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Notes from the Manse

“For as in one body we have many members, and not all members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members of one another.” Romans 12:4,5

You can usually tell what’s really important to people by how often they refer to it. This certainly seems to be true of Paul. He covers a lot of ground in his letters, but there are a few themes that he returns to in different letters to different people with different concerns. One of these is named in the words above. Paul seemed passionately to want the earliest followers of Christ to realize that in him they have been transformed, that they are no longer individuals or groups of individuals going off in a variety of directions with often competing agendas. No, they are now wonderfully, strangely, something new—they are one. Oh, they still are unique; they still have their differences. But now, in Christ, they are members of one body.

Now all that can sound kind of mystical. But Paul doesn’t stop there; in fact, it doesn’t seem to be the point about which he was most concerned. For being members of the body of Christ, which is the church, we are members of one another. We need God in Christ. That is where life, true life, begins. But we also need each other. In both *Romans* and *1 Corinthians*, in which he treats this same theme, Paul speaks of the different gifts each of us are given. But these gifts are not for us alone, some kind of private possession. They are for the common good, he says. They are to be shared. No church, not the church universal nor an individual church like Leacock, can thrive or even survive without the contribution of all the members of the body, the simple, everyday people who make it up.

So, Leacock needs you, yes you. Folks have long talked about time, talents, and treasure. Ah, you might say, time, that’s the problem—I don’t have enough. I am so busy, with work and family and commitments to other worthy organizations. That may well be true. But surely there is some time left for the service of God in the service of your sisters and brothers in Christ in this place, at this time. And it’s funny how often time away from our usual, filled time can renew us, even oddly seem to open up time. OK, you might say, but I have no talents, at least none the church needs. Remember this—Paul insists that all are given gifts and that the gifts of each member, no matter how seemingly small, are important. Last, there is money. No one wants to talk about money. It just seems so unspiritual. Yet, mission cannot be done without it, nor can ministry, and each of us in this priesthood of all believers is called to ministry.

Believe this. For Leacock really does need you. Offer your time; share your talents. Consider joining one of the church boards or one of the choirs, even though your life seems so full; you may just find there’s a whole new fullness awaiting you. Share what you have been given in your offering, trusting that you are building the kingdom of God. Remember that, for Paul, the greatest gift is love. Let us give, let us share, our gifts with each other, for each other, putting aside differences and disagreements. For then the body of Christ, past our imagining, will grow. And so too will each of us.

Rev. Robert W. Birch

OCTOBER LECTIONARIES

<p>October 7 20th Sunday after Pentecost 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Job 1:1; 2:1–10 Psalm 26 Hebrews 1:1–4; 2:5–12 11 Mark 10:2–16</p>	<p>October 14 21st Sunday after Pentecost 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Job 23:1–9; 16–17 Psalm 22:1–15 Hebrews 4:12–16 Mark 10:17–31</p>
<p>October 21 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Job 38:1–7 (34–41) Psalm 104:1–9, 24, 35c Hebrews 5:1–10 Mark 10:35–45</p>	<p>October 28 23rd Sunday after Pentecost 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Job 42:1–6, 10–17 Psalm 34:1–8 (19–22) Hebrews 7:23–28 Mark 10:46–52</p>

BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULE OCTOBER 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 & Time</u>	
Wednesday, October 3	White Horse Fire Co.	2:00 pm
Wednesday, October 17	Lancaster General Hospital 3rd fl. James St Balcony	2:00 pm
Thursday, October 18	Intercourse Fire Co.	2:00 pm
Wednesday, October 24	Kinzer 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.



October Prayer Families

October 7
Taryn Shenk

October 14
John Jr. & Kristine Shirk

October 21
Allison Shirk

October 28
Katelyn Shirk

REMINDER

Our **Congregational Meeting** will be held on Sunday, November 11, 2018
Save the date!

Fall Softball League

Monday, October 1
6:30 p.m. Leacock vs. Highland
8:30 p.m. Leacock vs. Pine Grove

Monday, October 10
6:30 p.m. Leacock vs. St. Johns
New Life
7:30 p.m. Leacock vs. Grace Point

Trustee Notes

Saturday, October 20 is Trustee Workday

There will be jobs for everyone, and the jobs will be matched to your work skill level, not above. We are looking at painting, raking, trimming and cleaning. Bring your tools and a happy attitude!

There will be coffee, pastries and cider. It is a great time for fellowship and catching up with your neighbors. The Workday will run from 8:00 am to about noon.



September Session Snippets

At its September stated meeting, the Session conducted the following business:

- Appointed Margie Hershey as the delegate to the September meeting of Presbytery.
- Approved transferring Leacock's financial transactions to PNC Bank with Trustee President
- Authorized Dave Berkhimer to make this change on behalf of the church.
- Set November 11 as the date for Congregational Meeting.
- Discussed ways to aid victims of Hurricane Florence.
- Heard a letter from the chairperson of the Organ Fund Committee, reminding the Session that the decision to display the plaque naming donors of \$100 or more in the sanctuary was to be on a temporary basis. The plaque will be moved to the Choir Room.



At Home Member's birthday!

October 19
Richard Leaman Smith
Elderwood
120 Rider Ave.
Lancaster, PA 17603



Leacock's Treats N' Treasures CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Saturday, December 1, 8AM - 1PM

(Please note earlier ending time)

Can you believe that there are less than 60 days until our Bazaar? Donations are now being accepted for Christmas ornaments/decor. Something new this year: we will be having a Fashion Corner. We will accept gently used jewelry, purses, hats and scarves. We also will have a

Disney table with toys, books, and new items for children of all ages. Please place donated items in the Narthex marked for bazaar or downstairs in the Christmas storage room (look for the sign on the door). We'd love to have these items by November 12.

We will be making our "FAMOUS" peanut butter bonbons on Monday, November 26 at 1 pm.

Gift baskets will be due Sunday, November 18. This month, baskets for you to fill will be in the Narthex. Help yourself!

Food items and baked goods will be needed for the Holiday Cafe as we get closer - sign ups will be in the Narthex.

Already in the Narthex is a sign up sheet for "unpackers" on Monday, November 12 (after 6pm) and Tuesday, November 13 (after 12 noon). You just need to open boxes (we have 70+ boxes) and place items in the correctly labeled areas.

Please consider helping celebrate the spirit of the holiday. We hope you can fit at least one or two of these dates - filled with fun and fellowship - into your schedule. Thank you so much in advance!



Loretta McClarigan (717) 808-7689
Lois Snader (717) 989-0628

Sunday, October 14	- Help Yourself to a basket or two - selection will be in the Narthex. Bazaar sign-ups start.
Monday, November 12	- Moving Bazaar items up to church (contact Dianne Yuninger if you can help). - 6 pm unpacking boxes downstairs.
Tuesday, November 13	- 12 noon - ? unpacking boxes downstairs
Sunday, November 18	- Filled baskets due
Monday, November 26	- 1 pm Making peanut butter bonbons
Saturday, December 1	- 8 am-1 pm Christmas Bazaar

Mission Committee

The next Leacock free community meal will be held on Thursday, October 25 from 5:30-6:30 in our Smith Fellowship Hall. Our numbers seem to be holding fairly steady. Many thanks to everyone who helps make this meal a reality, from those who donate the food needed to all those who help in other ways -setting up fellowship hall, picking up desserts from Weis Markets, preparing and serving the meal and cleaning up. This is truly a complete congregational mission project.

The clothing drive has been concluded for this fall. We packed and delivered over 265 pounds of usable clothing to the Lancaster clothing bank. Kudos to all of you who cleaned out closets and drawers to make this possible.



This year's annual Paradise area community CROP walk will be held on Sunday, October 21st. Registration will begin at 1:00 in Pavilion #2 at Paradise Park. Everyone can help in some way.. We need people to walk. We need people to sponsor the people who walk. And if you don't feel you can walk or donate money, still come and give your support by cheering others on and just

fellowshipping with others from the church and the community. Walkers can choose to walk as little or as much as you want-once around the park, the long park route, the short park route, or just to the next pavilion! This will be held rain or shine. Sign up sheets will be in the narthex during October until the 21st. Let's all work to make this the best CROP walk ever!! I know we can do it!

Just a "heads up" - Next month's free community meal will be held on the 2nd Thursday in November-that's November 8th because of Thanksgiving.

Leacock Book and Movie Group

The Leacock Book and Movie Group kicked off its 2018-2019 year with a great discussion of *A Wrinkle in Time* (as well as with the most attendees and the most amount of food we've had in a long time, which was great!). If you missed it, you can still come and watch the movie version of this coming-of-age fantasy on Friday Oct. 19 at 5:30. Bring a dish to share.



Emily Birch, Book and Movie Group Coordinator



Stewardship

Another Stewardship themed Sunday worship took place September 23rd. We were led in worship by the Reverend Ellie Johns-Kelley from the Presbyterian Foundation. After the service, there was a nice pot-luck lunch in the Fellowship Hall followed by a short workshop given by Rev. Johns-Kelley. The Presbyterian Foundation is the organization through which the Leacock endowment funds are invested. They also can help individuals learn to be good stewards of their assets. They can help with personal investments, making gifts to your Church and estate planning so you can plan to support your Church not only in life but also after you are gone. The Foundation utilizes trained specialists, called "Ministry Relations Officers" to help educate and answer questions. The Rev. Johns-Kelley is one such officer. They can help provide assistance with donor-advised funds, planned giving, trust services, life income gift planning and even conversion of non-traditional gifts, such as real estate, business interests, securities, and personal property. All this may seem like a strange language, but it really boils down to a variety of ways to invest in a wise and grace-filled way.

When it gets right down to it, for our Church to do good in our community, support mission activities, help people in need, educate people about our faith, and maintain a physical church and congregation, it takes RESOURCES. A big part of those resources is MONEY. It can be a tough topic to speak about, but without it, things will not get done. The Presbyterian Foundation can help you support our church, now and in the future, in life and death. You can check out the website www.presbyterianfoundation.org or contact a Stewardship committee member for details.

As summer winds to an end and fall is upon us, those wonderful family vacations will come to an end. Children are heading back to school, weather is changing. Interestingly enough, Church attendance falls over the summer months and commensurately so does the weekly offerings. We know, not everyone is in Church every week; that is not realistic in today's world. But we would ask to keep your weekly offering in mind. If you budget a particular amount each week to offer, and you are not in attendance, please consider "catching up" when you do attend a service. Another way to handle this would be to use a method of offering that happens automatically and on a schedule. Visit our own Church website to get in on this! www.leacockpres.org

Steven Boas for the Stewardship Committee



Gratitude Corner (Those Who Go Above and Beyond to Care for their Minister and His Wife)

I'm sure it's been evident over the years that Bob and I love food. But there are a few other things we love, too, like music (and the opportunity to appreciate live music), and books, and long conversations that involve both these things. We've been fortunate enough that a particular member of the congregation shares these interests, especially Bob's love of Russian literature, so she has shared with us trips to Baltimore to listen to the symphony, and dinner in her home full of conversation about music and literature, and, of course, she knows how much we love her borscht (a soup that goes well with any Russian novel) and will always make sure we get a little extra whenever she makes it (even during Lent when Bob isn't eating meat, and we have to freeze it until Lent is over). She's also been known to give us other goodies, like cookies and cakes, and once even gave me her borscht recipe (but she must put a little extra love into hers or something, because mine was not as tasty), all of which we greatly appreciate.

So, if you haven't guessed by now, this month I'd like to say thank you, thank you to **Esta Fisher!** May you always be surrounded by good food, good books, good music, and good friends.

Emily Birch

Evening Worship Changes Lives!

Okay. I got your attention. I cannot say definitively that our new evening worship services have changed lives or if they have, how. Further, the hope is that all worship changes lives. But our evening worship, which I like to call House Church after the model of the first followers of Christ, has gotten off to an exciting start. As mentioned before, this service is meant to complement, not replace, our morning worship. As always, we sing and pray and sit with the word. But it is informal, with those who come speaking, listening, being still and quiet as we together try to discern what Scripture is saying to us in this time and place. Our next meeting will be at **June Stannard's** house on **October 14 at 5:30**. June, sad to say, will soon be moving. She has loved these new worship times and asked to have her last at her home. So, come join us! Who knows? Your life just may be changed.



USHERS

Ed Margerum, Head Usher

October	Steven & Charlene Boas
November	David Homsher & Craig Keenan

**October Nursery
On Call**



SUNDAY SCHOOL

October

10/7	9:30 a..m.	Mary Alice High & Margy Hershey
10/14	9:30 a..m.	Mary Alice High & Margy Hershey
10/21	9:30 a..m.	Karen Homsher & Milt Hostetter
10/28	9:30 a.m.	Karen Homsher & Milt Hostetter

November

11/4	9:30 a..m.	Vicki & Tom Burkins
11/11	9:30 a..m.	Vicki & Tom Burkins
11/18	9:30 a..m.	Carol Shearer & Marie Brackbill

11/25	Thanksgiving Break - No Class	
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