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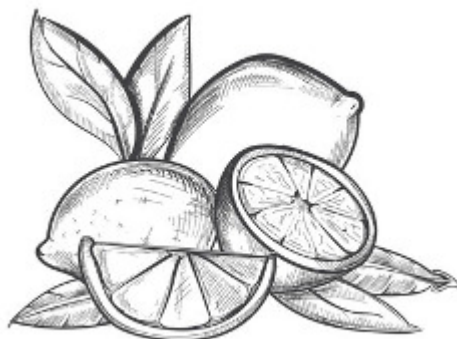
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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR



“Lemons float, but limes sink.”

It has been said, “When life gives you lemons, make the Best Lemonade Ever!” On my recent return from the Northwest, a worldwide technology failure shut down my flight. That led to thousands of passengers scrambling for hours to reschedule a way home. Many airlines were essentially unable to offer any options. Those available were snapped up quickly. Some travelers were trapped for days on concourses and at gates. I was one of the lucky ones able to rebook with another airline and get home a day late. Although enormously pricey, it got me where I needed to be.

“When life gives you lemons. . .” leads me to ask—What’s your favorite? Lemonade or Limade? Lemon Meringue or Key Lime Pie? Sorry, the change of subject is intentional!!

Any of these are both at the same time sweet and tart, easy to throw together, and oh-so refreshing.

This is like life—as good as it gets!!

On my return flight with Southwest, kudos to them for learning from their billion dollar shutdown Christmas and New Years 2022 and 2023. Their service meltdown cost them nearly \$1.2 billion between the fourth quarter of 2022 and the first two months of 2023. In addition to customer

compensation, the airline faced additional labor costs and lost revenue that continued into February. Their fine alone was 140 million dollars.

Unlike Delta and other airlines, they upgraded their technology at significant cost enabling them to weather this last crisis. Delta and others will now need to do the same.

After a running rush in Phoenix from one Southwest gate to another far away, I was able to board the last call for the concluding flight to Baltimore.

What sweetened the last leg home were the two delightful ladies I was privileged to be sandwiched between in row four. Hallelujah, Amen! Both were going to a large African American Pentecostal conference in Baltimore and one of them a fairly new pastor.

Our conversation took us many places from the practical to the theological, from celebrations to shared griefs. I was asked to share my learnings through the years. My insights on pastoring and preaching, on counseling and administrating, on planning and visioning. I listened to the shared longings and challenges of a calling that comes from a God you dare not turn down.

Hallelujah, Amen! That's one way to fill up five hours at 37,000 feet.

Between lemons and limes, few flavors complement each other as do lemon and lime, with many a refreshing treat (*hello, Sprite!*) combining both for maximum effect.

The two citrus fruits have some key differences, however, including the fact that limes sink while lemons float. You may have noticed this if you've ever put lime and lemon slices in a glass of water or cocktail, and the reason is simple: Objects only float if they're less dense than the liquid they're placed in, and while both limes and lemons have densities close to that of water, limes are denser than their yellow counterparts.

That remains true whether the lemon or lime in question is whole, peeled, or sliced — a lemon will always float, and a lime will always sink. As in life, we are sometimes on cloud nine; sometimes we sink to the darkest depths.

Whereas lemons grow well in moderate climates, limes fare better in tropical and subtropical areas. Limes also tend to be smaller, which helps distinguish them from lemons even when they sometimes take on a yellowish hue as they ripen. And though the two are almost identical on a nutritional level, lemons are sweeter — which is probably why we can think of a lot more lemon-flavored candies than lime-flavored ones.

So sweeten yourself on a sour day by looking for the blessings around you. Weather the climate and circumstances you face the best you can by embracing the surprised goodness you may discover.

Keep in mind that with joy and faith—we float;
despair and distrust—we sink. True for us. True for the church.

Sincerely,
Jim

P.S. For top-rated lemonade, limeade, and pie recipes, Jim will have a few copies at the back of church and in the narthex with a signup sheet if they run out. I'll gladly share my favorites.

August Lectionary

<p>Sunday, August 4 2 Samuel 11:26–12:13a Psalm 51:1–12 Ephesians 4:1–16 John 6:24–35</p>	<p>Sunday, August 11 2 Samuel 18:5–9, 15, 31–33 Psalm 130 Ephesians 4:25–5:2 John 6:35, 41–51</p>	<p>Sunday, August 18 1 Kings 2:10–12; 3:3–14 Psalm 111 Ephesians 5:15–20 John 6:51–58</p>
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<p>Sunday, August 25 1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10–11) 22–30, 41–43 Psalm 84 Ephesians 6:10–20 John 6:56–69</p>
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September Lectionary

<p>Sunday, September 1 Song of Solomon 2:8–13 Psalm 45:1–2, 6–9 James 1:17–27 Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23</p>	<p>Sunday, September 8 Proverbs 22:1–2, 8–9, 22–23 Psalm 125 James 2:1–10 (11–13) 14–17 Mark 7:24–37</p>	<p>Sunday, September 15 Proverbs 1:20–33 Psalm 19 James 3:1–12 Mark 8:27–38</p>
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<p>Sunday, September 22 Proverbs 31:10–31 Psalm 1 James 3:13–4:3, 7–8a Mark 9:30–37</p>	<p>Sunday, September 29 Esther 7:1–6, 9–10; 9:20–22 Psalm 124 James 5:13–20 Mark 9:38–50</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.”**



August Prayer Families	September Prayer Families
August 4 Edwin Margerum	September 1 Robert Mowrer
August 11 Kevin & Loretta McClarigan	September 8 Shirley Musselman
August 18 Muriel Meier	September 15 Keo & Khamtanh Phongxaysanith
August 25 Earl Miller	September 22 Bonnie Rice September 29 Mary Ellen Rice

Flowers for the Church

If you would like to order Sanctuary Flowers in Memory of or in Honor of someone or a special occasion, the following Sundays are available: **August 25** **September 1** and **September 29**. Please call the church office 717-687-6619 to schedule.

The total cost for the two vases of flowers is \$42.40. This includes 6% sales tax.



Mission Committee



Our **August Community Meal** will be held on Thursday, **August 22** in our handicapped accessible Smith Fellowship Hall. The menu will consist of Pulled Pork sandwiches, corn on the cob, Fruit cup, Vegetable tray, and Desserts from Weis Markets in Gap.. The dinner will be from 5:30-6:30.

Our **September Community Meal** will be Thursday, **September 26** in our handicapped accessible Smith Fellowship Hall from 5:30 - 6:30. The September menu will consist of Meatloaf, Scalloped Potatoes, Peas, Applesauce, and Desserts from Weis Markets in Gap..

Things to watch for in the future:

CROP Walk on the third Sunday of October
Collection of Used Clothing for the **Lancaster Clothing Bank**

Details will be in the next newsletter.

Joke of the Month:

An elderly woman, and longstanding member of her church and community, shook hands with the minister after service one Sunday morning.

"That was a wonderful sermon," she told him, "-- just wonderful! Everything you said applies to someone I know."

The **Lancaster Stormers** game outing has been scheduled for **Saturday, Sept. 14.**

Game time is 6:45pm, and seating will be in Section 19, on the third base line, as in previous years.

The Stormers are playing the Staten Island FerryHawks, and fireworks are scheduled after the game.

Please let Mark Andrews know by Sept 1 if you are interested in going. Ticket price is \$12/person.
Also let Mark or Angela know if there is interest in dinner ahead, or carpooling.



Deacons



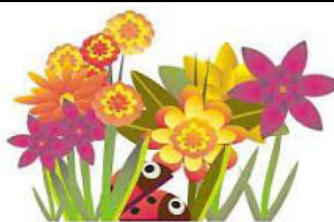
Upcoming birthdays:

August 26
Janet Birch
111 Moravian Ave.
Lititz, PA 17543

October 2
Bea Andrews
7 Lynwood Rd.
Ronks, PA 17572-9759

Flower deliveries:

August - Mary Alice High
September - Mary Alice High/Ed Margerum
October - Marsha Ault



The **Prayer Shawl Knitters** will resume meeting in the Library on **Monday, October 7**, at 9:30. We would love to welcome new members. Free instruction!

The **next meeting** of the Leacock Deacons is scheduled for **Sunday, September 29**, immediately following worship.

The Upper Room devotionals are a ministry of the Deacons on behalf of Leacock Church. They are provided for our members and our At-home members, but we always have enough that you could share one with a neighbor, friend, or someone in need of this spiritual witness. We have begun taking leftover copies to local care homes where they are gratefully received. Thanks for supporting this effort.



Bell Choir info:
The **Bell Choir** will begin our fall season rehearsals on **September 25** at 6:30 pm. We would love to welcome a new ringer or two, and could integrate anyone with very basic music skills. Speak to Karen Homsher or Carol Shearer if you have any interest in this ministry.



Thank You

On behalf of my mom and family I want to thank the members of Leacock church for all your thoughts, prayers and cards with the passing of our father Don Andrews. We especially want to thank Dianne Yuninger for her music and support, from our Secretary Sandy, Pastor Jim Shuler for his words of wisdom and guidance and the Deacons for all their support at our lunch-in. It was a wonderful celebration of my father's good long life!

Thanks so much,
The Andrews Family

Dear Leacock Church,

Thank you for your gifts financially. I am sorry with all of my travels that I did not get this out to the congregation sooner. I am writing enroute back from my fourth trip to the pacific this year. God has been leading the churches and we continue to see amazing leadership from the local churches and communities in PNG but also in other parts of the pacific.

It is such a privilege to share with you our ministry opportunities together. I loved this woman's testimony from Madagascar. We hope this encourages you as well. The faith of our brothers and sisters is amazing!

See here this link that sounds just like Acts.

<https://youtu.be/LoKRj-Uu9zA?si=owyC7cJMnfq7d5Jr>

Serving with joy,

Jamie Farr

Worship News

As we enter the “dog days” of summer, we come to the end of this year’s Community Hymn Sings and our Old Leacock once-a-month 9:30 worship.

However, we still have an opportunity to worship at the old church September 8 as we celebrate Old Leacock Day with Communion and our annual picnic.

Entering the fall season, we will welcome back both the Chancel Choir and Bell Choir. (Anyone wishing to sing or ring should contact Dianne Yuningner or Karen Homsher.)

Looking ahead, World Communion will be celebrated Sunday October 6.

Come, let us gather together, come, let us worship the God who created us, the God who sustains us, the God who loves us.

Sunday Sept 8 is Old Leacock Day!

Celebrating our Faith and Heritage

After 9:30 Worship and Communion at Old Leacock, we will have our picnic. We gather in the courtyard for a covered dish lunch! Food, fun and games! Hot dogs, hamburgers, tableware and drinks will be provided by the Church and Community Life Committee. Please bring a chair and a dish to share.



Summer Hymn Sings



Our last two Summer Hymn Sings will be Sunday, August 4th and Sunday, September 1st. We will gather at 7:00 pm at Old Leacock with community members for our annual Hymn Sing tradition.

Don Brackbill will be with us again as our song leader.

Participants set the evening’s agenda, selecting their favorite hymns. Whether from *Glory to God* or *Crowning Glory*, hymns range from the old traditional to more modern ones, from “Blessed Assurance” to “Our God Is an Awesome God.”

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