

8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 30, 2017

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring" Bach

Invocation

**Call To Worship*

Leader: Lord, we know you always seek us.

People: Help us to trust, to trust in your love.

Leader: Lord, hear us when we cry to you.

People: Help us to hear when you call to us.

Leader: Lord, inspire us to believe that your will will be done.

People: Help us to seek the signs of your kingdom.

**Hymn:* #246 "Christ Is Alive!"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, you gave to the world your Son, a light the darkness will not overcome. Through him, you have planted seeds of grace. But we do not see the light; we look only at the darkness. We do not see your kingdom growing about us; we see only our brokenness. Help us, Lord. Help us to trust in grace. Help us to trust the power of your love. 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 8:26-37 (p.148)

**Hymn:* #797 "We Cannot Measure How You Heal"

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 (p.14)

Sermon: Kingdom Come

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**Affirmation of Faith (from Romans 8)*

I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Peace of Christ

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: 8:00 "Adore and Be Still" Gounod/Smith

9:30 "Grace Flowering" Richard Blake

Doxology (page 606)

**Hymn:* #250 "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

**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 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" Edward Broughton

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,
husband and father with love from June and Children

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: Louis & Esta Fisher

<u>TODAY</u>	8:00 a.m.	Service of Worship, Old Leacock
	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship, Paradise
<u>MONDAY</u>	8:45 p.m.	Softball: Leacock v. Little Britain
<u>TUESDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	Christian Ed Committee Meeting
<u>THURSDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	Mission Committee Meeting

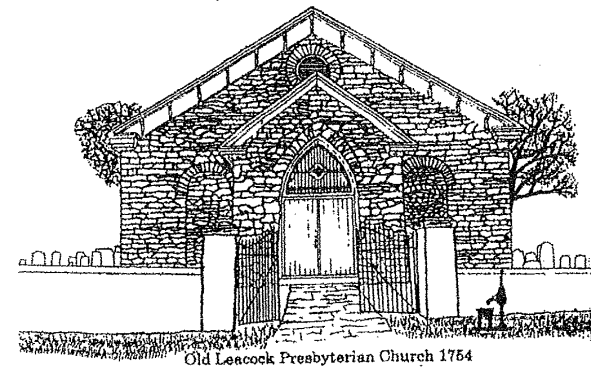
OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday, August 5, is our next to last **Hymn Sing** at Old Leacock. They have been very popular and well attended. Please plan to come and join us!

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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