

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 15, 2015

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude “He Leadeth Me” Jayson Payne

Welcome and Invocation

Introduction to Acts 16:5

Anthem “Within These Walls”—Pepper Choplin Chancel Choir

Children’s Sermon

The Vision Statement: To seek the Way, to share the Truth, to live the Life.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Ever-faithful God, you grant us grace; you teach us grace. For you gave freedom and hope to your people Israel. In Christ, you gave to the world the possibility of life reborn. But we do not follow you. We give when it does not cost too much. We love some, and not others. We abandon those who are different. Forgive us, Lord. Keep on teaching us. Open our hearts. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri (page 581)

Our Community

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory “We All Are One in Mission”J. Wayne Kerr

Doxology (page 606)

*Hymn #320 “The Church of Christ in Every Age”

Who Are We?

Who Do We Want to Be?

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Small Groups—A Call to Action

*Apostles Creed (p. 14 Ecumenical Version)

The Peace of Christ

*Hymn #733 “We All Are One in Mission” (Sung to #321)

*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

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

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of Galen Stolfus
Given by Joanne Stolfus

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. As you pass the book back down the pew, notice the names of the other worshippers. Greet one another warmly after the service.

WORSHIP HOUR INFORMATION

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.

9:30 a.m. Edwin Margerum

Leacock's *Acts 16:5* Team is Rev. Robert W. Birch, Linda Erikson, Ehren Graybill, Michael Hartman, Karen Homsher, and Jennifer McElhany.

IN THE NURSERY (babies through 4 years)

9:30 a.m. – David and Carol Berkhimer

IN THE NURSERY (babies through 4 years) next Sunday November 22)

9:30 a.m. – Don & Christy Fieldsa

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK – Michele, Michael & Ryan McLaughlin

TODAY

9:30 a.m. Service of Worship

10:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting

12:00 p.m. 50 Year Member & Congregational Luncheon

MONDAY

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

7:00 a.m. Trustee Meeting

TUESDAY

9:30 a.m. Presbyterian Mtg. at Trinity PC

7:00 p.m. PW Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY

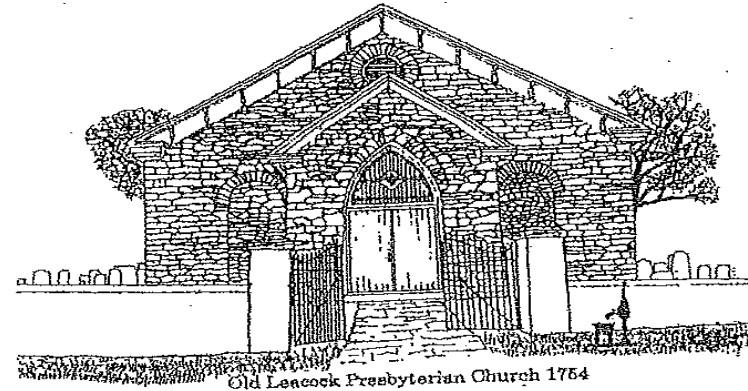
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

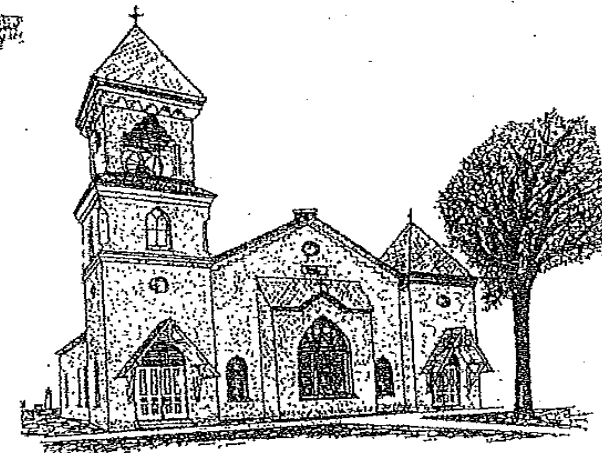
Today and next Sunday the 15th and 22nd, the mission committee will be collecting our annual **Thank offering**. Please use the mission envelopes on the pews or use a plain white envelope and mark it with "Thank offering" and put it in the offering plate. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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This Sunday: The Mission committee will be collecting good, clean used clothing to be donated to the Lancaster County Council of Churches. They will distribute this clothing to help those who need it. We will continue to collect clothing next Sunday November 22nd. Please just deposit your items in the Narthex, and we will see that they get to the right place. If you were looking for a good reason to clean out some drawers or closets, now is that time!

Next Sunday: Worship with your whole congregation at 9:30 next week, November 22nd as we celebrate Christ the King Sunday with Holy Communion. Beth Appel will be our guest in the pulpit.

Christmas Poinsettia Order forms are now available in the Narthex.

Christmas Bazaar

Our theme for the Bazaar this year is “*An Old Fashioned Christmas.*” If anyone has old, vintage hats, jewelry, clothing, ornaments, etc. that you would like to donate, to sell, please contact Loretta McClarigan (808-7689). Quite a few bazaar items will be on display Advent Night so come out and get a “sneak peak.” Also, if you can help along with baking or volunteering, please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or call Loretta at the above number.

Pequea Valley High School would like to invite the senior citizens to a special concert on Friday, December 11, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. in the high school auditorium. After the concert, a free lunch will be served in the cafeteria. Please call 768-5500 by Tuesday December 1 to reserve a lunch.

Kudos to this wonderful congregation!

A few months ago the mission committee asked everyone to help with a “love gift” for a little boy named Stanley. This was to last until the end of January 2016. You, the people of this congregation, have given so generously that we have raised approximately \$3500 which should adequately cover Stanley and his Dad’s travel expenses to India for his much needed surgery. We most likely will never meet Stanley. But doesn’t it just fill your heart with joy and a sense of peace to know that we, as a congregation working together, had a small part in helping to save a little boy’s life? God bless you all.

In case you missed this paragraph in the November Newsletter “Notes from the Manse” Reverend Birch encourages you to read it now.

A few months back, I asked for you to share with me your memories as we prepared for our 275th celebration. Now, I am going to ask for something else. For what are you grateful? For what about Leacock would you like to give thanks? What gratitude do you feel for the people in your life? This year’s Thanksgiving Eve service is going to be built around the things for which people are grateful. So, share with me your stories, stories of times you were blessed. Tell me ways you have been graced by God. And tell me ways people in this church have graced each other, have graced you. It’s so easy to find fault, to see how others fail. Let us instead look for all the reasons we have to be grateful. If we do, Paul’s right—we will find peace.