

19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 2017

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "This Is My Father's World"

Jason Payne

**Call To Worship*

Leader: Let us celebrate the gift of God's son.

People: Let us rejoice in the Lord always!

Leader: Let us believe that the Lord is near.

People: Let rejoice in the Lord always!

Leader: Let us not worry. Let us gladly trust God.

People: Let us be filled with the peace of God.

**Hymn:* #667 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Kind God, joy comes easy to you. You rejoice in your creation. You rejoice in us. You rejoice in your Son. And you invite us to joy. But too often, we are too busy, we are too worried, we are too caught up in little quarrels, to rejoice. Invite us again, Lord. Fill our hearts with joy. Teach us to be glad. 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

Anthem: "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"
Bell Choir

arr. Larson

Children's Sermon

(Following this, children may leave for Sunday School)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:1-9 (p.187)

**Hymn:* #515 "I Come with Joy"

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:1-14 (p.23)

Sermon: **God's Party**

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: "Shepherd, Show Me Where to Go"

Gordon Young

Doxology (page 606)

**Hymn:* #363 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"

**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: "To God Be the Glory"

Victor Johnson

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 given with Love in memory of Douglas High
Given by Mary Alice and Family

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER & HELPER

This Sunday: Mary Alice High & Margy Hershey
Next Sunday: Karen Homsher & Milt Hostetter

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Bob & Margy Hershey

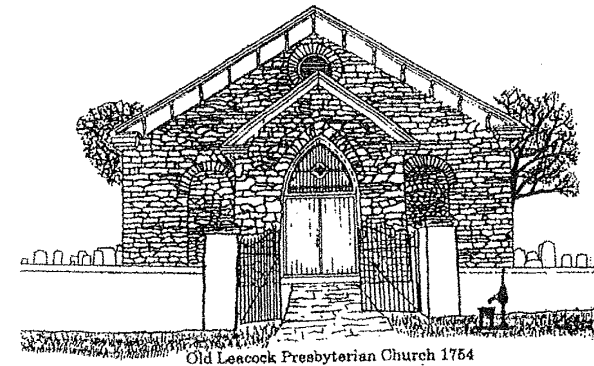
<u>TODAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	1:00 p.m.	CROP Walk
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group
<u>MONDAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministries
	6:45 p.m.	Stewardship Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	6:30 a.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
<u>THURSDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	Session/Trustee Meeting
<u>SATURDAY</u>	8:00 a.m.	Trustee Workday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention! Today is **CROP Walk** Sunday! Registration starts at 1 p.m. at Paradise Park, Pavilion #2. The walk starts at 1:30. See you there!

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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The Paradise Lions are hosting a benefit dinner for VisionCorps. It is the first "**Dinner in the Dark**" event, and will be held **Thursday, October 19** at Scenic Village at Harvest Drive, 3368 Harvest Drive, Gordonville. The Silent Auction and Live Music begin at 6:00 with dinner following at 7:00. Attendees have the option of wearing vision impairments to simulate having a vision problem. To purchase tickets see Lion President Karen Shue, or call Bill Dodds at 717-687-0236. The cost - \$40.

WORKDAY – OCTOBER 21 – Come and spend a few hours sprucing up your Church Home. There are window sills that need to be scraped and painted, an attic ladder to fix and various other jobs. It's a great opportunity to spend time with other members of your Church Family. Of course, there will be pastries and refreshments. We'll start around 8:00 a.m. and go to noon. Come anytime! The trustees will be glad to see you.

Dave Berkhimer, Trustee President

Geocaching Hike

1:00 p.m. Sunday, October 22

Led by Linda Erickson, we'll be meeting in the church parking lot and going to an easy hiking trail in Strasburg. There are two caches in the area. Come out and enjoy a fall hike and try your skills at geocaching!



Our next **Community Meal** will be Thursday, **October 26th** from 5:30-6:30 in our Smith Fellowship Hall. The sign up sheets are in the narthex for the food donations and the needed helpers. Please stop and look at these sheets and see where you may be able to help. We appreciate your support.