

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 2, 2016

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "I Am the Bread of Life"

Ron Schmoltze

Invocation:

O Redeemer God, as we gather in worship on this World Communion Sunday, we ask that you send your Holy Spirit to fall afresh on us. We pray for your Spirit to awaken new hope in us. Grant us the vision to see the coming of your kingdom. Help us to celebrate the glimpses of grace that you have given to each of us. Knit our hearts together in worship and communion so that we know we do not struggle alone in working for your peace and justice. We pray this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Call to Worship

Leader: Bless the Holy One, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

People: Bless the Holy One, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits,

Leader: Who forgives all our iniquity, who heals all our diseases,

People: Who redeems our lives from the grave, who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy,

Leader: Who satisfies us with good as long as we live,

People: So that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Hymn: #301 "Let Us Build a House"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Caring and Compassionate Creator, we enter this place set apart for Your worship, knowing that we have failed to see You in other places. We have ignored Your beauty around us, in earth and sky, in plants and creatures, in the people who surround us. We have chosen to live more by our fears and our hurts than by our faith, to be weighed down by what we do not have, rather than rejoicing in the gifts You have given us. In these moments together, draw us close so that we cannot help but know every day that You are with us, wherever we go. Enlarge our capacity to care, strengthen our faith, so that we may see You in all whom we meet. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Response: "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" (Hymn #654, see insert)

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory "Gift of the Finest Wheat"

Jeffrey Honore

*Doxology (page 606)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "Jesus Took the Cup"

Hal Hopson

Chancel Choir

Children's Sermon

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3:7-21 (p.182)

Sermon:

Wordbanks and the Grace of God

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: #463 "How Firm a Foundation"

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

* Affirmation of Faith – Apostles Creed (p.17)

Hymn: #546 "Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing"

*Benediction:

Choral Response: "Go With Us, Lord" (see insert)

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude "O God of Life's Great Mystery"

Kenneth Kosche

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 Charles and Nancy Landis
Given by daughter Mary Alice High

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.

IN THE NURSERY (babies through 4 yrs.) – Chuck & Kathy Ankney
Next Sunday, October 9 - Lauren & Ruth Ann Appel

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Harold & Dianne Yuninger

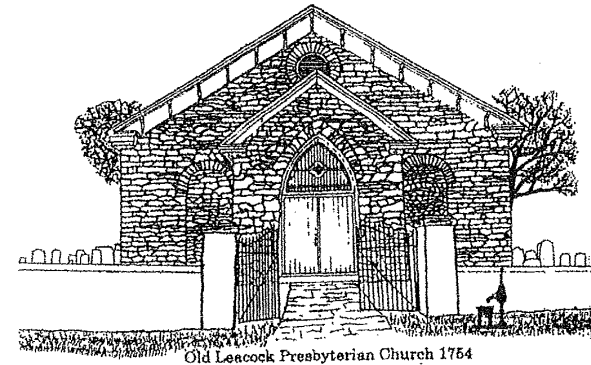
<u>TODAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group
<u>MONDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	CCL Meeting
<u>TUESDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	Christian Ed. Committee Meeting
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<u>THURSDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	Mission Committee Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship Meeting*
	* changed from Monday, October 10 to this Thursday, October 6	
<u>FRIDAY</u>	5:30 p.m.	Book & Movie Group

As we celebrate Worldwide Communion today, we are using breads from around the world representing history, geography, culture and tradition.

1. Pumpernickel (dark) from Eastern Europe
2. Irish Soda Bread (white) from our English heritage
3. Corn Bread (yellow) from our Western Hemisphere cultures
4. Sourdough (white – air bubbles) from our American journeys
5. Challah (shiny crust) from our Jewish Faith history.

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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Please welcome Rev. Dr. Erin S. Cox-Holmes to the pulpit today.

The Rev. Dr. Erin S. Cox-Holmes was raised in Redlands, California and graduated from the University of Redlands in 1980 with a degree in English and Religion. She received her Master of Divinity from Earlham School of Religion, and was ordained in the Presbytery of Detroit. After service as an associate pastor and an interim pastor, Erin served for 15 years as the Associate Executive Presbyter in Kiskiminetas Presbytery in western Pennsylvania. She received her Doctor of Ministry from Dubuque Theological Seminary in 2008, with a focus on revitalizing the church and worship in the digital age. She began as the Executive Presbyter in Donegal Presbytery on January 1 of 2010. Erin's husband, the Rev. Kent Holmes, is serving Bethany Presbyterian Church as pastor, after 18 years as the pastor of Punxsutawney Presbyterian church. They live in Manheim Township north of Lancaster. Daughter Meredith is in her third year at Elizabethtown College this fall. Son Graham is employed as a therapist in Lancaster. The household is completed by Rhiannon, the Welsh Terrier Princess.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

As you begin your fall cleaning, especially of your closets and drawers, please remember the clothing bank in Lancaster. The **Mission Committee** will be collecting all good, clean used clothing also including sheets and blankets from now until Sunday, October 9th. Items may be placed in the narthex near the bulletin board. Any item can be used except *underwear*. Only new underwear still in the original packaging is acceptable

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, **October 16th** for our annual CROP walk. This is our 35th year of hosting this event and it will be held rain or shine. Registration begins at 1:00 p.m. in the narthex. The walk begins at 1:30. Bring your walking shoes and join the fun while raising awareness and financial support for hunger.

October 23 and **October 30** are two Sundays in October you may purchase flowers for the Sanctuary. These can be in honor of or in memory of someone or a special occasion. Please call the church office at 687-6619.