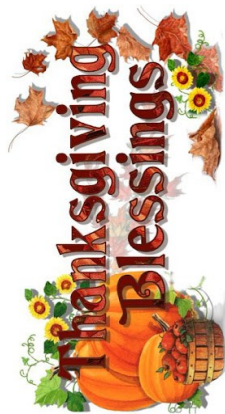


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reflections

*Dana Miller,
Director of Student Ministries*

During the last batch of storms that blew into Le Roy a week ago, our fence sustained some damage. A chunk of our neighbor's tree broke off and fell on one of the fence panels, completely collapsing it. Until we can get the panel replaced in a couple weeks, there's a big hole in our back yard fence. This is great news to our dog, Fenny, who is eager to test his freedom boundaries by exiting that hole and exploring the neighborhood unfettered by responsibility. Vonette and I agree that this is a terrible idea, as our dog has no sense of responsibility, so until the hole in the fence is patched and the fencing replaced, he is only allowed in the back yard leashed and escorted. Fenny is unhappy with the arrangement, as he'd like to go exploring. There's only one problem—he's terrified by most of the outside world! He loves going on walks with us in the neighborhood, but alone? Not so much... Left to his own devices, he'd stay in the yard, until he was distracted by chasing a squirrel or rabbit, critters we have in abundance in town. He'd likely get lost, or worse, get hit by a car while blindly chasing woodland creatures, or wreck up someone's yard searching for food (he's ruled by his stomach, not his brain) So, for his own good, we set boundaries for him to protect him from himself.

It occurs to me that we're very much like Fenny, myself included. We long for the freedom to do whatever we want, but too often, when we exercise it, we sin and get ourselves into trouble, much like Fenny would get into trouble if we let him loose in the neighborhood. Paul reminds us in Galatians 5:13, "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love." This verse is a precursor to the Fruits of the Spirit we all know in Galatians 5:22-23. But it's more than just a laundry list of things we should be doing with our lives—it's the exclamation point on what Jesus has done for us. Jesus told the Jews following Him around in John 8:36, "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." And that is why Paul can proclaim in Romans 8:1, "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." Just like Fenny is safest and happiest when he can roam the back

yard, but with the boundaries of the fence, we have freedom in Jesus, but still need the law to point out areas of sin in our lives so that we can reject sin and strive to be more Christ-like in our behavior. And just like Fenny gets into trouble by getting distracted outside the fence, we too get distracted by sinful impulses outside the guidance of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. That is why we are best when we are willingly led by the Holy Spirit living inside us, not running amok like Fenny off leash.

I encourage you to continue to abide with the Holy Spirit remembering that the freedom you have in Jesus is greater than the freedom you'd have on your own.



LeRoy's Christmas Parade will be held on Sunday, Dec. 5th, at 2 p.m. with the theme "Christmas Lights". Our church is planning to participate with an entry again this year.

Kids young and old are encouraged to ride our float and help us show the LeRoy community what FUPC is all about!

Hanging of the Greens

November 28th

Join us after worship to decorate our church in preparation to celebrate Christ's birth!



Do you ever find Sunday morning a little bit hectic and there's just not enough time for breakfast?

Beginning November 7th, a breakfast will be available for everyone who would appreciate a quick meal before worship.

Tracey Holoch will be fixing up a simple meal (eggs, bacon, biscuits and sausage gravy, toast, etc. to ease your morning rush! No "reservations" required. Come and enjoy the meal and the fellowship! (Donations accepted.)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

11/02 Cole Neubauer	11/09 Karen Bruning	11/24 Deb Owens
11/06 Kenny Taylor	11/17 Tracey Holoch	11/25 Corey Owens
11/07 Elliott Dean	11/17 Bryon Owens	11/25 Pam Fulk
11/09 Marjorie Badger	11/19 Brittany Zook	11/26 Tanya Underhill
	11/23 Kevin McBride	11/27 Eric Stengel
	11/23 Rex Allen	11/27 Grace Hardesty

11/25 Londa & Tracey Holoch



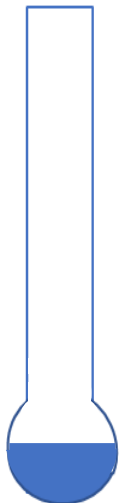
BUILDING RENOVATION PROGRESS UPDATES:

It's been hard to be patient through this process, but believe it or not, the gas meter has finally been moved and within the next week or so the excavator will arrive to start work readying the area for construction of the new east entrance. The goal, of course, is to get the outside work mostly complete before bad weather arrives.

The next step inside is getting the walls framed for the new upstairs bathrooms, nursery and offices. When the new plumbing is installed for the bathrooms, part of the basement fellowship hall ceiling has to come down. (Not pretty, but necessary).

This "thermometer" graph is a visual aide to watch our contributions grow to pay towards the \$300,000 that we intend to borrow towards the project. We have received **\$29,243** since the project was approved at the end of February. Our thanks to all who are helping to achieve our goal!

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November Library Corner

By Marty Dean



Everyday Evangelism

The Power of Everyday Conversations:

More Ready Than You Realize by Brian D. McLaren

Author, speaker, and founding pastor of Cedar Ridge Community Church, Brian McLaren turns the notion of evangelism on end by suggesting *everyday conversations* have the potential and power to reach others for Christ--disciple-making simplified.

The author contrasts this fresh approach with outdated modes--evangelism as a *sales pitch, an argument, or ultimatum*. On the dedication page, Pastor McLaren sums up that *hospitality* is key to *disciple-making* and praises his parents for paving the way to Christ by the *conversation of their lives*. Appendixes include Bible study ideas on disciple-making for group or individual study.

(This book is one of the new books on our library table.)



Avanti's Summer Camp Fundraising

Summer Camp planning is underway! And with that comes fundraising. One of our most popular fundraising activities last year was selling Avanti's Gondolas® and we'll be back this year for JH boys basketball and HS girls and boys home basketball games.

So, no time to fix something at home before the game? Plan on your family dining on some scrumptious Gondolas at the game while supporting our youth going to Summer Camp in 2022!

For a limited time camp kids will also be selling baked goods from **Mrs. Fields** and the **Cheesecake Factory**! (Orders must be in by Nov. 10th)



Mrs. Fields famous gourmet cookies go straight from your freezer to the oven and are ready in minutes. There are 32 1.25 oz. cookies per box and will keep frozen for up to one year or refrigerated for up to two weeks. And they can be re-frozen!

The Cheesecake Factory products are the same as you may have enjoyed in their restaurants, only a smaller size perfect for home use. Thawed in the refrigerator for 8 to 12 hours before serving makes a special dessert for friends and family anytime!

Join us for a time of
Thanksgiving

**LeRoy
Community
Thanksgiving
Service**

Join other LeRoy churches for a special Thanksgiving worship service on Sunday, Nov. 21st. All are welcome at the LeRoy First United Methodist Church at 6 p.m.

The offering will go to LeRoy's Faith Second Chance Thrift Store.

Saturday, October 9th, the FUPC youth took a trip to Six Flags St. Louis for Fright Fest. You may be asking yourself, are roller coasters REALLY better when you might be sitting in front of a guy revving a chain saw? YES! So in between dodging zombies, ghosts, creepy clowns, slaughterhouse denizens, and the aforementioned chainsaw freaks, and photobombing random TikTok celebrities (yes, that happened, too), a great time was had by all riding the rides, going through haunted mazes, and just hanging out together.



VETERANS DAY November 11th

100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

LeRoy's Ruel Neal American Legion Post 79 will commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier with a 24 hour Honor Guard from 12 p.m. on Nov. 11 thru 12:00 p.m. Nov. 12th. There will be a Changing of the Guard presented by local veterans every 1/2 hour.

They will serve their annual Veterans Day Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 11th. from 4 - 5 p.m. Turkey or Ham, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Yams, Dessert & Drink for \$10.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

December 24, 2021



The joyous season of Christmas will be here before you know it! Plans are being put together now for a pageant that is more traditional and similar to what has been done in the past. Watch for details to come later this month!



Operation Christmas Child boxes are available!

The church will not be participating in Operation Christmas Child this year as a mission project, but we have boxes available if you would like to fill one or more on your own or with your family. Pack with small fun toys, hygiene items, school supplies (for either a boy or a girl) along with one larger "wow" item. Suggestion lists are available.

No need to wrap the box; just affix a label indicating the age/sex of the child for which the box has been prepared. We have a limited number of labels available or they can be found on line at www.samaritanspurse.org

Return the box(es) between Nov. 15th -22nd at Cross Pointe Church of God (3101 Airport Rd., Bloomington (times and other drop-off locations are available on line). Samaritan's Purse suggests a \$9 box shipping cost donation. This Christmas mission will be sure to bring as much joy to you and your family as it does to the children receiving the gifts.

Worship Schedule - November 2021

9:00 a.m. Sunday WORSHIP	November 7	November 14 Communion	November 21	November 28
PULPIT SUPPLY	Bob Marsh	Kathy Mitchell	Dana Miller	Bob Marsh
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 22: 37-39			Luke 1: 5-25
SERMON	"The Great Commandment"			"Zecharias Didn't Know"
ACCOMPANIST	Londa Holoch; Mary Sigler	Londa Holoch	Londa Holoch	Londa Holoch
LAY READER	Sarah Hill	Naomi Chaplin	Angie Timm	Terri Caldwell
USHER/ GREETERS	Mary Sigler; Rick Gaffney	Beverly & Jack Burcham	Bobbi & John Murfin	Barb Monical; Angie Timm
COMMUNION SERVERS		Bobbi Murfin; Barb Monical; Beverly Burcham		
TECH BOOTH	Steve Sinnott; Tate Sigler	Steve Sinnott; Tracey Holoch	Steve Sinnott; Randy Sigler	Steve Sinnott; Tanner Holoch

OCTOBER SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

<i>Sunday Dates</i>	<i>Attendance</i>
October 3	45
October 10	39
October 17	48
October 24	41
October 31	<u>Not Available</u>
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	43

CHURCH OFFICERS

Elders:

Terri Caldwell
Bonnie Crumbaugh
Martha Dean
Tracey Holoch
Dennis McCormick
Mary Ella Mennenga
Anna Rayburn
Ashley Sigler
Randy Sigler

Committee

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Adult Christian Development
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Clerk of Session/Christian Education
Christian Education/Nominating Committee
Administration/Worship & Music

**Session is currently scheduled to next meet on
Wednesday, November 10th at 6 p.m.**

Minutes will be available, after approval, in the office.

Deacons:

Teresha Bossingham
Beverly Burcham
Jack Burcham
Rick Gaffney
Scott Graves
Barb Monical
Bobbi Murfin
Mary Sigler
Tim Sigler
Angie Timm

Deacon of the Month

March
June
August
April

November
July, September
December
May
October

Our nominating committee is looking for some new faces to serve as Elders and Deacons for 2022. If you feel led to give a couple hours of your time each month to serve your church in this way, please say "yes!" if asked., or call the church office at 962-5011 to volunteer.



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November

Deacon of the Month
Barb Monical



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9:00 AM Worship Service 9:15 AM K-5th Sunday School Class 10:00 AM Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class 2:30 PM TRUNK or TREAT	1	2	3 10:00 AM MISSION & OUTREACH 6:00 PM WORSHIP & MUSIC 6:00 PM LOOP	4 8:00 PM Serenity Circle (AA)	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6
7 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS 7:00-8:30 AM Breakfast Fellowship 9:00 AM Worship Service 9:15 AM K-5th Sunday School Class 10:00 AM Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class 10:00 AM Adult Christian Development	8	9	10 6:00 PM SESSION 6:00 PM LEAP	11 VETERANS DAY 8:00 PM Serenity Circle (AA)	12 OFFICE CLOSED	13
14 7:00-8:30 AM Breakfast Fellowship 9:00 AM Worship Service with Communion 9:15 AM K-5th Sunday School Class 10:00 AM Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class	15	16	17 6:30 PM DEACONS 6:00 PM LOOP	18 6:00 PM Midwest Food Bank 8:00 PM Serenity Circle (AA)	19 OFFICE CLOSED	20
21 7:00-8:30 AM Breakfast Fellowship 9:00 AM Worship Service 9:15 AM K-5th Sunday School Class 10:00 AM Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class 6:00 PM Community Thanksgiving Service at First United Methodist Church	22	23 6:00 PM ADMINISTRATION	24 6:00 PM LEAP	25 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> OFFICE CLOSED	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27
28 7:00-8:30 AM Breakfast Fellowship 9:00 AM Worship Service 9:15 AM K-5th Sunday School Class 10:00 AM Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class 11:00 AM Hanging of the Greens	29	30	1 10:00 AM MISSION & OUTREACH 6:00 PM LOOP 6:00 PM WORSHIP & MUSIC	2 8:00 PM Serenity Circle (AA)	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4

