

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 12, 2017

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"

Brian Doerksen

Invocation

Call To Worship

Leader: The Lord offers us life.

People: Help us, Lord, to live.

Leader: The Lord offers us good.

People: Help us, Lord, to accept good.

Leader: The Lord offers us fellowship.

People: Help us, Lord, to honor fellowship.

Hymn: #409 "God is Here!"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, you show us the way to life. It is the way of Christ. Yet we turn away. We walk another way. It is the human way of anger and greed, of untruths and broken commitments. And when we walk this way, slowly, surely we die. Forgive us, Lord. Find us when we are lost. Turn us again to life. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Response: In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; In the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God: do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "El Shaddai"

Michael Card and John Thompson

Children's Sermon

(Following this, children may leave for Sunday School)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

**Hymn:* #445 "God, How Can We Forgive"

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:21-37

Sermon: **The Choice Before Us**

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 "As the Deer"

Martin Nystrom

*Doxology (page 606)

* *Hymn:* #543 "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"

*Benediction:

Choral Response: "Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you."

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude "Soon and Very Soon"

Andrae Crouch

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 Timothy Sowers,
Son of David & Karen Sowers, Grandson of Gene & Betty Sowers

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.) – Emily Birch & Linda Erikson

Next Sunday, February 19 – Alba & Mike Ruhl

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER & HELPER This Sunday

& next Sunday, February 19 – Carol & David Berkhimer

We welcome Renee Mendenhall to our worship and thank her for her gift of music. A graduate of Pequea Valley High School and Penn State University, Renee teaches instrumental music at Twin Valley Intermediate School. She also has earned her Master's Degree from Northwestern University.

Anyone wishing to send a note or card to Joy Koshuta, this is her new

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PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: Arlene Brackbill

<u>TODAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
<u>MONDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship Meeting
<u>TUESDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	Christian Ed Meeting
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
<u>THURSDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting

The Session calls for the *Annual Meeting* of the congregation *Sunday February 26* following our worship service at 9:30 a.m. At the meeting, annual reports will be discussed and received, persons elected to the 2017 Nomination Committee, and any other business brought before the congregation will be conducted.

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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OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

On **Sunday, February 26**, following the **Annual Meeting** there will be a **covered dish luncheon**. All are welcome, come enjoy fellowship with your Leacock Church family. Please bring a dish to share. Drinks-coffee, tea and lemonade will be provided.

THE SPECIAL FUND OFFERING for February will be to collect the rest of the monies needed to paint the Manse and garage. We also want to look at the carpet for the Sunday School Hallway this year. Everyone knows this is an always on going job. The Trustees want to thank you all for your support.
David Berkhimer

CCL will be collecting new and gently used sweatpants and sweatshirts for Pequea Valley Intermediate and High School from 02/05 - 02/19/17. Sweatpants and sweatshirts can be in adult sizes XS, S, M, L, XL. These items would be given to the students by the school nurse as needed. There is also a need for donation of cough drops and/or monetary donations to purchase personal hygiene items for the students. Donations can be dropped in the box provided at the welcome center. Monetary donations may be given to Jenny Keenan, Mary Alice High, Michele Lichty or the church secretary.

Our next **Community Meal** is scheduled for Thursday, **February 23** from 5:30-6:30 in our Smith Fellowship Hall. Sign up sheets are in the narthex for food we need and helpers for the meal. We need 4 people willing to make **Chili**. If you feel you could do this please contact Bonnie Rice as soon as possible. The Mission committee is so grateful for the continued help of this loving congregation.