

THE GLORY SOUND

LeRoy United Methodist Church, Inc.

February 2020



Pray Without Fainting

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Jesus spoke with authority, gave his commandments to men/women, and as they obeyed, they saw God's hand work miracles. In John Chapter 5, when Jesus asks a man if he wanted to be cured, it seems that it was a question that did not make any sense. Who does not want to be healed? This man had waited for thirty-eight years and perhaps he had already lost hope, it is even possible that in the most intimate part of his heart he was satisfied to remain as we was, because, if he was cured, he would have to face the weight of his life and its responsibilities. But this man's response was immediate. He wanted to be healed, although he didn't see how, since there was no one to help him.

Today, this situation is also presented to us, because Jesus comes and asks us: "Do you really want Me in your life? Do you really want to change?" If in the innermost part of our heart we are happy to be as we are, we don't need Jesus in our life, or there can be no change, because the desire to divine things must inflame our heart. Jesus, then, told the man to stand up, for it is as if he had said: "Man, bend your will! Make a supreme effort and you and I will achieve it together." The power of God does not disregard the effort of the man/woman.

No man/woman can sit and wait for the miracle to happen. The miracle happens when our will and the power of God cooperate to make it possible. "Get up," he said. Certainly, Jesus was ordering the man to try the impossible. The man could have said that, that was exactly what he could not do, that for thirty-eight years the bed had been his support. But once again, man made the effort alongside Jesus, and the miracle happened.

Here, we have the way to achieve what we long for. There are so many things in this world that overcome us, defeat us and seize us, but the effort and faith in Christ will manifest His power and the miracle will happen.

All this happens when we have an encounter with the Lord, and we obey what He wants us to do, then we will see God's hand acting in our life. During our 40-day circle of prayer, we have to make as a supreme effort as the man who was sick for thirty-eight years. God told Joshua: "I've commanded you to be strong and brave" (Joshua 1:9).

These are times where we are going through extremely difficult times, the best we can do is pray. Praying without fainting, with thanksgiving, having in our mind every promise, where God promises protection (Psalm 91), helps in difficult times (Psalm 46: 1), blessing and directing our decisions (Psalm 25).

Likewise, we should be praying for our spouse, children, family, friends, our church, our community, and our leaders to prosper in all things, just as their soul prospers (3 John Verse 2) and increases their knowledge of Christ (2 Peter 3:18), because it is the guarantee that we will all reach maturity to keep us stable, reaffirmed and with great blessing, in all areas of life (1 Thessalonians 5:23).

Stand up and join our 40-day prayer circle. Stand up and listen to the voice of the Lord so that you can see the miracles of God in your life. (Portion taken from "Conexion de Vida").

IN CHRIST'S LOVE

PASTOR HECTOR D. RIVERA

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

Feb 10 Julie Long
Feb 24 Susan Callahan

February Liturgists

Feb 2 Lisa Schutt
Feb 9 Janice Cooper
Feb 16 John Compton
Feb 23 Lisa Schutt

Council Board

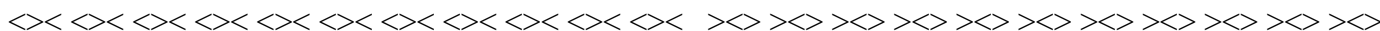
There is wondrous news in our church this coming year! The new formation of the Church Council met on Sunday, January 12th. We have re-centered to go faith forward. Church leadership is holding our valued community traditions, while reaching toward changes necessary to grow in our discipleship to God through our Savior.

A committee of change will meet every Sunday morning from 9:30 -10 am, on the Sundays that the Council doesn't meet. Everyone is welcome to join in on the discussions. The Change Committee will present formulated ideas monthly to the Council.

Our church family is growing! There are plans for baptisms and new membership classes. The Tuesday night Spiritual Formation group has resumed after the holiday break. God has provided us with a guidance of 130 days of prayer, which started on Friday, January 17th. The excitement of the Holy Spirit surrounds our praises!

I hope to see each of you join us in worship this year as we move forward through Christ's love.

God be with you,
Lisa D. Schutt, Council Chair



TRUSTEES

The church offices are all moved in to the church and Pastor and Susan are setting things up to serve all.

There has been a lot going on at 12 Trigon (the old offices). Painting to make it all clean and fresh and 12 Trigon is now for rent. The Trustees agreed to raise the monthly rent. If you have time, stop in and see all that has been done. I would like to thank all that have worked so hard to get this job completed.



We have a fundraiser coming up—a Chicken BBQ February 23rd for Big Springs Museum in Caledonia and on February 29th a Spaghetti Dinner. The Spaghetti Dinner will be from 3:30-6:30 pm and is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children. The profits from this fundraiser will go for purchasing paint to freshen up the Dining Hall. Please support your church on this fundraiser.

We have received a \$3,000 grant from the Vic Blood Foundation. The money will be used towards the purchase of more new windows at 12 Trigon Park and for the Dining Hall

Thank you all & God Bless.
Jeff Nicoll, Trustee Chair

Worship & Administration

Join us every Sunday morning at 10:30 am for worship! All are welcome here.

The pastor is conducting a Spiritual Formation Class every Tuesday evening beginning at 6 pm.

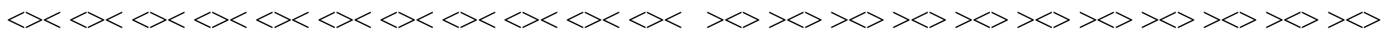
Liturgists are NEEDED! If you would like to take a Sunday to read Scripture and part of the Order of Worship, please let Susan know. We are in dire need to add to our group

The church will continue to be locked during office hours. We have installed a doorbell system to let us know when someone wishes to visit or has business to conduct with us. Please wait patiently while I walk up to the front of the church to answer your ring.

Thank you and Blessings!



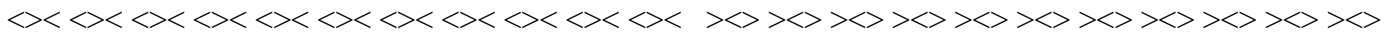
Susan Miller
Worship Co-Chair & Administrative Assistant



Thank You

Thanks to Don Swanson, Dawn Folts, Jeremy Flint, Jeff and Nathan Nicoll for getting 12 Trigon ready to rent. It looks lovely!!

Gratefully,
Janice Cooper

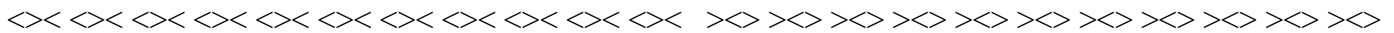


GRACE'S CLOSET

Winter is back! We are very busy after the holidays. People have cleaned out their closets and we have received some beautiful clothing—The Teen Room especially! Come and shop us first.

Thanks to my faithful help. They are always there to help

Janice Cooper, Chair



Did you know that THE GLORY SOUND is posted on our website every month (www.leroyumcny.org). Did you also know that you can receive THE GLORY SOUND by email? If you would like it sent to your inbox, just drop us an email letting us know @ smiller@leroyumcny.org and we will get you set up for email delivery.

Aldersgate Hispanic UMC
cordially invites you to their
8th Annual Friendship Dinner
Saturday, February 15th 6 – 8:30 pm

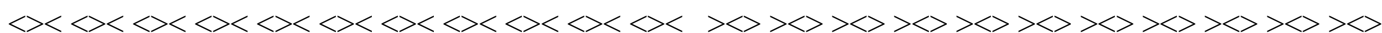


1441 Dewey Ave, Rochester, NY

\$13 per person / \$25 per couple

Choice of chicken or pork, rice, beans, side salad, bread,
dessert, macaroni salad, cup of chicken broth, drinks

See Pastor Rivera for tickets or
purchase at the door



Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner

February 29th at LeRoy UMC

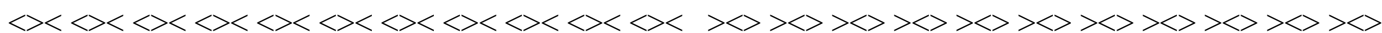
3:30 pm – 6:30 pm

10 Trigon Park, LeRoy



**Spaghetti, Homemade Meatballs, Tomato Sauce,
Bread, Salad & Beverages**

Tickets are \$9 each & will be available at the door.



Sauerkraut Dinner @ Stafford UMC (Rte 5 in Stafford)

Thursday, February 6 from 5pm - ?

Takeouts available at 4:30 pm

Adults \$8 / Children 4-12 \$4 / Children under 5 free!

Menu includes: Sauerkraut w/Pork Pieces, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Dogs, Applesauce, Baby Carrots,
Bread, Assorted Homemade Desserts & Beverage

February 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						I 1-4 pm: Private function in Kitchen & Dining Hall 8 pm: AA Group
2 10:30 am: Worship 1 pm: 4-Chaplin Worship Service	3	4 2 pm: Pastor in the office 5-6:30 pm: Grace's Closet 6 pm: Spiritual Formation Workshop	5	6 Pastor @ Conference 9:30-11:30 am: Grace's Closet	7 2 pm: Pastor in Office	8 8 pm: AA Group
9 9 am: Trustee/Council Meeting 10:30 am: Worship	19	11 2 pm: Pastor in the office 5-6:30 pm: Grace's Closet 6 pm: Spiritual Formation Workshop	12 3:15 pm: Girl Scout Troop #42155	13 9:30-11:30 am: Grace's Closet	14 2 pm: Pastor in Office	15 6:30-8:30 pm: Aldersgate Hispanic UMC Friendship Dinner 8 pm: AA Group
16 8:30 am: 3rd Sunday Breakfast/Study 10:30 am: Worship	17 President's Day No Office Hours	18 Newsletter Deadline 2 pm: Pastor in the office 5-6:30 pm: Grace's Closet 6 pm: Spiritual Formation Workshop	19 3:15 pm: Girl Scout Troop #42155	20	21 2 pm: Pastor in Office	22 8 pm: AA Group
23 10:30 am: Worship	24	25 End 40-Day of Prayer 2 pm: Pastor in the office 5-6:30 pm: Grace's Closet 6 pm: Spiritual Formation Workshop	26 Ash Wednesday Begin 40-Day of Fasting & Abstinence 3:15 pm: Girl Scout Troop #42155	27	28 2 pm: Pastor in Office	29 3:30-6:30 pm: Spaghetti Dinner 8 pm: AA Group

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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