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A Word from the Pastor - Summertime Reflection

As summer continues, we can all reflect on the enjoyment of this special God-given season and offer thanks for it.

For the most part school children and college students experience this season as a reprieve from the structured classroom and the confines of buildings. It's a time to enjoy "free time"-- to play or work outdoors, to do fun things with friends and family.

Although grownups continue their work, many plan weekend trips and outings or take vacations. It's a time to enjoy picnics, outdoor concerts, theme parks, ballgames, miniature golf, hiking, boating, fishing, camping, gardening, family reunions, school reunions and whatever else strikes our fancy. Summertime is also a time for necessary yard work and home repairs best left to warmer days. And who among us does not welcome the longer days of daylight.

Summer often acts like a Sabbath for the year

God created the world in "six days" and rested on the seventh. Likewise, students and people in the workforce who've worked diligently through the year enjoy the summertime for providing a period of rest and refreshment after long hours of labor. While school is out for students, they still continue to learn every day. Parents and their caregivers become the primary educators, continuing to teach the lessons needed for living safely and well. Young and old alike continue to learn by enjoying trips to museums and places of historical significance.

Did you know the United States has 63 national parks, designated by the Department of the Interior to preserve and provide exceptional natural beauty, unique geological features, diverse ecosystems, and recreational opportunities. *Interestingly, Delaware is the only state in the country without a National Park or monument, but they're working on it!*

Did you know there are over 6,600 state parks in the United States covering 14 million acres of land providing a wide range of recreation opportunities relatively close-to-home settings--not to mention thousands upon thousands of local city and county parks.

According to the National Congregational Study Survey, there are an estimated 380,000 churches in the United States. Leacock, your church, is one of them. Keep us on your list of places to frequent--as a place of sharing, learning, worshipping, healing and restoring.

Community Meals have resumed. Two opportunities for worship continue weekly--8am at Old Leacock and 9:30 in Paradise. Summer Hymn Sings take place once a month on the first Sunday.

Looking ahead to September, we hold our annual picnic and worship gathering at Old Leacock, and host other special opportunities noted within this newsletter.

We can find many ways to continue to grow in this hopefully less stressful, restful time of year. We can grow in our appreciation of God's beauty. We can grow in our love of neighbors through volunteering to help the less fortunate, the shut-in and/or the suffering. We can grow in our faith by worshipping while on vacation or grabbing a good spiritual book to take to the beach.

Summer is a wonderful time of year. As we continue in this season of picnics, family gatherings and rest, I pray that God will bless each and every one of you with fun and enjoyment. May we emerge from this season more rested to do God's work, more committed to serve God's people, and more in love with our God who created and loves us.

Blessings and peace, *Jim*

Lectionary

August

<p>Sunday, August 14</p> <p>Isaiah 5:1–7 Psalm 80:1–2, 8–19 Hebrews 11:29—12:2 Luke 12:49–56</p>	<p>Sunday, August 21</p> <p>Jeremiah 1:4–10 Psalm 71:1–6 Hebrews 12:18–29 Luke 13:10–17</p>	<p>Sunday, August 28</p> <p>Jeremiah 2:4–13 Psalm 81:1, 10–16 Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16 Luke 14:1, 7–14</p>
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September

<p>Sunday, September 4</p> <p>Jeremiah 18:1–11 Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18 Philemon 1–21 Luke 14:25-33</p>	<p>Sunday, September 11</p> <p>Jeremiah 4:11–12, 22–28 Psalm 14 1 Timothy 1:12–17 Luke 15:1–10</p>	<p>Sunday, September 18</p> <p>Jeremiah 8:18—9:1 Psalm 79:1–9 Timothy 2:1–7 Luke 16:1–13</p>
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<p>Sunday, September 25</p> <p>Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15 Psalm 91:1–6, 14–16 1 Timothy 6:6–19 Luke 16:19–31</p>
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August Prayer Families

August 14
Muriel Meier

August 21
Earl Miller

August 28
Robert Mowerer III

September Prayer Families

September 4
Shirley Musselman

September 11
Keo & Khamtanh
Phongxaysanith

September 18
Bonnie Rice

September 25
Mary Ellen Rice



**Altar
Flowers**

*Flowers for the Sanctuary may be purchased on **August 21**. They can be in honor of or in memory of someone or a special occasion. Please call the office at 717-687-6619*

Trustee Notes

The Manse is prepped and is ready for painting. We have looked at several painters, comparing prices and recommendations.

We plan to use a neutral color on the first floor and a neutral but different color on second floor. We are currently deciding on the colors. The basement and garage still require more cleaning out.

I want to thank our sextons, Jim and Danielle for keeping the outside and inside of our properties looking so good. They are dedicated!

Please keep supporting the Special Offerings and the main offering so we can pay the bills and keep YOUR properties in repair. Tell a Trustee if you see something that needs our attention. Thank you.

Dave Berkhimer
Trustee President

The next Trustee Meeting will be Monday September 12 at 7 p.m.

Calling all Singers

Chancel Choir will begin rehearsals Wednesday evening September 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. We would like to have a full complement of voices and begin the autumn with a joyful song.

Anyone with questions, please contact Dianne Yuninger.



We celebrate our At Home Members Birthdays

Lucy Ames
August 12

Jane Witmer
September 26

Session Snippets

Your Session gathered after worship July 24 to begin delving into what we need to know and do as we move forward in the Pastoral Search Process. Before we can call a new pastor, we must know who we are and where we want to go as a church. Often this is called developing a Vision.

After much discussion, we appointed two subcommittees to study crucial issues facing Leacock. The first — Dianne Yuninger, Lois Eshleman, Angela Killian, and Rev. Shuler — will begin revision of Leacock's Mission Statement, examine the current size of our Boards to determine if this number is sustainable, identify tasks needing completion as we move toward establishing a Pastoral Nominating Committee, and establish a timeline for task completion.

The second subcommittee — Steven Boas, Skip Brackbill, Dave Berkhimer, Carol Shearer, and Rev. Shiler — is charged with examining all financial aspects of Leacock, including patterns of giving, sources of giving, Special Fund uses, the Endowment Fund, and other issues as they arise. Both groups will report their findings to the Session for further action.

The Session also voted to empower the Trustees to move forward with manse renovation and then rent the property using a local realtor as the broker.

The 2022 Church Nominating Committee has been entrusted to formulate a seven member slate for the Pastor Nominating Committee. This slate will be reported to the Session and brought to the congregation for approval.

We also approved the following items:

Rev. Shuler's vacation from August 8 through 18.

Rev. Richard Sindall, H.R., filling the pulpit August 14

The Gap Male Chorus presenting a concert Sunday evening October 2 at 7:00 p.m.

The Session meets again August 18 with Donegal Presbytery Executive Presbyter Dr. Erin Cox-Holmes to explore next steps.

Mission Committee

August : The **Community Meal** will be **August 25**

The mission committee will serve subs, chicken corn soup, chips, pickles, watermelon, and cantaloupe along with desserts from Weis Markets.



September: The mission committee will take clothing donations for our fall clothing drive after the Labor Day weekend and through the month of September. The clothing will be delivered to Lancaster Clothing Bank.

The **Community Meal** for September will be on **September 22**. We will serve spaghetti with sauce, garlic bread, salad, apple sauce, and dessert.

The Mission Committee would also like you to keep in mind the **Crop Walk** to be held on October 16. More details will be in the next Newsletter and the Sunday Bulletins.

CCL Committee

We had around 15 people come out to participate for our competitive Mini Golf event in Bird-in-Hand at the Water's Edge Golf course on June 23rd. There were prizes for the winners and some of the losers. Barb Andrews just beat out Pastor Jim for bragging rights for having the lowest score of the group.

We provided a meal for the Factory on Thursday July 14th for their outside event night. We are not scheduled for a meal in August, but will start back up again on Thursday September 8th.

Our next event will be Old Leacock Day Church Picnic on September 11 right after the 9:30 a.m. church service at Old Leacock. We will provide hot dogs and drinks, plates and utensils, please bring a hot or cold dish to share. We will have corn hole and other outside games so plan on a fun time with good food and fellowship. Bring your lawn chairs if you have them.

Our **Barnstormer** event will be on **September 17**. Game time is 6:30 pm. against Southern Maryland Blue Crabs. Come early enough to see Pastor Jim Shuler throw out the first pitch. Tickets will be \$10, please contact Lori Smith or Mark Andrews to reserve your tickets no later than the church picnic September 11th.

P.S. there will be fireworks after the game! It's a great way to get to know members of the church in a different setting while enjoying an evening out at the ball park!

Stewardship

Greetings from Stewardship! During this time of change and transition, we have been working to define what Stewardship really is and how it fits into what Leacock Presbyterian Church is.



Part of what needs to be done to start our pastoral search, is to understand the current financial position of the Church and try our best to predict where it is going. This is no easy task, and we are beginning this by looking at historical data on offering/spending and using that to project into the future. As Church membership slowly drops over time, the offering is affected and what we can accomplish as a Church also needs to be adjusted. We are going into this introspection with hope and faith that we can get a clear picture and positive plan moving forward.

Part of this effort will be educating ourselves (all of us) on what Stewardship is, and Rev. Shuler has provided some great resources for that process. I understand this is a pretty high level explanation now of what we are working on, but more detail will be forthcoming! Thank you all for continued support of this Church and our efforts to do Christ's work in our community and in the world.

Christian Education

2022 FALL EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 11: 9:30 am **Old Leacock Church Worship**

Leacock Fall Picnic immediately following the service

- Hotdogs, Utensils, Drinks provided
- Bring a potluck dish and folding chairs
- Games, Food, and Fun

SEPTEMBER 25: Will be the first Children's Sunday School Class after the Children's Sermon dismissal. (see below for Sunday School dates)

Following worship:

World Communion Retreat: Rejoice in God's Gift to Us.

Children, their Parents and the Congregation are invited to join ua in Fellowship Hall to learn about the Sacrament of Communion. How and why do we celebrate it.

Interactive activity: Each child will make and bake a portion of unleavened flat bread while reflecting on scripture: "This do in Remembrance of Me."

OCTOBER 2:

World Communion Sunday, Children partake of Communion during Worship.

Fall 2022

Leacock Library:

Take time to checkout/take out books of inspiration in the Church Library. It is open before and after church, or call the church office for an appointment to peruse the resources.

Leacock Women's Group:

Enjoys a variety of topics reflecting on God's gifts to us and sharing insights and ideas, with real life connections. Evening meetings are at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Library on the 4th Monday of the month. Contact the Office for more information. (717) 687-6619

Adult Spiritual Growth Fellowship:

- Wednesday Night Zoom: 7:00 pm. Contact Pastor Shuler for the link.
- Tune into the Sunday online recording of the Worship Service and share with friends.
- October 2 Gap Chorus 7:00 pm.
- Come to the Community Meals on the **4th Thursday** of each month, 5:30 p.m.
- CE wishes to support any adult sharing activities. If you have ideas or concerns for Leacock's Adult Learning and Sharing , please tell Pastor Shuler.

Leacock's Children Sunday School 2022-2023

Scheduled Sunday dates for 2022 year are:

9/25, 10/02, 10/16, 11/06, 11/20. 12/04

Worship Committee

The “lazy, hazy days of summer” are coming to an end, but our worship remains the central focus of our fellowship.

The Old Leacock 8:00 a.m. service is small, but vibrant with Rev. Shuler accommodating our Presbyterian habit of sitting in the back of the church. He has moved a lectern to the middle of the aisle and leads the service from there, creating a warm, inviting atmosphere.

Old Leacock early worship continues through September 4, so there are still several Sundays for you to worship there.

On Sunday September 11 we return to one service only at 9:30 a.m. **BUT** this Sunday is **A SPECIAL ONE**. It is **Old Leacock Sunday** with worship at Old Leacock followed by our annual courtyard picnic (I can smell those grilling hotdogs already.)

We will also observe the Sacrament of Communion that morning.

Looking ahead, the **Gap Male Chorus** is scheduled to present a concert at the Paradise sanctuary Sunday, October 2 at 7:00 p.m. Put the date on your calendar now for a special evening of Gospel music.

A final note — hasn't the Paradise sanctuary been inspiringly beautiful all summer? The tongues of fire, the dove, the wild goose, and red motif remind us of God's Spirit which pervades our lives. Thank you, Jennifer McElhany.

Flower Deacon for August: Mary Alice High
Flower Deacon for September: Carol Berkhimer

Ushers

August - Chuck and Kathy Ankney
September - Steven and Charlene Boas
October - Bob and Margy Hershey
November - Mike and Alba Ruhl

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