

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**April 23, 2017**

***Easter Lives: Meditations on Resurrection Living***

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" Tanzanian Spiritual  
arr. Anne Krentz Organ

*Invocation* Molly Bair

*\*Call to Worship* Molly Bair

Leader: Let us not forget—Christ is risen!

**People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Leader: Let Easter live in our hearts.

**People: Let us follow the Lord who goes before us.**

Leader: Let us live Easter lives.

**People: Lord, help each of us to be a new creation.**

*Hymn:* #251 "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

*Prayer of Confession* Brendon Shenk

Gracious God, loving God, God who knows the names we give ourselves and others, we find ourselves separated from you by lives of sin and suffering, living in a world always poised to knock us down, a world in which we declare this time we start anew, this time your shall guide us; but soon enough, we find ourselves back where we started, in a world created by you, but broken and sundered by us. Into this world, though, you sent your son, and although the world appeared to triumph, we know with the coming of Easter it did not. Your son descended to the dead, but now he has risen, and as you raised him, so will you raise us through his sacrifice, raised from death to life eternal, from imperfect lives apart from you, to lives in your kingdom. Open our eyes so we may see the risen Lord, allow us to feel the joy and miracle of Easter, and let it transform us as well, bringing us to you through the son you loved so well. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon* Brendon Shenk

*\*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. (p.654)

*First Scripture Readings:* 2 Co 5:14-17(p.170); Eph 2:1-10 (p.181)  
Michele Lichty

*Easter Living: A Reflection* Betty Sowers

*Anthem:* "I Am Thine, O Lord" Krimm/Nolan

Chancel Choir

*Easter Living: A Children's Sermon* Emily Birch

*Second Scripture Reading:* John 3:1-8 (p.228)

*Prayers of the People:* Milt Hostetter

*Easter Living: A Reflection* David Ericson

*\* Hymn:* #286 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

*Easter Living: A Reflection* Katherine Boas

*Offering of Tithes and Gifts*

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

*Offertory* "How Beautiful" arr. John Carter

*Offering Prayer* Sara Lichty

*Easter Living: A Reflection* Sean Carney

*The Peace of Christ*

*\*Doxology* (page 606)

*\* Hymn:* #821 "My Life Flows On"

*\*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." (p.748)

*Silent Prayer* (be seated)

*Postlude* Postlude on 'Lasst uns Erfreusen' Gordon Young

*\*Those who wish may stand*

Rev. Robert W. Birch, Minister  
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of my dear parents  
Jack Wettig & Veronica Trout.  
Given with much love by Tracy Dippner

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.)

This Sunday – Shirley & Lori Smith  
Next Sunday, April 30 – David & Carol Berkhimer

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER & HELPER**

Next Sunday, April 30 – Mary Alice High & Margy Hershey

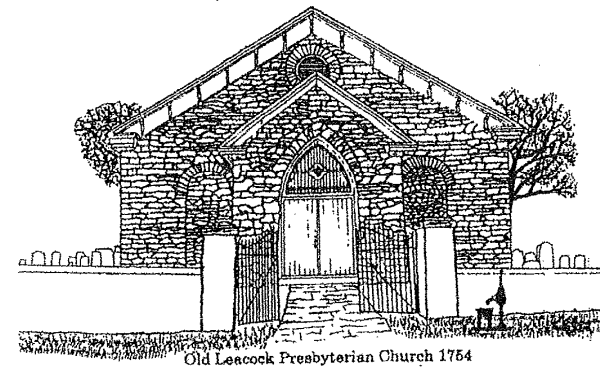
**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Donald & Betty Clark

<u>TODAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
<u>MONDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	PW Bible Study
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
<u>THURSDAY</u>	5:30 p.m.	Community Meal
<u>FRIDAY</u>	5:30 p.m.	Book & Movie Night

# 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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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our next **Community Meal** is this Thursday, April 27th from 5:30-6:30 in our Smith Fellowship Hall. Please check out the sign-up sheets in the narthex for either food donations or times you can help.

### **Clothing Drive**

There are only 2 more Sundays (this Sunday and next Sunday) left to donate your good, clean used clothing so we can deliver it to the Lancaster clothing bank. The Lancaster County Council of Churches will then distribute it as needed. This clothing drive will end on April 30th.

**Find the “lost”** Please check the table in the Narthex for containers that have been left in the church kitchen over the last few months. They would love to be reunited with you!