

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Worship of the Angelic Host" Allen James

Invocation

The Lighting of the Advent Candle - Leacock's Youth

After the candle is lit, the Congregation will sing Hymn #654

The Light of Love: An Advent Meditation in Word and Song

How Long Must We Wait? – Psalm 80:1-7; Reflection

Anthem: "When Will He Come?" Besig/Price Chancel Choir

Prayer of Confession

Hymn #163 "Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice"

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Hymn # 121 Congregation sings "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Children's Sermon

(Following the Children's Sermon, children leave for Sunday School)

Joys and Concerns Hymn #90 "Wait for the Lord" (Psalm 27)

A Time of Preparation – Reflection

*Hymn #106 "Prepare the Way, O Zion" (1st verse, choir; vs. 2, 3, congregation)

The Times They Are A 'Changin' – Luke 1:46b-55; Reflection

Hymn #100 "Canticle of Turning"
(1st verse, Alyssa and Sarah Keenan;
2nd verse, choir; vs. 3, 4, the congregation)

Going to the Light - Reflection

Hymn #135 "There's a Star in the East"

The One of Peace – Micha 5:2-5a; Reflection

Anthem: "The Messiah" arr. Tom Fettke Chancel Choir

What Child is This? – John 3:16, 17; 1 John 4:16; Reflection

*Hymn:#110 "Love Has Come"

How to Answer Love – Luke 6:27-35; Reflection

Anthem: "Noels of Christmas" Tom Fettke Chancel Choir

*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude Trumpet Tune on "Joy to the World" Michael Helman

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 our father, Warren H. Brackbill

Given by Jim and Sue Brackbill

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:

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

IN THE NURSERY (babies through 4 yrs.)

9:30 – Carol & Dave Berkhimer

IN THE NURSERY (babies through 4 yrs.) next Sunday, December 27

8:00 a.m. – On call list 10:30 a.m. – Mary Alice High & Shirley Smith

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: Mary Jane Mowrer

In the hospital: John Koshuta in Lancaster General Rm. #5820
Ralph Homsher in Lancaster General Rm. #7622

In Rehabilitation: Helen Kreider
Room 2965A TCU Unit
Masonic Village
One Masonic Drive
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

TODAY:

9:30 a.m. Christmas Sunday Worship

MONDAY:

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministries

THURSDAY:

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service at Paradise

11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service at Old Leacock

FRIDAY: Merry Christmas!

NEXT SUNDAY:

8:00 a.m. Service of Worship

9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Service of Worship

Children (kindergarten thru 6th grade)

leave for Sunday School following the Children's Sermon.

7:00 p.m. Youth Group

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

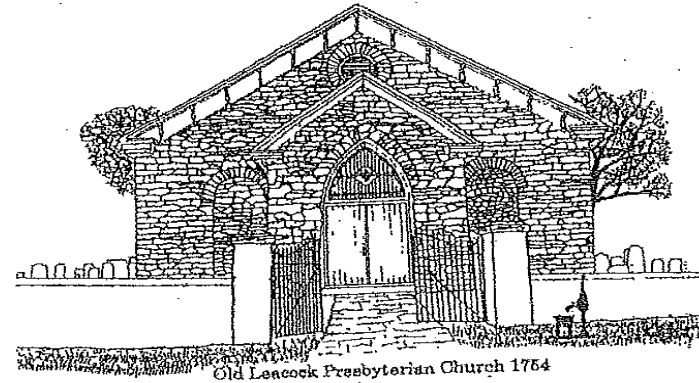
Small Group Interest

There is a signup sheet in the Narthex where you can indicate that you are – or may be – interested in being part of a Small Group. Please share as much info as you can. Questions? Contact Karen Homsher (687-6469)

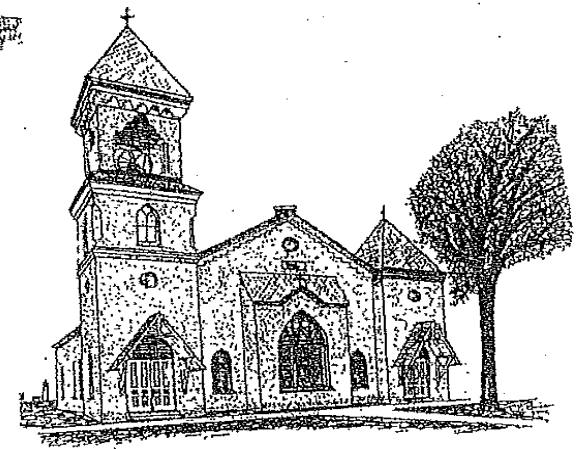
There will be no Bell Choir or Chancel Choir rehearsals until January 6.

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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275 YEARS



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Christmas Poinsettias 2015

Given By:

Eugene & Betty Sowers

Mark & Barbara Andrews

The Phongxaysaniths

Dick & Debbie Sindall

Lois Eshleman

Rev. Robert & Emily M. Birch

Dianne Yuninger

Steven & Charlene Boas

Linda Erikson

Given By:

Mary Alice High

Glenn, Todd, Steve & Mike Funk

In Honor Of:

Our Parents, Children,
Great Grand Children
& Great Great Grandson

Don & Bea Andrews,
Mark's Parents

Mr. Ralph Homsher,
Mrs. Mildred Young

Ed and Ruth Sindall

Bonnie Rice, Joanne Stoltzfus,
Betty Sowers, Art Myers &
Alba Ruhl, All members of the
Mission Committee

Audrey Hadow Michie

The Chancel Choir

Katherine & Forrest Boas

David & Kelly

In Memory Of

Douglas High

Grandma & Grandpa Hable
Grandma & Grandpa Funk

Ed Margerum

Kevin & Loretta McClarigan
& Family

Eileen & John Best

Their Children & Grandchildren

Chuck & Kathy Ankey

June Stannard

Mark & Barbara Andrews

The Phongxaysaniths

Dick & Debbie Sindall

Esta Fisher

Lois & Darwin Eshleman

Mike, Alba, Harrison

& Valerie Ruhl

Mary Ellen Rice & Family

Rev. Robert W. & Emily M. Birch

Steve & Charlene Boas

My Parents,

Clarence & Marjorie W. Margerum

Grandma Sandra Clark

Eunice Robinson

Doris & Lee Brown

Our Grandparents and
Great Grandparents

My Husband Malcolm
and our Son Michael

Phil Ruhl, Barb's Brother

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond, Aleta Herr,
Mrs. Janice Homsher,
Mr. Everett Young

Arthur & Lorraine Olson

My Parents, Ross & Florence Yuninger
and Cousins, Marie & John Brackbill
and Peg Woehl

Betty Taylor, our Mother

Stanley L. Buck, Jr.

Dale Rice

Robert M. & Ruth Birch and

A. Hewson Michie, Jr.

Virginia Boas and Mary Plomchok

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

We would like to thank all who sent condolences and supported our family at the Funeral. I am so blessed to be part of a loving and caring Church Family - Betty Sowers and Family

Our annual **Christmas Joy Offering** continues. Help support church workers who are having financial difficulties and help support Christian colleges with ethnic and racial programs. The envelopes will be in the pews for your use or you could use a plain white envelope and just mark it for this offering. At this special time of giving, may we all find the joy in helping others.

The **Offering Envelopes** are on the table in the Narthex. Please don't forget to take yours.

We are celebrating **two Christmas Eve Services** on Thursday, Dec. 24. The 7 p.m. service held in the Paradise sanctuary will be a Family Service, featuring a Christmas Pageant, the Bell Choir, Carols and candle lighting. The 11 p.m. service of Lessons and Carols, concluding with candle lighting will be held at Old Leacock.