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A Word from the Pastor

We think of January as the traditional month for new beginnings, but for many people, September represents that, too.

Parents, kids and teachers are all gearing up for a new school year. College students have returned to campus. Church leaders look ahead to fall scheduling and beyond. Summer adventures have taken place, trips to the beach are over, and shopping for school supplies is complete.

There's a sense of anticipation for what lies ahead, new friends to be made, and a return to routines that for some are well known. There may also be some sadness that summer will soon end.

As a church, it's good for us to support our community in all of these changes and opportunities. We offer our prayers even as we in the life of the church return to some of our regular programming.

As this particular September arrives, we will have completed a sermon series on five short parables of Jesus woven together as one. These are found in Matthew chapter 13.

Strung together as pearls, we were reminded that the presence and work of the kingdom is about planting, a process of patient waiting, of persistent searching with the possibility of discovering great treasures, even those that may be found hidden in our midst. We learned that all of this is a partnership. We as God's partners live with expectant hope in the things God can accomplish through us, and even in spite of us will bring about.

This September worship will feature the Seasons of Creation. The prophet Amos cries out, "Let justice roll on like a river, let righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5: 24), and so we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity. All too recently we have seen precious lives and beautiful communities devastated and destroyed with the clear warning that more is on the way.



Our prayers must call for justice not only for human beings, but for all creation. In covenant with peace, we are called to repent of our ecological sins and to change our attitudes and actions.

So come out regularly for worship for this uplifting series.

We hope to see our children and young people again, to have a children's moment in worship, and Sunday School classes starting.

We want our members who've traveled or have been involved in special summer activities to become involved again. We remind everybody of the importance to make time for God in these new schedules.

Along with me as your interim pastor, let September be a month full of anticipation and blessing, renewal and meaningful living.

In peace,
Jim

September Lectionary

Sunday, September 3 Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28	Sunday, September 10 Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 149 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20	Sunday, September 17 Exodus 14:19-31 Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35
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Sunday, September 24 Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16

Our Mission Statement

**“Building on our heritage, led by the Spirit, committed to Christ,
we welcome our neighbors to share in this family of God.”**



September Prayer Families

**September 3
James Brown**

**September 10
Ruth Bryson**

**September 17
Alba Buck**

**September 24
Richard Buck**

Session Snippets

The Session met August 17 in Timlow Library and acted on the following business:

- Granting building use of Fellowship Hall September 9 to Marsha Ault for a family birthday party.
- Granting building use of Fellowship Hall December 31 to the Brackbill Family for their Christmas Pasty
- Approving October 1 as vacation Sunday for Rev. Shuler
- Approving Rev. Charlie Gross, H.R., as October 1 Pulpit Supply
- Approving a letter to be sent to folks not seen regularly in worship
- Referring a Trunk or Treat participation to CCL
- Referring participation in the Paradise Christmas Tree Lighting Event to CCL
- Referring a community devotional being published by area pastors to the Worship Committee

Old Leacock Day

Celebrating our faith and our heritage

September 10

Worship and Communion 9:30 a.m.

Picnic, Games, and Fellowship

Hotdogs, Drinks Utensils provided

Bring a dish to share and lawn chairs.

Trustee Notes

The New Offering Envelopes are here! (see the example below).

MY REGULAR CHURCH OFFERING

For Church Expenses \$ _____

For Missions \$ _____

For Building Fund \$ _____

Name _____

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The church saved hundreds of dollars using this generic route. There will be an envelope posted in each vestibule on the bulletin board for you to see. You can put your name or the envelope number you have on it now so you will get credit on your year end giving statement. They will be in the pews every week. Thank you all for your support.

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**God's Work
Our Hands**

WORKDAY

Fall Workday this year is **October 7**. The following Saturday is a back-up day in case of bad weather. Beverage and goodies will be provided - so bring tools and cleaning supplies for various jobs. If you are not there, no doubt you will be the topic for the day. So come and enjoy the fellowship!

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

Thank you,

Dave Berkhimer

Deacons

The **Deacons** will meet in the Library following worship on **September 17th**. We will be distributing new pages for the **Deacons' Handbook**. **Please bring** whatever version(s) you may have from the past so that we can replace them.

Flower Deliveries

September: Mary Alice High and Ed Margerum

October: Bob Hershey



September birthday

Jane Witmer
Ephrata Manor #107
99 Bethany Road
Ephrata, PA 17522

Change of Address:

Dorothy Buckwalter
12 Conestoga Drive
Unit 127, Village Manor
Lititz, PA 17543
Cards and visits welcome

The **Prayer Shawl Knitters** will resume meeting in the church library at 9:30 on September 18th and continue meeting on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. New members are always welcome. If you are a knitter and would like to contribute but cannot join us at the church, please contact Karen Homsher.



Leacock Bell Choir

As we look forward to another year of ringing in worship, we are hoping that a few more members of the congregation will be interested in joining us. We are a group with a wide range of skill levels, and can accommodate both beginners and experienced players. If you are interested and only hold back because you are concerned about your musical skills—or lack thereof—talk to Karen Homsher or any other Bell Choir member.



Mission Committee

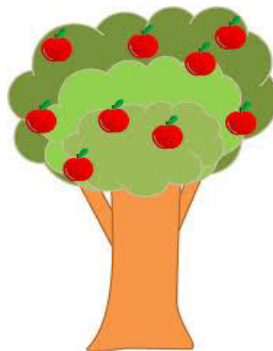
The next free **Community Meal** will be held on Thursday, **September 28** (Dianne Yuningger and Carol Berkheimer's birthdays!) in our handicapped accessible Smith Fellowship Hall from 5:30 to 6:30. The meal will be spaghetti/meat sauce, parmesan cheese, tossed salad, bread, applesauce, and desserts. Everyone is welcome to come and help or just come and socialize.

During the month of October we will be collecting clean gently used clothing for the **Lancaster Clothing Bank**. Please place your contributions in the narthex and we will see that they are delivered to the appropriate place. Underwear will only be accepted if it is still in the original package. However underwear is desperately needed so feel free to buy any size mens, womens, boys, or girls underpants and donate them, They will be greatly appreciated.

Please keep in mind the **Community Crop Walk** which should take place on the third Sunday of October (Oct.15th). If you don't feel you can physically walk, please consider sponsoring a walker. Sign up sheets for walkers will be in the narthex.

Thank you for all your help,

Your Mission Committee



Worship Committee

“To every time there is a season and a purpose for everything under the sun.”

And suddenly it's back to school, goodbye summer, hello autumn. BUT we still have a few summer events remaining.

Our final 8:00 a.m. worship of the season is Labor Day Sunday, September 3. If you have not had a chance to attend Old Leacock worship, come join us on this day.

Then that evening is our final Hymn Sing of the season — again at Old Leacock beginning at 7:00 p.m. Come, experience the marvelous acoustics at our old church and pick your favorite hymn for us to sing.

Sunday **September 10** is our annual **Old Leacock Day** with 9:30 a.m. worship and Communion, followed by our annual picnic/hot dog roast in the courtyard.

Then we return to Paradise September 17 for 9:30 a.m. worship.

Looking ahead, we will celebrate **World Communion** October 1 with our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world.

Chancel Choir

Plans are underway for the Chancel Choir to begin singing in worship beginning **September 10**. Rehearsals are held immediately following worship in the Choir Room.

We urge all you singers out there to join us. If you have any questions, see Dianne. There are no auditions, nor are there any requirements. We just ask for joyful song.



Ushers

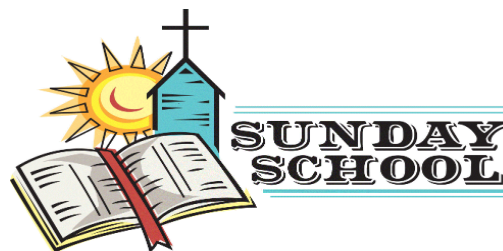
September - Steven and Charlene Boas

October - Dave and Carol Berkhimer

November - Darwin Eshleman and Brit Kilbourne

December - Bob and Margy Hershey

Leacock Christian Ed



Announcing the Fall Sunday School Tentative Sunday School Class Dates* for all Leacock members to share with family, friends and neighbors.

The Leacock's Children's Sunday School Classes will meet approximately every 2 weeks per month with encouragement to attend Special Church Worship events with their families.

The beginning of the school year brings the end of the Summer Worshiping at Old Leacock Services and Hymn Sings. Leacock celebrates Old Leacock heritage with a final seasonal service followed by a picnic gathering of members and friends. This year we are especially thankful for Old Leacock's loving maintenance, refurbished chairs and the morning sun shining in its vestibule. Come and enjoy the glory of God in our old church.

Leacock Women's Group will continue on **Sept. 25** the 4th Monday evening of the month. The topic will be about women of the Bible that you most admire. Relating this to our own lives, I wonder how many will see the current 'Golda Meir' movie showing at Penn Cinema? Comparing Biblical women's trials in Jesus' times to contemporary women's trials often gives us God's guiding light.

God gives us opportunities to touch someone's life: Detach the bottom of this page and take time to share, send, email these dates with family, friends, and neighbors who may have children years 4-12. Let's invite them to Leacock Church and events.

Event: Sept 10 End of Summer Picnic after Old Leacock Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.

***Sept. 24 1st Sunday School Class. During Worship, the children join in the SS Classroom after the service's Children's Sermon**

Event: Oct. 1 Worldwide Communion Day, children participate with their families.

***Oct. 8 - Sunday School**

***Oct. 22 - Sunday School**

***Nov. 5 -Sunday School**

***Nov.19 - Sunday School**

Nov. 23 -Thanksgiving Week, no Sunday School Class

***Dec 3 - Sunday School**

Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

Get your tickets now for Leacock's Outing to the final Barnstormer's game of the season. Saturday, September 16 is the date. See Mark Andrews to sign up and join us as we cheer the home team to victory. Fireworks afterward!



Christmas is Coming

Yes, yes it's only the beginning of September, but plans are underway for **Leacock's Annual Christmas Bazaar**.

Save the date - **Saturday, December 2** from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.
- and plan to come help and shop.

More details will be coming about specific tasks with which we will need help. Right now we are asking for donations of Christmas items we can sell. As you clear out your closets for the Mission Committee Used Clothing Drive, why not also look at your Christmas items to see what you once loved but now can live without.

If you have bazaar questions or suggestions, contact Alba Ruhl, Bonnie Rice or Marsha Ault.

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