

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 2017

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: 8:00 “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” arr. Chris Rice
9:30 “Come Thou Fount” arr. Robert Lau

Invocation

**Call To Worship* (from Psalm 148)

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Leader: Praise the Lord...fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind
fulfilling his command!

**People: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild
animals and all cattle!**

Leader: Young men and women alike, old and young together!

People: Praise the Lord!

**Hymn:* #713 “Touch the Earth Lightly”

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Creator God, you created all things and said they were good. But we
went our way, not yours; we are broken. We break each other’s hearts.
We fight and tear when we should mend. We have broken your good
creation. Mend us, Lord. Heal us. Teach us to be healers of the world.
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 8:12-25 (p.147)

Hymn: #370 “This is My Father’s World”

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (p.14)

Sermon: **The Mystery of Weeds**

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 “Offertory in F” Beethoven/Kendall
9:30 “Sherzo” Beethoven

Doxology (page 606)

**Hymn:* #37 “Let All Things Now Living”

**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 Everlasting Arms” Lani Smith
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 Malcolm Stannard
Given by Diep Tran

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.

IN LANCASTER REHAB HOSPITAL: Robert Clark Room #180

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Donald, Christy, Logan & Juliana Fieldsa

<u>TODAY</u>	8:00 a.m.	Service of Worship, Old Leacock
	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship, Paradise
<u>MONDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	PW Bible Study
	7:30 p.m.	Softball: Leacock v. Calvary Monument
<u>THURSDAY</u>	5:30 p.m.	Community Meal

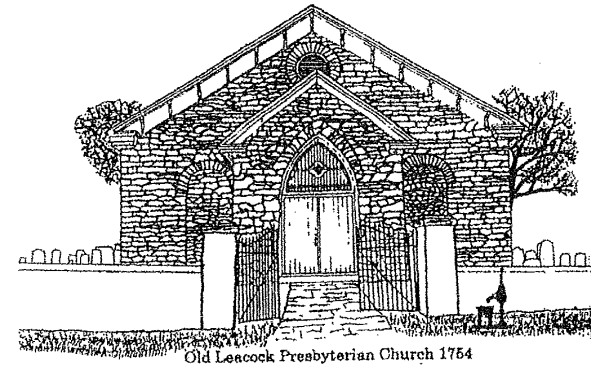
OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our next free **Community Meal** is this Thursday, July 27th from 5:30-6:30 in the 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!

On behalf of the **Stewardship** committee, as of June 30 we have received offerings totaling \$82,470 and paid expenses of \$89,548. More detail in graph form is available on the bulletin board in the office hallway. Please prayerfully consider increasing your offering. Remember, the more we give, the more we can do for mission.

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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