



# *Leacock Communicator*

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## **Notes from the Manse**

Once again we are in the season of Easter, a season to remember possibility, becoming a new creation past all regret, life being stronger than death. To worship at Leacock on Easter was to be glad. There was fellowship; there was kindness; there was grace in flowers and music, in word and sacrament. All of this didn't just happen. So many people put in much time to decorate, plan, rehearse, prepare. But there was joy in all that work, for it was done to celebrate the risen Lord. This is Easter—a time to rejoice, a time to be inspired to rise with Christ, to step out of all our tombs into the dawn.

Lent has ended. But recently I was struck by how much the major themes of Celtic spirituality, which we explored in our Lenten Study, are captured in this season. Those themes will return in our worship and life together in the months ahead. But it might be good to weave them together one more time. The Celtic church for centuries was isolated from the rest of Europe and so it, in many ways, retained the character of worship of the very first followers of Christ. It therefore could be said to be closer in spirit to the first Easter. Literacy was rare, so the imagination was important, as faith and tradition were handed down, generation by generation, through song and poem and story.

On Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, there was a tableau around the pulpit with symbols of Celtic spirituality. A sickle, an oar, and a loom—life could be hard for the people of Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. But faith informed every part of their lives, as the famous *lorica* of St. Patrick reflected, with Christ above and beneath, beside and before, one. Imagine faith alive in you all through every day. It was for the Celts. Why, they even prayed for sheep and cattle. They valued being together; they needed to be, often. And they strived to practice their faith, truly to be a Christian, not only in name but also in deed. Imagine seeing everyone as neighbor, of helping, loving, caring for all, not some, of being merciful and suffering when others suffer, of building peace, of listening well enough to learn each person's story. All had worth; no one was cast to the margins. That loom? Women not only weaved—they led, as bishops and heads of monasteries for men and women. But people were not the only neighbors. There was a vase filled with flowers in that tableau by the altar, a painted wooden rooster. The Celts believed that all God created was good, that if we looked with God's eyes nothing on earth would seem ugly. Imagine treating all of God's creatures as our neighbors. And our bodies, about which sadly there can be so much shame—they too were created good by God. Imagine believing this; maybe then we would not hesitate to wash each other's feet. The oar in the tableau, the walking sticks—the Celts believed it was good to let oneself be led by God, even to strange places, seeking Christ, but always bringing Christ with us. Imagine surrendering control. Might we then reach what the Celts called our place of resurrection, where we rise to the life we were intended to have. But on the journey we should have soul friends, others who see us, know us, hear us, who will affirm us and help us grow.

The Celts sought an Easter kind of life. Perhaps we would do well to follow them. pilgrims together, treating all as neighbor, worshipping God in every corner of life.

Rev. Robert W. Birch

## May Lectionary

<p><b>May 5</b> Third Sunday of Easter Acts 9:1–6 [7–20] Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11–14 John 21:1–19</p>	<p><b>May 12</b> Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 9:36–43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9–17 John 10:22–30</p>
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<p><b>May 19</b> Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 11:1–18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1–6 John 13:31–35</p>	<p><b>May 26</b> Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 16:9–15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5 John 14:23–29 or John 5:1–9</p>
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### Trustee Notes

The Special Offerings for last year and this year for Old Leacock have totaled up to \$7,457.00. That includes other jobs that may occur and need our quick and immediate attention. The Trustees did get quotes for the painting of Old Leacock and that is covered. There are some roof repairs that we have to look at too.

May is Special Offering month for Trustees, but we ask that you give to the regular offering and not the Special Offering until we get quotes for Old Leacock's roof and know its condition and what needs to be done. The Trustees thank everyone for their continued support for the upkeep of our buildings.

Dave Berkhimer  
Trustee President

## BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULE MAY 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!

**Date**

Tuesday, May 7

Thursday, May 9

Wednesday, May 15

Tuesday, May 28

**Place and Time**

Bareville Fire Co - 2:00pm

Yoders Market - 2:00pm

Providence Township Building - 2:00pm

LGH- 3rd Floor James St. Balcony- 7:00am

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).



### May Prayer Families

**May 5**

*Chuck, Kathy & Kristen Ankney*

**May 12**

*Dalin Appel*

**May 19**

*Edward & Ruth Appel*

**May 26**

*Lauren Appel*



### Altar Flowers

You may purchase flowers for the sanctuary on Mother's Day, May 12 and for May 19 in honor of or in memory of someone or a special occasion. Please call the church office at 717-687-6619.

### Session Snippets

In March the Session met with the Board of Deacons to share information about the work of each board, and in April the Session and Trustees did the same. At both meetings a spirit of fellowship and mutual concern about the work, worship, and fellowship of Leacock was palpable.

Business items for the Session included the following:

- Approving a letter from the Session to new members.
- Approving dates for vacation and continuing education for Rev. Birch - April 29 - May 13.
- Approving pulpit supplies - Rev. Richard Sindall, May 4; Rev. Dr. David Drain, May 12.
- Receiving the February and March Financial Reports.



### Summer Hymn Sings

"All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all."

As spring brightens our landscape, our hearts lift in joy and song fills the air. Come and enjoy your favorite hymn at our monthly summer hymn sings at Old Leacock beginning May 5 at 7:00 p.m. Choosing from *Crowning Glory* or *Glory to God*, participants call out their favorite hymns for all to sing. Often the rafters ring with songs that our parents and even grandparents loved. And just as often the notes of newer hymns waft over the surrounding countryside.

Think about your favorite hymns and join us under the very capable direction of Tom Perella.

### Mission Committee

The **Community Meal** for May 30th will be Spaghetti with meatballs, Tossed Salad, Garlic bread and Applesauce. All are welcome for the meal or to help prepare and serve. You may also join us as a guest at anytime. Bring friends and enjoy the evening meal with us.

**Pentecost Sundays** for June are coming up on the 2nd and 9th of next month. Please give as your heart allows.



Dear Leacock Family,  
I wish to thank everyone for the Cards, Meals, Flowers, Prayer Shawl, Well Wishes and Prayers for a Speedy Recovery after my accident. It brought comfort during my time of healing. Thank you!

George Shue

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Thank you all for the birthday and Easter cards so many of you sent. I really appreciated hearing from you. I also want to thank you for the church flowers I've received and the flowers from the deacons. I appreciate the visits from Esta.

Love, Arlene

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Dear Rev. Bob, blessings to my brothers and sisters at Leacock Presbyterian Church, for all the TLC coming my way in visits, deacon visits, phone calls, cards, cookies, and flowers. What a vibrant church! Thanks for your leadership. Happy Easter—as you gather round the table, save a seat for Jesus in his role as guest of honor.

Love, Richard Smith



## Yard Sale Saturday May 25

Have you started cleaning out your closets, basement, and attic yet?

What are you waiting for?

Saturday May 25 will be here before you know it.

That is the day of our church-wide Yard Sale. You can participate in two ways. First, if you would like to sell your own stuff, all you have to do is call the church office to reserve a space in the parking lot. We are only selling 25 spaces so don't

wait too long to call. Spaces are \$10; if you need a table, there is an additional \$5 cost.

Don't want to bother with a table but still have stuff to get rid of? You may donate it to the church for us to sell that day on the front lawn. Drop off items at the church during Sandy's office hours or on Sunday morning. If you have items too big for you to handle, call Skip Brackbill to arrange a pick-up time.

We can use your help the day of the sale, moving items to the yard, cashiering, helping with the Silent Auction.

Yes, you read that correctly. We are also having a Silent Auction featuring gift certificates and items donated by local businesses. There are lots of choices for just about every taste.

Hours are 7 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Come for the whole day or part of the day.

Brought to you by the Fundraising Team — the Fun People!

## CHURCH AND COMMUNITY LIFE



On Sunday June 2, immediately following our 9:30 morning worship, there will be a reception honoring our 2019 graduates. We have three high school graduates and one college graduate. The high school graduates are **Alyssa Keenan**, **Sara Lichty** and **Chad Hughes** graduating from Pequea Valley. Our college graduate is **Valerie Ruhl** who will be graduating from Penn State University. Please plan to attend church on Sunday, June 2 and stay after the service to celebrate these graduates. There will be a time to greet the graduates and share in their accomplishments. Time to show them we are Leacock Proud!

On **Wednesday, June 19**, it is **Mini Golf Night** at Waters Edge Golf Course in Bird-in-Hand, PA. Come out and enjoy a game of golf with your Leacock family. The competition will begin at 6:30 P.M. Ginny Stauffer was our winner two years ago and Lori Smith outdid all competition and ended the night with a hole in one last year. It is a family event and all golfers are welcome. The evening ends with an ice cream treat if you so desire. Pastor Bob is ready to take on all competition insuring us that this year is his year to win the event if he can stay out of the stream, that is. See you all on June 19!



**MAY 20**

Kitty Shumate  
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Please send her a card!

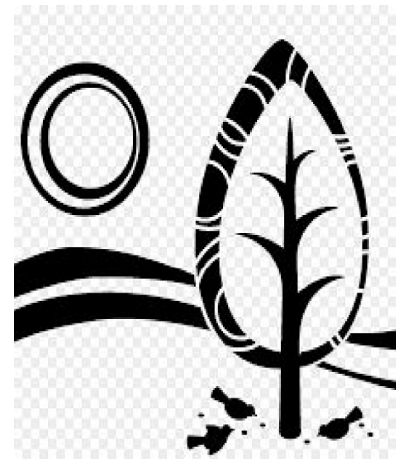
**\*\*Please remember to silence your cell phone before the beginning of service\*\***

# Worship Committee

## May and June Worship

Communion will be celebrated Sunday May 5 with Rev. Richard Sindall filling the pulpit while Rev. Birch is on vacation. Rev. Dr. David Drain, recently retired and living at Willow Valley, will preach May 12. He has attended our Old Leacock hymn sings and is looking forward to sharing in worship with us.

**Old Leacock Worship** at 8:00 a.m. will begin **June 16**, the week following Pentecost, and continue through September 1.



## Communion Survey

### Traditional Communion or Communion by Intinction?

Do you have any particular preference as to which style of communion you find most meaningful? Just as a review, Traditional Communion occurs when elders (or deacons) serve the bread and the wine as you remain in your pew. Communion by Intinction involves your walking to one of the stations at the front of the church to receive the bread from an elder (or deacon) and dip it into the cup held by another elder (or deacon); if you cannot come forward, the elements will be brought to you

The Worship Committee is interested in your opinion about how we celebrate this holy sacrament. There is no right or wrong in your response, nor is there a preferred method for observing Communion. The question is what blesses your life more, which enriches your soul more.

Tear off and place in the offering plate on a Sunday morning or mail to the church.

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\_\_\_\_\_ I prefer Traditional Communion

\_\_\_\_\_ I prefer Communion by Intinction

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to have a mix of Traditional Communion and Communion by Intinction

\_\_\_\_\_ It makes no difference to me.





## **Gratitude Corner**

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

Every year, I thank the members of this loving congregation for all the gifts and cards you give Bob and me at Christmas time. This year, though, it's time to acknowledge the cards and candy and gifts we get at Easter. We don't usually think of Easter as a time of giving presents the way we do at Christmas, but what better way to celebrate our risen Lord than by sharing cards and candy and plants to tell others we are thinking of them? So, thank you! Thank you! to all those of you who cared for us in this way this year. We are probably both a little fatter (but maybe a little sweeter?) from our gifts of chocolate, and we have our cards on display to remind us of your love, and we also have displayed this year a very special replica of Jesus' tomb.

Emily Birch

## **\*\*\*\*\*Leacock Book & Movie Group\*\*\*\*\***

The Leacock book and movie group gathered on April 5 to discuss *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas. What a discussion we had about this powerful book looking at the life of a teenaged girl straddling 2 very different worlds, who has to struggle with the fact she was in the car when a lifelong friend of hers was shot. We will meet to watch the movie version to compare it to the book on Friday May 17. Please join us at 5:30, and bring a dish for our pot luck before the movie.

Emily Birch, Book and Movie Group Coordinator

## **Update on Stewardship**

Greetings from Stewardship! It's hard to believe that a month has gone by since our last report, but that month has been full, especially with the grace and joy of Holy Week. We did have our first (annual) Chili Cook-off, and it went well, better than we expected. The chilis were tasty and well over \$500 was raised—after expenses! Thanks to all who helped! Overall, we continue to hold our own financially, though expenses are tracking a bit higher than offering. We do thank all of you for your continued generous support of the church. As for special offerings, we (and the Trustees and Mission) are grateful for these as well, but hope that they do not decrease the regular offering. If they do, that only hurts Benevolence, our support of mission activities here and abroad. To help make all ends meet, the Fun(d)raising Committee keeps working—see the article on the coming Yard Sale. And the Cook-off was fun! So that's it for this month. See you in June!

## May Softball Schedule:

May 6	8:45 p.m.	Field 1	Leacock v. Weavertown
May 13	7:30 p.m.	Field 1	St. John's v. Leacock
May 20	7:30 p.m.	Field 1	Pequea Baptist v. Leacock
May 28	8:45 p.m.	Field 1	Leacock v. Fisher of Men

## Ushers

Ed Margerum, Head Usher

<b>May</b>	George & Karen Shue
<b>June</b>	Chuck & Kathy Ankney

**May Nursery On Call**



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### May

5/5	9:30 a.m.	Alba Ruhl & 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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