



# Leacock Communicator

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### A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

#### “SUNRISE MAGIC”

**“From the sunrise in the east to the sunset in the west, may the name of the LORD be praised, now and forever.” Psalms 113:3**



For some, Spring is the end of wintertime fun, like sledding, skiing, snowboarding, and the start of regular floor cleaning, thanks to all the mud.

However, I’m betting most reading this newsletter are singing a completely different tune—done with the cold, dark weather and depressing days. Done with cocooning indoors and struggling to stay warm. Done with the barren, dormant landscape—and ready to see some green, hear the birds, and feel some sunshine!

While mud can be a messy nuisance, it’s a reminder of important Lancaster County traditions such as the local Mud Sales. These sales are often the biggest fundraisers for nonprofits, mainly community fire companies.

Auctioneers kicked off Lancaster County’s mud sales at the Strasburg Sale Friday, Feb. 21st.

These events, similar to church life, serve as community gatherings. Each one is a chance to both donate things you don’t want and find a deal. Plus, every sale has plenty of food.

Do we have donating opportunities at church—clothing drive, etc?? CHECK! Finding a deal?? Christmas Bazaar, the monthly Community Meal—great food, breads and baked goods from Weiss and support from The Factory Food Market?? CHECK! Oh, and Sunday Morning Worship—SUPER VALUE!!!

The Bart Spring Mud Sale was Feb. 28-March 1. Pequea Valley's Mud Sale took place March 7-8 at the Gordonville Fire Station and the Gap Mud Sale, March 21-22. Along with a string of others throughout Lancaster County and beyond, Kinzer's is yet to come June 6-7.

Along with the sunrise and spring rains, mud is a welcome signal that the ground has softened and a fresh crop of fruits and vegetables are about to be in season, including lettuces, spinach, kale, artichokes, asparagus an array of citrus and more.

**As a church, we can ask: "Where is the soft ground with the potential for a promising crop?"  
Where are rays of light shining on new opportunities and realities?**

Easter sunrise has been a cherished tradition at Leacock for many years. While we can't guarantee a breathtaking view every Easter due to unpredictable weather, we can promise the warmth and unity of a community coming together. We give witness to hope springing to life among us even when we are unsure of the future or are discouraged. We gather to celebrate and give witness to the resurrection.

**Worship at Leacock is open to everyone! And we  
encourage a good turnout at every gathering.**

Don't let your disappointments and grievances, your frustration with others, keep you away.

While a sunrise is a fleeting masterpiece, painted across the sky for only a few precious moments, it reminds us that each morning is a gift—filled with possibility, glowing with hope.

Just as the sun's first light chases away the shadows, we, too, are given a fresh start, a chance to embrace the beauty of now. And remember, when a sunrise fades into the day, it welcomes the fullness of all that is to come.

**The magic of a sunrise is not just in its colors but in  
its quiet whisper: Today is yours—cherish it, live it,  
SHINE!!**

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**Blessings and Peace,  
Jim**

## *April Lectionary*

<p><b>April 6</b> <b><i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i></b></p> <p>Isaiah 43:16–21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4b–14 John 12:1–8</p>	<p><b>April 13</b> <b><i>Passion/Palm Sunday</i></b> <b><i>Sixth Sunday in Lent</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Liturgy of the Palms</i></b> Luke 19:28–40 Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29</p> <p><b><i>Liturgy of the Passion</i></b> Isaiah 50:4–9a Psalm 31:9–16 Philippians 2:5–11 Luke 22:14—23:56 <i>or</i> Luke 23:1–49</p>	<p><b>April 17</b> <b><i>Maundy Thursday</i></b></p> <p>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</p>
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<p><b>April 18</b> <b><i>Good Friday</i></b></p> <p>Isaiah 52:13—53:12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10:16–25 <i>or</i> Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9 John 18:1—19:42</p>	<p><b>April 20</b> <b><i>Easter Sunday</i></b> <b><i>Resurrection of the Lord</i></b></p> <p>Acts 10:34–43 <i>or</i> Isaiah 65:17–25 Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24 1 Corinthians 15:19–26 <i>or</i> Acts 10:34–43 John 20:1–18 <i>or</i> Luke 24:1–12</p>	<p><b>April 27</b> <b><i>Second Sunday of Easter</i></b></p> <p>Acts 5:27–32 Psalm 118:14–29 <i>or</i> Psalm 150 Revelation 1:4–8 John 20:19–31</p>
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### **Our Mission Statement**

**“Building on our heritage, led by the Spirit, committed to Christ,  
we welcome our neighbors to share in this family of God.”**



## April Prayer Families

**April 6**  
**RuthAnne Appel**

**April 13**  
**Lauren J. Appel**

**April 20**  
**Lea Lichty Armstrong**

**April 27**  
**Marsha Ault**

## Trustee Notes

**Spring Work Day** is Saturday April 12, starting at 8:30 am.

Thanks to everyone who donated to the Trustee Special Offering.

Upcoming projects are flooring at Old Leacock & copier cost and repair.

Thanks for your support with maintaining our churches!

Sincerely, the Trustees



## Mission Committee

The next **Community Meal** will be held on **Thursday, April 24th** from 5:30-6:30 PM in our Handicapped accessible Smith Fellowship Hall. The menu will be Spaghetti with Meatballs, Garlic and plain bread, Tossed Salad, Fruit Salad, and Desserts from Weis Markets in Gap. Everyone is welcome to come and help or just come and enjoy the company of other community members.

Please remember **The One Great Hour of Sharing** offering which concludes on Easter Sunday, April 20th. Your giving is greatly appreciated and needed.

Thank you to all who donated used clothing to our spring clothing drive. As usual, it was very successful. The next clothing drive will be held in the Fall.

## Lenten Worship

As we travel together on our Lenten journey, we need to take time to reflect on where we are going and why. From the solemn reminder of our mortality on Ash Wednesday, we have moved to a deeper contemplation of God's great love for us, God's mercy, God's grace — all expressed through the life and death of Jesus.



Each Sunday morning we have the opportunity to meet together to praise, to meditate, to consider, to reflect, to hear God's Word to us and for us.

Yet as we draw closer to Holy Week, the most sacred time of our liturgical year, we need to acknowledge our frailty, our vulnerability, our utter dependence on God's love and grace. How can we participate more fully in Christ's redemptive act?

Thursday April 17, Maundy Thursday, we are invited and encouraged to gather at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary to worship, to reflect, to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion as we bear witness to Jesus' Great Commandment: Love one another.

Good Friday the church will be open from noon until 1:00 p.m. for us to drop in (or stay the whole hour) for a time of music and the Word. May our Lenten journey be one of renewal and rediscovery as together we recommit ourselves as disciples of Jesus.

### Easter Dawn Service

Our Easter Dawn Service will be held at 7:00 a.m. at Old Leacock. Come gather around the fire in the courtyard, light a candle, and sing "Alleluia! He Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed!"



All are welcome to attend **Easter Morning Breakfast** after the sunrise service and before the 9:30 am service. The time frame is 8:00 to 9:00 am - in the Fellowship hall.

The CCL Committee will provide meats and main dishes, juice and coffee. Those planning to come, please bring a dessert like fruit or coffee cake to share.

## **SCRIPTURES ON SUNRISE**

**\*\*RECIPES containing Healthy Spiritual Food and at the end,  
a Fresh Invigorating Spring Salad\*\***

### **Psalm 113:3 ESV**

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!

### **Genesis 1:14 ESV**

And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years.

### **Luke 1:78-79 ESV**

Because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

### **2 Samuel 23:4 ESV**

God dawns on them like the morning light, like the sun shining forth on a cloudless morning, like rain that makes grass to sprout from the earth.

### **Malachi 4:2 ESV**

But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

### **Psalm 65:8 ESV**

So that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at your signs, O God. You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy.

### **Psalm 30:5 ESV**

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy ones in the morning.

### **Hosea 6:3 ESV**

Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord; the Lord's going out is sure as the dawn; and will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth."

### **Psalm 5:3 ESV**

O Lord, in the morning hear our voice; for you in the morning we watch and wait.

### **Ecclesiastes 11:5-7 ESV**

The sun rises, and the sun goes down, and hastens to the place where it rises. Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun.

### **Proverbs 4:18 ESV**

But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day.

**Matthew 13:43 ESV**

When the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Those who has ears, let them hear.

**Psalm 84:11 ESV**

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

**Jeremiah 31:35 ESV**

Thus says the Lord, who gives the sun for light by day and the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar— the Lord of hosts is his name:

**Malachi 1:11 ESV**

For from the rising of the sun to its setting, God says, my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts.

**Isaiah 60:20 ESV**

Your sun shall no more go down, nor your moon withdraw itself; for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended.

**Revelation 22:5 ESV**

And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

**Psalm 103:12 ESV**

As far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our transgressions from us.

**The Perfect Spring Salad**

Toss arugula, spinach, lettuces in a homemade citrus vinaigrette and top with crunchy toasted almonds, fresh orange slices, tricolor quinoa, and hearty chickpeas.

It's seriously the perfect spring salad!



## Deacons

***In the absence of April birthdays, please consider sending Easter greetings to our At-home members. Sheets of names and addresses are at the back of the sanctuary.***



May Birthday: May 23 Geri Hess  
600 E. Roseville Rd. Apt. 1209  
Lancaster, PA 17601

The Prayer Shawl Knitters will meet at 9:30 on April 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. If you know someone in the Church or community that would be comforted or encouraged by a shawl, please contact Karen Homsher or another Deacon.

Thanks to all of you who ordered plants for our Easter Sunday worship. Please remember to take them with you after the service.

The next Deacons' meeting is scheduled for May 18th.

Flower deliveries:

April – Sue Funk

May – Barb Andrews/Karen Homsher

### **SAVE THE DATE...June Stannard's Birthday Celebration**

June Stannard's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration is planned for **Saturday, June 28** in the Fellowship Hall. Later next month, there will be a sign-up sheet at the church to indicate your intentions or you may RSVP by email to June herself: [junestannard@me.com](mailto:junestannard@me.com)

### **Zoom Fellowship**

Come join us on each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. for varied topics and discussions on Zoom.

It's always interesting!



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