

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 2019

Announcements and Greeting

SEASONS OF CREATION

Prelude: “Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord” Robert Lau

Invocation

Scripture: Genesis 1:14-19; Genesis 8:22; Ecclesiastes 3:1
Reflection of the Word—For Everything There Is a Season

**Hymn (insert):* “We Plow the Fields and Scatter” Matthias Claudius
(to the tune of Hymn #233)

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Creator God, you made the world, you made us, according to seasons. There is a time for seeds, for growing, for harvest, for rest. Yet we lose the rhythm of creation. We are not open to the new. We stunt, rather than nurture. We reap, but we do not share. Forgive us, Lord. Move over us again with your Spirit. Help us once more to be in tune with the seasons. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Choral 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: “To Bless the Earth” M. Vultius
Chancel Choir

Children's Sermon

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Scripture: Genesis 1:29,30; Ecclesiastes 3:2
Reflection of the Word—The Lord Will Provide

**Hymn:* #14 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-5; John 12:24
Reflection of the Word—Changing Seasons

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

** Affirmation of Faith—from A Brief Statement of Faith, pg. 37, sections 3,5,6*

The Peace of Christ

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Please sign and pass the Friendship Book

Offertory: “The Lord's My Shepherd” Mark Sedio

Doxology (p.606)

**Hymn (insert):* “Praise God for the Harvest of Orchard and Field” Brian Wren
(to the tune of Hymn #436)

**Benediction*

Silent Prayer (be seated)

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)

Postlude “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” arr. Don Hustad
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.

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

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 29: Alba Ruhl & Derek Colton

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: **Ruth Bryson**

<u>TODAY</u>	9:30 a.m.	Worship Paradise – Bounty Table
	10:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
<u>MONDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting
<u>TUESDAY</u>	7:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	5:00 p.m.	Craft Night
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
<u>THURSDAY</u>	5:30 p.m.	Community Meal

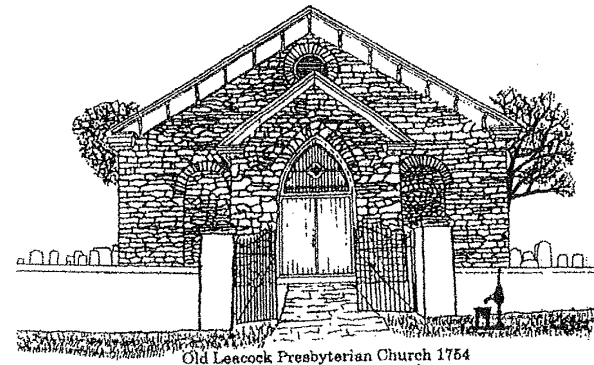
ANNOUNCEMENTS

September Clothing Drive We are collecting good, clean used clothing for the Lancaster County Council of Churches Clothing Bank. They will accept anything but used underwear. So please clean out your closets and bring the items to the narthex anytime during the month!

Come together for fun, fellowship, and crafting! We'll gather at the church on **Wednesday** evenings at 5:00pm to craft items for the **Christmas Bazaar**. Come anytime that evening! All are welcome to join us.

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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