

THE GLORY SOUND

LeRoy United Methodist Church, Inc.

DECEMBER 2017



celebrating advent

Advent, its purpose is to help us find special moments during the Christmas season to ponder and celebrate Christ's coming to earth. However, the pressure of our cultural Christmas celebrations crowd in on us. We find ourselves running in to a million different directions. "O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie" sounds like mockery as it comes over the sound system at the shopping mall.

Where is Christ in all of this?

Christian families feel the tension more acutely than any. Christmas should be a joyous celebration of our Lord's birth. Some of us want our children to grow up with treasured memories of family times at Christmas - times when Christ is honored in our family.

This is what we long for, but somehow we don't know how to make it happen. But we can make our family Christmas celebration a new and wonderful experience. You and your family members can meet Christ in a fresh way this Christmas season during this time of Advent. Your children can get excited about celebrating Christ's coming.

The secret lies in this very simple exercise: bring Christ into the season of preparation. Spend a brief time together as a family every day (at any time) focusing on the coming of Christ. You can use the Bible, and/or advent devotionals (there are a lot of them available this time of the year). You will find, as I and many others have found, that this transforms your Christmas.

Do you want to place Christ at the heart of your family celebrations? This is the season, this is the time to start, this is the time to place Jesus in the middle of our celebrations.

Portions by Ann Hibbard (*Celebrating Advent*).

In Christ love,

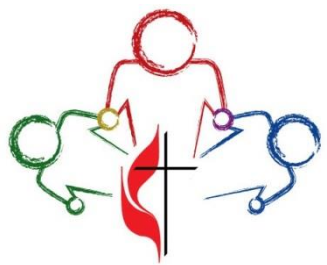
Pastor Hector D. Rivera

There will be an Ecumenical "4th Sunday of Advent" worship service @ 10 am December 24th
@ 1st Baptist Church of LeRoy.



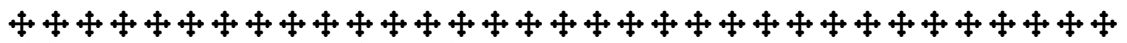


Join us for our Christmas
 Eve Candle Light Worship
 Service on Sunday,
 December 24 @ 7:00 pm @
 The LeRoy United
 Methodist Church



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Our next Church Council meeting is scheduled for Sunday, **December 10th at 9:00 am**. There will be a continental-style breakfast available (assorted pastry, toast, & jams, etc., along with coffee & juice) for those who wish to eat. The meeting will be very brief so as to give Pastor Rivera time to prepare for worship at 10:30 am.



Poinsettia Orders

If you would like to place an order for a Poinsettia for our church's Christmas season, please do so ASAP. The cost will be \$7 per 6-inch pot.

Your Name: _____

of Poinsettias wanted: _____

Total # of Plants ordered: _____

Total Due: \$ _____

Honor or Memory of (please circle which one):

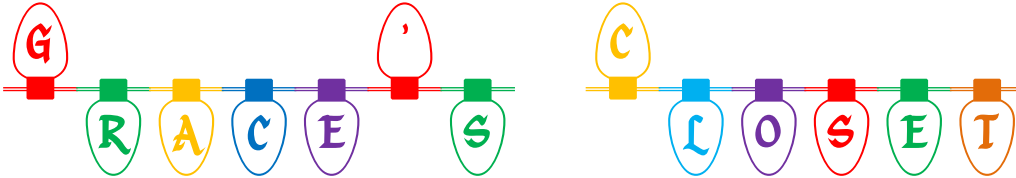


DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dec 9 Joyce Traxler
Dec 16 Pauline Evans
Dec 20 Gary Merritt, Sr.
Dec 24 Dixie Hobart
Dec 25 Lois Dimick
Dec 30 Sarah Merritt

DECEMBER LITURGISTS

Dec 3 Mary Lou Jones
Dec 10 Janice Cooper
Dec 17 Catie Long
Dec 24 Various Readers
Dec 31 John Compton



We have been working hard to change the shelves over with warmer clothing. Thanks to Calvary Baptist Church we received several bags of coats, blankets, boots & numerous pieces of warm clothing. We have been blessed. We still need toddler boys clothing.

Thanks to all the volunteers for their hours.

Janice Cooper, Chair



genesee chorale

“Christmas Memories” is the theme for Dec 2nd & 4th concerts by the Genesee Chorale. The program includes some new, some old, and some old favorites with a new twist sung by approximately 70 singers all under the direction of Ric Jones and with accompaniment by Doug Hanson.

Concerts are at 7 pm on December 2nd at St. James Episcopal Church (405 East Main St, Batavia) and at 7 pm on December 4th at First Presbyterian Church (522 South Main St, Medina).

Tickets are \$8 for presale, available from Chorale members or online at www.GeneseeChorale.com or can be purchased at the door for \$10.

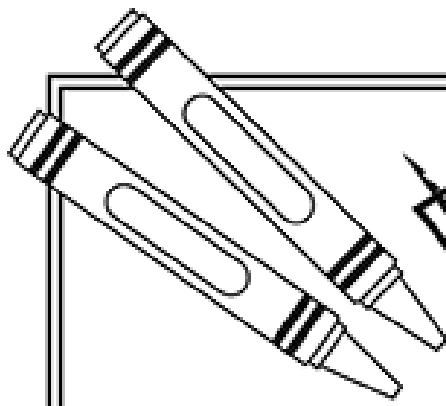
SHARING IS CARING

The LeRoy Food Pantry is always willing to help those in need right here in LeRoy. Here are some ideas of things that are needed:

❖ dry goods, crackers, Hamburger Helper, macaroni, oatmeal, soup and snacks. Pork and beans, canned fruits & juices, canned meats, canned vegetables. Spaghetti & spaghetti sauce, pancake mix & syrup
If you would like to contribute money, a check earmarked “Food Pantry” can be put in the collection plate.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					I	2 7 pm: AA Meeting
3  FIRST SUNDAY OF <i>Advent</i>	4	5 5-6:30 pm: Grace's Closet	6	7 9:30- 11:30 am: Grace's Closet	8	9 7 pm: AA Meeting
10 9 am: Council Mtg & light breakfast before Worship  SECOND SUNDAY OF <i>Advent</i>	11	12 5-6:30 pm: Grace's Closet	13	14 9:30 – 11:30 am: Grace's Closet	15	16 7 pm: AA Meeting
17 8:00 am: 3 rd Sunday Breakfast & Study  THIRD SUNDAY OF <i>Advent</i>	18 Newsletter due	19 5-6:30 pm: Grace's Closet	20	21 9:30 – 11:30 am: Grace's Closet	22	23 7 pm: AA Meeting
24 7 pm: Candle Light Worship Service  FOURTH SUNDAY OF <i>Advent</i>	25 Christmas Day No Office Hours  <i>Christmas</i> DAY	26 No Office Hours	27	28	29	30 7 pm: AA Meeting
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PUZZLE

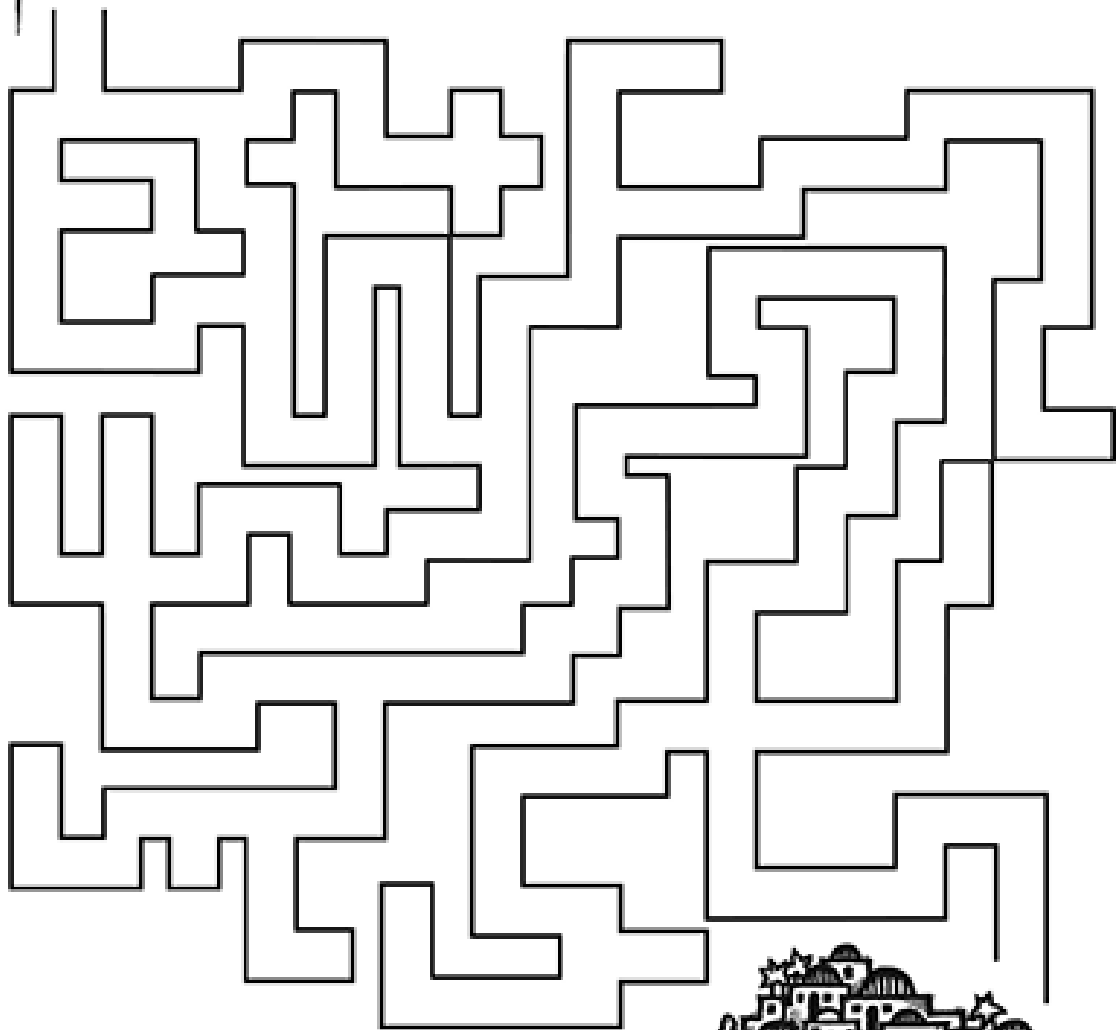
JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

In the Christmas story in Luke 2, an angel tells some shepherds to go see baby Jesus in Bethlehem.

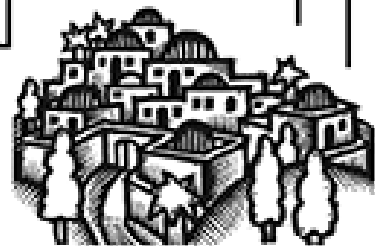


START

Directions: Follow the maze to arrive in Bethlehem.



BETHLEHEM



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- ❖ Worship Hours: 10:30 am Sunday Mornings
- ❖ Pastor: Rev. Hector D. Rivera
- ❖ Pastor's Office Hours: Tuesdays & Fridays, other days by appointment
- ❖ Administrative Assistant: Susan Miller
- ❖ Office Hours: Mon & Tue: 12:30 – 4:15 pm; Wed & Thu: 2:30 – 4:15 pm
- ❖ Music Director/Organist: Valorie Stotz

Getting In Touch With Us:

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Open Hearts  Open Minds  Open Doors