

6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 2017

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: 8:00 "Be Still and Know with Finlandia" arr. Mark Hayes
9:30 "Be Still My Soul"

Invocation

*Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, sow your seeds in us.

People: If our hearts be hard, break them, water them.

Leader: Lord, sow your seeds in us.

People: If our hearts be shallow or torn by care, grant us your peace.

Leader: Lord, sow your seed in us.

People: Let our hearts be soil good for grace.

*Hymn: #367 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Kind God, it is your joy to offer life and grace and healing to all in every place. But our worry, the troubles that surely come, the pull of passing things—all this steals our peace. And then we choose not life, but death. Save us, Lord, from ourselves. Shine the light of your love on us. Help us grow towards the light. 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. (p.654)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

Prayers of the People

First Scripture Reading: Romans 8:1-11 (p.147)

Hymn: #288 "Spirit of the Living God" (2x)

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (p.13)

Sermon: **The Good Earth**

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: 8:00 "Precious Moments" arr. Don Wyrzten
9:30 "Offertory Religioso" Beethoven

Doxology (page 606)

*Hymn: #794 "O Savior, in this Quiet Place"

*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 "The Spacious Firmament on High" Joseph Haydn
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

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.)

NURSERY PROVIDED UPON REQUEST. Please see an usher if you would like to take your children to the nursery.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Darwin & Lois Eshleman

TODAY

8:00 a.m.	Service of Worship, Old Leacock
9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship, Paradise
7:00 p.m.	Youth Group

MONDAY

6:30 p.m.	Softball: Leacock v. Bellevue
7:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting

WEDNESDAY

6:30 p.m.	Miniature Golf at Waters Edge
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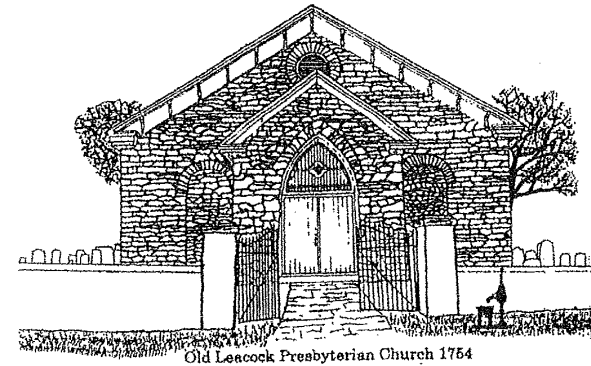
OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next free **community meal** will be held on Thursday, July 27th from 5:30-6:30 in our Smith Fellowship Hall. Please feel free to sign up on the sheets (at Old Leacock in the window well in the small vestibule) (at route 30 Leacock in the narthex) to help prepare, serve, or clean up and to bring the needed food items. Your help is very much appreciated and needed.

REMINDER: There is still time to add your name to the sign up sheet in the narthex for our annual **Golf Outing** Wednesday, July 19 at 6:30 p.m. Join the fun at Waters Edge Mini Golf, 230 N. Ronks Rd., Bird in Hand, PA. All ages play a round of mini golf and usually end the evening with an ice cream treat!

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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