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## **Notes from the Manse**

*“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”*

*Matthew 18:20*

The Yard Sale is over. It's hard to believe only a few days ago the parking lot and the front yard were filled with all kinds of treasures and people selling and buying them. Now, the only signs that there ever was a Yard Sale are fading chalk marks. But in another way that sale is far from over. On Sunday, Dianne offered a moment of gratitude for all that made the sale possible. And there was so much. It started with only an idea. Then a date was picked and the preparation began, with folks gathering gifts for the silent auction, fielding phone calls so people could reserve spaces and tables, posting notices in the community and the local paper. Items donated to the church for sale had to be priced. Thought was given to the layout of the sale, so that people could park and shop with both ease and safety. Traffic cones and cash had to be gotten. The night before, tables had to be brought up ready to move out the next morning. And then the day finally arrived. By 5:15 a.m., the first vendors were arriving; why, customers began to come by 6:30. Tables were carried out, set up. The church items were lifted out of boxes and placed on tables. The food station was located and then moved to a better spot later. The silent auction table was centrally placed. Traffic had to be guided. Cashiers had to answer questions and make change. The seven hours of the sale went by in a blur. And then, at 2:00 p.m., it was over—or it wasn't. Because vendors still had to gather their stuff and head out. And Leacock folks, though by then quite weary, still had to pack up unsold items and take them to Goodwill, fold up tables and carry them down to the Fellowship Hall, notify the silent auction winners. At last, it was done. And yes, it seemed strange. Apart from fading chalk marks, it looked like there had never been a Yard Sale.

How do you measure something like a Yard Sale? One way, of course, is by the money we raised, and we did well. Between the Chili Cook-off and the Yard Sale, we already are a good ways toward the amount the Christmas Bazaar brings in, and it is only May. But there is a greater value than money. The last few weeks, we have been considering Jesus' new commandment, to love one another. In the quote above, he says that when we are together he is there with us. Over and over again, he calls us to fellowship. It is what we are born for; it is where we will find joy and healing. We can do so much more together than alone. Think of all who work side by side to bring music to our services in the Bell and Chancel choirs, those who teach Sunday school, the folks who plan and cook and serve and cleanup after the Community Meal. Easter's worship was glorious. But it took so many to pull it all together.

So, in one way, yes, the Yard Sale is over, with only fading chalk marks left. But in another way it remains. I will not soon forget watching people arrive early Saturday morning to get it all started. I will remember those who said they would have to leave and never did. I will be glad when I think of so many, including folks who have not yet joined the church, sigh, take a deep breath, and then get to work packing the whole thing up. To me, it was a model of fellowship. There was love. And there among us was Christ.

Rev. Robert W. Birch

## June Lectionary

<p><b>June 2</b>  <b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>            Acts 16:16–34            Psalm 97            Revelation 22:12–14, 16–17, 20–21            John 17:20–26</p>	<p><b>June 9</b>  <b>Day of Pentecost</b>            Acts 2:1–21 or Genesis 11:1–9            Psalm 104:24–34,35b            Romans 8:14–17 or Acts 2:1–21            John 14:8–17 [25–27]</p>	<p><b>June 16</b>  <b>Trinity Sunday</b>            Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31            Psalm 8            Romans 5:1–5            John 16:12–15</p>
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<p><b>June 23</b>  <b>Second Sunday after Pentecost</b>            1 Kings 19:1–4 [5–7] 8–15a            Psalm 42 and 43            Galatians 3:23–29            Luke 8:26–39</p>	<p><b>June 30</b>  <b>Third Sunday after Pentecost</b>            2 Kings 2:1–2, 6–14            Psalm 77:1–2, 11–20            Galatians 5:1, 13–25            Luke 9:51–62</p>
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## Multiplying Grace

We have been blessed. All of us in many ways have been blessed. We are blessed in different ways, each of us. And Jesus made it clear that we should share our blessings. He took the little the disciples had and found a way to feed a multitude. That's the way of grace.

Beginning in June we will have a “Share the Bounty” table following Sunday morning worship. Anyone with surplus produce or flowers may place them on the table. Anyone who could use any of these items may take them home. There is no fixed cost. Instead, there will be a freewill donation box, with all proceeds going to the general fund of our church. In this way, in giving and receiving, we can multiply grace.

## BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULE JUNE 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	Place and Time
Wednesday, June 5	White Horse Fire Co. - 2:00pm
Wednesday, June 12	Kinzer Fire Co. - 2:00pm
Thursday, June 20	Intercourse Fire Co. - 2:00pm
Thursday, June 27	LGH- 3rd Floor James St. Balcony - 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).



# Altar Flowers

You may purchase flowers for the sanctuary on **June 30** in honor of or in memory of someone or a special occasion. Please call the church office at 717-687-6619.



## June Prayer Families

June 2  
Marsha Ault

June 9  
David M. Babb

June 16  
Ruth Bair

June 23  
Ellen Barnes

June 30  
Kirk & Deborah Beane

## Session Snippets

In May the Session completed the following business:  
Approved having a produce “bounty” table in the Narthex.  
We approved two building use date for a wedding in July and one in September.  
Approved dates for CCL summer congregational events.

## Grace Notes

With the advent of summer, come to Old Leacock the first Sunday evening of June, July, August, and September to enjoy our Summer Hymn Sings. For an hour, beginning at 7:00 p.m., sing your favorite old and new hymns as we open the doors of the old church and let music waft over the fields.

Remember, the selections are your choice!

And there is lemonade in the courtyard at 8:00 p.m.

## Communion Survey

The Worship Committee asks that you return the Communion Survey that was in our May newsletter. So far, we only have a few responses, not really enough for a fruitful discussion.

## Trustee Notes

The Trustees put automatic light switches in the adult bathrooms because the lights were left on at times. Now you only have to walk into the bathroom and the light comes on automatically and goes off when you leave. The switch does not have to be touched. PLEASE remember not to touch the light switches. if you turn it on by mistake you can turn it off or it will stay on.

Also, we are getting quotes for the roof at Old Leacock and that information will be given to you soon. Thanks for everyone’s help in keeping our properties in good shape.

Dave Berkhimer  
Trustee President

## Summer Worship

Beginning Sunday June 16, we will transition to our Summer Worship Schedule. Old Leacock 8:00 a.m. worship will begin and continue through September 1. The Paradise service remains at 9:30 a.m.





As I got up this morning, I realized I did not have to check the weather forecast for today, tomorrow or the next ten days. If it rains, it rains (sorry if that is not the thing to say) and we don't have to figure out how to hold an outdoor yard sale inside the church building.

Yes, our Yard Sale was May 25, and yes, it is a relief it is over. The weather was perfect— no rain but coolish and cloudy in the morning with the sun breaking through shortly after noon.

The parking lot was filled with vendors and shoppers, the church lawn loaded with tables of bargains, and at 1:30 — lo and behold, a small bus pulled in and yes disgorged its passengers.

So on the surface — it was highly successful (about \$1400 in profit)

But yesterday and last week was so much more than a yard sale. We were all together and we worked quite hard together.

Those of you who cleaned out closets and attics and basements and brought boxes and boxes and then more boxes of stuff to church — did I mention boxes? — were our beginning.

Then there was the sorting and pricing, a daunting task with some of us totally unaware of which kitchen bowls are collectibles and which only worth 50 cents.

Which brings us to Friday night — stacks of boxes in Fellowship Hall. The Toddler Room piled full and the Narthex crammed. Suddenly, folks started showing up and in less than an hour the Leacock brigade carried tables upstairs, consolidated merchandise, and marked off parking spaces with sidewalk chalk.

Then, of course, it was the day. Again you all came through— at 6 a.m. with vendors pulling in and setting up, you carried those same tables out to the parking lot and front lawn, moved those boxes outside and unpacked them so that by 7 we were set up and ready to go.

I hear one of my granddaughters said we did it so well we should do it every week — not happening!

And by 2 when the Silent Auction had closed and the sale was officially over, you all were still there — repacking boxes and loading them into vehicles to take to Goodwill, breaking down cardboard boxes to recycle, and putting the church back together.

This is a Moment of Thanksgiving. We began the Yard Sale with smiles, hugs, and camaraderie and we ended it much more tired but with the same smile, hugs and sense of love and fellowship.

I am so thankful to be a part of all of you — the Leacock Presbyterian Church, this body of Christ here in Paradise. My brothers and sisters, thank you. Thank you for being the wonderful, caring, hardworking loving people you are.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Dianne Yuninger

## Mission Committee

600 lbs. of clothing was delivered to the Lancaster County Clothing Bank. Thank you for all your donations!!

The first two Sundays in June - June 2 and June 9 - are the **Pentecost Offering**. Envelopes are in the pews or your envelope box.

The Community meal for June will be our Picnic meal. It will be held on Thursday, June 27. We will be serving Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Macaroni Salad, Baked Beans, Potato Chips and Applesauce. Sign up sheets will be in the narthex two weeks in advance. Please sign up to help, or just come as our guest.

## Stewardship

Greetings fellow Presbyterians of Leacock! Welcome to spring, a time of renewal and growth. This year the Stewardship team is heavily involved in trying to create excitement, build passion for the Church's missions and involve all congregants in events with our local community. Hopefully you won't get tired of hearing me say, "yes it is hard work, but it should be fun and enjoyable to be with each other in fellowship". That is why we have started a FUNdraising Committee! So far this year, we have by now had two big events, the Chili Cook-off and the Yard Sale. As you will see elsewhere in this newsletter the Yard Sale was a big success. So many were involved. The softball team pitched in by making and selling food items. I was ecstatic that they wished to do this, as it involved them directly in a Church activity and is exactly the kind of expanded fellowship and interactions the Stewardship and FUNdraising teams are trying to cultivate. Many of you offered to help out with the event and it was great to see all the ways you helped. Thank you ALL. Finally, the weather was great. So overall, it was another good time for fellowship and mission.

### June Softball Schedule:

June 3	6:30 p.m.	Field 2	Leacock v. Pequea Baptist
June 10	7:30 p.m.	Field 2	Grace Point v. Leacock
June 17	6:30 p.m.	Field 2	Bellevue v. Leacock
June 24	6:30 p.m.	Field 1	Leacock v. Ridgeview

## CCL

### Mini Golf

On June 19, at Water's Edge Mini Golf course in Bird-in-Hand we will have our annual mini-golf night. The games begin at 6:30 and cost is \$5.50. The course is family friendly yet competitive. Lori Smith was our golfing champion last year, but I am sure Pastor Birch will try to regain his championship form. It is an enjoyable night for all. Everyone can purchase an ice cream treat after the games, win or lose. Hope to see many people there.





**On Wednesday, July 24, our Leacock church family will have their annual Barnstormers Night.**

The Barnstormers will be playing the Somerset Patriots. It is dollar hot dog night as well as bring your dog to the ball park night. Tickets are \$10.00 and of that, \$4.00 comes back to our church Mission fund. Ask your friends and neighbors. Lets get a big crowd this year!

The pregame activities begin at 6:00 and will include Reverend Birch throwing out the first pitch and possibly we might have some of our choir members sing the pregame song. In addition, there will be pregame activities for the children. To get your tickets, send in your check for the amount of seats you want and say in a note that you are from Leacock Presbyterian Church and *Shirley Smith will be picking up your tickets. This will save you a \$5.00 shipping fee!* Thank you Shirley! The mailing address in Lancaster Barnstormers, 650 North Prince Street, Lancaster, PA 17603. Order your tickets today for a very enjoyable evening.



**Leacock's June Graduates** *Congratulations to our graduates! We asked them to share some of their thoughts as they enter a new phase of life.*

***Alyssa Keenan***

In the fall I am planning to attend Easter Mennonite University to study Nursing. Besides working this summer, I plan to go to the beach. Some of the things I enjoy doing are riding horses, reading and hanging out with my friends. My best qualities are that I am dedicated, hardworking and loyal. If I could tell my 9th grade self something, it would be - you're going to end all your classes with an A except ap bio and honors algebra 3. My future self I would tell not to stress. It will all work out in the end!

***Chad Hughes***

I will be going to LBC and major in Music Education. This summer my plans include relaxing and maybe do a show or two. Time spent singing, making music and hanging out with friends are some of my favorite fun things. If I could tell my 9th grade self something, it would be you're going to change your mind a lot. My future self I would tell never give up on your dream.

***Sara Lichty***

Penn State University is where I will be going this fall to study Agriculture, and this summer I will participate in their PASS summer program in addition to working part time at Michael's Homestyle Beads. My fun things are dancing, gardening, reading and hanging out with friends. I would tell my 9th grade self to be true to yourself and find what makes you happy. To my future self I would say stay strong and speak for what you believe in.

***Valerie Ruhl***

Now that I have graduated from Penn State, I plan to find a teaching job. At the present I am working at the Amish Farm and House and am vacationing. For fun my favorite things are watching movies, kayaking and snowboarding. If I could tell my 9th grade self something, it would be to enjoy not paying for groceries or bills. I would tell my future self you're doing great.

***Sean Gray***

After graduation, I plan to enter the workforce and begin a career in construction with training to become a carpenter. This summer I intend to work hard while concentrating on my next life achievements and goals. I'm just here to have a good time and do what I can to make an impact. For fun I enjoy working on cars and trying to build them. I would tell my 9th grade self to work hard in school because in the long run it's worth it. To my future self I'd say don't let age get to the best of you.

**Leacock Book and Movie Group**

The Leacock book and movie group gathered on May 17 to watch and discuss the movie *The Hate U Give*. As always, we had a delicious (picnic-themed) meal beforehand and an interesting discussion after watching this very powerful movie. It was interesting to note the differences between the book and the movie (those who read the book agreed it was funnier than the movie) and to explore some of the movie's themes. Overall, we felt the movie, although making significant changes to the book, kept the themes of the book.

The book and movie group is now enjoying summer vacation. We will pick back up in September. Stay tuned for the next book title.

Emily Birch, Book and Movie Group Coordinator



## Gratitude Corner

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

I've said it before, but I will say it again. I am always so surprised when I make a big deal out of liking something, and people remember it (especially when I forget all about telling them). A few years back, Sandy, the secretary who spoils me rotten, introduced me to Irish potatoes, a Pennsylvania delicacy that becomes available around St. Patrick's Day. In case you don't know what these are, they have nothing to do with potatoes. They are wonderful little sweet treats that are a cross between a candy and a cookie that melt in your mouth. (So, first, I guess, I need to thank Sandy for introducing these to me.)

Now, here comes the part I don't remember. Apparently, I was, at some point, waxing poetic about these little culinary delights, and an attentive member of our congregation was paying close attention. The next thing I know, she shows up at the Leacock book and movie group with a box of them, because she knows I love them. How sweet (in every way) is that? So, thank you! Thank you, **Lauren Appel**, for your attentive listening skills and for the Irish potatoes. Bob and I both enjoyed the leftovers shared with us after the book group pot luck. If you need more details of what I said and when, you will have to ask her for them.

Emily Birch

## Ushers

Ed Margerum, Head Usher

<b>June</b> <b>July</b> <b>August</b>	Dave & Carol Berkhimer Chuck & Kathy Ankney Harold Yuninger and Carol Shearer
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**June Nursery On Call**



**SUNDAY SCHOOL will return this fall**



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