

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

January 14, 2018

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Meditation on St. Anne" Gordon Young
(Our God, Our Help in Ages Past)

**Call To Worship*

Leader: The Lord knows us better than we know ourselves.

People: Knowing me, the Lord has a work for me.

Leader: Listen! For the word of the Lord is being spoken.

People: Help me, Lord, to hear you whenever you call.

Leader: We can answer that call for the Lord is with us.

People: Hear me, Lord. I am with you.

**Hymn: #686 "God of Our Life"*

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of love, your Son taught us to love you with all our being and to love neighbor as we love ourselves. Our love is possible because you love us first. Yet we do not always love ourselves. We think we are not enough, that we do not have enough. Then we cannot love or serve our neighbor. Then we cannot love you, our Creator. Forgive us our doubt. Heal our broken image. Strengthen our 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

Anthem: "O God, You Search Me" (GTG 29) B. Farrell
Chancel Choir

Children's Sermon

(Following this, children may leave for Sunday School)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 139:1-18 (p.545)

**Hymn: #707 "Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"*

Second Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (p.236)

Sermon: An Unexpected Call

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: "Sarabande" Gordon Young

Doxology (page 606)

**Hymn: #721 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"*

**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: "Postilion" Gordon Young

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 Fred Musselman

Given by Shirley 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 and next Sunday: Kathy & Chuck Ankney

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Gregory, Suzanne, Ian & Emily Lang

<u>TODAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
<u>MONDAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministries
	7:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	6:30 a.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

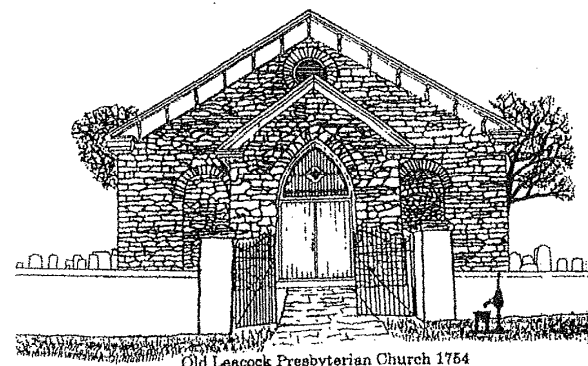
The first community meal for 2018 will be held on Thursday, January 25th in our Smith Fellowship Hall from 5:30-6:30. The sign up sheets are in the narthex for help with preparing, serving, and cleaning up, as well as food needed for this meal.

Our annual blanket fund drive will be January 14, 21, & 28. Please find the appropriate envelopes in the pews. This money goes to Church World Service to help provide blankets and other necessities for those experiencing financial difficulties and also those in third world countries who even lack a blanket!

The Per Capita for 2018 is \$34.78. An envelope for it is in your offering box. Your paying it helps our denomination in its service to God.

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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