

# 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. <sup>2</sup> But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things. <sup>3</sup> 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? <sup>4</sup> Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? <sup>5</sup> 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, <sup>6</sup> who “will render to each one according to his deeds”:<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>7</sup> eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; <sup>8</sup> 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*

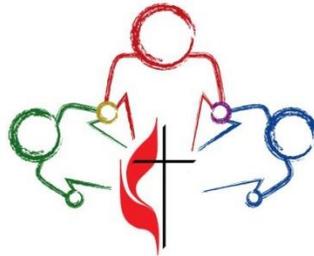
We are planning on having a Yard Sale sometime in June. If you have some items in GOOD shape that you would like to donate to our Yard Sale, then please bring them in. You may place your items to be sold in the church nursery.

# 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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY

Beginning the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!

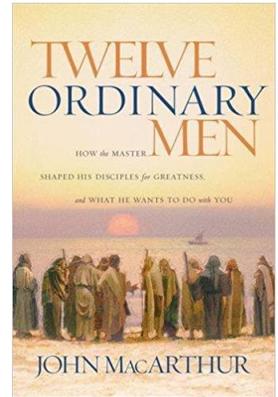
After breakfast we will gather informally around the tables as David Ursal Jones leads us in a Biblical examination of the people that Jesus selected and trained to be his leadership team. Let me tell you up front, they were ordinary people like you and me. They came in different shapes, sizes, colors, 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

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

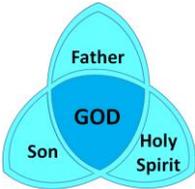
Susan Miller (Chair), Janice Cooper, Dawn Folts, Beth Nicoll, Jeff Nicoll

### Committee For Immigration:

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



# May 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> 3 pm: Girl Scouts  5-6:30 pm: Grace's Closet	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:30- 11:30 am: Grace's Closet	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  7 pm: AA Meeting
<b>6</b> Traditional Worship	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  5-6:30 pm: Grace's Closet	<b>9</b> 2 pm: Bible Study	<b>10</b> 9:30- 11:30 am: Grace's Closet	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  7 pm: AA Meeting
<b>13</b> Ascension Sunday  Mother's Day  Contemporary Worship	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Chicken BBQ 3 pm: Girl Scouts  5-6:30 pm: Grace's Closet	<b>16</b> 2 pm: Bible Study  6 pm: GV Civil War Roundtable	<b>17</b> 9:30 – 11:30 am: Grace's Closet	<b>18</b> Newsletter due	<b>19</b>  7 pm: AA Meeting
<b>20</b> 8 am: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Breakfast & Study  <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>  Traditional Worship	<b>21</b> 6 pm: Trustee Meeting	<b>22</b>  5-6:30 pm: Grace's Closet	<b>23</b> 2 pm: Bible Study	<b>24</b> 9:30 – 11:30 am: Grace's Closet	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  7 pm: AA Meeting
<b>27</b> <i>Trinity Sunday</i>    Contemporary Worship	<b>28</b> Memorial Day  No Office Hours  	<b>29</b>  5-6:30 pm: Grace's Closet	<b>30</b> 2 pm: Bible Study	<b>31</b>		

# 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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PENTECOST	FILLED	HEAR	HOUSE	WIND
HEAVEN	FIRE	TONGUES	LANGUAGE	OTHER
DAY	HOLY	SOUND	SPIRIT	SPEAK

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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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- ❖ Office Email Address: [smiller@leroyumcny.org](mailto:smiller@leroyumcny.org)
- ❖ Website: [www.leroyumcny.org](http://www.leroyumcny.org)
- ❖ Facebook: LeRoy Methodist Church
- ❖ Office's Physical Location: 12 Trigon Park, LeRoy (back entryway)

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