

# THE OBSERVER



Dear friends,

September marks the beginning of a new Christian education season at LoveJoy United. After two years of COVID-19 interruption, Youth Quest begins afresh on September 11 with a new meeting time, updated curriculum, and renewed energy among our children, youth, and adult volunteers. Youth Quest will meet right after worship until 1 PM and will conclude their time with lunch. We hope this will shorten the commute for families who used to drive long distances to worship and then again in the evening to Youth Quest. We also hope this time change will encourage youth and their families to worship regularly with the whole congregation. I can't wait to see our young disciples back with us soon!

We have some exciting opportunities for adults as well. Sarah & Kolby Carnes and Michael Musgrave-Perkins will share more about how LoveJoy United can be good neighbors to our LGBTQ+ siblings in the congregation and community. Mark Russell and Hershel Henson continue leading Sunday School at 9 AM before worship. I have the privilege of facilitating Bible Study on Wednesdays at 10:15 AM. Lunch Bunch at 11:30. The LoveJoy Lyceum Book Club, led by Elder Jennifer Hooker, keeps turning the page each month.

Our congregation is serious about forming disciples. I hope you find an offering that enables you to learn, build relationships with others, and discover Christ's call to deeper discipleship at LoveJoy United.

Blessings,

Pastor Daniel



# BACK TO Youth quest

LoveJoy United Presbyterian Church`

## NEW TIME

We will be trying out a new time this semester –  
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
after morning church  
worship.

**LUNCH WILL BE SERVED**

*The first session  
will be*

**SUNDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 11**

Pizza will be served  
at 11:30, then off to  
Altitudes  
Trampoline Park in  
Edwardsville

## NEW FORMAT

We will begin the semester with TWO YQ GROUPS: TEENS (6<sup>th</sup> grade & up) and PRE-TEEN. A new group of EARLY LEARNERS can be added if we have enough kids.

FOLLOW ME  
LESSONS

Activities

FOOD



GAMES

Matthew 25  
Caring

TRIPS

# Announcements

## LoveJoy Lyceum Book Club:

The LoveJoy Lyceum Book Club selects and reads a book together each month. They meet via Zoom at 7:15 PM after evening prayer.

**September 21 - The Wolf At Twilight**

**October 19 - Empire Of Pain**

**YouthQuest will begin again on SEPTEMBER 11** with our new time 11:30-1:00, after worship. Since lunch will be served to students at 12:30, we need volunteers to provide a meal or two consisting of simple food, picnic style - hot dogs, chips, veggies, pizza, sandwiches, soup, etc. Please consider what you can do to help, by yourself or by teaming with someone. A sign-up sheet will be on the Narthex table, or you can contact Tacoma Monroe, Sandy Monroe, or Ken Webster.

## 5th+1 Anniversary Dinner - September 18 after worship

We are finally ready to celebrate our 5th anniversary as LoveJoy United, which was delayed a year due to COVID. The meal of Fried Chicken and Tortellini (with sides and desserts) will be catered and is free for all who attend. To help us get an accurate count for meal preparation, please register ASAP in the Narthex, call the church office, or sign up on our website: [lovejoyupc.org](http://lovejoyupc.org).



## Volunteer Opportunity

### Booth House

The Booth House is a shelter operated by the Salvation Army in Alton. They are no longer housed at the site on Alby in Alton but employees take "Individual To-Go" meals to their locations. We have been providing them a meal on the 2nd Sunday of even months for many years, but we get little participation with this effort. We have already completed the first half of this year and have August, October, and December remaining. So, to get more involvement in this "Mission Opportunity" we are going to try something new! We will ask the congregation on the Sunday before to provide supplies. By this time we know how many are currently at the shelter(s). Then on Sunday, August 14th, October 9th, and December 11th we will assemble these "To-Go" meals in our kitchen and transport them to the Salvation Army location immediately following church service. We will provide approximately 15-20 meals. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Donohoo at 618-444-9190.

## July 2022 LUPC Financial Notes

Checking Account Balance as of 7/29/2022	\$68,331.44
Savings Account Balance as of 7/29/2022	\$2,243.15
Ending Balance as of 7/29/2022	\$70,574.59

- ❖ The June financial report reflects that the Income for the month exceeded the Expenses by 7,530.77
- ❖ Pledges: YTD Pledge total \$113,935.80
- ❖ Mission Market Fund: The current amount in the fund \$180,200.28. The interest rate is holding at .50%.

# MISSION AND OUTREACH

Anyone who's been to the grocery store or filled their gas tank recently, knows that prices have risen. I, like most of you I'm sure, don't like it but haven't missed any meals because of it. There are some in our community, however, who are really struggling. Prior to these conditions, many have barely been able to keep their heads above water. But now, they are needing help.

Our food pantry tries to be there for those needing additional help with having enough food to feed their families. Our Good Samaritan Fund finds people needing help filling their gas tanks to get to work or to get to a doctor appointment. Or they may need help with a utility bill or whatever.

Both our food pantry and Good Samaritan Fund are hurting right now. So far this year our expenses have exceeded our income for both of these funds. So, if you can help, we, and those needing our assistance, would be most grateful. You can purchase an additional item or more when you're at the grocery store and put that in the grocery cart in the narthex when you're in the building. Or an amount for either fund can be added to your check if that's your preference. Another easy option is to go to [www.lovejoyupc.org](http://www.lovejoyupc.org) and click on the "give" button. It gives the option of how you want LUPC to designate your funds. Both the food pantry and Good Samaritan Fund are options you can choose. There are options to use your credit card or funds can be deducted from your bank account. It's just that simple.

We are, after all, a Matthew 25 congregation. If you are able, this is one way you can live into the Matthew 25 way of life. Thank you.

## Food Pantry

You can drop off non-perishable items for the food pantry on Monday mornings between 9 am and 1 pm. The cart is by the front door. Thanks so much to those of you who continue to support our food pantry even though we're not in the building on Sunday mornings.

**The Pantry is in need of barred soap and toilet paper this month.**

## Good Samaritan Fund

As we all know, these are not normal times. If you need some extra help meeting your bills or a gas voucher to make those necessary trips, please know that you can come on Mondays at 1:30 pm and we can help you.

Everything will be confidential. And if you can help support this fund, just mark your check for Good Samaritan Fund. We are here to help one another and those most vulnerable in our community.

## Booth House and Saturday Café

If you have a heart for feeding the hungry, as Jesus taught that we should, helping with meals at the Booth House and/or Saturday Café is a great opportunity for you. The Booth House is a homeless shelter operated by the Salvation Army in Alton. They do not have a meal prepared for them on Sundays. Six times a year we have agreed to prepare the Sunday evening meal to feed the approximately 20 people they may have. During these pandemic times, meals are dropped off and they serve themselves. Saturday Café is a ministry of First Presbyterian in Alton, serving anyone needing a meal. We handle this meal on the first Saturday of March, June, September, and December. Let Brenda Donohoo or Karen Wilson know if you'd be willing to help with this.



## Happy Birthday September

1 Tara Hayes	14 Rev. George Humbert
2 Kate Trudell	18 Sydney Jacquin
James White	Courtney Russell
3 Scott Davis	19 Keelan Crawford
4 Adele Lakin	Lance Hatcher
Liza Mabb	20 Rob LaMarsh
Josh Utnage	21 Kolby Carnes
5 Michael Mayerhofer	22 Amanda Cox
Randy Bishop	23 Derek Kerr
Melinda "Winne" Whittaker	24 Alvie Young
7 Emma Carnes	25 Judith Sutter
Heather Ballard	Judy Luck
Joanne Lenhardt	Kyle Duncan
8 Sarah Mckee	26 Austin Miller
Steven Lewis	Linda Welch
10 Greg Luck	29 Casey Daniel
11 Kennedy Carnes	
12 Jack Gould	
Greg Bauer	

## The Prophet Speaks

The father wants somethings.

The father speaks .

But sometimes the people don't listen.

Then comes the prophet into town.

He shall speak.

He shall say what the father wishes to be.

"So I'm sending my messenger to prepare the way  
before me."

For this is the wishes of the Father for the prophet  
speaks.

Herbert J. Peel  
Poet Laureate

## Many Ways to Worship

We continue to gather in several ways at 10:15 AM on Sunday mornings as God's worshipping people. We hope you will join us online, by phone, or in-person. All three are good and faithful ways of worshipping. Online: Go to [lovejoyupc.org/live](https://lovejoyupc.org/live) and click 'connect Via Zoom.' Phone: Dial +1 (669) 900-6833 and then at the prompt enter: 611 784 858# (long distance rates may apply) in Person: Participants are asked to remain masked and refrain from singing during the service. We can accommodate up to 50 people in-person. Zoom Adult Sunday School meets at 9 – 9:45 AM. Connect online or by phone according to the instructions above. Tech Deacons are available to help you get connected online or by phone. Call the church office for information.

# September 2022

September

October

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31 10:15a Bible Study (Zoom and In Person) 11:30a Lunch Bunch 7p Evening Prayer (Zoom)	9/1	2 Office Closed - Daniel is available by appointment	3
4 9a Hybrid Adult Sunday School 10:15a Hybrid Worship	5 Office Closed <b>Labor Day</b>	6 6:30p Mission and Outreach	7 10:15a Bible Study (Zoom and In Person) 11:30a Lunch Bunch 7p Evening Prayer (Zoom)	8	9 Office Closed - Daniel is available by appointment	10
11 YouthQuest Kickoff 9a Choir Rehearsal 9a Hybrid Adult Sunday School 11:30 a YouthQuest	12 9a Food Pantry 1:30p Good Samaritan	13 6:30p Deacons Meeting	14 10:15a Bible Study (Zoom and In Person) 11:30a Lunch Bunch 7p Evening Prayer (Zoom)	15 1p ACE Committee 6p 5th Anniversary Committee	16 Office Closed - Daniel is available by appointment	17
18 Church 6th Anniversary 9a Choir Rehearsal 9a Hybrid Adult Sunday School 11:30 a YouthQuest	19 1:30p Good Samaritan	20 6p Finance Meeting	21 10:15a Bible Study (Zoom and In Person) 11:30a Lunch Bunch 7p Evening Prayer (Zoom)	22 6:30p Session Meeting	23 Office Closed - Daniel is available by appointment	24 9a PEO Women's Group
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