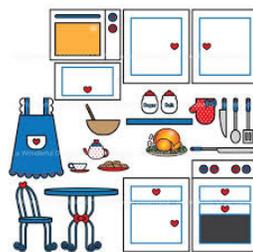
World Wide Communion will

be celebrated on **October 4**, at **one 9:30 service**, in traditional manner (remaining seated in the pews).

### **Note of entreaty:**

As our pool of nursery volunteers is shrinking, it is extremely difficult to arrange care for our young families during two services. If you would be willing to be listed in the rotation please contact Karen Homsher (687-6469) or the church office.

If you have requested that your name be removed and that has not been done, please let us know also. We apologize that some of that information has gotten overlooked in the interim without a secretary.



## Kitchen News

Sure hope you have noticed that our kitchen updating is now complete! After all the big construction, "little" items needed to be done. Shelves and drawers were

totally cleaned and lined, dividers were made for holding silverware and utensils, and all compartments were labeled.

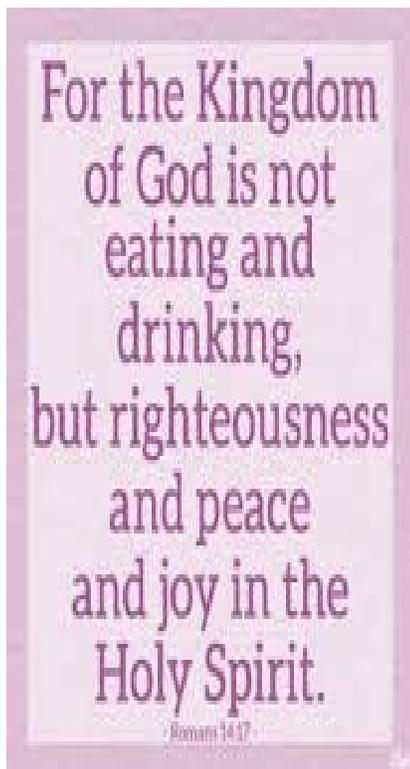
A special thank you to Karen Homsher and Bonnie Rice, the "Kitchen Committee Ladies" for helping me get those necessary jobs done.

Take a minute to check where things are now located so we can keep the kitchen organized.

If there is ever a need for a certain utensil or item, please let the Kitchen Committee know.

Thanks again Ladies!  
Loretta McClarigan

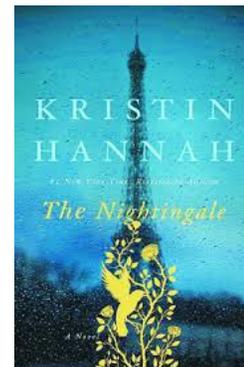




**YOUTH GROUP  
SCHEDULE**

- Oct 4: 7-8:30pm
- Oct 18: 7-8:30pm
- Nov 1: 7-8:30pm
- Nov 15: 7-8:30pm
- Nov 29: no youth group  
Thanksgiving
- Dec 13: 7-8:30pm
- Dec 27: no youth group  
Christmas

If you ever have any questions about youth group meetings, call or text Emily 717-725-6572 or email: [emilymb95@gmail.com](mailto:emilymb95@gmail.com). Those of you on Facebook can also email via Facebook mail.



**Book & Movie**

The Leacock Book and Movie group is reading *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah and will be meeting for pizza and to discuss the book on Friday Nov. 6 at 5:00pm. All are welcome.

**Ingredients  
Needed**

**Our "FAMOUS" Leacock Peanut Butter BonBons**

Ingredients Needed:

- 4 (32 oz) Jif Peanut Butter
- 4 (8 oz) Philadelphia Cream Cheese
- 5 lb Butter
- 5 (2 lb) Domino 10X Confectioners Sugar
- \$\$ Money for Melting Chocolate



If you can contribute, sign up in the Narthex or call Carol Shearer (687-7494). Consider helping her dip the BonBons in chocolate and then packaging them (dates TBD).



### HOW IS STANLEY?

Our little five year old Stanley needs heart surgery badly. He has seen the pediatric cardiologist in Port Moresby and the necessary testing has been completed. His final diagnosis is "tetralogy of fallot"

This is a congenital condition which involves four major heart defects: 1) a hole in the heart between two major chambers; 2) an overriding aorta, which means that his main artery is receiving blood from both major chambers instead of just the left side as is normal; 3) pulmonary stenosis- a very tight valve leading out from the right side of the heart- in his case this is very severe; 4) right ventricular hypertrophy which is an overgrowth of the right heart muscle.

In Stanley's case he is symptomatically very severe. Without intervening surgery, he will

die. However with the surgery he most likely has a very good chance of living a normal life.

They have applied for aid for the surgery from "Children First" and have been accepted, which is already an answer to prayer. "Children First" will fund the surgery. However Stanley and one parent must travel to India and have the operation done there. All this requires birth certificates, photo ID's, passports, signatures of public officials who have known the applicants for three years, and a thumbprint.

Photo ID's can only be gotten in person at Port Moresby, the capital. Because virtually none of this can be done by mail, it will mean more travel for Stanley and his parents. As of this writing, it is hoped that everything can be completed and that Stanley and his Dad can be on their way by early December.

Please remember our jar for the "love gift" to help with all the travel and other expenses they will have. You may also send donations to the church. Just mark the check for "benevolence fund" and put the

name Stanley Siri on the bottom of the check. Checks may also be sent to Lois Eshleman at 230 Longfellow Dr. Lancaster, PA 17602.

And please keep Stanley and his family in your prayers as they embark on this journey of faith.



### Community Meals

Our community meals are going well. Last month (Aug.), saw a lower number of people (around 76 community people) joining us for our meal. We had been averaging around 95.

But whether we serve 75 or 105 the members of this congregation are there to help, showing Christ's love and helping our community. For didn't our Lord say, "if you have done it unto the least of these, you have done it unto me"?

Remember sign up sheets to help with this worthy endeavor are in the Narthex. Thank you.

## Christmas Bazaar Saturday December 5



Donations are now being accepted of your handmade crafts, jewelry, clothing items, home décor, ornaments, framed items, etc.



We will need homemade cookies, pies, breads, candy, fudge and bagged treats as that is one of Leacock's best selling points. Jams, jellies, and other canned foods are always great sellers too! Once again, we will be plating the cookies on pretty plates or tins so you only need to send in your goodies, and we will do the rest. If you have any questions, please contact Loretta McClarigan 808-7689.



### USHERS - OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

Skip Brackbill (224-3849), 8:00am Head Usher Ed Margerum (442-4027), 10:30am Head Usher

#### October

Nick Lopez  
Evie Lopez

Bob Hershey  
Margie Hershey

#### November

Ellen Barnes  
Bonnie Rice

Mary Alice High  
Linda Eirkson

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 the bulletin can be corrected. THANK YOU!

Oct 4	9:30am	Lauren Appel and Lois Snader
Oct 11	8:00am	Tom and Vicki Burkins
	10:30am	Chuck and Kathy Ankney
Oct 18	8:00am	Loretta McClarigan
	10:30am	Darwin Eshleman and Fran Sattazahn
Oct 25	8:00am	David Homsher
	10:30am	Steve and Charlene Boas
Nov 1	8:00am	Karen Homsher
	10:30am	Bob Brackbill and Lois Snader
Nov 8	8:00am	Scott Shenk
	10:30am	Mike and Alba Ruhl
Nov 15	9:30am	Dave and Carol Berkhimer
Nov 22	9:30am	Don and Christy Fieldsa
Nov 29	8:00am	Cathy Shenk
	10:30am	Craig Keenan and Kelly Hartmann

### SUNDAY SCHOOL - OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

Oct 4	9:30am	Tom and Vicki Burkins
Oct 11	10:30am	Lois and Darwin Eshleman
Oct 18	10:30am	Mary Alice High and Margy Hershey
Oct 25	10:30am	Mary Alice High and Margy Hershey
Nov 1	10:30am	Karen Homsher and Milt Hostetter
Nov 8	10:30am	Karen Homsher and Milt Hostetter
Nov 15	9:30am	Michele and Lea Lichty
Nov 22	9:30am	Michele and Lea Lichty
Nov 29		THANKSGIVING BREAK



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