

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 16, 2018

## GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "I Need Thee Every Hour" Jason Payne

\* *Call To Worship*

Leader: Listen! For all of creation is speaking.

**People: The heavens and the earth proclaim the glory of God.**

Leader: It is God's will that the world be in balance.

**People: It is God's will that we be in balance.**

Leader: Let us then bless the Lord.

**People: Let us bless each other.**

\* *Hymn:* #14 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)*

**Creator God, you arrange the world in harmony, in a rhythm that brings life. You will that we too be in harmony. But we lose our way. We get lost in ourselves and then we break the harmony. Our hearts become divided and so do our words, as we speak both with grace and to hurt. Restore us, Lord, to ourselves. Bless us till we learn only to bless others. 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:* Hymn Medley  
Chancel Choir

*Children's Sermon*

Following this, children may leave for Sunday School)

*Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer*

*First Scripture Reading:* Psalm 19 (p.472)

\**Hymn:* #693 "Though I May Speak"

*Second Scripture Reading:* James 3:1-12 (p.216)

*Sermon:* **Slow Being**

## 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: "Sun of My Soul, Thou Savior Dear" Albin Whitworth

Doxology (p. 606)

\**Hymn:* #722 "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

\**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: "God of Our Fathers" Gilbert Martin

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 Betty Taylor  
Given by her daughters Dianne & Lois and their families

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: Emily Birch & Linda Erikson

Next Sunday, September 23: Lois & Darwin Eshleman

**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: **R. Scott & Cathy Shenk**

<b><u>TODAY</u></b>	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
<b><u>MONDAY</u></b>	9:30 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministries
	7:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting
<b>Fall Softball:</b>	7:30 p.m.	Leacock vs. Pine Grove
	8:30 p.m.	Leacock vs. Grace Point
<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b>	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
<b><u>FRIDAY</u></b>	5:30 p.m.	Book & Movie Group

**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

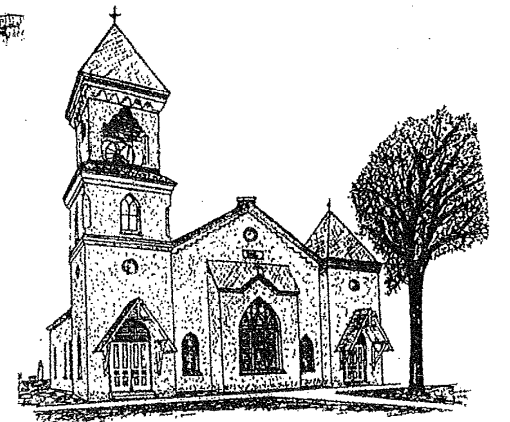
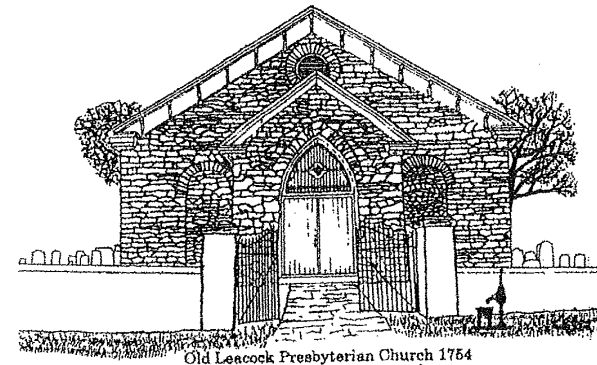
**September is the used clothing month.** Any time during the month bring all of your good, clean used clothing to the narthex. The bags will be taken to the **Lancaster Clothing Bank** for distribution to those in need. Let's get moving and clean out those closets and drawers!

**Reminder:** There will be a Deacon meeting Tuesday, September 25 at 7 p.m.

The next **Community Meal** is scheduled for **Thursday, Sept. 27th** from 5:30-6:30 in the fellowship hall. Sign up sheets are in the narthex for food donations and times to help. Thank you for helping.

# 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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**Save the Date!**

**Sunday September 23**

**A Lifetime of Serving**

Next Sunday we will be blessed by a visit from Ellie Johns-Kelley. Ellie works with the Presbytery Foundation, which, among other things, manages our endowment. Ellie will lead worship, exploring how we can support the building of the kingdom of God throughout our lives and even in our death. Afterwards, over a **potluck lunch**, she will provide a workshop showing how we can do this.

If you are able, bring something for the potluck. Most important, though, come and welcome Ellie as she helps us discern how to build a lifelong legacy to the glory of God.



**What does your Synod do?**

Not sure exactly what the Synod of the Trinity does and how it connects with you, your congregation and your presbytery? Here are just a few examples of ways your Synod is working in your region:



### **Supporting**

Through the Synod's granting process, we are:

- assisting presbyteries and congregations with missional partnerships locally and globally
- fostering innovation as it reaches toward lasting change
- aiding and encouraging student ministries and vocational Exploration

### **Connecting**

Because of a commitment to "being more together," we are:

- actively seeking and telling stories of human interest, mission, ministry and faith from across our Synod and beyond so that we all might encourage, resource and energize one another
- responding to requests for shared training such as a yearly COM and CPM gatherings, PJC training and disaster preparedness work with PDA

### **Challenging**

Because we understand a part of our role to be that of challenging congregations and presbyteries to grow in their faithfulness, we are:

- hosting conversations that compel us to consider the call of Christ as we engage difficult civil and social issues around us, and move to action
- highlighting the work of new worshipping communities and encouraging presbyteries to see possibilities for faith community

### **Partnering**

Through direct resourcing available to the region, we are:

- offering tools and training for video conferencing, challenging our partners to "meet" in new ways
- continuing in a special relationship with MissionInsite to encourage use of demographic tools by congregations and presbyteries

***Simply put, we are Being More Together***