

# THE OBSERVER

JUNE 2023

LoveJoy United  
Presbyterian Church



The River Flows.  
"Come and be baptized."  
John said  
All came, and was Baptized;  
in the River.  
John was Praised, but John  
said someone even greater  
than him was coming. Jesus  
came, and was baptized  
then and there. The sky  
opened and a voice said,  
"This is my beloved Son.  
I am Well Pleased."

Poet Laureate  
Herbert J. Peel

Throughout 2023, LoveJoy United's Poet Laureate, Herbert Peel, is sharing a poem to go along with each of the seven stained glass windows in the sanctuary.

# CELEBRATING GENEROSITY

@ LoveJoy United

## "AND I DON'T EVEN STINK!"

A homeless woman often comes to Operation Blessing, where Karen Wilson serves as director, in search of clothing. Out of curiosity, Karen recently asked her what she does with all these clothes she receives each time she visits. Apologetic, the woman said she simply doesn't have any way to wash her clothes, so she seeks out new clothes to wear when the previous ones get too dirty. Karen connected her with Riverbend Family Ministries, which has bathing facilities and the laundry equipment LoveJoy United donated. The woman came back to Karen thrilled to have been able to bathe and wash her clothes. She was so grateful Karen felt compelled to give her a hug. When they embraced, the woman exclaimed, "and I don't even stink!" This is our Matthew 25 ministry at work in the world!

## AN UPDATE FROM ROB LAMARSH

Dear Friends in Christ,

You may recall, within previous newsletters, members of the Stewardship Committee participated in a Zoom presentation, hosted by Christian Kinard, entitled: Past, Present, Future Giving and Generations, and that over this year, the committee would share with you some of the highlights from the more engaging topics.

Two topics discussed within the first and second presentations dealt with "Giving" and "Generosity", which naturally seem to partner with each other.

The giving of one's time, talent, and/or financial support is typically viewed as an act of voluntarily desiring to be a part of something that most would consider to be important and worthwhile in their life. The act of being a part of a church should generate a sense of belonging, joy, and personal satisfaction knowing that you are contributing to a body that desires to serve a higher good by practicing the principles established by the God it worships.

The Webster's New World Dictionary defines generosity as being: 1) the quality of being generous and 2) a generous or unselfish act. Google defines generosity as: the quality of being kind and generous. These definitions identify not only the motivation for giving, but the extent one may feel compelled to give of their time, talents, and financial support.

As Christians and followers of Jesus Christ, we are taught to be generous givers not only in our thoughts and our words, but by our actions.

# Thank you!

**My Dear Friends,  
Brothers and Sisters,  
We on the Stewardship  
Committee  
wish to thank you.**

**For your Gifts,  
and talents.**

**For your finance.**

**For your support.**

**With your support, we shall  
continue to do the Father's Work.**

**Kindest Personal Regards,  
Herbert Peel**

**& the Stewardship Committee**

# LOVEJOY CHILDREN & YOUTH - HONORING OUR GRADUATES

## Alec Blair



## Alex Hayes

Quincy High School

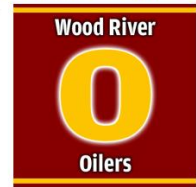


## Connor Humbert



## Hayden Lindquist

East Alton – Wood River High School



## Gavin Shelton

Lewis & Clark Community College  
Associate Degree



## Sydney Slayden

Illinois State University  
BS in Elementary Education





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Halley



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Out of this world adventure filled with faith and fun, as we learn about shining Jesus' light into the world!

Godfrey First UMC  
1100 Airport Road

Cosmo



JUNE 25-29  
6:00-8:30pm

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## Rummage Sale – July 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>

Mark your calendars now for our July Rummage Sale!

We will begin accepting donations on Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. We are asking for donations of furniture, appliances, tools, shoes, luggage, handbags, jewelry, kitchen items, seasonal decorations, children's clothing and toys. We do not accept adult clothing but would welcome coats and jackets.

Marking your items in advance of drop off is greatly appreciated to allow our volunteers more time to sort donations. **Please don't price any items under 25¢. This makes it much easier to total when checking out. You can always bundle items so they are valued a quarter.**

The sale begins Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> (5-7 p.m.) with a Pre-sale and donation of \$3 to enter that evening.

**Friday and Saturday (7/21 & 7/22) hours are 8 a.m.-noon.** All unsold items will be donated to the Marines for their Toys for Tots campaign. If you want any of your donations back, you must pick them up before noon on Saturday or let one of our volunteers know.

Thanks in advance for everyone's support. We also need your help that week pricing and organizing our donations. We usually have crews there both day and evening. And while it's a lot of work, it's also a lot of fun!

If you have questions, contact Brenda Donohoo at 618-254-1539 or Jennifer Wyatt at 618-466-2328.

# Announcements



## Happy Birthday

1	19
JoAnn Lamar	Karon Barry
Selinda Jenson	Keely Rust
3	Kent Barry
Joya Freeman	21
Madison Klaas	Linda Peel
4	22
Abel Bristow	Ray Gvillo
5	23
Maximus Hatcher	Eileen Miller
Tiffany Milburn	24
6	Alice Buzzard
Amy Hanold	25
7	Jean Day
Preston King	27
8	Jessica Johns
Aaron Miller	Tom Wyatt
Michelle St. Peters	28
9	Ashton Kudelka
Delilah Shelton	Patty Miller
11	29
Kathi Cooper	Kaitlyn Lewis
13	Richard Sisk
Jo Carter	30
Lisa Hemphill	Bennett Kudelka
16	Rev. Dr. Ailine
Rev. Dr. Linda	Russell William
Shugert	Hatcher Alexis
18	Suerig
Carol Hanold	Janet Barringer
	Phillips

## LoveJoy Lyceum Book Club:



Lyceum Book Club is currently reading Learning to Walk in the Dark by Barbara Brown Taylor. We ZOOM together on June 21 at 7:15pm for lively discussions. Our next book will be Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus and we will ZOOM together on July 19 at 7:15pm for more lively discussions.”

## April 2023 LUPC Financial Notes

Checking Account Balance as of 4/30/2023 \$71,876.81  
Savings Account Balance as of 4/30/2023 \$10,368.23  
Ending Balance as of 4/30/2023 \$82,245.04 Pledge  
Income Received: YTD Pledge total \$62,587.95 Mission  
Market Fund: The current amount in the fund  
\$181,513.02 The interest rate is holding at 1.30 %

## Many Ways to Worship

We 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](http://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) Hybrid Adult Sunday School meets at 9 – 10 AM. Connect online or by phone according to the instructions above. Tech Deacons are available to help you get connected online or by phone.

# June 2023

## June

## July

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							30	31					

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	6/1	2	3
	<p><b>Memorial Day</b> Office Closed</p>	A Place of Grace	-----			
						Saturday Café
<p>4</p> <p>9a Choir Rehearsal 9a Hybrid Adult Sunday School 10:15a Hybrid Worship 11:30 a Learn about LoveJoy</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1:30p Good Samaritan</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30p Mission and Outreach</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:15a Bible Study (Hybrid) 11:30a Lunch Bunch 7p Evening Prayer (Zoom)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:30p Children &amp; Youth CE</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9a Session Retreat</p>
<p>11</p> <p>9a Choir Rehearsal 9a Hybrid Adult Sunday School 10:15a Hybrid Worship 11:30a Building and Grounds 11:30a LoveJoy Youth</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9a Food Pantry 12:15p PEO Women's Meeting 1:30p Good Samaritan</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:30p Worship Committee 7p Anti-poverty planning</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:15a Bible Study (Hybrid) 11:30a Lunch Bunch</p>	<p>15</p> <p>1p ACE Committee Meeting</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p> <p><b>Father's Day</b> 9a Choir Rehearsal 9a Hybrid Adult Sunday School 10:15a Hybrid Worship 11:30a Fellowship Sunday</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1:30p Good Samaritan</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6p Finance Meeting</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:15a Bible Study (Hybrid) 11:30a Lunch Bunch 7p Evening Prayer (Zoom) 7:15p LoveJoy Lyceum;</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:30p Session Meeting</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>9a Choir Rehearsal 9a Hybrid Adult Sunday School 10:15a Hybrid Worship 11:30 a Lovejoy Children &amp; Youth</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9a Food Pantry 1:30p Good Samaritan 6p Cub Scouts</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:15a Bible Study (Hybrid) 7p Evening Prayer (Zoom)</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>7/1</p>



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