

THE GLORY SOUND

LeRoy United Methodist Church, Inc.

May 2017



The righteous judgment of God and personal responsibility

Romans 2:1-8

"Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. ² But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things. ³ And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God? ⁴ Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? ⁵ But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, ⁶ who "will render to each one according to his deeds":^[a] ⁷ eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; ⁸ but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness...

It is very painful today to see how innocents die because of the wrong decisions of governments and men who have abandoned the principles of God, to go in favor of human reasoning, religious extremism or contemporary philosophies against the family values, just as God designed it. They go so far as to say, where is God? Why does he allow all this evil?

God is sovereign and the most precious gift that He left us was the freedom to be morally responsible beings, but man took this freedom and did not take God into account, but he became vain in his reasoning. Believing to be right, following men and not God, they ended up accepting the lie, so now, before our eyes, we see how the world is collapsing, starting with its fundamental base, the family.

Biblical prophecies written more than 2,000 years ago are the announcement of God in advance, of the same evil that man produces when he transgresses his statutes of love, justice, equity, mutual help and love towards others. Let us not therefore put the responsibility to God, for it was the same man who traced his destiny of destruction, by ignoring principles that are written in the same nature. (Romans 1 and 2).

What is our responsibility then? Leave the hardness of our hearts, repent and return to God, so that by following his principles of truth and justice, we practice the right and radically abandon what leads to our own evil and pain.

Prayer:

"Father, in the name of Jesus, forgive my sins, I ask for your help to show the image of your son Jesus and his teaching in my life, guide me to practice your Word, so that others also have the light of Christ in their lives."

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Hector D. Rivera

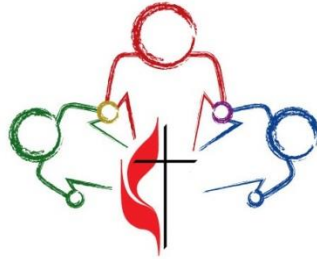
We are planning on having a Yard Sale sometime in June. If you have some items in GOOD shape that you would like to donate to our Yard Sale, then please bring them in. You may place your items to be sold in the church nursery.

Church Council Meeting

Our next Church Council meeting is scheduled for Sunday, **June 10, 2018 @ 9:00 AM**. There will be **NO COUNCIL IN MAY** due to MOTHER'S DAY landing on our usual Council Day. See you in June!

May Liturgists:

May 6	Betsy Darby
May 13	John Compton
May 20	Mary Lou Jones
May 27	Betsy Darby



May Birthdays

May 10:	Michelle McKenzie Alice Ingalls
May 13:	Susan Miller Amy Terry
May 14:	Rex Miller
May 17:	Margaret Hurley
May 21:	Donald Vescovi Kip Vescovi
May 25:	John Johnson
May 27:	Anna Long
May 28:	Daniel Horning
May 30:	Marcia McKenzie



Memorial Gardening

We will be beginning to prepare our Memorial Gardens for planting. If you would like to help with the preparations, please give Susan a call in the office. We are looking for donations of small perennials, along with Zinnias, Million Bells [Calibrachoa] (12 pots of 3 each matching colors for our 4 large planters along the handicap ramp in the back), or monetary donations for purchasing colorful flowers to fill the beds & pots. Thank you!

Worship

Your Worship Committee has been working hard to give you a meaningful worshipping experience each Sunday. How are you enjoying the Traditional and Contemporary Worship Services? We hope that you are able to find something to deepen your spiritual journey in each service, no matter what your preference.

Pentecost is May 20th. As always, we ask that you try to wear red to the worship service that morning.



GRACE'S CLOSET

Well, bring on SPRING! . . . we are ready. Our shelves have been changed over to welcome warmer weather. Everything looks and smells like SPRING. Come take a look.

Thanks to all the volunteers we are ready.

Janice Cooper, Chair



3RD SUNDAY BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY

Beginning the 3rd Sunday of April and continuing once a month for 8 months thereafter (*May, September, October, November of 2018 then into January, February, March, and April of 2019*), at 8:30 a.m. in the downstairs dining room of LeRoy United Methodist Church, anyone who shows up will be served a breakfast fit for royalty!

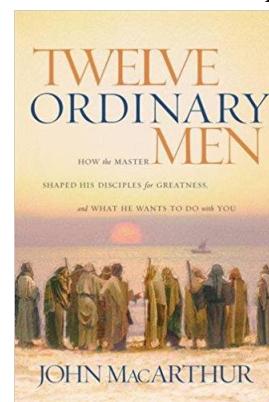
After breakfast we will gather informally around the tables as David Ursal Jones leads us in a Biblical examination of the people that Jesus selected and trained to be his leadership team. Let me tell you up front, they were ordinary people like you and me. They came in different shapes, sizes, colors, abilities, talents, and personalities. And yet, after being trained by Jesus, they exerted extraordinary influence upon the world around them – an influence that continues to this very day.

Using John Mac Arthur's book, "Twelve Ordinary Men" as our guide, we will consider:

- 1) The methods (*tactics*) and means (*resources*) that **God** uses to influence us, and
- 2) The methods (*tactics*) and means (*resources*) that we **humans** use to influence each other and God, and
- 3) Some lasting implications for our own lives.

In Jesus of Nazareth, we see God as a human being, shaping the lives of those first twelve disciples in his inner circle. From Jesus we learn who God is and who we are. As we examine the lives of The Twelve, we will discover how God the Holy Spirit is developing and shaping our personalities, helping us to become what he created us to be. And in those first 12 men chosen by Jesus, we will see *ourselves* and *our* potential.

These will be times of food and fellowship in the joy of Christ. If you would like me to get a book for you, simply call me at (585) 402-3517 and it would be my pleasure to get one to you. Hope to see you there. – David



Wednesday Bible Study

Who – Mary Lou Jones leads this informal Bible study for anyone interested in growing closer to God.

What – Our current focus is on the people in the biblical book of Numbers. Through them we get some fascinating clues as to how God works in our lives today.

When – Every Wednesday from 2:00 – 3:30 pm (but we are flexible).

Where – The downstairs dining room of LeRoy United Methodist Church. Parking available in back.

Why – Building a meaningful relationship with God, our Creator, takes some time and effort on our part. God wants to know that we are interested, and it's more fun and interesting when we grow in our understanding together, in a small group setting. That's what this is about. We are considering questions like, "Why did it take the Israelites 40 years to get from Egypt to Canaan? After all, the distance from Egypt to present day Israel is only about 150 miles. The book of Numbers illustrates how God interacts with people who have a wrong-headed idea about who God really is. It illustrates how God interacts with people who complain that the past was better than today, who indulge themselves in immoral sexual behavior, stubbornness, and a multitude of other behaviors that willfully violate the known law of God. Our goal is to find daily inspiration for living in ways that are pleasing to God, by learning from the past. So much of our society has walked away from God and we are reaping the consequences. We invite you to join us in joyful fellowship as we seek to return to living life the way God intended in the first place.

LeRoy United Methodist Church

2018 Committee on Lay Leadership

*We are a church for all seasons journeying together, going faith forward,
and experiencing the light of God.*

Church Council (year to year term)

Chairperson
Recording Secretary
Lay Leader (2020)
Staff/Parish Relations Committee (Chair)
Treasurer
Financial Secretary
Committee on Finance (Chair)
Lay Leadership
Lay Servants *(by November vote)*
Lay Speaker
Lay Member to AC (2020)
Pastor Emeritus
Trustees Representative *(to be chosen by Trustees)*
N.O.W.

Currently Serving

John Johnson
Betsy Darby
Wayne Papke
Betsy Darby
Rev. David U. Jones
Elaine Keys
Phil Tooze
Rev. Hector D. Rivera
Wayne Papke
Janice Cooper
Wayne Papke
Rev. Dr. David U. Jones
Jeff Nicoll

Rev. Hector D. Rivera/Susan Miller
Maria Rivera
Janice Cooper
(open)

MINISTRY AND MISSION

Nurture (education, worship, Christian formation, membership care, small groups and stewardship, needs of families-all ages included)

Chairpersons: Rev. Hector D. Rivera/ Susan Miller

Members:

Worship: Susan Miller, Valorie Stotz, Janice Cooper, Mary Lou Jones, Doc Kavanagh, Sue Kavanagh.

Membership & Visitation

Hospitality/Membership Care: Lois Dimick, Janice Cooper

Greeters/Ushers: Rex Miller

Membership Secretary: Susan Miller

Christian Ed: Julie Long

Lay Liturgists: John Compton, Janice Cooper, Betsy Darby, Mary Lou Jones. Catie Long. —substitute

Small Groups: Mary Lou Jones, Rev. David U. Jones

Outreach (local/larger community ministries of compassion, justice and advocacy. Religion/race, church and society, global ministries, higher education, campus ministry, health and welfare, Christian Unity, Status and Role of Women.)

Grace's Closet: Janice Cooper (Chair), Beth Nicoll, Jeff Nicoll, Dawn Folts

Card Ministry: Beth Nicoll

3rd Sunday Breakfast/Study Group: Rev. David Jones & Pastor Rivera

Salvation Army Coordinator/Operation Christmas Child: Janice Cooper

Mitten & Hat Tree Coordinators:

Nursing Home Worship: Janice Cooper, Bev Hess

Food Pantry Coordinator: Rex Miller

Ides of March Coordinator: Janice Cooper

Witness (develop and strengthen evangelistic effort of sharing of personal/and congregational stories of Christian experience, faith and service, communities/lay speaking ministries and other expressions of witness for Jesus Christ.)

ADMINISTRATIVE & SUPPORTIVE

Board of Trustees (3-year terms)

Class of 2018
Class of 2019
Class of 2019
Class of 2019 (Chairman)
Class of 2020
Class of 2020
Class of 2020
Class of 2020 (Pastor Emeritus with **vote**)
Endowment & Investment Advisor (**non-voting**)

Currently Serving

David Powers, Jr.
Wayne Papke
Karen Gabbey
Jeff Nicoll
Janice Cooper
John E. Johnson
Susan Miller
David U Jones
Phil Tooze

Committee on Lay Leadership/Nominations (3-year terms)

Lay Leader
Chairperson
Lay Member
Class of 2019
Class of 2019

Wayne Papke
Rev. Hector Rivera
Wayne Papke
Karen Gabbey
Susan Miller

Staff/Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) (3-year terms)

Lay Leader
Council Chair
Class of 2019 (Chairperson)
Class of 2019
Class of 2019
Class of 2021
Class of 2021

Wayne Papke
John Johnson
Betsy Darby
Wayne Papke
Beth Nicoll
Mary Lou Jones
Janice Cooper

Committee on Finance (3-year term)

Chairperson (2019)
Church Treasurer (2019)
Financial Secretary (2019)
Pastor
Lay Leader
Chairperson or Representative from Board of Trustees
Chairperson of Church Council
Representative from Memorial Committee
Chairperson or Representative from SPRC
Financial Advisor

Phil Tooze
Rev. David U. Jones
Elaine Keys
Rev. Hector D. Rivera
Wayne Papke
Jeff Nicoll
John E. Johnson
Margaret Hurley, Karen Gabbey
Betsy Darby
Dick Schimley

Memorial Committee:

Margaret Hurley (Chair), Karen Gabbey, Janice Cooper, Lois Dimick

Memorial Garden/Gardening Committee:

Susan Miller (Chair), Janice Cooper, Dawn Folts, Beth Nicoll, Jeff Nicoll

Committee For Immigration:

Pastor Hector Rivera, Maria Rivera, Betsy Darby, Phil Tooze, Jeff Nicoll



May 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		I 3 pm: Girl Scouts 5-6:30 pm: Grace's Closet	2	3 9:30- 11:30 am: Grace's Closet	4	5 7 pm: AA Meeting
6 Traditional Worship	7	8 5-6:30 pm: Grace's Closet	9 2 pm: Bible Study	10 9:30- 11:30 am: Grace's Closet	11	12 7 pm: AA Meeting
13 Ascension Sunday Mother's Day Contemporary Worship	14	15 Chicken BBQ 3 pm: Girl Scouts 5-6:30 pm: Grace's Closet	16 2 pm: Bible Study 6 pm: GV Civil War Roundtable	17 9:30 – 11:30 am: Grace's Closet	18 Newsletter due	19 7 pm: AA Meeting
20 8 am: 3 rd Sunday Breakfast & Study <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> Traditional Worship	21 6 pm: Trustee Meeting	22 5-6:30 pm: Grace's Closet	23 2 pm: Bible Study	24 9:30 – 11:30 am: Grace's Closet	25	26 7 pm: AA Meeting
27 <i>Trinity Sunday</i>  Contemporary Worship	28 Memorial Day No Office Hours 	29 5-6:30 pm: Grace's Closet	30 2 pm: Bible Study	31		

The Day of Pentecost

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-21



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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

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Open Hearts  Open Minds  Open Doors