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## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Members and Friends,

You may have already been drinking pumpkin spice lattes or turning your thoughts toward apple cider. Wrapping up your tomato crop by canning might be a priority. Freshly-made applesauce from crisp fall apples might be around the corner. Perhaps families with children have visited the local pumpkin patch. Mums are appearing on many doorsteps. For some apple flavored bourbon might be on the list.



Whatever the case, the fall season is upon us. It started recently with the autumnal equinox, scientifically speaking, when the sun sits directly above the equator, signaling fall in the Northern Hemisphere. The annual event has historically been celebrated as a time of harvest in various cultures throughout the world — ancient Mayans built a whole monument that captured sunlight in a particular way on the equinox, while many in China and Vietnam commemorate the Harvest Moon, which either comes a bit earlier in September or in October depending on the year. As a way to celebrate, sweet mooncakes sound good to me!

At any rate, the emergence of the fall season is a fresh start. We need that in the church. We need that in you—in each of us! from each of us!

Though the days are shorter and the nights longer, the changes can help us take baby steps into the changing season ahead.

This can be a spiritually potent time, especially since the veil between realms is thinner than usual. We can connect anew with God's spirit and receive renewed energy. We can align and find our innermost passions — but only if we are honest with our aspirations. This applies to our individual lives as well as life in the church. There are many opportunities to learn, worship regularly and serve together. TOGETHER, let us make this happen. May we find you in this place.

In peace, *Jim*

# *October Lectionary*

<p><b>Sunday October 2</b></p> <p>Lamentations 1:1–6          Lamentations 3:19–26 or Psalm 137          2 Timothy 1:1–14          Luke 17:5–10</p>	<p><b>Sunday, October 9</b></p> <p>Jeremiah 29:1, 4–7 2          Psalm 66:1–12          2 Timothy 2:8–15          Luke 17:11–19</p>	<p><b>Sunday October 16</b></p> <p>Jeremiah 31:27–34          Psalm 119:97–104          2 Timothy 3:14—4:5 2          Luke 18:1–8</p>
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<p><b>Sunday October 23</b></p> <p>Joel 2:23–32          Psalm 65          2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18          Luke 18:9–14</p>	<p><b>Sunday, October 30</b></p> <p>Habakkuk 1:1–4, 2:1–4          Psalm 119:137–144          2 Thessalonians 1:1–4, 11–12          Luke 19:1–10</p>
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## *Seventy Years in Ministry*

Congratulations to Rev. Dr. David Birch who was recognized this month by the Presbytery of Donegal on the 70th anniversary of his ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. Seventy years in ministry -- what a testimony to David's life of love and service.

Many blessings to you and Janet.



### October Prayer Families

October 2  
H. Micael & Alba Ruhl

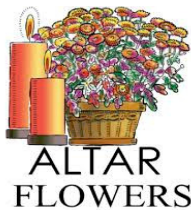
October 9  
Harrison Ruhl

October 16  
Fran Sattazahn

October 23  
Michael & Gloria Schatzmann

October 30  
Carrol R. Jr. &  
Carol A. Shearer

### Flowers for the Church



You may purchase flowers for the sanctuary on **October 30** in honor of or in memory of someone or a special occasion. Please call the church office at 717-687-6619.

### Trustee Notes

The Manse is being showed to renters, and I am sure we will have a tenant soon. We are allowing pets and that opens up a wider field of tenants.

Things we are working on include the front pillar lights that are in need of repair. There is a short in the system that will take some work to fix.

The Narthex east windows are getting new storm windows, glass this time not plexiglass.

Rooms and closets are being cleaned out by different people so as to look better for our new pastor and to see what we do and do not need.

Please keep supporting the Special Offerings and the main offering so we can pay the bills and keep YOUR properties in repair.

**Trustee Workday is Saturday October 15.** Bring tools & supplies. There will be a continental breakfast, as usual.

Tell a Trustee if you see something that needs our attention.

Thank you,  
Dave Berkheimer  
Trustee President

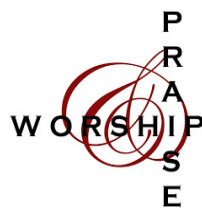


### Session Snippets

Your Session is hard at work on what we term the Vacancy Process, getting Leacock ready to elect a Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) to search for a permanently installed minister. To date, we have accomplished the following:

- The Church Nominating Committee has a slate of seven nominees to present to the congregation for election at the November 13 Congregational Meeting.
- A Congregational Questionnaire is ready to be distributed to the congregation during worship September 25.
- The Session subcommittee formed to deal with specific vacancy issues plans to collate all information to present it to the Session, along with a proposed revised Mission Statement, in October.
- A Special Session Meeting has been called for Sunday, October 16, at noon, to review Leacock's financial status.
- An evaluation of the contents of the Paradise building is ongoing as committees and individuals clean out and reorganize closets, storage rooms, and files.
- A subcommittee consisting of Alba Ruhl, Angela Killian, Lauren Appel, Marsha Ault, and Charlene Boas, has been commissioned to sort out the contents of the Bazaar Room and deal appropriately with them.

## Worship Committee



**"To everything there is a season - turn, turn, turn."**

With the advent of autumn we have returned to one worship service at 9:30 a.m. in the Paradise Sanctuary. Much as we love worshipping early in the morning at Old Leacock, it is good to be back together as one body. Come join us as we praise our Lord together.

Our services are also being recorded and posted on the Leacock website. Thank you, Mike Hartmann.

Looking ahead, we will again worship at Old Leacock on Thanksgiving Eve, November 23, at 7:00 p.m. and Christmas Eve at 11:00 p.m.

### Music

The Chancel Choir has begun rehearsing for about 30 minutes following Sunday worship. We would love to have enough voices to sing each week and prepare something a bit special for Christmas Sunday, December 18. However, this cannot happen unless we have more people willing to commit their time and talent. Please consider joining us.

Anyone wishing to learn to ring bells is welcome to attend Bell Choir rehearsals Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please contact director Karen Homsher.

### Worship Enhancement (aka Liturgical Arts)

Leacock has been richly blessed for many years with the beautiful work Jennifer McElhany does in the building as a whole, but especially in the sanctuary. Lent, Pentecost, Advent, and all other seasons speak to us when we enter worship as our eyes drink in the liturgical art on display. We thank Jennifer for her faithfulness as her artistry has so richly blessed us.

Unfortunately, Jennifer and Bart are moving out of the area, leaving us with no Worship Enhancement Coordinator. If you are interested in helping us form a Worship Enhancement Team, please contact Dianne Yuninger, Angela Killian, Karen Homsher, or Rev. Shuler. The Storage Room has been cleaned out and organized with seasonal items grouped together for easy access.

## Christian Education

On Sunday morning September 25, eleven children and their parents (and grandparents) learned about Communion and baked their own unleavened bread.

After hearing about Jesus' last night and examining the Communion trays and cups, they adjourned to the church kitchen where, thanks to Brit Kilbourne, premeasured baggies of flour, bowls, and oil awaited them. Pastor Jim led in mixing and kneading instructions as flour dust floated in the air.

Grins and exclamations of satisfaction echoed throughout the room as the children and youth pricked the dough circles and placed them on a baking tray. Twelve minutes later -- viola -- unleavened bread.

Many thanks to the Christian Education Committee, Joe and Elaine Gouba, Marsha Ault, and Pastor Jim for this hands-on worship experience.

### Sunday School Schedule

Remaining Sunday School dates for the 2022 year are:  
10/2, 10/16, 11/06, 11/20, 12/04

### Special Events

Sunday **October 2** is **World Communion Sunday** when our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world celebrate this Sacrament together.

Sunday **October 2** at **7:00 p.m.** the **Gap Male Chorus** will present a concert of Gospel music in the Paradise Sanctuary, followed by cookies and lemonade.

Reformation Sunday (A Mighty Fortress Is Our God) is **October 30**.

#### Christmas Day - December 25

This year Christmas falls on a Sunday. As the Worship Committee plans for Sunday services, we find ourselves in a quandary and would like your input. Will you be worshipping with us at 9:30 that morning, or do you have family commitments that will prevent this? We provided a "ballot survey" September 25, but realize we have not heard from all of you. Please let Dianne Yuninger, Angela Killian, Karen Homsher, Sue Funk, or Rev. Shuler know your thoughts.



## Mission

### CROP Hunger Walk - October 16, 2022

Hunger is one of the greatest injustices facing our world. Ending hunger is possible with your help. Please join us on Sunday, October 16, 2022, for our community CROP Hunger Walk. Join us at 2 pm at the Paradise Park, Pavilion #2, to register and walk. We will start the walk at 2:30 pm. You may register on line at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022> or at the Paradise Park. Everyone can help stop hunger and you can help by walking and getting sponsors or by being a sponsor and supporting our walkers. This is a community event. Please invite your friends, family, and neighbors to help fight hunger and walk with us. Walkers can walk with friends or by themselves. This event will be held rain or shine. We walk because there is hunger and we want to end hunger. Sponsor sheets will be available at the church Narthex. Call Alba Ruhl at 717-475-1560 if you would like a sponsor sheet sent to you. All checks should be written to Church World Services.

This month our **Community Meal** is **October 27th**. Meat Loaf, scalloped potatoes, green beans, fruit cup and Weis desserts will be served.

## Deacons

*Flower Deacon for October: Bob Hershey*



*Flower Deacon for November: Darwin Eshleman*

**Calling all knitters**, including used-to-bes and like-to-bes: The Prayer Shawl Ministry is still active here at Leacock, meeting in the Library at 9:30 am on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month. We welcome new and former members to join us as we prepare shawls for those who are in need of an extra blessing as they heal from life's traumas. If you know of anyone who might be in need of this care please contact Karen Homsher or any other Deacon.

*Prayer Shawl Ministry meets at 9:30 am in the Library the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month*

## Congregational Questionnaire

Congregants had the opportunity to fill out the Mission Study Questionnaire Sunday, September 25. There are extra questionnaires at the back of the sanctuary if you were not with us that Sunday. Please pick up one, take it home, fill it out, and return it.

If you are unable to worship with us in-person, we still crave your input. Please contact the Church Office (717-687-6619) to ask for a survey. We can mail one to you or send one on-line.



### Ushers

October - **Bob and Mary Hershey**

November - **Mike and Alba Ruhl**

December - **Darwin Eshleman and Craig Keenan**

### *Looking Ahead:*

#### Birthdays

##### **November 14**

Dot Buckwalter  
52 Circle Dr. Apt. 201  
Lititz, PA17543

##### **November 22**

Betty Denlinger  
4 Conestoga Dr. Apt. 320  
Lititz, PA 17543



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