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## Notes from the Manse

Think for a moment—what is, perhaps, the most common symbol of our faith? There are many, sure. There are a loaf and a fish that remind us of the way the Lord feeds us. There is the mustard seed, so small, that speaks of the power of faith no matter how frail. But over the centuries, it seems the cross has held the most power over our imagination. And that would seem to have a good scriptural foundation. Paul repeatedly makes clear how central the cross was to him. In *Galatians*, he insists that he boasts only of the cross of Christ. In *1 Corinthians*, he sums up his whole message by saying that he proclaims Christ crucified. Certainly, Easter, the resurrection, was critical as well for the apostle. Later, in *1 Corinthians* he states if Christ wasn't raised, then faith is futile. But he understood that you can't get to an empty tomb except through the cross. And I agree. I understand why some like to skip from the celebration of Palm Sunday to the joy of Easter. The trouble is that if you do so, you miss the heart of our faith.

That heart is revealed on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Jesus took time to care for his friends on the last night of his life. Their response? Betrayal, desertion, denial. But still Jesus kept on, through trial to the cross and an agonizing death. What does that cross reveal? Remember that in *John*, Jesus said he gave a new commandment, to love one another as he loved us. And in case any were confused about what kind of love he meant, he also said that there was no greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. That is what the cross reveals—love, love with a cost. Love, deep, abiding love that transforms lives, always comes with a cost. I didn't always recognize it then, but when I look back at all the times my mom or dad sat up with me when I was sick or sad, so willing to sacrifice sleep so that I might, then I see love. I see love when someone stays all day with a friend who no longer remembers how to care for him- or herself. I see love when a shattered person cradles a sick or wounded animal.

Jesus made clear the importance of the cross. He said all who wanted to follow him had to take up their own cross, daily, and that if they didn't, well, they couldn't be his disciples. He wasn't saying that everyone literally had to be crucified as he was. Neither was he wishing suffering on others. But he was urging us to love, to love with a cost, as he did. You don't have to die to carry a cross. But you do have to be willing, in large and small ways, to lay down your life for your friends, for your neighbors.

When last I wrote, we were beginning Lent, a time to search our hearts, for when we have not loved well, when we have not loved at all. Now, we are approaching Holy Week. Take the time to pause past Palm Sunday and before Easter, to take a long, quiet look at the cross. What you will see there is a marker of love. Others have. Why do you think there are hymns like "My Song Is Love Unknown" or "What Wondrous Love Is This"? There is an ancient Irish poem that says, "O King of the Friday/ Whose limbs were stretched on the cross;/ O Lord who didst suffer the bruises, the wounds, the loss;/ We stretch ourselves beneath the shield of thy might;/ Some fruit from the tree of thy passion/ Fall on us this night." I hope it does, on all of us. For that fruit is love.

Rev. Robert W. Birch

# April Lectionary

## April 7

Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Isaiah 43:16–21  
Psalm 126  
Philippians 3:4b–14  
John 12:1–8

## April 14

### Passion/Palm Sunday

Sixth Sunday in Lent  
*Liturgy of the Palms*  
Luke 19:28–40  
Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29  
*Liturgy of the Passion*  
Isaiah 50:4–9a  
Psalm 31:9–16  
Philippians 2:5–11  
Luke 22:14–23:56  
or Luke 23:1–49

## April 15

### Monday of Holy Week

Isaiah 42:1–9  
Psalm 36:5–11  
Hebrews 9:11–15  
John 12:1–11

## April 16

### Tuesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 49:1–7  
Psalm 71:1–14  
1 Corinthians 1:18–31  
John 12:20–36

## April 17

### Wednesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 50:4–9a  
Psalm 70  
Hebrews 12:1–3  
John 13:21–32

## April 18

### Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1–4 [5–10] 11–14  
Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19  
1 Corinthians 11:23–26  
John 13:1–17, 31b–35



## April 19

### Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13–53:12  
Psalm 22  
Hebrews 10:16–25  
or Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9  
John 18:1–19:42

Christ  
is  
Risen!

## April 21

### Resurrection of the Lord Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34–43  
or Isaiah 65:17–25  
Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24  
1 Corinthians 15:19–26  
or Acts 10:34–43  
John 20:1–18  
or Luke 24:1–12

## April 28

### Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27–32  
Psalm 118:14–29  
or Psalm 150  
Revelation 1:4–8  
John 20:19–31



On **Sunday, April 21**, between the dawn service at 6:30 a.m. and the 9:30 a.m. service we will be celebrating Easter with a covered dish breakfast in the Fellowship Hall starting at 8:00 a.m.

Please bring a breakfast covered dish - juice, donuts, casseroles, fruit - to share with your Leacock family and celebrate Easter morning.

## April Prayer Families

**April 7**

Lucy Ames

**April 14**

Don & Bea Andrews

**April 21**

Mark & Barbara Andrews

**April 28**

Chad Ankney



## At Home Members Birthdays



**April 5**

Arlene Brackbill  
Pleasant View  
Rm. #513A  
544 N. Penryn Rd.  
Manheim, PA 17545

**April 15**

Mildred Young  
Luther Acres Manor  
Rm. # 309  
400 St. Luke Drive  
Lititz, PA 17543

*Please remember our at-home members this Easter with cards, phone calls or visits. A current list is in the narthex.*



Don't forget our church workday is  
**April 6!**

Mulching will be a big part of that day so bring proper tools. Our Raindate is the 13th. When everyone's heart and hands work together, the burden is light.

The Special Offering collected in February and up through now is \$1,420. That will go a long way to the painting and fixing at Old Leacock. I will be getting quotes for the job soon so we know. Thanks to everyone for your support in maintaining OUR church properties. Dave Berkhimer  
Trustee President

We are already beginning to prepare for the

## 2019 Christmas Bazaar

Putting together a multi-functional team to help make craft items for the Bazaar is just one of our many plans. We are looking for people with a knack for painting, sewing, wood working, jewelry making, calligraphy, cooking, baking, photography, scrapbooking, paper crafts, knitters, crocheters and general crafts. And if your talent is smiling and you like to have fun, we need you, too!!!

We also would appreciate any and all material donations that can be used to make a saleable item. Even if you are not sure, call Charlene, and *she'll* be sure to figure out a use!

Our emphasis is on having fun and working together in fellowship for the common good of our Church's mission.

Contact  
Charlene Boas  
Call/Text: 717-371-1238  
Email: [charleneboas@frontier.com](mailto:charleneboas@frontier.com)

Save the Date! Our First Hymn Sing of the year is **May 5!**

Many thanks

Dear Members of the Knitting Group at Leacock Presbyterian Church,

Thank you very much for the prayer shawl you gave me during my recent injuries and illness. I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness - and this particular gift. I get cold easily in the house in the wintertime and even in the summer with air conditioning. The shawl feels exceptionally warm and comfortable. It reminds me, too, of the importance of prayer.

Thanks again for your kindness and best wishes to you all.

Sincerely,  
Ed Appel

Dear Church Family,

I apologize for the delay in writing this thank you. I wanted to let everyone know how very much I appreciated your caring concern, prayers, calls, and cards during the difficult time of my brother, Scott's passing.

A special thank you to Dave and Carol Berkhimer for their visit and flower delivery and to Bob for all of his caring and prayers.

What an amazing group of people you are! It is a privilege to be part of this congregation.

With love,  
Ron and Sue Funk

We wish to thank everyone for your donations to the Pequea Valley schools. The students greatly appreciate the generosity of our church over the past few years. The many clothes and cough drops donated this year help defray the costs that the school nurse needs to pay out of pocket. Thank you all!

Michele Lichty, Mary ALice High and CCL Committee

## Saturday May 25, 2019



Start thinking about a community yard sale! Memorial Day weekend, traditional yard sale time...Leacock Presbyterian Church is hosting a community yard sale.

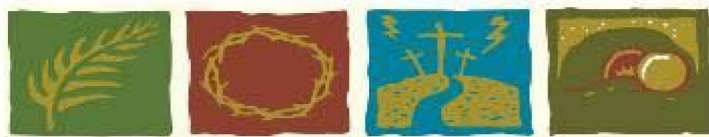
We will be offering table space for sale to any and all, AND we will take any donations of items to the Church, for the Church to sell.

Clean out that closet, garage, attic and help your Church at the same time!

Oh, and there will be good food of some kind, still working out the details, but trust me..... there will be food too!

More details will be released soon, but in the mean time, tell everyone about this and get ready to sell, sell, sell.

Brought to you by the Fundraising Team.  
The Fun people. Join in the fun too!



## Holy Week Schedule

### **Palm Sunday - April 14**

9:30 a.m. Worship

Join us in the Journey from Hosanna to the Cross

### **Maundy Thursday - April 18**

7:00 p.m. Worship and Communion

Remember this most holy night when our Lord shared the Last Supper with his disciples and then journeyed to Gethsemane where he was betrayed.

### **Good Friday - April 19**

Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Music and Meditation

Come for the full hour or drop in as your schedule allows.

### **The Day of Resurrection - April 21**

6:30 a.m. Easter Dawn Worship

Old Leacock Courtyard

8:00 a.m. Potluck Breakfast in Paradise Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Service of the Resurrection with Communion

### **Lay Sunday**

Sunday April 28 we are planning Lay Sunday where we will be led in worship by our fellow congregants. This year's theme is Welcoming the Stranger. If you are interested in participating, please contact Emily Birch or Dianne Yuninger.

## **Update on Stewardship for April**

There is a new energy this year in the area of stewardship. We have a good Stewardship Committee that is trying to think of new, creative, and, yes, fun ways to be God's stewards here at Leacock. Financially, we are doing pretty well so far this year. Giving is tracking just a little behind expenses, even with heating costs and all the snow we have had to remove! And we hope to add to our resources through the events that the FUNdraising Team are putting together. By the time you read this, we will have had our first annual Chili Cook-off. And the Yard Sale is coming! All of this will make our mission at Leacock broader and deeper. As we do more events, we expect to use our kitchen more frequently and we want to get it up to speed. To that end, we are starting a Kitchen Team that will work with an outside consultant to evaluate needs and possibilities. If you are interested, please let Steven Boas or Skip Brackbill know. We thank you for your generosity and support—after all, God calls all of us to share our time, talents, and treasure!

## BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULE MARCH 2019

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 and Time</u>
Wednesday, April 3	White Horse Fire Co. - 2:00pm
Wednesday, April 17	Kinzer Fire Hall - 2:00pm
Thursday, April 18	Intercourse Fire Co. - 2:00pm
Thursday, April 25	LGH - 3rd Fl. Balcony James St.- 2:00pm

The Lancaster General Suburban Outpatient Pavilion (Health Campus) Blood Drive is located in Building 2104, Suite 202. The hours on Monday are 10 am -7:30 pm, Tuesday and Thursday 8am to 4pm, Wednesday and Friday 8:00 am to 6 pm,. For more information call 717-544-0170 or visit [lancastergeneralhealth.org/LGH/Our-Services](http://lancastergeneralhealth.org/LGH/Our-Services).

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## EASTER PLANTS 2019

Easter plants may be purchased to be placed in the Sanctuary in memory of someone deceased or in honor of someone living. Please complete and return this form and money to the church office by **Wednesday, April 17**. The ones remembered and by whom will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Remember to advise the church if you plan to leave your plant(s) to be taken to an at-home member.

I/We \_\_\_\_\_  
wish to order

\_\_\_\_\_Lilies \$8.50      \_\_\_\_\_Mini Daffodils \$6.50      \_\_\_\_\_Pansies \$6.00      \_\_\_\_\_MarthaWashington Geraniums \$8.00  
All plants are in 6-inch pots

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_or

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Please place a (x) if your plant(s) is to be taken to an at-home member by our deacons \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN FORM AND PAYMENT NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17**

## MISSION COMMITTEE

April is one of the two months when the Mission Committee collects clean, gently used clothing for the **Lancaster County Council of Churches Clothing Bank**. This clothing is distributed to people who have fallen on hard times and perhaps can't afford to clothe their family members. Just place your clothing in the narthex and the Mission Committee will see that it gets to the proper place. Thank you for your help!

One Great Hour of Sharing continues to run until Easter Sunday. Please use the envelopes in the pews or feel free to just put your offering in a plain envelope and label it for One Great Hour of Sharing and place it in the offering plate.

Our next Community Meal is Thursday, April 25. It will be ham, scalloped potatoes, peas, cole slaw, fruit cup and desserts from Weis Markets. The sign-up sheets will be in the narthex two weeks ahead of the date. Please sign up either for food you can donate or for a time you can help to prepare and serve or both!

### \*\*\*\*\*Leacock Book and Movie Group\*\*\*\*\*

The Leacock book and movie group will gather on Friday April 5 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the powerful, poignant, and hopeful book *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas. The story is about a teenaged girl straddling two worlds who happens to be in the car when a friend of hers gets shot. It's a quick read, so you still have time to pick up a copy (at your local library, I hope), but you're still welcome to join us even if you haven't read it. Please bring a covered dish.

Emily Birch, Book and Movie Group Coordinator



### Gratitude Corner

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

One birthday cake is nice, but this year was certainly a surprise! Not only did I get one birthday cake, which was plenty, but I also got a second one. The first one was a delicious orange cake with lemon butter frosting, which we all enjoyed at the February book and movie group meeting. The second one was a huge sheet cake, which I shared with Margy Hershey, at the annual meeting luncheon.

Thank you, thank you to **Sandy Schoettle** for the first delicious cake and to **Mary Alice High** and the rest of the CCL committee for the second one.

I would also like to thank all those of you who sent or gave me birthday cards (both paper and digital). I've always loved to get cards, and they are a rarity in this day and age.

Emily Birch

## April Softball Schedule:

April 8	7:30 p.m.	Field 2	Fisher of Men v. Leacock
April 15	6:30 p.m.	Field 1	Weaverland #2 v. Leacock
April 22	6:30 p.m.	Field 1	Leacock v. Bellevue
April 29	8:45 p.m.	Field 2	Cavary Monument v. Leacock

## Ushers

Ed Margerum, Head Usher

<b>April</b>	Craig Keenan & Darwin Eshleman
<b>May</b>	George & Karen Shue

**April Nursery On Call**



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### April

4/7	9:30 a.m.	Vicki & Tom Burkins
4/14	9:30 a.m.	Vicki & Tom Burkins
4/21	9:30 a.m.	Easter <i>No Class</i>
4/28	9:30 a.m.	Alba Buck & Derek Colton

### May

5/5	9:30 a.m.	Alba Buck & Derek Colton
5/12	9:30 a.m.	Carol Shearer & Marie Brackbill
5/19	9:30 a.m.	Kathy & Chuck Ankney
5/26	9:30 a.m.	Review/Party



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