

THE OBSERVER

SEPTEMBER 2023

LoveJoy United
Presbyterian Church



Legacy

The master, teacher is gone.
The students are here to continue the work.
The students have become the teachers.
Gather around and listen to the stories of the Son.
For the Son has taught us the ways of the Father.
Now the Son is in Heaven.
So gather around my students and let us learn the
ways of the Father.

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.

LOY

LoveJoy Children & Youth



Youth Participation in Morning Worship

Maybe you have noticed that Pastor Daniel has been involving children and youth in morning worship - and not just for children's time. Students have been selected for engaging participation in roles that have been previously reserved for adults. Don't be surprised to see more of this in the future.



Uriyah Pennington was the morning worship liturgist on June 18.



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Announcements

Happy Birthday

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



LoveJoy Lyceum Book Club:

Lyceum Book Club is currently reading *ROLLING NOWHERE* by Ted Conover. We will Zoom together on September 20 at 7:15pm for lively discussions.

July 2023 LUPC Financial Notes

Checking Account Balance as of 7/31/2023 \$ 75,966.49
 Savings Account Balance as of 7/31/2023 \$ 9,868.49
 Ending Balance as of 7/31/2023 \$ 85,834.98
 Pledge Income Received: YTD Pledge total \$103,026.10
 Mission Market Fund: The current amount in the fund \$182,205.56. 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 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.

Sept. 30

PRESBYTERY PICNIC

Food, Music, Fellowship and Fun



12 pm to 4 pm

**Hosted by: Grace Presbyterian Church
105 Bailey Rd, Crystal City, MO 63019**

We need your help to make this a success!
Email: communication@glpby.org or call 314.772.2395

YOU'RE INVITED TO
THE WEDDING OF



SEPT | **23** | 2023

AT 1 PM IN THE AFTERNOON AT
LOVEJOY UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Bring a finger food or dessert to share
for a reception in the Fellowship Hall

THE LAND IS NOT EMPTY - Fall Study Series

This statement is the title of Sarah Augustine's book which we will read and discuss together in October. Augustine unpacks the harm of the Doctrine of Discovery—a set of laws rooted in the fifteenth century that gave Christian governments the moral and legal right to seize lands they “discovered” despite those lands already being populated by indigenous peoples. The fall study is cosponsored by the Earth Care and ACE Committees. October events will include a Sunday evening hybrid group study and a special speaker for Sunday morning worship on October 15. Look for more details in September!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Daniel Off-Rev. Dr. Linda Shugert Preaches 9a Hybrid Adult Sunday School 10:15a Hybrid Worship	4 Labor Day	5 9a Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30p Mission and Outreach Meeting	6 10:15a Lectionary Bible Study (hybrid) 2p Sewing and Craft Circle 7p Evening Prayer (Zoom)	7	8	9
10 LoveJoy Youth 9a Hybrid Adult Sunday School 10:15a Hybrid Worship 11:30a Bldg & Grounds Meeting	11 9a Food Pantry 12:15p PEO Women's Meeting 1:30p Good Samaritan	12 9a Bell Choir Rehearsal	13 10:15a Lectionary Bible Study (hybrid) 2p Sewing and Craft Circle 7p Evening Prayer (Zoom)	14 6:30p Children & Youth Christian Ed Meeting	15 First Day of Hispanic Heritage Month	16
17 8:45a Choir Rehearsal 9a Hybrid Adult Sunday School 10:15a Hybrid Worship 11:30a Fellowship Sunday	18 1:30p Good Samaritan	19 9a Bell Choir Rehearsal 6p Finance Meeting	20 10:15a Lectionary Bible Study (hybrid) 2p Sewing and Craft Circle 7p Evening Prayer (Zoom)	21 1p ACE Committee Meeting	22	23
24 Daniel Off-Julie Gvillo Preaches Native American Day 8:45a Choir Rehearsal 9a Hybrid Adult Sunday School 10:15a Hybrid Worship	25 9a Food Pantry 1:30p Good Samaritan	26 9a Bell Choir Rehearsal	27 10:15a Lectionary Bible Study (hybrid) 2p Sewing and Craft Circle 7p Evening Prayer (Zoom)	28 6:30p Session Meeting	29	30

CELEBRATING GENEROSITY

THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

From Generation to Generation

by Rob LaMarsh

As promised, the Stewardship Committee continues to share some of the interesting highlights from the Zoom presentation, which they participated in, as hosted by Christian Kinard and entitled: Past, Present, Future Giving and Generations.

It is interesting to note that at no other time in America history has there been the possibility of a congregation being composed of five generations of individuals worshiping together. Yes, there are isolated cases where a newspaper prints a photograph celebrating five generations within one family, but these are still somewhat rare.

Obviously, advancements in medical technology, treatments, and improved living conditions have been a major contributor to extending life expectancies.

The five generation are defined as follows: Elders were born before 1946, Boomers born between 1946 and 1964, Gen X born between 1965 and 1980, Millennial born between 1981 and 1995, and Gen Z were born after 1995.

Five generation, each with their own characteristics including, but not limited to, styles of clothing, hairdos, music, values, goals, and yes; even use of the English language.

As I reflected on Ms. Kinard's details of the varies characteristics of each generation, for some reason I started to think about the Pentecost story in Acts, Chapter 2, Verse 5. "Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each." How similar are these two situations with a gathering of five different generations and a gathering of Jews from sixteen different regions, both groups having variations in language, habits, dress, and mannerisms, yet they are able to coexist, and accept one another because of one common factor, the power of God.

For LoveJoy United Presbyterian Church, the exciting and positive elements of this gathering of five generations is the diversity of ideas, the inclusion, and the prospects for what can be accomplished as a united body of Christians.

The possibilities are endless as I envision Elders teaching Gen Z's about planning for retirement and Gen Z's teaching Elders how to get the most enjoyment from their Smart phones.



Your Giving at Work in the World

by John Rain

How can you worship a homeless man on Sunday and ignore a homeless man on Monday? This was the question asked by a gentleman named Shane Claiborne. It made me think. And, also, it made me feel good about belonging to a church like LoveJoy United. Want to know how your pledges and offering dollars are used? The list is a long one but just to name a few: For many years Love Joy United has focused on helping many individuals and families with their food needs through our Food Pantry, meals at the Booth House, and Saturday Café in Alton. We are so grateful for the food items donated by church members, but many items still need to be purchased—milk, meat, eggs, fresh vegetables, etc. and that takes money. The Good Samaritan Fund allows us to directly help people in need—help pay for medicine, utility bills, school supplies, and needed clothing. Money is given to River Bend Family Ministries from weekly collections. Our One Great Hour of Sharing offering supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. Every dollar given to the church is put to good use. We are so blessed to be in a position to share God's goodness with others less fortunate.

We here at Love Joy United may worship a homeless man on Sunday but we certainly do not ignore a homeless man on Monday or Tuesday or any other day of the week.



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