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Spring Retreat

YOU'RE INVITED TO AN
ALL CONGREGATION RETREAT - MAY 22, 2016
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Beginning at 8:30am with a potluck breakfast

Bring a breakfast casserole, fruit, pastries, bagels, juice or nothing at all.

- REMEMBER EVERYONE IS WELCOME

At 9:30am Erin Cox-Holmes, the Executive Presbyter of our Presbytery, will lead us in Sunday worship and offer reflections on how to enter the future with grace while honoring the past.

This will be a time for Leacock's family to come together to think about the future that God wills for our church.

At 11:00am, we will have time in several ways to share what we have learned that morning together.

Separate activities and nursery are planned for children (age infants - grade 6).

**LECTIONARIES
FOR MAY AND JUNE**

May 1 6th Sunday of Easter
Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22-22.5
John 14:23-29 or
John 5:1-9

May 5 Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47 or
Psalm 93
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

May 8 7th Sunday of Easter
Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26

May 15 Day of Pentecost
Acts 2:1-21 or
Genesis 11:1-9
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:14-17 or
Acts 2:1-21
John 14:8-17 [25-27]

May 22 Trinity Sunday
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

May 29 2nd Sunday after Pentecost
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 18:20-21 [22-29]
30-39
Psalm 96
Galatians 1:1-12
Luke 7:1-10

June 5 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
10th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kings 17:8-16 [17-24]
Psalm 146
Galatians 1:11-24
Luke 7:11-17

June 12 4th Sunday after Pentecost
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kings 21:1-10 [11-14]
15-21a
Psalm 5:1-8
Galatians 2:15-21
Luke 7:36-8:3

June 19 5th Sunday after Pentecost
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kings 19:1-4 [5-7] 8-15a
Psalm 42 and 43
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39

June 26 6th Sunday after Pentecost
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62



LEACOCK FELLOWSHIP

Every Sunday, after the 10:30 service, a group of Leacock folks gathers for fellowship and lunch at the Olde Mill Restaurant at the Best Western in Intercourse.

This isn't some special club. You don't need to pay a fee to get in.

All you need to do is to come along and join us and be willing to laugh and to get to know people with whom you worship on Sundays whom you might not know.

Everyone is invited (even if you attend 8:00 service, you're welcome to come have lunch with us).

We do need to know how many to expect, so the restaurant staff can pull tables together for us.

So, after church, if you'd like to come along, please let either Margy Hershey or Mary Alice High know.

Hope to see you there!

**MAY 15
PENTECOST SUNDAY**

On May 15 we will celebrate Pentecost Sunday with a joint service of worship at 9:30am.

Join your church family as we remember the birth of the church with traditional communion.



**ONE SERVICE AT
9:30AM**

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

The Worship Committee has been working with the Acts 16:5 Committee to explore the possibility of worshiping at one service for most of the year.

We are seeking your input on this matter at any time, but you will be given a particular opportunity to respond to us at the Church Re-

meet on May 22.

Be sure to join us on this special Sunday as we look to the future of our congregation. See the “cover story” for details.



HYMN SINGS

The Hymn Sings are off and running!

The remaining dates are:

June 5

July 3

August 7

September 4

All at Old Leacock at

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

We all lead such busy lives, it's sometimes so difficult to pause and to remember God wants us to be in fellowship with each other. I don't know about you, but every time I do get together to break bread with others, I find myself wondering, "Why don't I make this the number one priority in my life?"

(Well, because Sunday school lessons need to be planned and written, as do newsletter articles, and then there's the matter of needing money to eat, which means working, but you get my drift, I'm sure). Some members of our congregation are awfully patient and persistent when it comes to inviting us to fellowship with them, understanding that a minister's work is 24/7 and always full of unexpected surprises.

I am thinking, in particular, of a couple who has probably been inviting us over for dinner for about two years now. Finally, we recently had a chance to visit and eat a scrumptious meal with them. We had such a lovely evening, so thank you so much to **Ed and Barbara Johann** who were so patient in their gentle persistence, so welcoming, and so gracious in opening up their home to us (as well as sharing a little of Ed's birthday cake).



LEACOCK YOUTH GROUP

By now, all those who attended youth Sunday on April 3rd know what a superb job our youth group did leading us in worship. We learned quite a bit about what they've been thinking about in both their youth group sessions and their communicants class.

Now we're looking forward to our retreat at the Ruhl's cabin in Jim Thorpe this August. It's been a couple of years since we enjoyed the beauty of that part of Pennsylvania and God's creation, and we hope to spend plenty of time putting into practice our lessons about the need for periods of quiet and contemplation.

The youth retreat will take place the weekend of August 12 - 14. Meanwhile, we continue to enjoy our meetings and times of discussion with each other.

Emily Birch and Charlene Boas,
Youth Group Leaders

YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

The youth group schedule for spring 2016 is as follows:

Youth group 7:00 - 8:30pm

May 1

May 15

May 29

We will be taking the summer off to enjoy Sunday evenings with our families.

Communicants Class 5:30 - 7:30pm

May 8

May 22

Youth Retreat - Jim Thorpe, PA

Fri Aug 12 - Sun Aug 14

*We always thank
GOD for all of you
and continually
mention you in
our prayers.*

1 Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

PRAYER FAMILIES

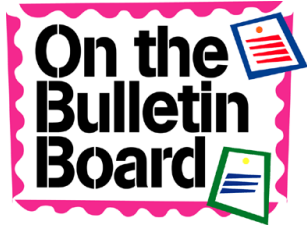
May 1 Danielle, Kyle & Jayde Short

May 8 Karen & George Shue

May 15 Kitty Shumate

May 22 Lori Smith

May 29 Richard L. Smith



APRIL SESSION SNIPPETS

The Session and Trustees met in April to share information about the work of both boards. Trustee president Dave Berkhimer succinctly outlined work in progress and future needs being examined. Elders expressed their gratitude to the Trustees for their faithful care of Leacock’s facilities (and for the delicious refreshments provided).

In Session action, the following items were approved or discussed:

- ◆ Pentecost Offering earmarked for Camp Donegal
- ◆ Session minutes for 2015 were read and approved without exception at the Presbytery level
- ◆ Reaffirmed no political signage may be placed on any church property
- ◆ Accepted with regret the resignation of newsletter editor Vicki Burkins effective with the July/August newsletter
- ◆ Approved Rev. Steve Getty as pastoral care supply for 2016 during times when Rev. Birch

is away

- ◆ Designated 2016 Hymn Sing offerings for local mission through the Mission Committee
- ◆ Heard plans about the All Congregation Retreat scheduled for Sunday May 22



SUMMER CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES

The water pounds down on your head feeling more like ice water than creek water. All around you are laughing, screaming friends enjoying the waterfall, but just as startled by the coldness of the water.

As you look downstream you are amazed by how green everything

is! There isn’t a house or a road or a bike or an electric wire in sight!

On the hike down you hadn’t really noticed because all you could think about was the picnic lunch at Lock 12 Park. That sub tasted really good!

But now that you’re hiking back up and wading in the stream with your friends and standing under a waterfall...This is great! And you still get to go swimming in the pool later!

Come get wet at Camp Donegal this summer.

Brochures are available at ([location](#)) or visit us online at

There are two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.

- Albert Einstein

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TRUSTEES NOTES

In 2009 we collected just over \$1,700 for the refinishing of the pews at Old Leacock. The trustees are now looking to finish that project.

May's Building and Facilities Offering will be going towards that goal. We have over \$1,000 remaining from the last Special Fund Offering and the proposal in 2009 for the pews was \$6,700.

I am sure that price has gone up a little. Whatever we get from the congregation will be used to re-finish what we can at that time. Hopefully, there will be no more sticking to the backs of the pews. You are an awesome congregation. Thank you from the trustees.

David Berkhimer, President

WOMEN OF LEACOCK

Bible Study

Come to the Waters

River of Life - Hope

Our May study focuses on

Revelation 21-22

This is the final lesson in this study. We all need hope in our lives. Even if you haven't been to the first 8 lessons, these are stand alone topics concerning "water" in scripture.

All women are welcome to these small study groups.

Third Monday - May 16,

7:30am in Fellowship Hall

Second Thursday - May 12,

9:30am at the home of

Arlene Brackbill

Third Tuesday - May 17,

PRAYER SHAWL

"THANK YOU"

We would like to thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl you gave to us. As I write this I have it draped around my shoulders.

Carol (Koshuta) & Sam

Our thanks for the beautiful prayer shawl you gave to Mom. It drapes her chair and comforts her with your love as she adapts to life without Dad.

I want to thank you so much for the lovely prayer shawl. I am cuddling with it as I write this. It truly is soft and comforting.

Tanya (Koshuta) and Family

Thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl. I'm wearing it as I write this.

Give Blood...



Give Life.

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 MAY 2016

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Wednesday, May 4	Bird-in-Hand Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Tuesday, May 10	Bareville Fire Company	2:00pm to 7:00pm
Thursday, May 19	Yoder's Country 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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT - FINANCIAL UPDATE MARCH 2016

	<i>Offering March</i>		<i>Expenses March</i>	
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Monthly Total	\$14,081	\$20,383	\$15,688	\$18,055
Year-to-Date	\$42,096	\$48,862	\$42,617	\$49,626

Budget Tracking Through March

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Total Annual Budget	\$224,807	\$225,312
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$42,617	\$49,626
% of Budget Spent	19%	22%

The total giving for the month of March was excellent. In addition to the regular offering of \$14,773, approximately \$7,000 was given to the Trustee Special Fund which was used to replace the manse furnace and \$177 was collected at the Easter breakfast. Offerings large and small add up and help the ministry of Leacock to happen, within our own four walls or beyond.

Ministry beyond our walls happens through our designated mission items included within our annual budget and our Per Capita giving - in March around \$3,000 was earmarked for Per Capita.

Shared Proportional Giving (Per Capita) is how Presbyterians mutually share the costs of ministry. Our giving helps support the work of our executive Presbyter, Erin Cox-Holmes who visits and works with all the sessions and pastors of the Donegal Presbytery, praying and supporting our churches in times of growth and/or crisis. Our participation, along with that of all the other churches in Donegal, helps fund operations of Presbytery including: lights, heat, communication systems, and business administration. Also, Presbytery has "our back." Erin Cox-Holmes will be leading our worship and retreat on May 22 encouraging our Leacock family's journey of faith.

If you haven't contributed yet to the 2016 Shared Proportional Giving, please prayerfully consider giving the \$32.27 per member set for this year - use the envelope in your box or a plain envelope marked "Per Capita." Thank you.

Looking ahead! Summer's coming, ministry continues through those months even though our giving tends to decrease. We may be on vacation, and grateful for the opportunity, but Leacock is never on vacation. Remember to continue your weekly offering even though you may be enjoying a relaxing time elsewhere!



MISSION COMMITTEE



Our free community meals still seem to be going great. A good part of this is due to you, the congregation, and your willingness to help in providing the needed food, and the great number of you who volunteer your time to come and help cook, serve, and clean up these meals. Without everyone working together, it would not be possible to continue this community mission.

So far this year, the number of community members that have been attending the meals has dropped from what it was last year at this time. Hopefully, that is a good sign--that people are becoming economically stronger and not a reflection on our cooking!



Thanks for all your help.

The Pentecost offering will be taken on May 8th (Mother's Day) and on May 15th (Pentecost Sunday).

There will be envelopes in the pews for your donations or you may just put your donation in a white envelope and mark it Pentecost and put it in the offering plate.

Our church gets to keep 40% of the money collected to use for mission to youth. This year's donation will go to help keep

Clothing Drive

What's in your closet?

Camp Donegal open for all our youth to experience God's amazing love through nature and caring counselors to guide them.

Please help this worthy cause.

A big thank you to all who cleaned out their drawers, closets, shelves etc.

We seem to have an abundance of



NOTES RECEIVED

Dear Leacock Church Members,
Many thanks to Rev. Birch and Emily for their visit in March. Also to Jennifer McElhany and Karen Homsher for the meaningful card on behalf of Leacock Church.

This was in response to neuropathy causing me to be hospitalized for a few days and pretty much stay-at-home for the first three months of 2016. Special thanks to Skip Brackbill for his call.

Love,
Richard Leaman Smith

We wish to extend our appreciation to our church family for their support during these last few years in caring for our mother, Jean, and especially to Rev. Birch for his support and prayers during this journey.

A special thank you to the Women of Leacock Presbyterian Church for the prayer shawl. A special thank you to all.

Prayers,
Deb & Kirk Beane
& family



Camp Donegal



FAMILY FUN DAY and FUNDRAISING AUCTION featuring a concert by Steven Courtney

Some of the day's activities include:

- Tours of the camp facility
- Hayrides
- Face painting
- Delicious Food
- Games & Crafts
- Register for Summer Camp
- Steven Courtney Concert
- Fundraising Auction

Sunday, May 15, 2016

- Family Fun Day between 1:00 and 4:00 pm
- Concert between 4:00 and 5:00 pm
- Fundraising Auction between 5:00 and 7:00 pm

For more information contact the camp office or visit us online.

There is no charge to attend Family Fun Day. Meals and snacks will be available at a reasonable cost.

Come to experience the camp for the first time. Come to renew old ties with the camp or the camp family. Come for a day of good, wholesome fun with your family. Come to financially support the camp through the auction. Come to enjoy Steven Courtney. Just come!

Steven Courtney Concert Sponsored By:

Camp Donegal

Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Hopewell Presbyterian Church

People's Bank, Brogue PA

Pine Grove Presbyterian Church

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USHERS

**Skip Brackbill, Head Usher
8:00 Service**

**Ed Margerum, Head Usher
10:30 Service**

MAY

Bonnie Rice
Ellen Barnes

Lori Smith
Shirley Smith

JUNE

Scott Shenk
Donald Andrews

Bob Hershey
Margy Hershey

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. THANK YOU!

NURSERY

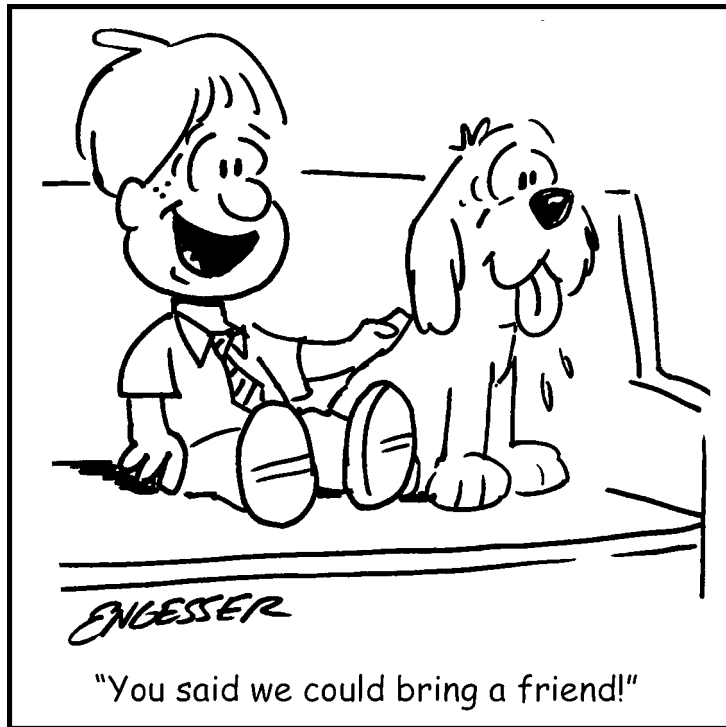
NOTE: The 8:00 nursery will be staffed from an on-call list of those from the 8:00 congregation who are available to care for our kids. Please contact an usher if you desire care for your preschool age child/children. Thanks.

May 1	10:30	Chuck & Kathy Ankney
May 8	10:30	Steve & Charlene Boas
May 15	10:30	Mike & Alba Ruhl
May 22	10:30	Sean & Maureen Carney
May 29	10:30	Craig Keenen & Bob Brackbill
June 5	10:30	Sean & Maureen Carney
June 12	10:30	Karen Homsher & Marie Brackbill
June 19	10:30	George & Karen Shue
June 26	10:30	Don & Christy Fieldsa

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS - MAY

May 1	10:30	Carol & Dave Berkhimer
May 8	10:30	Carol & Dave Berkhimer
May 15	10:30	Carol Shearer & Mary Alice High
May 22	10:30	Carol Shearer & Mary Alice High
May 29	10:30	Emily Birch & Vicki Burkins

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