

THE GLORY SOUND

LeRoy United Methodist Church, Inc.

December 2019



STANDING FIRM IN ADVERSITY

Nehemiah 4: 1-10

According to the Bible, Nehemiah had received permission from King Artaxerxes, whom he served as a cupbearer, to go to his city Jerusalem with a company of workers and rebuild it, for the city had been torn down, the temple reduced to ashes and the people ravaged by enemies.

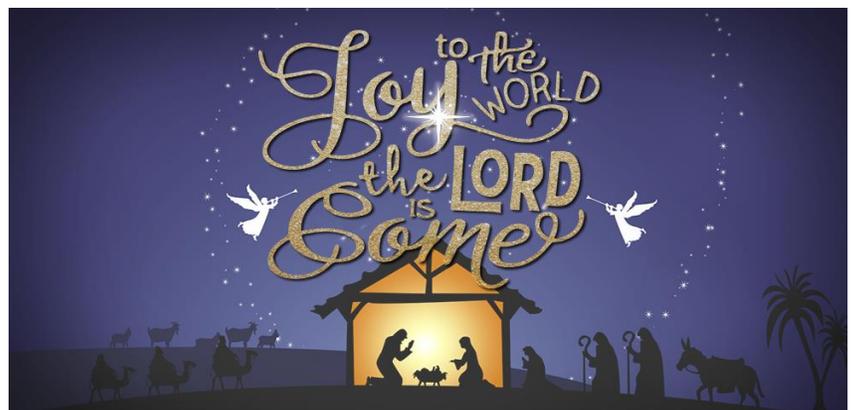
God's call to Nehemiah was not easy, as he would have to face enemies that opposed the reconstruction of Jerusalem, in addition to the discouragement of a people who had lost everything, because they only said: "the rubble is much and we cannot build the wall". But when a man/woman accepts God's challenge, [s]he is able to motivate himself/herself and motivate others to fulfill God's purposes. This motivation must begin with a sincere and specific prayer about the need to see the glory of God.

Believers are called to fight against internal and external enemies, which prevent us from building a solid spiritual life. We are builders and cannot allow sin and bad habits, such as indifference, apathy, laziness, sinful pleasure, materialism, and worldliness to prevent edification of our spiritual life. We must remove the rubble and take out the garbage so that our service to the Lord is not ineffective. The external enemies are the people who, like Sanballat and Tobiah, used anger, fear and mockery to try to dissuade the Jews from building the wall. These are the people who discourage us from following God.

Nehemiah ignored them and instead prayed, and the work continued. When they make fun of us for our faith or criticize us for serving God and doing the right thing, let us do the same thing that Nehemiah did and don't be discouraged. Let us express to God what we are feeling and remember that his constant presence gives us the strength to continue.

Let the Lord be the foundation of our life, our rock on which we must anchor, to be strong. (*Portion taken from "Conexion de Vida"*)

IN CHRIST'S LOVE
PASTOR HECTOR D. RIVERA

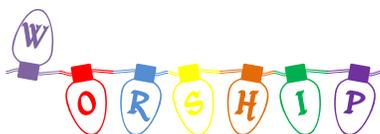


December Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

December Liturgists

Dec 1	John Compton
Dec 8	Lisa Schutt
Dec 15	Janice Cooper
Dec 22	John Compton
Dec 24	Lisa Schutt
Dec 29	Janice Cooper



We would like to welcome our newest members: (l-r) Kanae Swanson, Vicky Harris, Cindy Sepee and Lisa Schutt to our church family. What a wonderful time we had that day!



Your Worship Team, along with your Trustees, has made the decision to move our worship services into the Great Room for the winter heating season. This should help immensely with the cost of heating our church. Beginning on December 1st, ALL services will be held in the Great Room until spring.

We hope that you will join us for the 1st Sunday of Advent, as well as the Greening of the Church, on December 1st.

Poinsettias will be purchased for worship services again this year. If you wish to purchase a poinsettia "In Memory of / In Honor of" someone, please let us know. We will be purchasing from Tops Market here in town (or you may purchase your own and bring it in yourself) at the cost of \$7 per 6-inch potted plant. Poinsettias always make a beautiful statement for decorating our altar (yes, we WILL have an altar) for the Christmas services. You may order your poinsettias by filling out an order form from one of the bulletins, or calling into the office. Payment is due before November 30th.



Christmas Eve Worship will be held at 7 pm on December 24th. It will be a candlelight service, held in the Great Room.



Susan Miller
Worship Co-Chair

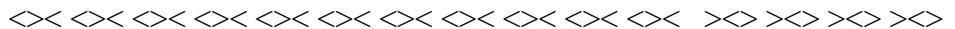
Join Us
Sunday, December 1st
10:30 AM



Join us on Sunday, December 1st for worship as we celebrate the Greening of the Church! We will worship with scripture and song as we decorate our worship area with greens and our Christmas tree with our beautiful Chrismons. Don't know what a Chrismon is? Well come to worship on December 1st and find out what they are all about!



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Tuesday, December 24th at 7:00 PM
Join Us!



Trustees

We have been working to get our offices moved back over to the church. Who knew all that that would involve? We had walls to scrape and paint. A HUGE Thank you to Don Swanson, Janice Cooper and Jeff Nicoll for all their work making the walls of both offices look so clean and fresh! We have had to clean floors and carpets as well. We are slowly getting all the "stuff" moved from one place to the next. We are getting it done in fits and starts. Shouldn't be too much longer.

The Great Room has had its carpet thoroughly cleaned. Looks much fresher and we should be all set to get the room looking wonderful for our Advent and Christmas services. What a blessing!

We ask your patience as we get everything put in its place after being all jumbled up for the cleanings



GRACE'S CLOSET

GRACES CLOSET has been busy since changing over to Fall/Winter clothing. We have worked with Aldersgate UMC to help a new family there with clothing & household articles. That's what we are about, helping others.

Thanks to all my helpers.

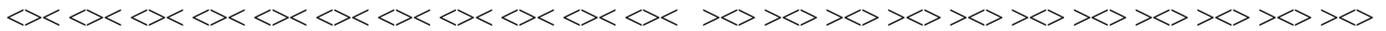
Janice Cooper, Chair

Council

Council has been extremely busy getting Susan & Pastor ready to move to the church. Both offices have been painted & they look great. The rug in the Great Room has been cleaned & Pastor has a new room-size rug in his new office.

We look forward to getting this move done & having our Great Room back to normal. Thanks to all for making this happen!

Janice Cooper, Interim Chair



Our Recent Scripture Readings:

October 27:	Romans 13:11-14 & Revelation 6:9-11	“The Fifth Seal”
November 3:	Ezekiel 37:1-14 & John 11:39-45	“Jesus, Life Giver”
November 10:	Joel 2:30-32 & Revelation 8:1-13	“Let the Trumpets Blow”
November 17:	Malachi 4:1-6 & Revelation 9:1-21	“God’s judgment of mankind is approaching”





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
I 1 st Sunday of Advent 10:30 am: Worship/ Greening of the Church	2	3	4 3:15 pm: Girl Scout Troop #42155	5	6 2 pm: Pastor in Office	7 8 pm: AA Group
Susan on vacation						
8 2 nd Sunday of Advent 9 am: Trustee/Council Meeting 10:30 am: Worship	9	10 5-6:30 pm: Grace's Closet 6 pm: Spiritual Formation Workshop	11 3:15 pm: Girl Scout Troop #42155	12 9:30-11:30 am: Grace's Closet	13 2 pm: Pastor in Office	14 8 pm: AA Group
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22 4 th Sunday of Advent 8:30 am: 3rd Sunday Breakfast/Study 10:30 am: Worship	23	24 2 pm: Pastor in the office 7 pm: Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service	25 	26 No Office Hours	27 2 pm: Pastor in Office	28 8 pm: AA Group
29 10:30 am: Worship	30	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 – 3:30 pm; Wed & Thu: 2:30 – 4:15 pm
- ❖ Music Director/Organist: Valorie Stotz

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We are a Community Church Moving Forward