

THE GLORY SOUND

LeRoy United Methodist Church, Inc.

April 2020



COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

In these days, I have been in prayer and meditation regarding the crisis that we are going through with the “coronavirus” as individuals and members of the Body of Christ. At this time, I have concluded, in obedience to government officials and our leaders, that for the next following weeks to suspend in-person worship and other church gatherings.

Making a call like this, has not been easy, nor much to my liking, since the church is the only place where people have been able to gather together in moments of joy, pain and celebration. However, as a spiritual leader and disciple of Christ, I cannot put the lives of God's people in danger.

I know that this decision goes against what we have spoken on previous occasions. However, the volatile situation caused by COVID-19 demands our flexibility and understanding. This is no longer a problem of lack of faith, nor is it fear. This is a case of common sense. Furthermore, these moments have become a matter of being faithful stewards of life itself.

This virus has the capacity to endanger the most vulnerable in our society. I understand that, as men and women of God, that is the least that we want to do in our community. Furthermore, over the years our Methodist tradition has always called us to care for the most vulnerable among us. And it is through these means that I call, each one of you to bear witness to our Methodist tradition by doing everything possible to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 contamination. We are already making preparations to use other means of communication to be able to worship.

The Apostle Paul in Romans 8:35 asked himself: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Nothing can stop us; nothing can take away the joy and desire to worship Jesus Christ. In this time of waiting, I advise you to take time to rest, meditate and draw closer to God through your prayers, searching the Word, and fasting.

May the Lord bless you and your family and keep you all healthy.

IN CHRIST'S LOVE
PASTOR HECTOR D. RIVERA



Greetings my fellow Christians! May God be blessing each of you.

Church Council met on March 8th. Our fundraisers went well in the month of February. We are moving forward in meeting the needs of our members through our social media platform, Facebook. We have plans to try to get Facebook Live up and sending our Sunday morning services over Facebook so our members whom are unable to attend at the building can still worship along with the congregation whom are present. This may take a bit to work out, so please be patient, let us know if there are problems so we can try to fix them.

The recent Pandemic and Federal State of Emergency has many concerned with gatherings. Hopefully broadcasting over the internet will remove some fears. We also are taking measures to reduce the risks of spreading illness amongst those in attendance at services.

A tentative date to move back into the main sanctuary is set for Palm Sunday. The great room has been good to us through the winter. We do not have an exact knowledge of the amount we have saved as of yet. Many are looking forward to being back into the pews. The sanctuary is being prepared with cleaning of pews, carpet cleaning, new décor, and sprucing up the center pews with seat covers. Easter plants have been ordered.

Tuesday evenings continue to host Spiritual Formation classes. All are encouraged to attend. I will be trying to take better notes and get them out over our website and/or Facebook page so those whom are not in attendance can gain the spiritual advantages and join in Discipleship of Christ.

Movie Nights are amazing! We have attended the first part of two-part series, Red Sea Miracle, at Tinsel Town as a group. There are plans to attend Jesus 2020 with the Hispanic Church from Aldersgate in April. Our very own sharing of watching a Christian movie at LeRoy UMC will begin Friday, March 20th at 6:30 pm and continue each 3rd Friday. If the Covid-19 changes this we will try to get the word out via Facebook and website as quickly as possible.

We completed the "40 Days of Prayer" and have moved on to the next book guiding us through prayer, "The Living Gospel Daily Devotions for Lent 2020."

Plans to have a Maundy Thursday potluck are going to change. We will be joining LeRoy First Baptist Congregation on Thursday, April 9, 2020 for an Ecumenical worship service. On Good Friday, April 10th, we will again be joining another congregation for worship at Stafford United Methodist Church. The Body of Christ joining in worship is much to be celebrated!

Something I have failed to remind people of lately is our wonderful monthly breakfast and study. We have been reading about the Apostles and learning how these varied men from different places and backgrounds were brought together by our Lord and Savior to carry on his work when he returned to Heaven. With our congregation we can see many of the same differences, joining together to move forward in the United Methodist mission to "make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

Please feel free to contact us via telephone, email, Facebook and even stop by during office hours, we look forward to seeing you and joining in our moving forward towards salvation in Christ.

God Bless!

Lisa D. Schutt, Council Chair

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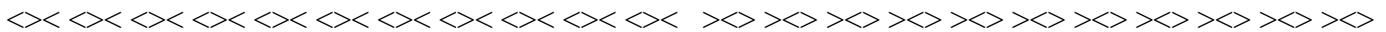
We have new tenants moving in on April 1st at 12 Trigon Park. They are excited to move in and maintain the property at the church. Also at 12 Trigon, new windows have been installed on the north side of the house, both upper and lower. They look wonderful!

We have our Spring Roast Beef Dinner coming up on April 25th. With all that is going on right now, we are thinking about it being TAKE-OUT ONLY. As you know, our Roast Beef Dinners are our big fundraisers and helps the church in many ways. We will be having a meeting to talk about concerns to all that help out and to our guests.

At this time, the church is closed. There will be no Worship services until further notice.

God Bless,

Jeff Nicoll (if you have any concerns, call 585-993-3705).



Worship

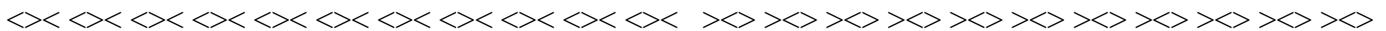
As of this writing we are taking everything on a day-by-day basis. Information and rules are changing daily. We must follow the rules set down by the government as well as by our Bishop.

As of this writing, we have discontinued in-house worship services till at least the end of March. We are going to try to set up a recorded service for you to view. Please check out our Facebook page on Sunday mornings for the service. We hope to see you there!

Please don't forget to support your church with your weekly tithes. You can mail your tithes in to the church office at: LeRoy UMC, 10 Trigon Park, LeRoy, NY 14482. We count on and thank you for your continued support.



Susan Miller
Worship Co-Chair



GRACE'S CLOSET:

We will be closed till after Easter. We now have a drop-off bin at the back of the church for you to drop off your donations. Please be sure that you get your items completely in the bin for weather reasons. Everyone please stay safe.

Thanks
Janice

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.

Holy Week Schedule



- April 5: Palm Sunday Worship at 10:30 at LUMC
April 9: Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00 pm at 1st Baptist LeRoy
April 10: Good Friday Worship at 6:00 pm at Stafford UMC
April 12: Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 am at the creek bank gazebo
Easter Worship Service at 10:30 am at LUMC
(These services are all tentative at this time)

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

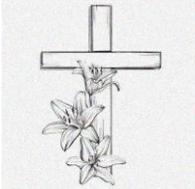
April 3	Eleanor Wilcox
April 7	Joan Iannello
April 13	Janice Cooper
April 14	Caleb Schutt
April 15	Ryan Oliver
April 20	Beth Nicoll
April 21	Margaret & Craig Hurley
April 26	Maveric McKenzie

April Liturgists

April 5	Lisa Schutt
April 12	Janice Cooper
April 19	John Compton
April 26	Lisa Schutt

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Please be aware that all dates on this calendar are subject to change according to current circumstances

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			I 3:15 pm: Jr. Girl Scout Troop #42155	2	3 2 pm: Pastor in Office	4 8 pm: AA Group
5 Palm Sunday  9 am: Trustee Meeting 10:30 am: Worship	6	7 2 pm: Pastor in the office	8	9 7 pm: Ecumenical Maundy Thursday Service @ 1 st Baptist	10 2 pm: Pastor in Office Good Friday Service @ Stafford UMC	11 8 pm: AA Group
12  10:30 am Easter Worship	13	14 2 pm: Pastor in the office 6 pm: Spiritual Formation Workshop	15 3:15 pm: Jr. Girl Scout Troop #42155	16 9:30-11:30 am: Grace's Closet	17 2 pm: Pastor in Office	18 8 pm: AA Group
19 8:30 am: 3 rd Sunday Breakfast/Study 9:30 am: Committee on Change 10:30 am: Worship	20	21 2 pm: Pastor in the office 5-6:30 pm: Grace's Closet 6 pm: Spiritual Formation Workshop	22	23 9:30-11:30 am: Grace's Closet	24 2 pm: Pastor in Office	25 3:30-6:30 pm: Roast Beef 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
- ❖ Secretary: Susan Miller
- ❖ Office Hours:
- ❖ Music Director/Organist: Valorie Stotz

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We are a Community Church Moving Forward