

THE GLORY SOUND



LeRoy United Methodist Church, Inc.

July 2017



Grace and peace to you all. My name is Pastor Hector D. Rivera. I was born in Puerto Rico in 1950 and moved to Rochester in 1970. I am married to Maria and we have 5 children (2 males, 3 females), 8 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Most of them live in the Rochester area.

I grew up in a devoted Catholic family. There, I actively participated in the Catholic Church programs and events until I was twenty-nine (29). My years there were a very instrumental phase in the foundation of my faith and relationship with God.

After being absent from the church for four (4) years, due to frequent travel for work and graduate studies, at the age of thirty-three (33) I felt the need to go back to church and congregate. That time I went to visit a Hispanic Pentecostal church because a friend had previously invited me to visit a few times. That night after I heard the sermon, I made a commitment with God.

I stayed in the Hispanic Pentecostal church for fifteen (15) years. There, I continued my spiritual growth and journey. After finishing all the denomination required courses, which I really believe that their requirements are more intensive and strict than UMC, I was appointed a local pastor and ordained as a Minister. Later, I was appointed as an Area Supervisor.

I also served in several committees at the District level, and taught a few courses in their Biblical Missionary Institute. The experience gained in this Pentecostal denomination persuaded me to continue a closer and more intimate relationship with God, the Church and community.

After a great deal of prayer and discussion among the family members and guided by the Holy Spirit, in 2005, I moved forward with my calling to Emmanuel United Methodist Church.

During the five (5) years in Emmanuel, I was actively involved in different areas of the ministry. At the Genesee Valley District level, I was an Equalization member to the Upper New York Annual Conference (2010 and 2011), completed the Lay Speaker Basic Training and attended the Informed to Transform workshops (2010 - 2014).

Through the National Plan for Hispanic/Latino Ministry of the United Methodist Church, I attended New Church Plant Bootcamp workshop (2008). I also completed my training program for lay-missioner and pastor-mentor teams, Immigration training program, and I finished my training program for facilitator for lay-missioner and pastor-mentor team (2009-2010).

In September 2011, I went to and began the Hispanic/Latino Mission in Aldersgate UMC by scheduling worship dance practices and Bible studies. After nine (9) months of work, prayer and discernment, I felt that God was calling me to begin the Sunday Worship Services. On June 2012, I was appointed a local pastor at Aldersgate UMC and at the same time the Sunday Worship Services in Spanish were added to the weekly program.

In 2015, I completed all the requirements of the Basic Course of Study. I am also in my second year of seminary at United Theological Seminary, which I expect to finish at the end of 2018.

As for my secular experience, I worked for forty-two (42) years at Xerox in different capacities, including Technical Specialist Project Manager and College Recruiter. In regard to my education, I earned a Master degree from Franklin University in Business Administration.

In Christ's Love, Pastor Rivera

Vacation Bible School

It's Vacation Bible School time this month!
Our church is again partnering with other local protestant churches to host *Maker Fun Factory* VBS!

When: Monday, July 17-Thursday, July 20 evenings

Where: First Baptist Church

Who: 4 -12 year old's

What: music, Bible stories, games, snacks, crafts, videos, drama

Mission projects: Water for Peru and Free School Supply Distribution

Cost: FREE

Tell all your friends to meet you there!

Sponsored by: First Baptist, First Presbyterian, St. Mark's Episcopal, United Methodist churches of LeRoy

Looking for a couple people who would be willing to help serve a very simple meal at VBS on Tuesday, July 18th. You would need to be available from 5 until about 6:15 to serve and then help clean up. Please let Lucy MacKenzie know if you could help in this way. Thanks

For the first time, our VBS will host an easy dinner for campers and families heading to VBS each night. Many parents are rushing home from work, and we hope this easy and FREE dinner will help everyone to get to VBS.

LeRoy UMC is serving either mac & cheese or goulash on Wed., July 19 and we are looking for several of our church congregation members to help serve this easy meal upstairs at the First Baptist Church.

Dinner is from 5:15-5:45 p.m., so you'd probably need to be there around 5 p.m. for 45 minutes to an hour.

Please let Julie Long know if you're able to help! jlong2@naz.edu or 781-8186

GRACE'S CLOSET

As we enter into the summer season, we will need lighter clothing. As you clean out your closets, please remember us. Children's clothing is needed in all sizes as well.

Thank you to all my volunteers who have covered for me while recovering from my recent fall. Also, when at church, please notice all the lovely flowers and other improvements to the outside of the building. It is lovely!

Janice Cooper, Chair



Worship & Garden Club

It is with sad & heavy hearts that we say goodbye to Rev. David Jones as our church pastor. It has been lovely to have him and his wife, Mary Lou, be a part of our church & our lives these past 4 years. They have grown to be members of our family. Happily, they will be back to join our worship family when they finish touring the country with Leo in tow.

It is with great joy and anticipation that we welcome Rev. Hector Rivera and his wife, Maria, to our little church family. We hope to be entering an exciting new chapter in our worshipping life. I hope that everyone will come to church and welcome Rev. Rivera & Maria to our church family.

In anticipation of summer, your church garden club has been very busy. Gardens have been turned and planted, old gardens refreshed, and new ones added! I hope you have time to stop by and take a look at all the lovely work that has been done. Thank you, Janice Cooper & Dawn Folts & Beth Nicoll for your help purchasing & planting the flowers!

I would also like to take a little bit of space to thank our groundskeeper, Dave Powers, Jr., for all the fantastic work that he has been doing keeping our little patch of green so lovely. Nice job! Also, Phil Tooze has been very busy since his retirement. He and Dave have built a berm along the handicapped ramp in the back and mulched and weeded that area. They have also laid down some extra topsoil in some of the low spots (like where the trees were removed last year) and seeded. They have also filled in the low spots in the back of the church and adjusted the drain pipes & dry wells so that, hopefully, water will no longer seep into the dining hall after a heavy storm.

Oh! As I write this, Phil & Johnny Johnson are busy trying to lower down the fans in the sanctuary to clean them up and maybe give them a shot or two of oil. They also braved our ancient 20-ft wooden ladder to clean all the dead bees off the base of the Rose Window. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Blessings,
Susan Miller
Worship & Garden Club Chair

July Birthdays:

July 2	Shirley Zinter
July 5	Beth Ann Whipple
July 16	Jenny Stotz
July 23	John Compton
July 25	Wayne Papke
July 30	Rachel Darby

July Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary to John & Shirley Zinter on July 1st
Happy Anniversary to Jay & Lorie Whipple on July 8th
Happy Anniversary to Kym & Randy Horning on July 25th
Happy Anniversary to Dixie & Don Hobart on July 26th

July Liturgists

July 2	Don Keys	July 9	???
July 16	Oatka Festival	July 23	Catie Long
July 30	Betsy Darby		



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 7 pm: AA Meeting
2 Pastor Rivera Begins Preaching Communion Sunday	3	4 Independence Day No Office Hours	5	6 9:30- 11:30 am: Grace's Closet	7	8 7 pm: AA Meeting
9 <i>Guest Speaker Janice Cooper</i>	10	11 5-6:30 pm: Grace's Closet	12	13 9:30 – 11:30 am: Grace's Closet	14	15 Chicken BBQ Taco Stand 7 pm: AA Meeting
Pastor Rivera on Mission Trip						
16 Chicken BBQ Taco Stand Oatka Festival Worship TBA	17	18 Newsletter due 5-6:30 pm: Grace's Closet	19	20 9:30- 11:30 am: Grace's Closet	21	22 7 pm: AA Meeting
23 1 pm - ? Annual Church Picnic @ John Johnson's 7105 Cole Road	24	25 5-6:30 pm: Grace's Closet	26	27	28	29
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- ❖ Worship Hours: 10:30 AM Sunday Mornings
- ❖ Pastor: Rev. Hector Rivera
- ❖ Pastor’s Office Hours: Tuesdays from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
- ❖ Administrative Assistant: Susan Miller
- ❖ Office Hours: Mon & Tue: 12:30 – 4:30 pm; Wed & Thu: 2:30 – 4:30 pm
- ❖ Music Director/Organist: Valorie Stotz

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