

**First Sunday in Lent**

**February 18, 2018**

***GATHERING***

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude “We Bow Down” Twila Paris, arr. Mark Hayes

*\*Call To Worship*

Leader: There are times when life will test us.

**People: But the Lord is with us when we enter a wilderness.**

Leader: In our times of trial, we learn ourselves.

**People: The Spirit reveals our truth to us.**

Leader: But we learn also what we can be.

**People: Let us then repent; let us turn and follow the Lord.**

*\*Hymn:* #165 “The Glory of These Forty Days”—to the tune of #302

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)*

**Merciful God, like a loving parent who sees children hurting themselves, you seek to teach us your way, the way of wholeness, the way of life. But over and over again, we turn from your voice. Driven by fears and angers, we go our way, the way of quarrels, the way of hurt. Pardon us, Lord. Remember us as you created us. Lead us back to you. 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: “Lenten Meditation” Powell  
Bell Choir

*Children’s Sermon*

(Following this, children may leave for Sunday School)

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

*First Scripture Reading:* Psalm 25:1-11 (p.475)

*\*Hymn:* #423 “Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”

*Second Scripture Reading:* Mark 1:9-15 (p.33)

*Sermon:* **The Hope in Humility**

***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: “You Are My Hiding Place”

Michael Ledner

Doxology (page 606)

*\*Hymn:* #775 “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

*\*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: “My Lighthouse”

Rend Collective

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 Aleta Herr

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.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER & HELPER

This Sunday: Jennifer McElhaney & Shirley Smith  
Next Sunday February 25: Carol & Dave Berkhimer

## PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Nick & Evie Lopez

We again welcome *Renee Mendenhall* to our worship today and thank her for her wonderful gift of music!

<u>TODAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group
<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
<u>THURSDAY</u>	5:30 p.m.	Community Meal
<u>FRIDAY</u>	5:30 p.m.	Book & Movie Group

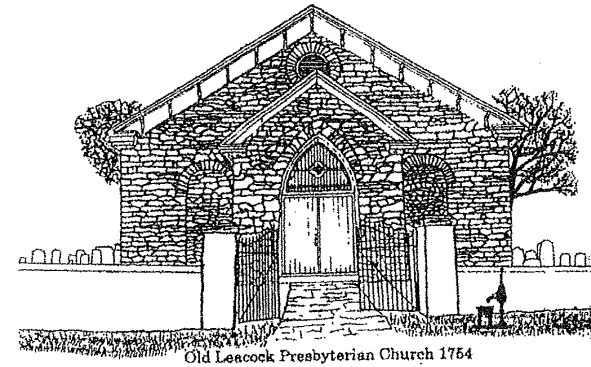
## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we begin our **Lenten Study** as we explore different ways of worship. The study follows a light meal at **5:30**.

Our **Annual Meeting** will be held next Sunday, **February 25** after the 9:30 a.m. Service of Worship. It will be followed by a covered dish luncheon in the Fellowship hall. Bring a covered dish to share and enjoy a Sunday meal with your Leacock family. Coffee, tea and lemonade as well as place settings will be provided. Anything you would like to bring will be just fine. We always have a wonderful selection of food -- salads, casseroles, appetizers, and desserts!

# 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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**2017 Giving Statements** are on the table in the Sunday School room with the 2018 Offering Envelopes. You can pick up both if you haven't got either one so far. If you see a neighbor's box or statement, take it to them and say Hi!

FEBRUARY is also **Trustee Building and Funds Offering** month. The Offering will be for the Bell Tower. The tower needs some repair and painting. This was brought to our attention by a window that was missing in the tower and was discovered when the trees were trimmed on the west side of the church. The window was replaced but some wood below the window was in bad shape. This is what the Trustees will be looking at as soon as the weather breaks. The Trustees thank you all for your support.

David Berkhimer  
Trustee President