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*Then He gives the Command and  
it all melts: He breathes on winter  
- suddenly its spring!  
- Psalm 147:18 MSG*

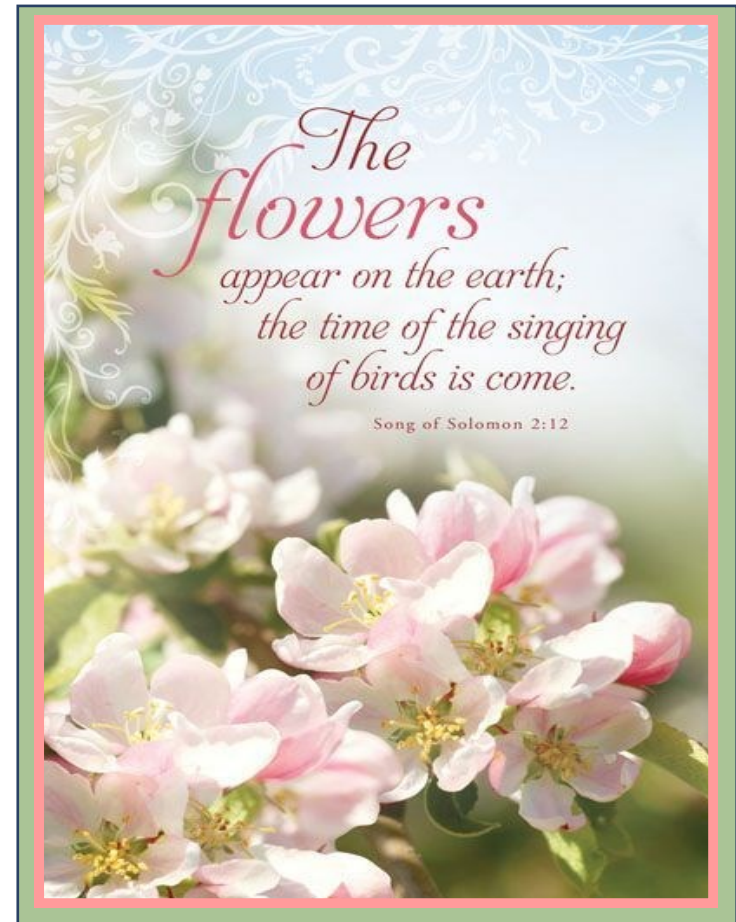


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# Salt Creek Savorings

## May, 2022





# Meet Our Pastor

**Rev. William "Bill" S. McLean, II**

The Reverend Bill McLean was ordained as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in 2007. Bill grew up in a small town in rural northeast Georgia. His parents and sister still live in that community and his brother lives on the Georgia coast.

Before becoming a transitional pastor, Bill served as the Presbyter for Congregational Care of the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois for six years and prior to that as a solo pastor in rural Indiana for over 7 ½ years. Within the larger church, Bill has served on a presbytery's COM (Commission on Ministry) for five years including two years as the moderator. Additionally, Bill has served on a presbytery's council, as a synod commissioner, and twice as a commissioner to the General Assembly.

Ministry is Bill's second career after serving for almost six years with the federal government working on public health policy, management, and budget issues at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta. Bill graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity after receiving an MBA from Georgia Southern University and his undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC).

Bill lives in Urbana, Illinois with his wife, Kate, who is a librarian in the Urbana school district. Bill and Kate met while they were both attending UNC and continue to enjoy cheering for the Tar Heels. They have two teenage daughters, a high school senior and a seventh grader.

Bill will officially become part of our church family on May 1st as an Interim Pastor and will giving the message that morning.

We hope you will join us to welcome him into our congregation in the coming weeks as he brings us God's Word and provides pastoral support and encouragement when needed. A "Meet & Greet Luncheon will be held after worship on May 15th.



## HISTORICAL REFLECTION *Looking Back to Move Forward*

The Mission Study Task Force invites everyone to join us during our "Meet & Greet" with Pastor Bill on Sunday, May 15th, for a fun and informative gathering to affirm and reinforce a sense of the congregation's continuity and history. We will be gathering additional collective memories (remember our History Wall in 2016?) about the church and helping members celebrate who we are.



## Memorial Day Dinner

**May 30th**

**Serving from 11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Don't miss this year's Memorial Day Dinner! As usual the proceeds from this event assist in the cost of the youth attending church summer or mission camps. The meal features a chicken and noodle casserole, mashed potatoes, green beans and dessert.

**Tickets available at the door are:**

**\$8 for Adults; \$4 (ages 6-12) and Free for 5 years and under.**

We're still looking for donations of desserts (fruit pies are in the greatest demand!) from congregation members and chicken casseroles from Elders and Deacons. Please consider volunteering (by or before May 15th). A sign up sheet is posted in the church hallway or call the church office. If you volunteer for a casserole, here is the recipe:

### Recipe

#### Chicken Noodle Casserole Recipe

2 12.5 ounce cans chicken, include broth      7.5 ounce Kluski noodles, uncooked  
2 cans cream of mushroom soup      2 cups milk  
1/2 lb. Velveeta cheese (Can use shredded Velveeta in 8 oz. package)

Onion salt will be added at the church as the casseroles are served.

The day before, mix all the ingredients together in a bowl, cover and put in the refrigerator. Remove from refrigerator and put in a greased foil 9x13 baking dish. Bake 1 hour and 15 minutes at 350 degrees

Please deliver the warm casserole(s) to the church between 9 and 10 am on May 30th.



|                         |                         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 5/01 Pastor Bill McLean | 5/21 Maren Graybeal     |
| 5/01 Wendy Brent        | 5/23 Shirley Chancellor |
| 5/02 Sarah Stengel      | 5/23 Annie Crumbaugh    |
| 5/02 William Mennenga   | 5/24 Londa Holoch       |
| 5/03 Jan Allen          | 5/24 Jeff Baughman      |
| 5/04 Emily Tucker       | 5/24 Brock Owens        |
| 5/06 Scott Tucker       | 5/24 Ava Grismore       |
| 5/06 Mindy Cox          | 5/25 Sara Nichols       |
| 5/07 Jay B Ready        | 5/25 Shelby Stengel     |
| 5/09 G.J. Miller        | 5/28 Jack Burcham       |
| 5/14 Janice Trachsel    | 5/29 Deven Bollhorst    |
| 5/20 Mary Neubauer      |                         |
| 5/20 Sydney Owens       |                         |

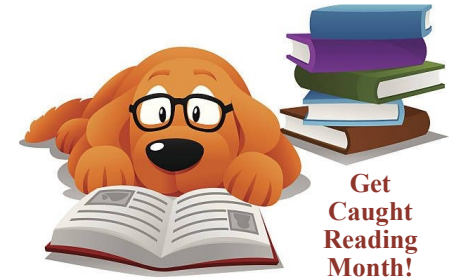
**May Birthdays**

**Anniversaries**

|                             |
|-----------------------------|
| 5/09 Cyndee & Steve Sinnott |
| 5/16 Barb & John Monical    |
| 5/30 Haley & Joe Miller     |

## May Library Corner

By Marty Dean



### Spotlight on Resource Materials and More!

Two powerful Bible study kits by Beth Moore are available for group or individual study. Beth Moore takes a deep dive into the Old Testament--

***Daniel - Lives of Integrity and Words of Prophecies*** and

***Esther - It's Tough Being a Woman.***

The featured DVDs offer invaluable insights and enhanced edification by breathing relevance into ancient accounts. (Shared over the years, a few DVDs may be missing from the kits.)

Two picture books for our young disciples:

***The Small One: A Good Samaritan*** by Katherine Brown--a pint size parallel to the Good Samaritan telling with a heartwarming twist.

***Chicken Soup for Little Souls: The Goodness Gorillas*** by Jack Canfield and Mark Victor--Classmates deem themselves Goodness Gorillas in an effort to promote cheer and goodwill throughout their school/community. In dealing with the class bully, the Goodness Gorillas meet their greatest challenge and ultimate reward.



## Congratulations!

### High School Graduates:

- Ben Cresap (*Monticello High School*)
- Kamryn & Kelsey Graves (*LeRoy High School*)
- Tanner Holoch (*LeRoy High School*)
- Carson Houser (*LeRoy High School*)
- Gavin Melton (*LeRoy High School*)
- Jillian Mohr (*LeRoy High School*)
- Thomas Toohill (*LeRoy High School*)

### College Graduate:

- Tyler McCormick (*Missouri Southern State University*)



**Ladies Spring Breakfast**

LeRoy Methodist Church  
9:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 11th

"Quilts: Women of the Bible"

100%  
90%  
80%  
70%  
60%  
50%  
40%  
30%  
20%  
10%  
0%



### BUILDING RENOVATION PROGRESS UPDATES:

We have received **\$87,690** since our renovation project was approved. Our thanks to all who are helping to achieve our goal!

Drywall has been installed in two bathrooms, the nursery area and two offices. The nursery and restrooms have also been painted and had ceiling grid and lighting installed. Flooring, plumbing fixtures and doors have been installed in the bathrooms, making them fully functional so the next phase of interior demolition phase is about to begin!

# reflections

*Dana Miller,  
Director of Student Ministries*



May has always been one of my favorite months of the year. The weather is usually warm (but not TOO warm), making it easy to go outside and do fun things, or even just relax outside to get some needed fresh air and sunshine after being cooped up inside all winter. It's also a great time to start restoring the "man shed" in the back of the yard for use over the next six months. (For the record, it's hard to traipse through the backyard through the snow and muck during the winter to get there, and the floor is too cold to go comfortably barefoot in there). And, of course, the youth and kids I interact with all know that soon, school will be out, and summer will be here for even more fun. When I was their age, I also looked forward to the end of May, which marked the end of the school year in Nebraska.

However, growing up, there was always one drawback to the month of May—it had a very hypnotizing effect on me! It was so easy to look out the window and see beautiful sunshine and growing grass, beckoning me to get out of the classroom and enjoy life and all the free time summer would bring. I had to constantly keep my guard up, staying focused on getting homework and school assignments done, because if I spent too much time dwelling on the outside, I was liable to flunk my classes! Even today, I have to catch myself not getting too distracted by the beautiful spring weather here, because if I do, my responsibilities of getting ready for graduations, Memorial Day, VBS, and camps for the church would all get pushed aside, and that would not go well for me.

I know it's not weather related, but Scripture gives us much the same warning about keeping our guard up in our lives. Having emerged from Easter, where we celebrated Jesus' resurrection and the new life given to those who believe in Him, where do we go from here? Peter responds in 2 Peter 3:14, when he tells us to "make every effort to be found spotless, blameless, and at peace with Him." Just because we have been justified by our faith in Jesus, proved by His resurrection from death at the cross, doesn't mean we can gaze out the windows of our lives, longing for eternity to come. Peter continues in 2 Peter 3:17, "Therefore, dear

friends, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position." I don't think Peter is saying we can lose our salvation by sinning, but he is saying that if we don't stay focused on our love and obedience to Christ, we can fall from the security of his abundant mercy and grace. Jesus may forgive our sins, but He doesn't excuse us from the consequences of our sins, particularly as they affect others around us.

So I want to encourage all Christ followers to stand strong in their faith and love for Jesus Christ, walking in humility and obedience to the one who gave us eternal life by sacrificing Himself on the cross for our sins. May we never forget what He has done for us, and may we respond accordingly to what He has done for us!

**What a great turnout we had for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt of Doom on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at the church! The cooler weather may have forced the event inside this year, but I know everyone, young and old alike, had a great time! Eggs were stuffed with candy and hidden, then found while dodging water gun blasts! Next year I may have to invest in a night vision camera to show what happens when a bunch of students try to find eggs in a blacked out room while running from Mr. Dana, "the guy with the super soaker." (Trust me, running away in a dark room is a lot harder than you think...) Watch for more fun activities for LEAP and LOOP kids coming this summer!**



**Easter Egg  
Hunt of Doom**



## Worship Schedule - May 2022

| 9:00 a.m.<br>Sunday<br>WORSHIP | May 1<br>(Communion)                               | May 8                          | May 15                        | May 22                       | May 29                          |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ACCOMPANISTS                   | Mary Sigler<br>Londa Holoch                        | Londa Holoch                   | Londa Holoch                  | Londa Holoch                 | Londa Holoch                    |
| LAY<br>READER                  | Naomi Chaplin                                      | Marty Dean                     | Naomi Chaplin                 | Mindy Cox                    | Marty Dean                      |
| USHER/<br>GREETERS             | Dennis &<br>Mary Ella Mennenga                     | Jack &<br>Beverly Burcham      | Jack &<br>Beverly Burcham     | Jack &<br>Beverly Burcham    | John &<br>Bobbi Murfin          |
| COMMUNION<br>SERVERS           | Mary Ella &<br>Dennis Mennenga;<br>Beverly Burcham |                                |                               |                              |                                 |
| TECH<br>BOOTH                  | Steve Sinnott;<br>Sarah Hill                       | Steve Sinnott;<br>Isaac Holoch | Steve Sinnott;<br>Tate Sigler | Steve Sinnott;<br>Jordan Cox | Steve Sinnott;<br>Tracey Holoch |

### APRIL ATTENDANCE

| <i>Sunday Dates</i>       | <i>Sunday Attendance</i> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| April 3                   | 43                       |
| April 10 (Palm Sunday)    | 52                       |
| April 17 (Easter Sunday)  | 81                       |
| April 24                  | 35                       |
| <b>AVERAGE ATTENDANCE</b> | <b>53</b>                |

## CHURCH OFFICERS

### Elders:

Martha Dean  
Tracey Holoch  
Dennis McCormick  
Mary Ella Mennenga  
Anna Rayburn  
Ashley Sigler  
Randy Sigler  
Steve Sinnott  
Dixie Weinheimer

### Committee

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

**Session is currently scheduled to next meet on  
Wednesday, May 11th at 6 p.m.**

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

### Deacons:

Teresha Bossingham  
Beverly Burcham  
Jack Burcham  
Scott Graves  
Amanda Hill  
Sarah Hill  
Londa Holoch  
Vonette Miller  
Barb Monical  
Bobbi Murfin

### Deacon of the Month:

October  
June  
May  
November  
August  
July  
February  
April  
March  
September



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# May

Deacon of the  
Month

Jack Burcham



| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Monday                                                | Tuesday                                 | Wednesday                                                              | Thursday                                                                        | Friday                     | Saturday  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| <b>1</b><br>9:00 AM Worship Service<br>9:15 AM K-5th Sunday School Class<br>10:00 AM Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class<br><br>6:00 PM LOOP (6th - 12th Grade)                                                  | <b>2</b>                                              | <b>3</b>                                | <b>4</b><br><br>6:00 PM WORSHIP & MUSIC                                | <b>5</b><br><br>11:00 AM MISSION & OUTREACH<br><br>8:00 PM Serenity Circle (AA) | <b>6</b><br>OFFICE CLOSED  | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>8</b><br>9:00 AM Worship Service<br>9:15 AM K-5th Sunday School Class<br>10:00 AM Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class<br><br>6:00 PM LEAP (K-5th Grade)                                                       | <b>9</b>                                              | <b>10</b>                               | <b>11</b><br>9:30 AM Community Ladies Breakfast<br><br>6:00 PM SESSION | <b>12</b><br><br>8:00 PM Serenity Circle (AA)                                   | <b>13</b><br>OFFICE CLOSED | <b>14</b> |
| <b>15</b><br>9:00 AM Worship Service<br>9:15 AM K-5th Sunday School Class<br>10:00 AM Meet & Greet for our new Interim Pastor, Bill McLean, with Historical Reflection<br><br>6:00 PM LOOP (6th - 12th Grade) | <b>16</b>                                             | <b>17</b>                               | <b>18</b><br><br>6:30 PM DEACONS                                       | <b>19</b><br><br>8:00 PM Serenity Circle (AA)                                   | <b>20</b><br>OFFICE CLOSED | <b>21</b> |
| <b>22</b><br>9:00 AM Worship Service<br>9:15 AM K-5th Sunday School Class<br>10:00 AM Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class<br><br>6:00 PM LEAP (K-5th Grade)                                                      | <b>23</b>                                             | <b>24</b><br><br>6:00 PM ADMINISTRATION | <b>25</b>                                                              | <b>26</b><br><br>8:00 PM Serenity Circle (AA)                                   | <b>27</b><br>OFFICE CLOSED | <b>28</b> |
| <b>29</b><br>9:00 AM Worship Service<br>9:15 AM K-5th Sunday School Class<br>10:00 AM Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class                                                                                        | <b>30</b><br><b>MEMORIAL DAY</b><br><br>OFFICE CLOSED | <b>31</b>                               | <b>1</b>                                                               | <b>2</b><br><br>8:00 PM Serenity Circle (AA)                                    | <b>3</b><br>OFFICE CLOSED  | <b>4</b>  |

