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Notes from the Manse

If someone were to take a poll and ask Americans what is the first thing that comes to mind when they think of November, I would hope it would be Thanksgiving (and not Black Friday). It is good that this country decided to set aside a day for gratitude. To me the details of what happened between settlers and Native Americans are not what is important—it's that there was a reason to be grateful. Now, hundreds of years later, we have a long history in this country of things for which we should give thanks. A free country, a wealthy country, a wonderfully diverse people—all this we should remember as we gather around the turkey in a few weeks.

The importance of giving thanks was a key element in the earliest days of our faith. Probably the earliest book of the New Testament is *1 Thessalonians*, and in that letter Paul insists that we give thanks in all circumstances, good and bad. In fact, he says that is the will of God in Christ. In *Colossians*, being at peace and being grateful seem somehow to be linked. I mentioned in a sermon the other week that I usually begin the Prayers of the People with our joys, for it is so important, no matter how tough things may be, for us to remember, to look for, the many ways our Lord has blessed us. We need to be grateful for those blessings. But there are reasons to give thanks even as we consider our concerns, for we are never alone, though it may sometimes feel like it. God in Christ became one of us, experiencing what it means to be human, including the suffering, all suffering. And the Lord still suffers with us, walks with us through the pain. So, on Thanksgiving, we should give thanks for grace, the grace of God.

But we also receive grace from each other. So often, I think of all the people who give so much to this church and its congregation. Much of what they do goes unnoticed. Too much never receives any thanks. When you next see a candle burning brightly, remember somebody lit it. When you see children leaving early in the service, remember those who will work to teach them. When you hear of an afternoon activity, even if you don't participate in it, know that people had to pull it together. We do need to take time to thank the Lord for all he's done. But we need also to stop and see all that others do for us and then find the words to tell them thanks.

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? 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.

Rev. Robert W. Birch

YOUR MAGAZINE

Presbyterians Today is the award-winning, general-interest magazine of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Published ten times a year, it explores practical issues of faith and life, tells stories of Presbyterians who are living their faith and covers a wide range of church news and activities.

Presbyterians Today features easy -to-understand articles about what Presbyterians believe, Bible study and devotional helps, and provocative commentary on the church's role in society.

You can get your free copy at the back of the sanctuary.



Who is this man?

Come to Advent Family Night on November 29 and find out!

COME PAINT WITH US!

The CCL (Church and Community Life) Committee has planned an "Afternoon Out" full of fun, fellowship, and food! We are excited to offer an opportunity to paint a canvas picture together at Art and a Bottle in Lititz on Saturday, November 28 from 1-3pm. You can choose from two paintings to paint and take home with you. Seats need to be reserved and paid for by Wednesday, November 11. We must have at least ten people confirmed to keep the art studio reserved for our group.

You may bring any food and beverage you desire to enjoy while you paint. The studio provides paper goods, glasses, bottle openers, and water. All painting supplies and instruction are included.

We are also meeting for lunch at Panera Bread on Fruitville Pike at 11:15am. Everyone is invited to come out and have lunch together, paint, or do both!

There is a sign up sheet in the church Narthex and photos of the two painting choices. Please indicate which painting you wish to paint and whether you will be joining us for lunch, painting, or both. Carpooling for the festivities will be decided based on participants' needs.

Join us for this very special time of fellowship with others in your church family. Please contact Jenny Keenan at (717-471-1448) with any questions or concerns or to reserve your spot if you are unable to sign up at church. Happy painting!



50 YEAR MEMBER CELEBRATION

Come one come all to honor our 50-Year-Members at a luncheon on November 15. The luncheon will be served in Fellowship Hall following the 9:30 worship service and the Congregational Meeting

Everyone is welcome. The luncheon will be provided by the CCL committee. All 50-year-members should stop by the welcome center for a special gift.



CAROLLING SUNDAY DECEMBER 13

After church on Sunday, December 13th, we will gather for a light lunch. After lunch groups will be formed to go caroling to our athome church members.

We will sing carols and take them each a gift of Christmas cookies.

Please plan to join us. Members who can't attend our church service enjoy our visits very much. It is a great way to spread holiday cheer.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT - FINANCIAL UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2015

	Offering September		Expenses September	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Monthly Total	\$13,975	\$14,285	\$16,167	\$16,583
Year-to-Date	\$137,085	\$147,141	\$143,511	\$150,428

Budget Tracking Through September

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Total Annual Budget	\$225,312	\$226,889
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$143,511	\$150,428
% of Budget Spent	64%	66%

Offering \$137,085 - Expenses \$143,511 = \$6,426

As of the end of September, we are now <u>\$6,426 BEHIND</u> in offering versus expenses. Traditionally, we experience lower offering over the summer months, and higher as we move into fall and toward Christmas and the end of the year.

As we progress into the fall now, please consider our situation when giving your offering. If you could see your way to offer only a few dollars more each week for the remainder of the year, we could make up this deficit and hopefully have more offering than expenses for the year.

Also, please keep in mind that for every dollar you give in offering, 17.5 cents goes directly to benevolence and mission purposes! Your church needs your financial support now, more than ever. Thank you so very much!



Advent Family Night



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Advent Family Night. November 29 at 5:00 PM. Celebrate the start of Advent on Sunday evening, November 29th. Enjoy fellowship with your church family at a potluck dinner followed by carols, activities and a story about the meaning of advent



CARING TREE NOVEMBER 22 TO DECEMBER 6

This year our church Caring Tree will be set up in the Narthex with gift selections for children of The Factory and clients of Bridge of Hope, a local organization that supports single mothers. The cards ask for a gift of clothing, a toy, or a gift card.

Bridge of Hope is asking for gift cards of \$25.00 from Target, Kmart, Walmart, Weis, Giant, CVS, or Wawa.

The Factory would like a gift of a toy or clothing (sizes are indicated). The guideline for The Factory gifts is also \$25.00.

None of the gifts should be wrapped, just put in bags with the identification tag attached.

The tags for selecting gifts will be two parts, a large part that will include instructions, due date and gift request, and a small section that should be filled out with the church member's name and the gift recipient's name. This small section will be deposited in the basket near the Caring Tree when the tag is selected.

The large part of the tag will be placed on the gift when it is returned to the church so the gift can go to the correct person.

The gift cards for Bridge of Hope can be given to any member of the CCL (Church and Community Life) Committee (Margy Hershey, Linda Erikson, Jenny Keenan, Marie Brackbill, and Mary Alice High) or the church office by December 6.

All gifts must be returned to the church by December 6. Be sure to attach the large section of the tag (stating instructions, due date and gift request) to your gift so the gift can be sorted correctly.

Gifts may also be put under the Caring Tree in the Narthex on December 6. Any questions,

please call Mary Alice High (687-6542) or Jenny Keenan (768-0557).

Thank you for your caring support.



COMMUNITY MEAL

Because of Thanksgiving, our November community meal will be held on November 12 (the second Thursday of the month).

The time and place remain the same--only the date has been changed.

The meal will be Amish filling, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, applesauce, pepper cabbage, and a variety of desserts from Weis Markets.

Sign up sheets are in the Narthex. Thank you.



WORSHIP NEWS

We have many different worship opportunities coming up in the month of November. The first two Sundays we will worship at our regular services at 8:00 and 10:30.

On November 15 we will join as one body at 9:30 as the Act 16:5 Initiative leads our worship and shares some of their vision for our church going forward. This will be followed by our Congregational Meeting and a luncheon for all members at which we will honor our 50 year + members.

On November 22 we also meet at 9:30 as a united congregation to celebrate Holy Communion (traditional).

On Wednesday evening, November 25, we hold our traditional Thanksgiving Eve service at Old Leacock at 7:30pm.

On November 29 we begin our celebration of Advent at both 8:00 and 10:30 with all our joyous traditions of Advent Wreath and Tree and seasonal music.

Come! Join with *your* church family as we worship God together. We are not complete without *you*.

USED CLOTHING

The Mission Committee will be collecting good, clean, used clothing on the first four Sundays in November (1-8-15-22). Bring your used clothing and place it in the box in the Narthex.

The clothing will be taken to the Lancaster County Council of Churches for distribution after November 22nd. So now is the time to clean out those closets and drawers. I'm sure we will find a good home for all your used clothing. You'll be doing yourself and others a big favor.



NO CHILDREN'S OR ADULT
SUNDAY SCHOOL
ON ADVENT SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 29
A CELEBRATION OF THE
CHRISTMAS STORY WILL
BE HELD AT
ADVENT FAMILY NIGHT
THAT EVENING.



8:00AM NURSERY NEWS

There will be a change in nursery care for the 8:00am worship service beginning in December.

Due to the shrinking number of nursery helpers and the present low number of children at the 8:00am service, we will accommodate families in the following manner. If you attend church at 8:00am and would like to leave your preschool age child/children in the nursery, please notify the head usher when you arrive at church. He will secure someone from the congregation who has indicated they are willing to serve in the nursery as needed.

Remember you are always welcome with your children at either service. Nursery for babies through age 4 will be available and at 10:30am there is Sunday School for kindergarten to grade 6.

CROP WALK

Ten people from our congregation either walked or rode bikes for our 34th annual CROP Walk on Sunday, October 18th. Approximately \$1,400.00 for hunger was raised. The exact amount collected will be posted in the church bulletin soon.

A big "thank you" to all who walked, rode, pledged money for miles, manned the comfort stations, put up signs, and contacted other area churches. Without everyone working together, this would not have happened.



Book and Movie Discussion Group Friday November 6, 5:00pm Pizza and Discussion of The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah



PRAYER FAMILIES

Nov 1	Lauren McClarigan
Nov 8	Bart & Jennifer McElhany
Nov 15	Michael & Michele McLaughlin & Ryan
Nov 22	Gary & Muriel Meier
Nov 29	Bill & Jeanne Menges



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 NOVEMBER 2015

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Wed, Nov 11	Bird-in-Hand Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Thurs, Nov 19	Yoder's Market	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.

OLD LEACOCK STORY

Richard Smith has announced that the story he wrote on the Old Leacock 275th Celebration and Picnic will be printed in the October 28 issue of the CV and PV Pennysaver.

STANLEY UPDATE

Since Jim and Joan Farr are in the village of Ukrumpa where they have no email connections, we have not been able to keep an accurate account of exactly where things are with Stanley and his parents.

However, Jim has been able to communicate through one of his friends to let us know that although it has been difficult they think they have all the necessary paperwork to acquire passports that are needed for them to leave the country and travel to Africa.

They have been working with a form that would allow them to get travel documents without birth certificates. They hope Stanley and only one parent can leave for Africa on November 6th.

His father will most likely accompany him simply because he is more accustomed to travel than his mother.

Please keep Stanley and his family in your prayers as they embark on this adventure to save his life.

LECTIONARY FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

- Nov 1 All Saints' Day Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 24:1-10 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
- Dec 6 2nd Sunday of Advent Malachi 3:1-4 Luke 1:68-79 Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6
- Dec 13 3rd Sunday of Advent Zephaniah 3:14-20 Isaiah 12:2-6 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18

- Dec 20 4th Sunday of Advent Micah 5:2-5a Luke 1:46-55 or Psalm 80:1-7 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96:1-13 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)
- Dec 25 Nativity of the Lord/ Christmas Christmas Dawn Isaiah 62:6-12 Psalm 97:1-12 Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:(1-7) 8-20

Christmas Day Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98:1-9 Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12) John 1:1-14

Dec 27 1st Sunday after Christmas Day 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 Psalm 148 Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 2:41-52





THANK OFFERING

November is Thank Offering month. This year we will be collecting this offering on Sundays, November 15th and November 22nd. The Thank Offering (aka the Praise and Thank Offering) has been a tradition with Presbyterian Women since 1888 when Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio urged each woman to give one dollar over and above her usual contribution to the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America as a "thank offering to her Lord."

Since 1988 when United Presbyterian Women and Women of the Church joined to become Presbyterian Women, this offering has given nearly \$25,000,000 to more than 2,000 programs and ministries that assist those struggling with illness, marginalization and lack of access to education, services, and resources.

This offering provides clean water, alleviates homelessness, provides educational opportunities, promotes health, and improves the lives of women and children throughout the world in so many other ways. The goal this year is \$900,000. The envelopes will be in the pews. Please give so others may be blessed.



CHOICES, CHOICES: LEACOCK YOUTH GROUP

We're happy to announce that the Leacock youth group has gotten off to a good start this year, with our enthusiastic young members, some of whom walked the CROP Walk with us and/or went geocaching with other members of Leacock (which was GREAT fun! Thank you, CCL Committee for introducing us to that. I think we're hooked).

Our Bible-based theme this year is going to be all about choices: the choices teens make, the choices Christians make, the choices that confront us as we go through life, etc. With that in mind, we've made a few choices about which you will be hearing more in the coming months. This is what we're hoping to do this year:

- 1. Hold a bake sale to raise money
- 2. Hold a board-game marathon to raise money
- 3. Continue our Make the Homeless Smile adventure in Philadelphia with back pack distribution, but the youth are hoping more adults from the congregation will join us for this meaningful field trip
- 4. Go zip-lining
- 5. Go on another weekend retreat (if anyone has a cabin, camp, etc. that isn't too far away, that they might be willing to "donate" for a weekend, or knows of somewhere inexpensive where we can get a weekend rental for a group of 8-10 kids and 4 adults, please let either Charlene Boas or Emily Birch know)

The youth group schedule is changing this fall due to coordination with the communicants class (the youth group will alternate Sundays with the communicants class taught by Rev. Birch and Milt Hostetter. All members of the youth group are invited to join the communicants class). As soon as we have the revised schedule, we will post it on the web site.

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

P.S. If anyone would like to donate a geocaching GPS to the Leacock youth group, I'm pretty sure we'd all appreciate it and would have fun making use of it.

Emily Birch and Charlene Boas, Youth Group Leaders

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GRATITUDE CORNER (THOSE WHO GO ABOVE AND BEYOND TO CARE FOR THEIR MINISTER AND HIS WIFE)

The old saying goes, "The way to a man's heart is through his stomach," but I'm pretty sure the same can be said for a woman's heart, as well. Some of you know that, when I have time, I love to play around in the kitchen (which usually means when I'm on vacation, but I still try to make time to have a little fun in the kitchen here every week), and I'm especially appreciative of fresh ingredients with which to cook. (I'm also very appreciative of food that arrives already cooked, BTW).

Bob and I miss gardening, which we just don't really have time to do these days. That doesn't mean we miss fresh ingredients, though. We both honestly believe that if you want good produce, the very best place to get it is Lancaster County. California strawberries? They don't compare. Kansas corn? Can't hold a candle to Lancaster County. Buy only Washington apples? Well, you've obviously never been to Lancaster County.

Every summer, we reap the benefits of our generous church members' gardens. But the one who started this trend for us the first summer we lived here, offering us basil and cherry tomatoes, among other things, and who still remembers us every summer, helping me experiment with multiple pesto recipes each year, and who inspired me to create entire dishes around dill when she delivered an abundance of it to our house mid-summer, is the one who invites us just to cross the street and take what we need whenever she's away.

She has also given me really great recipes for delicious foods she's made (most recently, guacamole soup. any avocado lover's dream), because, well, we all know what happens when you teach a woman to fish, rather than just giving her fish. This harvest season, we were also the lucky recipients of a very special bulb of garlic that truly impressed these two garlic lovers.

So, thank you, Karen Homsher, for the gifts of your harvest. You didn't need to win our hearts through our stomachs, but you've certainly helped warm them with your generosity.

Emily Birch



FLOWERS

You may purchase the flowers for the sanctuary on Sundays, November 1, 8, 22, 29 and December 27 in honor of or in memory of someone or a special occasion. Call the church office at 687-6619.

You may also purchase a Christmas Poinsettia for \$7 to be placed in the sanctuary in memory or honor of someone. Forms are available for poinsettia orders at the rear of the church.

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 - Monday, November 30 (1 p.m. - ?). Help packaging would be great too - December 1, 2, or 3 (check signup sheet).



"A Special Fitness Plan"

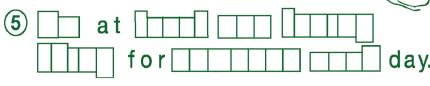
Read the words in 1 Corinthians 9:24-27. It talks about being in shape to "run the race" — to be a Christian. Below is a fitness plan to help.

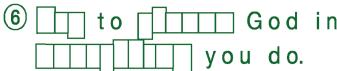
Match the words from the list below into the shaped boxes to complete the sentences.

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SESSION SNIPPETS

The Session and the Trustees met together Thursday October 22 to discuss the proposed 2016 budget which will be voted upon at the November 15 Congregational Meeting. Both boards have been intentionally and carefully examining yearly expenditures, trying to design a realistic budget which meets Leacock's needs and shares ministry with our community and the PCUSA. After a time of refreshment and fellowship, the boards adjourned to their respective meetings.

The Session took the following actions:

- Adopted a job description for the Benevolence Treasurer
- Adopted the revised job description for the Church Secretary
- Approved formation of a Communicants' Class for youth in grades 7 and above
- Approved a Time Off Work Policy for the minister
- Granted the minister a onetime five days of extra leave to compensate for office duty coverage during the absence of a church secretary
- Received the completed report from the Nominating Committee

ANSWER: 1. Read your Bible. 2. Think about God's words. 3. Pray every day. 4. Pray for others. 5. Do at least one loving thing for someone each day. 6. Try to please God in everything you do.





LEACOCK'S COMMUNICANTS CLASS 2015-2016

Why am I here? Do I really matter? Am I any good, and if so, what is good about me? Whom can I really trust? Why would a friend hurt me so? Why must someone I love get so sick? What does it all mean? Anything?

These questions are ancient, questions people everywhere have asked. And people often tend to start asking these questions about the time they become teenagers.

Here at Leacock, we are starting a Communicants Class for our youth so that they can wrestle with these types of questions. Some of the most important answers have been found in faith. So we will look at the major faith traditions of the world, seeking to understand how different religions have tried to make sense of life. And we will look most deeply into our own faith for the meaning and hope it offers.

The class will be led by Milt Hostetter and Rev. Birch and will alternate Sunday evenings with the youth group. We look forward to this time together, confident that the journey will be as important as finding answers.

THE NIGHTINGALE BOOK CLUB

The Leacock book and movie group will discuss its first book of the 2015-16 season on Friday, November 6th at 5:00pm over pizza.

We're discussing *The Nightin-gale* by Kristin Hannah, an exciting WWII adventure novel set in France and involving two brave sisters who took very different paths.

Please come join us, even if you haven't read the book, as we always have lively and fun discussions and fellowship.

Our next movie will be The Book Thief (date to be determined on Nov. 6th). We read the book a number of years ago, and it's another story set during WWII, which will make for an interesting comparisons, as there are some similarities between the two tales, despite the fact that The Book Thief is set in Germany.

Emily Birch Book and Movie Group Coordinator



THANK YOU NOTE RECEIVED Dear Friends,

To all who helped (with the 275th celebration) we give our thanks - what a great service with Rev. Wright, Rev. Meier, Rev. Beth Appel, Rev. Birch, Skip Brackbill, and Renee Mendenhall leading our children singing.

Such a touch of God with communion - a wonderful inclusive endeavor. God provided a lovely day. Great hot dogs and cake, but most precious old friends and old memories.

Love in Jesus, Don and Bea Andrews



"I'm sorry, sir, but Dostoyevsky is not considered summer reading. I'll have to ask you to come with me."

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 they are some of Leacock's best selling items. 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 Michele McLaughlin (475-1346) or Loretta McClarigan (808-7689).

IT'S TREATS AND TREASURES TIME...

We have become well known for our Bazaar featuring hand-crafted gifts, our famous peanut butter bonbons, our live wreaths, cemetery sprays and live table centerpieces, canned items, themed baskets, baked items, such as cookies and breads, and don't forget about the Holiday Cafe. Here are the dates on our Bazaar countdown, please consider helping celebrate the spirit of the holiday with our church family. Signups will be in the Narthex. Hope you can fit at least one or two of these dates, filled with fun and fellowship, into your schedule. Thank you so much ahead of time.

Monday, November 30 – 1:00 pm - ? - CANDY WORKSHOP

Carol Shearer will be in charge of our Candy Workshop in the Kitchen. This year we are making our famous peanut butter bonbons. We will need donations of ingredients, as well as helpers to mix and dip the candy. Please see the ingredient requests in the Narthex (please take note if a certain brand is listed....that is what makes our bonbons so tasty). Again this year, you can order your candy ahead of time, as long as you pay for it. Orders will be held until December 6th. Every year, many church friends were unable to get to the Bazaar and we were sold out of bonbons by Sunday....so we are hoping this added feature will help you....all orders and money are needed by Tuesday, November 24.....see or call Loretta (808-7689) to place your orders.

Thursday, December 3 1:00pm - ? - TAKE-ALONG-TREATS

Michele McLaughlin, Bonnie Rice and Loretta McClarigan need lots of help in baking cookies and breads for our Bazaar. Please bring your donations of baked goods to Fellowship Hall by this date, as we will be plating and packaging them, on this day. If you can help, let them know, sign-up is in the Narthex, or just call.

Monday, November 9 - REGIFT & REDECORATION

Bonnie Rice is looking for gently used Christmas itemsincluding ornaments, Christmas books or a variety of Christmas decorations. Please notice that we are only asking for Christmas items to be donated. Please put all your donations in the west corner of Fellowship Hall for pricing.

BASKET BONANZA

Karen Shue and Lois Snader are in charge of the themed baskets. You can fill a basket with any theme (Italian Sampler, Nail Salon Goodies, Body & Bath, Newborn Baby Items, School Books or Supplies, the list is endless). Please place your basket donations in Fellowship Hall, by Sunday, November 29th. If you need an empty basket to fill, they will be available in the Narthex, just help yourself.

Wednesday, December 2 - 6:00pm to 8:00pm—GREENS NIGHT

Come to Fellowship Hall and help us make fresh arrangements. We do have some containers but would love if you can donate any before this date. Donations of greens, from your yard are always appreciated but please let us know what you have (call Loretta 808-7689) so we know what we need to order. Oasis and candles will

be provided. Even if you do not have any greens, come help, we will have plenty to share. At the end of the evening, you will have an arrangement to take home, if you wish, as well as one to donate to the bazaar. This is a great way to boost your holiday spirit!

Monday, November 30 - 4:00pm to 8:00pm— SET-UP

Set-Up in Fellowship Hall, if you can help, please contact Michele Lichty (687-6259), Loretta McClarigan (808-7689), Cathy Shenk (687-0173) or Lois Snader (687-5698).

Friday, December 4 - 2:00pm to 8:00pm—Holiday Café

Betty Sowers, Alba Ruhl and friends will be welcoming your donations of pies, homemade soups, beef BBQ, homemade sticky buns, macaroni and cheese, hot dog and hamburger buns or donuts for the Holiday Café. Please check the clipboard in the Narthex to see the foods they need. Don't forget to come the day of the Bazaar to enjoy breakfast as well as lunch with friends.

Saturday, December 5 - 8:00am to 2:00pm—TREATS & TREASURES BAZAAR

Many job opportunities exist here. Check the clipboards in the Narthex to see where you can help. We need cashiers, baggers, friends to just condense tables as tables empty, friends to help shoppers with questions or lend a helping hand. If you are available for just an hour or two or three, or the entire time, we can use your help.....just bring a smile! Invite any children you know who would enjoy the interactive train set-up in the Narthex.

BAZAAR CAFE

Make plans now to eat Breakfast and/or Lunch at Leacock's Café on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Also, please consider donating a food item:

Ham & Bean Soup Rice Krispie Treats

Chicken Corn Soup

Vegetable Soup

Macaroni & Cheese

Sticky Buns

Beef BBQ Hamburger & Hot Dog Buns

Pies

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

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR BASKETS

It's that time again - please start thinking of ideas to fill baskets to sell at the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 5.

You can fill a basket with goodies with a theme of your own or donate items for us to create a filled basket for you!

Place your filled baskets in Fellowship Hall with bazaar items by Sunday, November 29.

Any questions or if you need basket ideas please contact Karen Shue (687-7240) or Lois Snader (687-5698).



NURSERY

Nov 1	8:00am	Karen Homsher
	10:30am	Bob Brackbill
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

Please see page 4 of this newsletter for the new 8:00 nursery policy.

The 10:30 list of volunteers for December is being revised as the schedule of Sunday School teachers is being coordinated with nursery volunteers.

There will be coverage every Sunday if you wish to bring your child (infant through age 4) to the nursery. For children kindergarten to grade 6, Sunday School is held during the 10:30 service of worship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2015

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	Carol Shearer and Marie Brackbill
Nov 29		THANKSGIVING BREAK
Dec 8	10:30am	Michele and Lea Lichty
Dec 13	10:30am	Carol Shearer and Marie Brackbill
Dec 20		Emily Birch, Tom and Vicki Burkins
Dec 27		CHRISTMAS BREAK

USHERS

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

8:00am		10:30am
	NOVEMBER	
Ellen Barnes		Mary Alice High
Evie Lopez		Linda Erikson
1	DECEMBER	
Art Myers		Bob Brackbill
David Homsher		Keo Phongxaysanith

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 then contact the head usher. They will contact the church office. THANK YOU!

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