

THE GLORY SOUND

LeRoy United Methodist Church, Inc.

December 2018



Greetings to all in the name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I give thanks to God for the privilege He gave me to be able to serve in the church.

When the year began we already knew that we had to deal with a number of circumstances. Some of them were discipleship, church growth, finances ... We also came to the conclusion that as a Church, we had to make certain changes and adjustments in order to comply with our work and mission plan.

But we knew that we ourselves were not going to be able to go forward by ourselves, that we needed to go to God for help and guidance in everything we were going to do.

For the glory of God, this year we were able to do almost all the things that we proposed as a Church. Some of them are: Contemporaneous Worship Services (the second and fourth Sunday of the month), Traditional Worship Services the rest of Sundays of the month, various fundraising events, rummage sale in the summer, the puppet show for children, prayer at the temple every Tuesday at 6:00 PM, Grace Closet, we continue working with two of the farms with the immigrants.

We know that God is going to bless us this coming year. And we will continue our theme: LeRoy UMC to Community Church: Moving Forward.

Also, I thank God for the leadership that has been working hard. They have been a blessing for the church and the community.

It is my prayer that if you are not participating in the life of the Church, that you can come and see what God is doing in the LeRoy Methodist Church.

On behalf of LeRoy UMC, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

In the love of Christ,
Rev. Hector D. Rivera, Pastor

Church Council Meeting

Our next Church Council meeting is scheduled for Sunday, **December 9th** at 9:00 am.

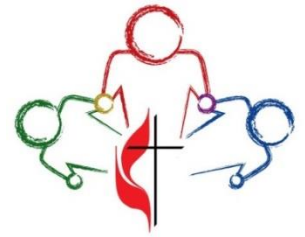
December Birthdays

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 2 Janice Cooper
Dec 9 Mary Lou Jones
Dec 16 John Compton
Dec 23 Betsy Darby
Dec 24 Various speakers
Dec 30 Janice Cooper



Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
@ 7:00 PM
Please Join Us!

From Our Council Chair . . .

We currently have three properties. 82 Clay St. has not been occupied in some time. We're trying to get an answer from the Conference to see if we can rent it to help with income. The Conference is recommending that if we sell anything, it should be 12 Trigon Park. In order to do that, we would have to move the church office into our 4,000 plus sq. ft. church. This would utilize our space and decrease our overhead.

We received a grant from Victor L. Blood and Maudaline L. Blood Charitable Foundation, Inc. with which to repair our sanctuary ceiling. Clark Bono's men did a wonderful job fixing it back up.

82 Clay St. needed some interior work, and a big thanks to Amy, Mike, all the volunteer help, and Darby Interiors. They did a great job with clean up at 82 Clay St.

Thanks to our groundskeeper for a great job with summer responsibilities, and now we're dealing with old man winter! Good job Dave.

Our meetings are the second Sunday of each month at 9 am. All are welcome!

Christmas season is upon us. We have some members who are faced with unfortunate health factors, but we're also blessed with some good health news: Bevy Hess is on the mend; Wayne Papke has moved south to be with his family; Rev. Dave is recovering, as well as his wife, with all they've been through. We're seeing many new faces on Sundays. We have some snow birds, like every winter.

But I guess the best report at this time would be...it's definitely a challenging experience vs. Income, property management, activities are needed, we need to continue Sunday school for our youth.

In closing, happy holidays, keep the faith, keep the glass half full, "A burden heavy to one can be lightened by many."

Respectfully submitted,
John Johnson, Council Chairman.

Trustees

A lot has been going on in our church this year. The roof repair is completed, work in the sanctuary is completed, boiler system is working well. We have installed new LED lights in the kitchen to get them up to code. We changed out the old lightbulbs in the sanctuary with LED bulbs, which helped some with the brightness issue.

New fundraisers have been started to help support the cost of repairs in our church. We are looking into a grant to help repair our poor old keyboard on the magnificent ESTEY Organ that we have.

We still have many things to do in our church, and the New Year is fast approaching, with more projects to complete in 2019.

Thank you to ALL Trustees for your support.

God Bless All, Jeff Nicoll,
Trustee Chairman

Worship

We have had a very busy year this past year. We have tried and decided to incorporate Contemporary Worship into our worshipping experience. We have Doc and Sue Kavanagh lead us in a Contemporary Worship Service on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month. The Contemporary Service is a service of more up-to-date praise songs, and some much loved oldies, led by the Kavanagh's on electric guitar and electric keyboard. It is a service of praise in song and prayers, scripture and message. Very uplifting!

We still have our Traditional Worship on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th (if necessary) Sundays of each month. Our Traditional Worship is a worship of prayers, scripture, message, and hymns played on the organ or piano played by our ever-faithful organist, Valorie Stotz. Pastor Rivera has recently begun, during Traditional Worship, to have our liturgist of the day read the origin of each hymn before we begin to sing it. Rev. Hector Rivera, brings us the message each Sunday.

We have also begun incorporating the use of our large flat-screen TV to display the service up front for our parishioners to follow. It is our hope to one day be able to purchase another TV to place up front on the other side of the Sanctuary so that it will be easier for everyone to see the worship service on the screen, no matter where they sit during the service.

While our attendance is still small, with the loss of several faithful servants, we are slowly building our attendance up with new faces from the community! We welcome everyone to join us in worship. Even if it is just for the one day, you would be most welcome as our congregation is very warm and inviting to all.

As we enter into the season of Advent, we will, of course, be lighting the 1st candle on our Advent wreath during our service on Dec. 2nd. It will also be a service of greening and will include the ever popular placing of the Chrismons on our Christmas tree and Communion will be served. It will be a very busy Sunday, but a joyous one!

Our Christmas Eve Worship will be held at 7:00 pm. It will be a Traditional Candlelight service of scripture and carols. We hope that you will be able to join us that evening.



We still have many other ministries that we are still trying to get off the ground as soon as we are able to find the right niche to fit in. We are very positive and are working to be a Community Church who is Moving Forward.

Susan Miller
Worship Co-Chair

GRACE'S CLOSET

Greetings! We have been truly blessed by your gracious gifts of gently used clothing. This mission has been truly wonderful for the community. We will soon start our 9th season!

We are still in need of newborn to 24 month clothes. Hope you may be able to help.

Thanks
Janice, Dawn & Beth



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						I Winterfest Pie Sale 7 pm: AA Meeting
2 1 st Sunday of Advent Traditional Worship Greening of the Church	3 Pastor's Sabbath	4 <i>Pastor in office</i> 5-6:30 pm: Grace's Closet 6 pm: Prayer Time 6:30 pm: Trustees	5	6 9:30- 11:30 am: Grace's Closet	7 <i>Pastor in office</i>	8 7 pm: AA Meeting
9 Traditional Worship 9 am: Council Meeting	10 Pastor's Sabbath	11 <i>Pastor in office</i> 5-6:30 pm: Grace's Closet 6 pm: Prayer Time	12	13 9:30 – 11:30 am: Grace's Closet	14 <i>Pastor in office</i>	15 7 pm: AA Meeting
16 Traditional Worship 8:30 am: 3 rd Sunday Breakfast	17 Pastor's Sabbath	18 <i>Pastor in office</i> 5-6:30 pm: Grace's Closet 6 pm: Prayer Time	19	20 9:30 – 11:30 am: Grace's Closet	21 <i>Pastor in office</i>	22 I-5 pm: Private X-mas Party 7 pm: AA Meeting
23 Contemporary Worship	24 7 pm: Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship	25 <i>Christmas Day</i> <i>No Office Hours</i>	26	26 9:30 – 11:30 am: Grace's Closet	28 <i>Pastor in office</i>	29 7 pm: AA Meeting
	Susan on vacation					
30 Traditional Worship	31 New Year's Eve					

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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, Fri: 12:30 – 4:15 pm; Wed & Thu: 2:30 – 4:15 pm
- ❖ Music Director/Organist: Valorie Stotz

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We are a Community Church Moving Forward