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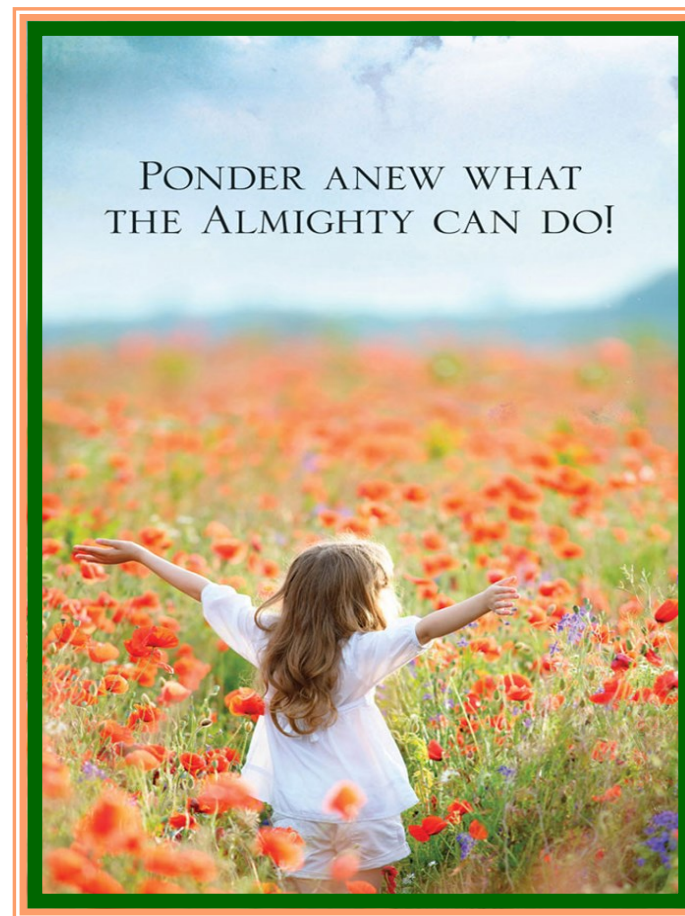
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Salt Creek Savorings

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Pastor's Page

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spiritualgifts

Small Changes, Big Results

There is growing evidence that even small sessions of physical activity can make a significant difference in our long term health. Similarly, regularly spending even a small period of time in meditation, prayer, or reflection can significantly improve our mental well-being. In much the same way the small changes we make today, make a huge difference in the world around us.

When we come together as the body of Christ in the world, our small actions help to share God's grace and change the world. When we add a box of crayons or a package of paper to our shopping cart it costs us less than a dollar, but for a student it is the ability to complete an assignment or learn a new subject. And when we spend less than two hours helping to package food at the Food Bank, our efforts combine to provide over 2500 pounds of accessible food and helps to provide food security for dozens of our neighbors.

Change does not happen instantly, and the small efforts we make today often go unnoticed in the moment. Yet, through consistent service and our coming together as a congregation each of our efforts are multiplied to care for those in need.

Thank you for the many ways we are sharing the gifts that God has provided us and may we continue to be the small changes that combine to transform the world. As Jesus showed us when feeding the gathered crowd, even a few loaves of bread and two fish can feed a multitude.

May we continue to be the hands and feet of God sharing love and grace in a hurting world.

Love and Grace,
Pastor Bill



Midwest Food Bank participants



Midwest Food Bank



Leroy Schools School Supply Donations



Leroy Food Pantry Donations



Birthdays

9/03	Jason McCormick	9/25	Jillian Mohr
9/05	Chris Sinnott	9/26	Janet Brent
9/07	Charlie Bossingham	9/26	Keith Builta
9/09	Darrin Walker	9/26	Sherri Richardson
9/11	Jacob Baughman	9/27	Noah Stengel
9/11	Joslyn Baughman	9/28	Kim Builta
		9/28	Eric Myers
		9/28	Caroline Toohill
		9/30	Adrienne Underhill
9/13	Dennis McCormick		
9/14	LeAnn Gaffney		
9/14	Tyson Brent		
9/15	Pat Smith		
9/18	Teresha Bossingham		
9/19	Dana Miller		
9/21	Izzie Owens		
9/24	Oleda Woodrey		
9/24	Tim Sigler		

Anniversaries

9/01 Ashley & Tim Sigler	9/14 Kim & Keith Builta
9/03 Teresa & George Miller	9/20 Margaret & Jeff Baughman
9/11 Eric & Monica Stengel	9/25 Nicole & Chris Houser
9/12 Keisha & Scott Tucker	9/28 Mindy & Jarrett Cox



Charlotte Elaine Zook

A baby basket is located in the hospitality room if anyone would like to bring a gift or card.

Charlotte is the daughter of Brittany Jake Zook. Grandparents include Bobbi & John Murfin, and the late Mike Ready.

Rob and Sarah Miller (Vonette and Dana's son) were married in March. A frame has been placed in the hospitality room if you care to add a congratulatory card or gift card.



Be Sure to join us at an outdoor Worship service!

The Worship and Music committee has planned an outdoor Worship service at Howard Virgin Park on Sunday, Sept 11 at 9:00 A.M.

Sub Sandwiches, chips and cookies will be served. Please bring a drink and a chair if desired.



September Library Corner



By Marty Dean

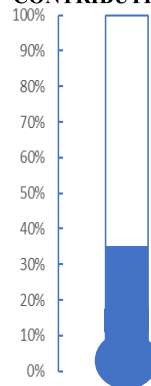
God Uses Cracked Pots: A Lighthearted Look at Life's Foibles & Fears by Patsy Clairmont

As the title suggests, author/humorist/motivational speaker Patsy Clairmont creates a powerful analogy to life's cracked pots--that being, our respective chips and cracks allow God's light to radiate anyway. Her off-beat reflections make light of hiccups, hang-ups, and fears. In coping with her own short fuse as a young mother, the author would stop, raise her hands, and proclaim *let's pray*. In short order, her young son was quick to follow suit. When realizing he was in *hot water*, he repeated the tactic--*let's pray*. (Chapter 7, *Get the Kid*) On a serious note, the author's path to publication was prefaced by agoraphobia--an acute anxiety disorder. By immersing in prayer, Bible study, and uplifting verses, Patsy Clairmont was able to shift her negative outlook and habits to a life of motivational ministry. A delightful, insightful, and uplifting read!

Confirmation classes will begin on September 4 at 10:00 a.m.



BUILDING FUND CONTRIBUTIONS



We have received **\$105,643** since our renovation project was approved. Our thanks to all who are helping to achieve our goal!

RENOVATION UPDATES



We have all been excited to see the recent work that has taken place for our building renovation. The preparation work for the elevator installation has included excavation, concrete footings being poured, and the pad for the elevator shaft itself. Soon, the block foundation will be laid and the exterior of the addition will begin.

Inside, the office areas have been drywalled and ceiling installation, painting, and flooring installation can begin.

The family bathroom and women's bathroom can be used; the men's bathroom will be finished soon. When visiting the church building go through the chapel to get to the restrooms.

reflections

Dana Miller,
Director of Student Ministries



I always enjoy the Le Roy Fall Festival at the end of August, because, to me, it's just a giant excuse for the fair to return to town. I don't do a lot of riding the rides, I don't eat a lot of the fair food, and I'm not a big buyer of overpriced fair souvenirs. I DO, however, really like the atmosphere of fun downtown, I enjoy seeing the streets full of people (both our local residents and visitors), and the excitement that seems to follow in the community during fair week. It might seem a little strange that I enjoy the fair without partaking in a lot of "fair activities," but I guess that's just my personality.

When I chat with those who attend the fair, eat the food, ride the rides, and immerse themselves in as many fair week experiences as possible, they look at me and wonder how I can be so excited about the fair and NOT do fair week activities. I have to admit, it's hard to explain why I enjoy the fair without doing fair stuff, but I can see the joy in the people around who are riding the rides and enjoying what the fair brings to town.

Isn't that just like how our faith walk is sometimes? You may have been a Christ follower for a long time, and you might be content with simply believing in Jesus, watching everyone else around you use their spiritual gifts in service and ministry. In the same way I'm content with enjoying the fair without participating in the fair, you may be content with watching the action around you without putting your faith into action. But we're called to be more than just spectators for our faith—we're called to put it into action. Jesus reminds his disciples in John 13:15, "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you." As Christ followers, we are called to be more than hearers of the Word of God, but doers as well. Jesus tells us two verses later, in John 13:17, "Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them." So, in order to enjoy the fullness of our faith and share the joy we have in our fellowship with Jesus, we are to be more than spectators—we are to serve, being active participants in our faith.

Who knows?

Perhaps I'll follow my own advice and have a couple funnel cakes and get on the Tilt-A-Whirl next year when the fair comes back to town in order to experience the full range of fun the fair brings to town! (Still, I wouldn't recommend sitting near me—I have a delicate stomach....)



Order your Leroy First United Presbyterian Church T-Shirt

There will be order forms at each entrance of the church. The pricing is on the form. The t-shirts will look cohesive when we do activities as a group. There will be a box for you to leave your forms and checks in on Robin's desk. Please order by September 30.



Best Buddies Fall Gathering

Friday, September 9, from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. there will be a gathering at the Living Well United Center in Leroy for pizza and Bingo. The Church will be providing Bingo prizes and pizza. For those interested in volunteering, please contact Anna Rayburn at annakristine27@gmail.com or 309-830-6551.



They are Back!

Watch for details as the LOOP and LEAP classes begin September 11!



SEE YOU AT THE POLE!

September 28, 2022

Details to follow

Worship Schedule - September 2022

9:00 a.m. Sunday WORSHIP	Sept. 4 Communion	Sept. 11 Outdoor Worship	Sept. 18	Sept. 25
ACCOMPANISTS	Londa Holoch Vonette Miller	Vonette Miller	Vonette Miller	Vonette Miller
LAY READER	Marty Dean	Amanda Hill	Sarah Hill	Marty Dean
USHER/ GREETERS	Karen, Brett and Josie Hill	Dennis & Mary Ella Mennenga	Kim and Steve Myers	Dennis and Judy McCormick
COMMUNION SERVERS	Jack and Beverly Burcham, Bobbi Murfin			
TECH BOOTH	Steve Sinnott Randy Sigler	Steve Sinnott; Tanner Holoch	Steve Sinnott; Sarah Hill	Steve Sinnott; Isaac Holoch



The Church Office
will be closed on
Monday,
September 5 in
observance of
Labor Day.



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Jeff Baughman, Principal of LeRoy
Junior-Senior High School would like
to pass along his appreciation for
all of your generous contributions
of school supplies.
They have already been able to help
some families asking for assistance.

AUGUST ATTENDANCE

<i>Sunday Dates</i>	<i>Sunday Attendance</i>
August 7	39
August 14	44
August 21	43
August 28	37
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	40

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, September 14, 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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OFFICE HOURS

Church: Monday thru Thursday 8:30 am - 3:00 pm
Pastor Bill: Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 am- 2:00 pm

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September

Deacon of the Month:



Bobbi Murfin

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:00am Worship Service 9:15am K-5th Sunday School Class 6:00pm Praise Band - LeRoy Bandstand	29 9:00am Monday Morning Bible Study	30	31 Rita's last day	1 9:00 a.m. Renovation Update 6:00 Mission Study Group 7:00pm Serenity Circle (AA)	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3
4 9:00am Worship Service 9:15am K-5th Sunday School Class 10:00am Confirmation Class Begins	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6	7 6:00pm Worship and Music Meeting	8 10:00am Mission and Outreach Meeting 7:00pm Serenity Circle (AA)	9 OFFICE CLOSED Best Buddies B Ingo 4 - 6 PM	10
11 9:00am Outdoor Worship Service - Howard Virgin Timber <i>Food will be served, Bring your own drink</i> 9:15am K-5th Sunday School Class 10:00am Confirmation LOOP & LEAP begins - time to be announced	12 9:00am Monday Morning Bible Study	13	14 6:00pm SESSION	15 9:00 a.m. Renovation Update 6:00 Mission Study Group 7:00pm Serenity Circle (AA)	16 OFFICE CLOSED	17
18 9:00am Worship Service 9:15am K-5th Sunday School Class 10:00am Confirmation	19 9:00am Monday Morning Bible Study	20	21 6:30pm DEACONS Meeting	22 7:00pm Serenity Circle (AA)	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24
25 9:00am Worship Service 9:15am K-5th Sunday School Class 10:00am Confirmation	26 9:00am Monday Morning Bible Study	27 6:00pm ADMINISTRATION	28 See you at the Pole 7:30 a.m.	29 9:00 a.m. Renovation Update 6:00 Mission Study Group 7:00pm Serenity Circle (AA)	30 OFFICE CLOSED T-Shirt orders need to be turned in	1