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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR



Whom Do We Call “Pastor”?

In the New Testament, the apostles were chosen by Jesus and given the authority to preach, teach, and heal. They, in turn, appointed others to serve in leadership roles, such as elders and deacons, and laid their hands on them to impart the Holy Spirit and authorize their ministry.

There were also many women followers of Jesus who were faithful disciples. Several key women founded home churches and were significant spiritual leaders. In the early days of this nation, as early as 1640 in Puritan New England, there were a number of “she preachers” and female teachers who influenced women as well as men to make public professions of their faith and encourage spiritual progress.

The history behind the process and practice of ordination is fascinating both here in America and around the world. It’s a process developed across various faith groups and has changed over time.

In simple terms, ordination refers to the process of consecration, i.e., an individual being given the right to perform religious ceremonies. The process itself involves a variety of methods that can vary based on which denomination or religion is doing the ordaining.

Just about every religion involves two groups: leaders and followers. Leaders take on the study of the faith, submit wholeheartedly to its practices and principles, and dedicate themselves both to living in line with its teachings and helping others to follow them. Followers, on the other hand, look to leaders for wisdom, guidance, and assistance.

But how does one distinguish between leaders and followers? By necessity, each religion had to develop its own distinct avenues or processes for individuals who felt called to enter leadership positions to complete in order to make that transformation. Candidates for ordination are often referred to as ordinands.

Once confirmed as clergy members, these individuals are set apart from the rest, elevated to a higher level, and typically granted special authority to officiate religious rites and ceremonies. The tasks required of those who complete this consecration process (*and the title granted to them afterward*) var from one religion to the next, from one denomination to the next, but the general concept remains the same across belief systems.

For any of us, male or female, the shared longings and challenges of ministry are a calling from God one dares not turn down. In short, anyone who has the commitment, gifts, and abilities is worthy of serving the faithful.

In peace,

Jim

October Lectionary

<p>Sunday, October 6 Twenty-first Sunday of Pentecost Job 1:1; 2:1-10 Psalm 26 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16</p>	<p>Sunday, October 13 Twenty-second Sunday of Pentecost Job 23:1-9; 16-17 Psalm 22:1-15 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31</p>
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<p>Sunday, October 20 Twenty-third Sunday of Pentecost Job 38:1-7 (34-41) Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45</p>	<p>Sunday, October 27 Twenty-fourth Sunday of Pentecost Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22) Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52</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.”**



October Prayer Families

October 6
H. Michael & Alba Ruhl

October 13
Harrison Ruhl

October 20
Fran Sattazahn

October 27
Michael & Gloria Schatzmann

Session Snippets

You may become frustrated with technology, but conference calling and Zoom made our September Session meeting possible. (The clerk was a little overwhelmed with dialing and connecting, but it all worked out quite well.)

Action Items included the following:

- Approving planning a Christmas Bazaar December 8 with Angela Killian running point.
- Updating Membership Rolls
- Granting Pastor Shuler vacation/bereavement leave Sept 28 - October 4
- Approving Leacock's participation in the community Trunk or Treat October 25
- Calling for a Meeting of the Congregation November 17 immediately following worship for the purpose of electing officers, determining the pastor's terms of call, and viewing the 2025 budget
- Approving Leacock's hosting of the Pequea Pastors October 9

Trustee Workday is **Saturday, October 26**

Peanut Butter Bonbons

We will be making peanut butter bonbons again this year on **Monday, November 11** at 9:00am and on **December 2**. There will be signup sheets in the Narthex if you would like to help make them or donate supplies. There will also be a signup sheet to order bonbons for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas. You will be able to pick them up here at the church, or you can buy them at Loretta McClarigan's shop. We will have milk chocolate, dark chocolate, or mixed at a cost of \$8.00 per container.

Worship Committee

As autumn brings cooler temperatures and a colorful yellow, red, and orange landscape, we invite you to continue supporting our church family as we worship together. What better way to begin a week than by praising God and seeking God's guidance for your life.



October 6 gather with us as we celebrate **World Communion** with our brothers and sisters around the world.

Just a note about our offerings. Since COVID, we no longer pass the offering plate during worship. However, you still have several ways to contribute to the mission of Leacock.

There are offering plates in the center and west vestibule as well as on the last two sanctuary window sills. On-line giving is also a viable option. Just go to the church website and click the button. And, of course, there is always the United States Post Office.

Have You Noticed?

Cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers?

No???

Just walk by the entrance to the Memorial Garden and glance out, or better yet, open the door, step out, and allow yourself to soak in the quiet ambiance of God's good creation. There is a table with two chairs for you to use as you rest or meditate.

Also you may help yourself to any vegetables that are there. (A young visitor from York County did just that the other week after Pastor Jim mentioned it and was pleased with the cucumber he picked.)

Many thanks to Bonnie Rice and Jim Mark for creating and caring for this oasis in the midst of a busy world. Bonnie created the garden in memory of Skip Brackbill who so often shared his garden produce with us in years past.

Mission Committee

Our next community meal will be held on **Thursday, October 24th** from 5:30-6:30 in our handicapped accessible Smith Fellowship Hall. The menu will be paghetti with meat sauce, garlic or plain bread, tossed salad, fruit salad, and desserts from Weis markets. .



October 20th is our annual **CROP Walk** for hunger. We will meet at the Paradise Park at 1:00 PM. Sponsor sign up sheets will be in the narthex.

The month of **October** is our **used clothing collection** month. Please bring any clean, gently used clothing any time in October and place it in the narthex. We will be happy to see that **CWS** (Church World Service) receives these clothes to distribute to those in need. No used underwear but newly purchased underwear is accepted from children sizes through adult sizes.

Thank you,
Mission Committee

Deacons

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!

Upcoming birthdays:



October 2	Bea Andrews 7 Lynwood Rd. Ronks, PA 17572-2039
November 22	Betty Denlinger 4 Conestoga Dr. Apt. 320 Lititz, PA 17543
December 7	Earl Miller 11 Pequea Dr. Paradise, PA 17562

Flower deliveries

October – Marsha Ault
November – Marsha Ault/Charlene Boas



From Rev. Jim Shuler

My deepest appreciation for the support and comfort you have offered me and my family and for the many cards sent to my home.

To view the tribute to Jim's mother, including photos, use the following link:

<https://grubbfuneralhome.com/tribute/details/1177/Nell-Virginia-Bea-Irvin/obituary.html#tribute-start>

Membership

The Session is in the process of updating our rolls as required by the Presbyterian (USA) *Book of Order*.

Updating our Membership Rolls establishes current statistics for the Presbytery and General Assembly. It also helps project church giving and financial planning. Finally, such updating allows the PNC to accurately reflect membership for pastoral candidates.

Please remember, active members are defined as those attending and/or giving to the mission of the church.

Nominating Committee 2025 News

Before the busy holiday season arrives, think of giving of yourself to your church!

Our Leacock membership is small but mighty. During October, the Nominating Committee may be asking you to fill positions at a time when your knowledge and skills are precious gifts to continuing our church's Christian work in this world.

Nominating Committee: Elaine Gouba, Margie Hershey, Sue Funk, Carol Berkhimer, Kathy Ankney, Joe Gouba

Ushers

October - Dave and Carol Berkhimer

November - Darwin Eshleman and David Homsher

December - Mike and Alba Ruhl

Joke of the Month

An elderly woman had just returned to her home from an evening of religious service when she was startled by an intruder.

As she found the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables, she yelled, "Stop! Acts 2:38!" (...turn from your sin...). The burglar stopped in his tracks, and the woman calmly called the police.

As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, "Why did you just stand there? All she did was yell a scripture to you."

"Scripture?" replied the burglar, "She said she had an axe and two 38's!"

Christmas Bazaar is back - with a twist!

Still a community event, this year we are opening the Bazaar to vendors. Crafters from the community and sellers of Christmas and holiday-themed items, or even just gently-used items, will be welcomed to purchase a table for \$30.

Church members are also welcome to have a table at a discounted rate of \$20.

Bon-bons and other food items will still be part of the Bazaar, and we will be having a Toy Sale to refresh and downsize the church's own collection of used toys and books.

Christmas music, decorations and cheer will be in abundant supply. Who knows, maybe Santa will even show up? ...

8am to 2pm Saturday, December 7

Hold the date, and stay tuned for more information!

For initial questions, or to volunteer, please contact Angela Killian. We are assembling a team of folks, and by early October, will let you know who is doing what. Thanks!

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