

18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 23, 2018

## GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" Dale Wood

\* *Call To Worship* (from *A Wee Worship Book, Fourth Incarnation, Morning Liturgy A. 1999.*)

Leader: In the beginning before time, before people, before the world began,

**People: God was.**

Leader: Here and now among us, besides us, enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven,

**People: God is.**

Leader: In the future, when we have turned to dust and all we know has found its fulfilment,

**People: God will be.**

Leader: Not denying the world, but delighting in it, not condemning the world, but redeeming it, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

**People: God was, God is, God will be.**

\* *Hymn:* #307 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

*Prayer of Confession*

Leader: Holy One, we long to be faithful stewards of your abundant grace

**People: To serve each other in love and humility. To serve your world with wisdom and energy.**

Leader: Forgive us when we stumble over pride, when our words and actions are not guided by love.

**People: Turn our hearts when we act in folly. Restore our energy when it is gone.**

Leader: Sometimes, many times, O God, our efforts fail.

**People: But your abundant grace is strong and eternal.**

**All: And forgiveness is ours through Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God. 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" Joel Raney  
Chancel Choir

*Children's Sermon*

Following this, children may leave for Sunday School)

*Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer*

*First Scripture Reading:* Jeremiah 31:31-34 (p.691)

\**Hymn:* #462 "I Love to Tell the Story"

*Second Scripture Reading:* John 1:1-18 (p.86)

*Sermon:* **God's Legacy of Love**

## 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: Meditation on "Terra Beata" Charles Callahan  
Doxology (p. 606)

\**Hymn:* #761 "Called as Partners in Christ Service"

\**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: March on "Come Down, O Love Divine" Jon Spong

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 September 30: Lois & Darwin Eshleman

**PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

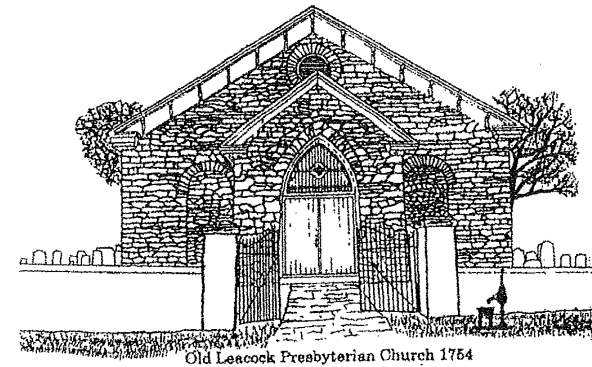
PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: **Brendon Shenk**

Today is Bob and Emily's 23<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary

<b><u>TODAY</u></b>	9:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
<b><u>MONDAY</u></b>	7:00 p.m.	PW Bible Study
<b>Fall Softball:</b>	7:30 p.m.	Leacock vs. Bethany
	8:30 p.m.	Leacock vs. St. Johns New Life
<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b>	7:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting
<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b>	5:30 p.m.	Community Meal

# 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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We welcome **Rev. Ellie Johns Kelley** to the pulpit this morning! She currently serves as the Ministry Relations Officer for the Presbyterian Foundation covering the Northeast Region. Working with congregations to create a culture of generosity, she offers seminars and workshops, and provides coaching to finance, stewardship and endowment committees.

“Building on relationships and resourcing churches to help them increase funding for their ministry are my top priorities,” said Ellie. “I want to help others realize the vast amount of resources available through the Foundation and work in collaboration with other agencies of the PC(USA).”

Prior to joining the Foundation, Ellie served nearly four years as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Warren, Pennsylvania. She also served as Director of the Summer Youth Institute and Assistant Director of Admissions at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. A member of the Presbytery of Lake Erie, Ellie most recently served as co-moderator of the presbytery’s Administrative Committee and was a member of the Trustees.

Ellie received a Bachelor of Science in biology at Muskingum College and a Master of Divinity from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. She resides south of Pittsburgh in the town of Carmichaels with husband Dr. Eric Kelley and two young daughters.

### **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**September is the used clothing month.** Any time during the month bring all of your good, clean used clothing to the narthex. The bags will be taken to the **Lancaster Clothing Bank** for distribution to those in need. Let's get moving and clean out those closets and drawers!

**Reminder:** There will be a Deacon meeting this Tuesday, September 25 at 7 p.m.



The next **Community Meal** is scheduled for this **Thursday, Sept. 27th** from 5:30-6:30 in the fellowship hall. Sign up sheets are in the narthex for food donations and times to help. Thank you for helping.

**The Special Offering** this month will be for Old Leacock Church. The inside needs painting and some plaster work may have to be done before that. Repairs may also be needed to some shutters.

The Trustees will look at everything to be sure the Church is in good condition. We will keep you updated on all that goes on. Also, thanks to you all for supporting the Trustees in keeping YOUR properties in good shape. If you see something that needs the Trustees attention, tell one of us.

Dave Berkhimer  
Trustee President