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### *Notes from the Manse*

Summer has come. Seeds have long been planted and everywhere now there seem to be signs of their growth. So, it is only fitting that we have entered the season of the church year called Ordinary Time, a season marked by the color green. It's easy to be confused by this name, but Ordinary Time is anything but unimportant. Just as in nature, seeds have been planted, and now it is time for them to grow. For people of faith, that growth most vitally occurs within the context of something we call "church." It's funny. Though many of us regularly go to a place we give that name, we rarely reflect on what it means. The Greek word that we translate as "church" was *ekklesia*, a common term for a public gathering or assembly. But for Paul and others of the early followers of Christ, the word had a deeper meaning. The Greek literally means to be "called out," and this was the key for those first Christians, for they believed that without having in any way earned it, they had been chosen by God. Paul regularly refers to the holiness of the churches to whom he wrote. This by no means referred to perfect or morally superior people. No, "holy" pointed to being set apart, called out, if you will, from the world, for God.

In his first letter to the Thessalonians, Paul remembers and gives thanks for their "work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." You might notice these traits are the three Paul cites as enduring in *1 Co 13*. The work of the members of a church was defined in their intimate, alive relationship to God; it was God's work they did. And that work must always be a labor of and for love; of the three love, Paul insisted, was the greatest. That work was not always easy; in fact, one could almost count on resistance, often fierce, from family members, friends, and all the rest of the world around them. Yet, the members of the church had a strong, abiding hope grounded in Christ. Part of that hope grew out of their relationship to each other. They were siblings, brothers and sisters in Christ. Sure, they differed from each other and sometimes they disagreed. But in the end, they were defined no longer by such things as race or class or sex, but rather by their gifts. And all had gifts, gifts that complemented each other. Like a body, each member needed all the others. Members of the first churches didn't have fancy buildings—they met in each other's homes. And they weren't isolated, but rather wonderfully connected, from the churches in Rome to those in Galatia. They believed that like their Lord they were sent, to be in the world, if not of it.

All of this means a lot to me right now, for I just returned from the General Assembly of our denomination. Ours is a connectional church, just like those first ones. And I saw in St. Louis the value of being connectional, a value too often forgotten as we grouse about Per Capita or wonder what Synods and General Assemblies do anyway. In the months to come, I hope to share with you what I learned over nine days in June. For now, let me say how inspired I was to witness people, ordinary people, across all kinds of geographical and theological and political differences working together, finding common ground. And the resources our denomination has for mission are many and rich, enabling us to do more together than we can alone. What I learned in St. Louis is that we are blessed to be part of the PCUSA. For ours is a work with the Lord, grounded in love, sustained by a hope past all mortal setbacks or disappointment.

Rev. Robert W. Birch

# LECTIONARY TEXTS

## JULY & AUGUST

<p><b>July 1</b> 6th Sunday after Pentecost 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>2 Samuel 1:1, 17–27 Psalm 130 2 Corinthians 8:7–15 Mark 5:21–43</p>	<p><b>July 8</b> 7th Sunday after Pentecost 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>2 Samuel 5:1–5, 9–10 Psalm 48 2 Corinthians 12:2–10 Mark 6:1–13</p>	<p><b>July 15</b> 8th Sunday after Pentecost 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>2 Samuel 6:1–5, 12b–19 Psalm 24 Ephesians 1:3–14 Mark 6:14–29</p>
<p><b>July 22</b> 9th Sunday after Pentecost 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>2 Samuel 7:1–14a Psalm 89:20–37 Ephesians 2:11–22 Mark 6:30–34, 53–56</p>	<p><b>July 29</b> 10th Sunday after Pentecost 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>2 Samuel 11:1–15 Psalm 14 Ephesians 3:14–21 John 6:1–21</p>	<p><b>August 5</b> 11th Sunday after Pentecost 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>2 Samuel 11:26–12:13a Psalm 51:1–12 Ephesians 4:1–16 John 6:24–35</p>
<p><b>August 12</b> 12th Sunday after Pentecost 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>2 Samuel 18:5–9, 15, 31–33 Psalm 130 Ephesians 4:25–5:2 John 6:35, 41–51</p>	<p><b>August 19</b> 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 13th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>1 Kings 2:10–12; 3:3–14 Psalm 111 Ephesians 5:15–20 John 6:51–58</p>	<p><b>August 26</b> 14th Sunday after Pentecost 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10–11) 22–30, 41–43 Psalm 84 Ephesians 6:10–20 John 6:56–69</p>



## July Prayer Families

July 1  
Bonnie Rice

July 8  
Mary Ellen Rice

July 15  
Michael & Alba Ruhl

July 22  
Fran Sattazahn

July 29  
Michael & Gloria Schatzmann

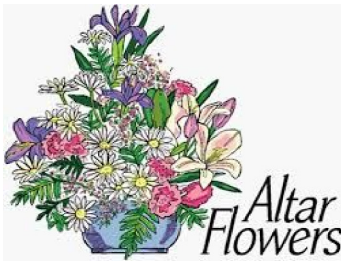
## August Prayer Families

August 5  
James & Patricia Settle

August 12  
Helen Sharpe

August 19  
Robert, Cristen & Mackenzie Sharpe

August 26  
Carroll & Carol A. Shearer



## Flowers for the Church

You may purchase flowers for the sanctuary  
on  
**Sunday July 8** and **Sunday July 15**  
in honor of or in memory of someone  
or for a special occasion.

Call the church office at 717-687-6619.

## At Home Member Birthday July 22

Virginia Stauffer  
113 Summers Drive  
Lancaster, PA 17601-5860





## Take me out to the Ball Game!!!!

**Wednesday, July 18**  
Lancaster Barnstormers vs.  
York Revolution

Tickets are \$12.50 and our Mission Fund will receive \$3.00 for each ticket sold.

Join the fun, invite your friends and neighbors. If we get 100 people we can get \$5.00 per ticket! Wow.! We can do that!

Come watch Bob Birch throw out the first pitch and hear Sarah Keenan sing "God Bless America" to start the game. Enjoy an evening of ball with your family and friends. Tickets may be purchased online but be sure they are credited to Leacock. Tickets may be ordered and paid for then picked up and handed out at church the week before game. Or as last year, ordered and picked up at the ticket office at the Barnstormers.

If you have questions please call Mary Alice High 717-687-6542 or Shirley Smith 717-397-6926.



## Leacock Book and Movie Group

The Leacock book and movie group got together in May to watch *Murder on the Orient Express*. Don't worry. You're not crazy or experiencing deja vu. We did, indeed, watch this movie before, but that was the original version that came out in the 1970s.

This was the recent version, which came out in 2017. It was quite different from both the original movie and Agatha Christie's book, but many of us liked the subtle differences (don't talk to my sister and mother about it, though, neither of whom thought it was anywhere near as good as the original).

We're taking a summer break and will pick back up in September. I've chosen the book *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle for our first 2018-19 read, and we will watch the movie version after reading the book. Hope you will all join us on Friday September 21 at 5:30 for a pot luck dinner (please bring a covered dish) and discussion of the book.

Emily Birch, Book and Movie Group Coordinator



## Trustee Notes

The Bell Tower was estimated to cost \$4300 by Hursh Painting. The Trustee Special Offerings have added up to that amount. Even more, the Manse will be getting silconed this year for a cost of \$2700 and those monies were collected last year.

The vestibule at Old Leacock needs some TLC and the Ladies of the Church have donated over \$1,000 to cover that cost. The Trustees thank the ladies so much. Over the past years they have helped the Trustees a lot.

Also, thanks to you all for supporting the Trustees in keeping **YOUR** properties in good shape.

Dave Berkhimer  
Trustee President

## *A Special Thank You*

Dear Church Family,

Just a short note to thank you all so much for all your caring thoughts and Prayers with the passing of my Mom. All the cards that my Dad and we received were such a blessing and let us know how much you all care. We miss Mom so very much and know that she is now at peace with our Lord and Saviour, and we cherish all the wonderful memories of her.

We wish also to thank the Deacons who put together the afternoon refreshments for us. Everything was so nice and the rest of the family and friends got to visit together. We also want to send out a special thanks to Dianne for playing the organ and the song selections were beautiful. Also a big thanks to Rev. Birch for all the time he took with us to prepare for the service. He did a great job and we can't thank him enough. Also another thanks to June Stannard, Ed Margerum and if I forgot someone, sorry, for the visits to my Dad. It means a lot to him and we are all taking it a day at a time.

We are so blessed to belong to such a caring Church.  
Thanks again, and God Bless.  
Chuck Kathy Chad and Kristen.



## *Gratitude Corner*

### *(Those Who Go Above and Beyond to Care for their Minister and His Wife)*

Last month, I spoke of someone who puts up with all of Bob's idiosyncrasies on a near daily basis, which reminded me of someone else who's spent the past 10 (nearly 11!) years putting up, also on a near daily basis, with Bob's idiosyncrasies. She's even been known to let him drive her car. And many, many times, she's helped keep me sane in the midst of all kinds of crises (even arriving at our back door with two Zook's pies when I got home from Virginia after my father died, just when I was having no idea what to do about dinner). She was a wonderful partner with me on the Christian Ed committee, leading me through all the ropes, and providing her expert memory for past endeavors to help us decide how to shape our programs for both children and adults. And we mustn't forget how many plants she's watered for us, or how many times she's fed cats (judging by the fact she's one of the few people Francis adores, it must be quite a few!)

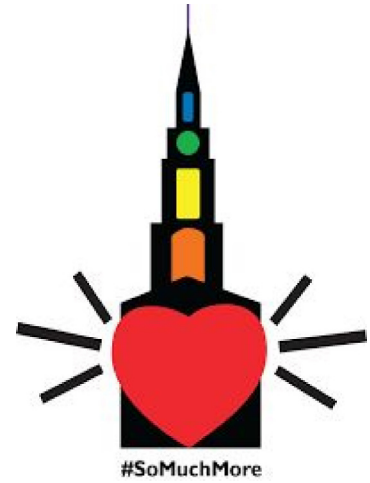
We've shared many laughs, a few tears, and plenty of fun through the years, so thank you, Dianne Yuninger, for being so kind and helpful all these years. As you once said to me, "Isn't that what friends do?" Well, yes, it is.

Emily Birch



## Mission Committee

The next free community meal will be held on **Thursday, July 26th** in our handicapped accessible Smith Fellowship Hall from 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Sign up sheets will be in the narthex at Leacock (Lincoln Hwy east) and in the window well in the vestibule at [Old Leacock](#) two weeks prior to the meal. You may sign up for food donations or times to help. The August community meal will be held on **Thursday, August 30th**. Please feel free to join us at any of our community meals either to help or just to join in with the community fellowship.



Also keep in mind that the next clothing collection will be during the month of **September**. All gently used, clean clothing will be accepted with the exception of used UNDERWEAR. However new packs of underwear will gladly be accepted. Just place the clothing in the narthex, and we will sort and deliver it to the Lancaster County Council of Churches clothing bank in Lancaster. Last April we managed to deliver approximately 450 lbs. of used clothing. The clothing bank was very appreciative. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 21st**. This is our annual community **CROP walk**. It will again be held in Paradise Park (rain or shine). See September's newsletter for more details.

## BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULE JULY & AUGUST 2018

Lancaster General Hospital has scheduled community blood drives throughout the year at the following locations. Won't you consider giving blood - every pint is very important!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place &amp; Time</u>	
Thursday, July 12	Women & Babies Hospital	9:00 am
Thursday, July 19	Yoders Market	2:00 pm
Wednesday, July 25 & Wednesday, August 15	Lancaster General 3rd Fl. Balcony, James St.	2:00 pm
Wednesday, August 22	Kinzer Fire Co.	2:00 pm
Tuesday, August 21	Intercourse Fire Co.	2:00 pm

The Lancaster General Suburban Outpatient Pavillion (Health Campus) Blood Drive is located in Building 2104, Suite 202. The hours on Monday are 10 a.m. - 7:30 p.m, Tuesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday and Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call 717-544-0170.



## Stewardship



Welcome to the summer! That special season of the year where temperatures are warm, cooking outside is a regular event and cutting grass/weeding is too. Many of us have homes and property to care for, and it is the time of vacations! People get out and see the country and even the world. For me, it is a wonderful time of the year; I love the spring, summer, and fall. Winter? Meh. It's fine, all part of the seasons I suppose. But to my point, since we are busy caring for homes, traveling around and such, attendance at Church naturally declines slightly over the summer months. This is normal and expected but has a resultant effect that can cause some issues for the Stewardship committee and the Trustees.

When people are away and cannot attend Church, they also can't bring their offering. Having a consistent cash flow is important for our Church. Traditionally we see offerings go down over the summer and then begin to rise again in the fall, with a steady increase peaking at the end of the year around Christmas.

I can imagine what you are thinking, "Well, that is all very interesting Steven, but where are you going with this?" Please let me make another shameless plug for automatic and electronic offering. Using the Presbyterian Foundation resources, we can now set up automatic reoccurring payments to the Church. You don't need to remember to write a check each week; when you are away, the payments are made to the Church, even while you are out having fun in the sun.

In the month of May alone, we received about \$2,000 in electronic offering, which is great. The concept is starting to grow! If you are becoming interested and want to learn some more, don't hesitate to contact Marie or myself.

Our offering supports our facilities, our employees and most importantly our ability to help others in our community, region, country and world. We are all in this together; you can move to another state, or even a different country, but we are all citizens of the Earth, and as such are entrusted with its care and the people on it.

From Matthew: *"Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"*

Thank you all for everything you do - it is appreciated.

Steven Boas – Marie Brackbill - Stewardship

## Session Snippets

The Session met on a hot, muggy June evening following the Community Meal to deal with the business of Leacock.

We reviewed and approved both the church's Child Protection Policy and the Policy and Procedure Regarding Allegations of Sexual Misconduct.

We also voted to immediately pay the Presbytery the remaining \$500 of 2017 per capita.

After having the April and May minutes approved, the Clerk reported Leacock's minutes of 2017 were read at the Presbytery level and approved without exception.

Building use of Old Leacock for the Mowrer/Bybel October 27 wedding was also approved.

## Ushers

Ed Margerum, Head Usher

July			August		
7/1	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Skip Brackbill Carol Shearer & Bob Brackbill	8/5	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Skip Brackbill Dave & Carol Berkhimer
7/8	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Skip Brackbill Carol Shearer & Bob Brackbill	8/12	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Skip Brackbill Dave & Carol Berkhimer
7/15	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Skip Brackbill Carol Shearer & Bob Brackbill	8/19	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Skip Brackbill Dave & Carol Berkhimer
7/22	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Skip Brackbill Carol Shearer & Bob Brackbill	8/26	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Skip Brackbill Dave & Carol Berkhimer
7/29	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Skip Brackbill Carol Shearer & Bob Brackbill		.	

## September

9/2	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Skip Brackbill Chuck and Kathy Ankney
9/9 Old Leacock Day	9:30 a.m.	Chuck and Kathy Ankney
9/16	9:30 a.m.	Chuck and Kathy Ankney
9/23	9:30 a.m.	Chuck and Kathy Ankney
9/30	9:30 a.m.	Chuck and Kathy Ankney



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# JULY AUGUST

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