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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

“Unraveling Easter – The Best Is Yet to Come” was the theme during the recent season of Eastertide. The Season of Pentecost now shifts to the color green, a season signifying growth and renewal by the Spirit.

What if we viewed the season before us and the future of this church as the best yet to come, rather than the worst is yet to come? What if we looked for ways to change and grow, not necessarily larger, but deeper?

The events of the Resurrection bring hope in the knowledge that Christ is alive and wants us to be alive, too. That Christ through the Holy Spirit remains in us, with us, and never abandons us. However unsure we may be, Christ is always there to restore our strength and hope, calling on us to start afresh.

New beginnings are about conversion of heart and conscience, enabling and challenging us and all of humanity to respond to social injustices, homelessness, humanitarian crisis, and calls for freedom and peace.

**In this way the work of faith communities and the church
will never be done.**

As much as we want people filling our pews, folks gathering regularly for fellowship and worship, enough leaders to carry the load, there always remains the question: Will people find Jesus here? Will people see the Christ in us and be drawn in? Will Jesus be seen wherever we are, wherever we go.

As this year continues to unfold, there are new initiatives to explore along with the routine work of the church. Continue to use this time to listen deeply to the soul-stirrings within, to affirm the strengths and reasons that not only brought you here but keep you here. Use this time to examine what might attract others to come, and discover ways to invite and reach out. May you find inspiration, courage, and hope through your kinship with others who also journey by faith not by sight.

Future pastors coming through your doors will stand in front of you and work with you. Whether the circumstances allow you to gather in person or connect remotely, I encourage you to bring your true selves to this place and its ministry, offering yourselves to the One who knows the bounty of your gifts as bread cast upon the waters that will not return to you void.

May the Risen Lord, who flung open the doors of the tomb, open our hearts to the needs of the disadvantaged, the poor and vulnerable, the unemployed, the outcasts, and all those who knock on the door in search for bread, refuge, and acknowledgement of their human dignity.

May openness of mind and heart lead to new energy and awareness of the Christ who goes before us and the powerful sending of the Divine Spirit promised to sustain, guide, and teach us in all things necessary.

Blessings and peace,

Jim

June Lectionary

<p>June 5 Day of Pentecost</p> <p>Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21 John 14:8-17 [25-27]</p>	<p>June 12 Trinity Sunday</p> <p>Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15</p>
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<p>June 19</p> <p>1 Kings 19:1-4 [5-7] 8-15a Psalm 42 and 43 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39</p>	<p>June 26</p> <p>2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 1 Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62</p>
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The Leacock Memorial Fund


As you seek to honor those who have joined the "church triumphant," please consider a gift to our Leacock Memorial Fund. This fund is used to purchase lasting gifts for the enhancement of worship and congregational life. For instance, the handbells and equipment for establishing our Bell Choir were purchased by the Memorial Fund.

Deacon Report

The Deacons served two memorial service luncheons in May. A big "Thanks!" to all of you who were able to help with those.



Our Flower Deacon for June is **Debbie Sindall**

<p style="text-align: center;">June Prayer Families</p> <p style="text-align: center;">June 5 Brit Kilbourne</p> <p style="text-align: center;">June 12 Delores Kilbourne</p> <p style="text-align: center;">June 10 Nelson Koshuta</p> <p style="text-align: center;">June 26 Gregory, Suzanne, Ian & Emily Lang</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">For the Church</p> <p style="text-align: center;">If you would like to order Sanctuary Flowers in memory or in honor of someone this month, June 12 is available. Please call the church office: 717-687-6619</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Trustee Notes</p> <p>The Trustees have a lot going on right now. It includes the Manse clean-up and painting, Old Leacock chairs repair, Narthex windows near parking lot, painting of Toddler room and after winter repair on the slate roof.</p> <p>We are also looking at the lights over the choir loft and bell area. All of this takes some monies, and the Trustees want to thank all of you for your support.</p> <p>We do not order repairs until we have the funds available. That is why the Building and Maintenance fund is high at times. Please keep supporting the Special Offerings so we can keep YOUR properties in repair. Tell a Trustee if you see something that needs our attention.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Thank you, Dave Berkhimer Trustee President</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Session Snippets</p> <p>As the Session gathered in the Board Room Monday evening May 23 for our monthly stated meeting, we were greeted with a worship center Pastor Jim had arranged. Green leaves highlighted by purple irises and white wild daisies cascaded down the center of the table, providing a beautiful yet restful focus for the business at hand. Jim reminded us that the elements of this center all came from Leacock and symbolized the many gifts of this body of Christ.</p> <p>Although we did not have many “action items” at this meeting, your elders discussed the business of the church as we move forward in the vacancy process. Collated results of the pastor profiles were also shared.</p> <p>Executive Presbyter Rev. Dr. Erin Cox-Holmes will be present at the August 18 Session meeting to begin the Pastoral Nominating Committee process.</p>
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Cemetery Directors

Now that the Old Leacock and Paradise cemeteries have been merged into a new organization, we are looking for additional Board Members to help in the management and future development planning of these properties. David Berkhimer and Mike Hartmann are President and Vice President respectively of the Board of Directors and can answer your questions if you would be interested in serving to help sustain the maintenance, order and dignity of these historical burial grounds.

Mission Committee

The **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering received was \$1937.12. 40% of this offering stays in the church for donation of our choice. The community meals will start again this month. The first **Community Meal** is planned for **June 30th**. Our menu will be Ham, Scalloped potatoes, Green Beans, Applesauce, Dinner Rolls and Dessert. The sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex two weeks before the meal. You can sign to donate food or time. You are also welcome to just come and enjoy the meal. Everyone is welcome!



Worship Committee

Summer is upon us with a return to our 8:00 a.m. worship at Old Leacock. Come and be blessed in this quiet, bucolic setting surrounded by the saints who have gone before us. And, of course, we continue with our 9:30 a.m. gathering in Paradise.



After a two year hiatus, our Summer Hymn Sings at Old Leacock are beginning again. Join us the first Sunday of June, July, August, and September at 7:00 p.m. to sing your favorite hymns from either the Crowning Glory Hymnal or Glory to God.

Both the Bell Choir and Chancel Choir have completed their ministries until fall. We thank them for their faithfulness and the blessings their music has provided. They will again begin rehearsals in the fall. Anyone wishing to join either group, please contact Karen Homsher, Bell Choir Director, or Dianne Yuninger, Chancel Choir Director.

Finally, a huge note of gratitude to Jennifer McElhany, our Worship Enhancement Coordinator. From the solemnity of Lent through the glory of Easter and on to the flames of Pentecost, she has visually reminded us of our faith. Thank you!

Thank You Notes

Dear Leacock Family,

We want you to know how much Bob and I both appreciate the love and grace you showed during this transition. From the moment we announced we were leaving till the day we finally cleared out of the manse, we received so many kind gestures — notes, phone calls, gifts, invitations to visit, offers to help with the move, etc. — we can't begin to tell you how grateful we've been. And what a party you gave us!

This move certainly hasn't been easy — either physically or emotionally — but you have made it easier. We feel so blessed to have been called to Leacock, to have met so many wonderful people doing the work of God, and to have benefitted from your love. From where we sit, we see a bright future for Leacock Presbyterian Church, so full of kind people with such kind hearts.

Love, Emily

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Leacock,

Emily and I wanted to write and tell you how much you have meant to us, all through the years and particularly the last few weeks.

It has not been an easy time of it over the last several months or so. In fact, we are still kind of homeless, but have moved into our home in Connecticut. Oh, it's still not done — we have no kitchen, but the storage rental deadline has arrived. But we're getting close.

So it's been a long stretch. But what has sustained us in no small part has been the kindnesses you showed us. John tells us God is love. Well, that love is reflected through the care shown others, like the care you've shown us. Just yesterday, Clare and I went on a hike, and I took the walking stick you presented at that wonderful party.

Thank you for holding us, in hands and hearts and prayers.

Love, Bob

Church and Community Life

The CCL committee will be having our annual **Mini Golf Outing** on Thursday June 23rd at 6:30 pm at Waters Edge in Bird-in-Hand. Please rsvp to either Lori Smith or Mark Andrews if you plan on attending by Sunday June 19th.

We will be taking a break beginning in June through mid-September from Fellowship time after the 9:30 service. We will start back up on Sunday, September 18, the Sunday after Old Leacock Day which this year is September 11.

Also The Factory meals are not needed in June and August, but we will still provide a meal on Thursday July 14. We will start back up on a monthly basis on Thursday September 8. The meals are always the second Thursday of the month. If you want to help with this ministry, we provide a main dish, salad, dessert like brownies, and 4 gallons of drink.

Thanks,
the CCL Committee.



Ushers

June - Mike and Alba Ruhl

July - David Homsher and Harold Yuninger

August - Chuck and Kathy Ankney

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