

18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2016

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "All Are Welcome" setting Ron Schmoltze
(based on #301)

Invocation

**Call To Worship*

Leader: Because God loves us, we are graced with gifts.

People: Let us in turn grace others.

Leader: Because God loves us, God wills to heal us.

People: Let us be healed in the healing of others.

Leader: Because God loves us, in Christ God served us.

People: Let us choose; let us serve the Lord.

Hymn: #301 "Let Us Build a House"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Forgiving God, we break your heart because we are broken. Still, you forgive us. We chase after other gods and forget you are there with us. Still, you forgive us. We cling to your gifts rather than share them. Still, you forgive us. Help us. Heal us. Forgive us again, O Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "Go Not Far From Me" Nicola Zingarelli
Chancel Choir

Children's Sermon

(Following this, children may leave for Sunday School)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 (p.667)

Hymn: #792 "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 16:1-13 (p.74)

Sermon: **Ends or Means**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

The Peace of Christ

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory "This Is My Father's World" Robert Lau

*Doxology (page 606)

**Hymn:* #711 "Lord of All Good"

*Benediction:

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

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Jayson Payne

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

Betty Taylor who would have turned 94 on the 20th of September

Given by her daughters & their families: Dianne & Harold, Lois & Darwin

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.) Shirley & Lori Smith
Next Sunday, September 25 - Steve & Charlene Boas

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: Mildred Young

TODAY

9:30 a.m. Service of Worship
Children's Sunday School (kindergarten thru 6th grade)
10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School
7:00 p.m. Youth Group

MONDAY

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministries
7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting

WEDNESDAY

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL OFFERING

This month the Trustees are collecting for the painting of the Manse. We are in the process of getting estimates, but we know it will be considerable. This will help offset the cost of the project. Thank you all for your support!

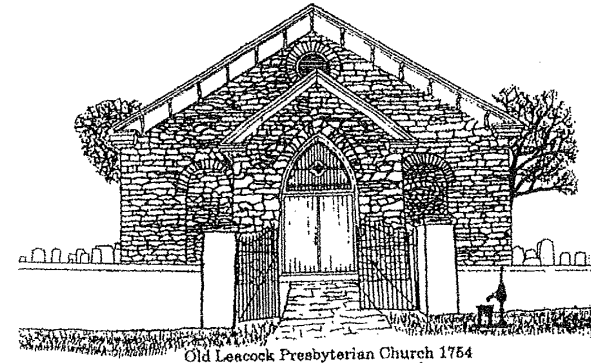
David Berkhimer

The next free **Community Meal** will take place on Thursday, September 29th from 5:30 to 6:30 in our Smith Fellowship Hall. The various sign-up sheets are in the narthex for your consideration. Please check them out and decide in which way you can help. The Mission Committee deeply appreciates all your help. Working together we can keep making it happen!

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.

Leacock Presbyterian Church

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1740, moved to Paradise in 1840.*



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