

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2017

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Air in D"

J.S. Bach

**Call To Worship*

Leader: God calls everyone to serve.

People: Lord, grant us the strength to answer your call.

Leader: God provides when we are in need.

People: Lord, grant us the strength always to trust you.

Leader: God blesses all beyond deserving.

People: Lord, grant us the strength to be glad when others are blessed.

**Hymn: #340 "This Is My Song"*

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Good and generous God, it makes you glad to offer grace prodigally, freely. But we forget, Lord. We think we must earn grace. Sometimes, we may even believe we deserve it. Often, we are sure others are not worthy of your blessing. Then, we resent you; in our hearts, we complain. Forgive us, Lord. Soften our hearts. Teach us the way of grace. 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: "Make This Church a Welcome Place"
Chancel Choir

Joel Raney

Children's Sermon

(Following this, children may leave for Sunday School)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Reading: Exodus 16:2-15 (p.60)

**Hymn: #692 "Spirit, Open My Heart"*

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 20:1-16 (p.20)

Sermon: God's Math

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: "A Gaelic Improvisation"

Charles Callahan

Doxology (page 606)

**Hymn: #19 "God of Great and God of Small"*

**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: "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Gordon Young

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 Jacob Brackbill

Given by his family

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 and next Sunday: Lois & Darwin Eshleman

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Betty Hamilton

<u>TODAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
<u>MONDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	PW Bible Study
<u>TUESDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	6:30 a.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
<u>THURSDAY</u>	5:30 p.m.	Community Meal

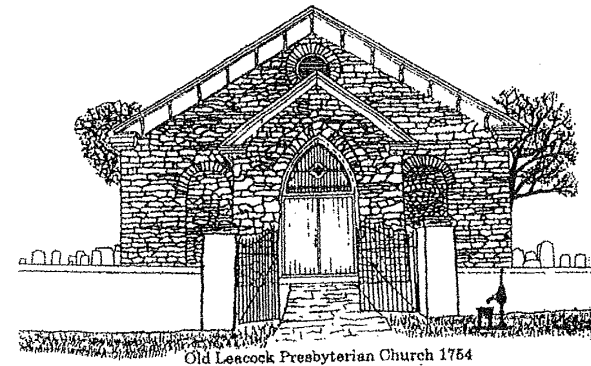
OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clothing Drive The **Mission Committee** is collecting all good clean used clothing, sheets, and blankets until the end of this week. You may just place your items in the narthex, and we will take care of it.

The next free **Community Meal** will be this Thursday, September 28 from 5:30 - 6:30 in our Smith Fellowship Hall The sign-up sheets for food donations and help are in the narthex. Come and join your fellow congregants in helping prepare and serve the community and enjoy a free meal yourself!

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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There are now '**giving cards**' in a basket at the back of the Sanctuary for those who give their tithes and offerings using online bill pay. If you want to feel more a part of the offering worship experience, please take a card and place it in the offering plate in place of your envelope.

Jewelry Making Class: Taught by Gretchen Shea, Bob and Margy Hershey's daughter, at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, October 14. necklaces which were popular at our previous \$20 which covers the cost of supplies. Class 20 people, so sign up on the clipboard in the Reservations must be made 3-4 days in



We'll be making class. The class is size is limited to narthex asap! advance.

Allergies: "God uses us to make the knowledge about Christ spread everywhere like a sweet fragrance." (2 Cor. 2.14 TEV). While our fragrance as Christians is a good thing, fragrances in the congregation are a problem for many with severe allergies. In love and respect for those neighbors, please refrain from using perfumes, after shaves, and other perfumed products prior to worship whenever possible.