



**LoveJoy United**  
Presbyterian Church

# THE OBSERVER

Dear friends,

This month marks a season of gratitude in our lives and community. On November 3, we remember and give thanks for the lives of the saints, especially those in our own congregation who have died in the last year. On November 10th, we'll have a reception after worship to give thanks for the contributions veterans in our community have made. November 17, we will hold a congregational meeting after worship to elect the next elders, deacons, and members of the nominating committee who will lead our church. Part of that includes a prayer thanking God for lifting up leaders among us for this time in our life. And, of course, on Thanksgiving Day, we'll join with our various families and friends to celebrate the gift of this life we share together.

This month we will also be concluding our Stewardship Campaign for 2025, giving thanks to God for calling us into this ministry. If you have already submitted a pledge to our campaign, I want to express my sincere gratitude to you for financially committing to God's ministry at LoveJoy United. If you have not yet submitted your pledge, I encourage you to do that as an expression of thanks for God's presence and grace in your life. You can pledge at [lovejoyupc.org](http://lovejoyupc.org).

Today, I give thanks for your presence in the life of our ministry!

In Christ,

Daniel

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## November Birthdays

|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| 3                 | 17                 |
| Craig Carnes      | Paige Lemasson     |
| 5                 | Humbert            |
| Trinity Milburn   | 18                 |
| Sandra Franke     | Charlotte Belchik  |
| 6                 | 19                 |
| Ethan Humbert Jr. | Kelsee Pelot       |
| 7                 | 21                 |
| Shawn Thompson    | Jackie Roberson    |
| 8                 | Jill Roberts       |
| Samantha Bauer    | 22                 |
| Spencer Slayden   | Margarette Trushel |
| 10                | 23                 |
| Hendrix Duncan    | Jennifer Andrews   |
| Scott Slayden     | Noah Mabb          |
| Trevor Hale       | 24                 |
| 11                | Leslie Ballard     |
| Cheryl Bishop     | Tara Mouser        |
| Charlie Manker    | 25                 |
| Lynna Humbert     | Tacoma Monroe      |

### September 2024 Financial Notes:

Checking Account Balance as 9/30/2024 \$37,991.53  
Savings Account Balance as of 9/30/2024 \$14,265.53  
Ending Balance as of 9/30/2024 \$52,257.06  
Pledge Income Received:  
YTD Pledge total \$139,079.21  
Mission Market Fund: The current amount in the fund \$125,533.51 The interest rate is holding at 2.15 %  
7 Month CD: The current amount in the fund \$30,000

For questions, please contact Sarah Carnes or Tom Wyatt.

### Lyceum Book Club's current book:

Lyceum Book Club's current book is LAKOTA WOMAN by Mary Crow Dog. We ZOOM it on 11/20 @ 7:15p. Our next book is THE VASTER WILDS by Lauren Groff. We ZOOM it on 12/18 @ 7:15p.

### Jeane Slayden's New Address:

312 Mechanical Dr. AL - 12  
East Alton, IL 62024

## Sign up now for a new Sunday Morning Study Starting Dec. 1 on the Book of John

We have been delighted in the response to the first session of our new Adult Sunday School class, which has been led by Ryan Harris since September. Beginning **December 1 at 9 AM**, we will transition to a new topic and a new teacher. Rev. Dr. Linda Shugert will be leading us through the book of John with a curriculum by the wonderful Amy-Jill Levine, a Jewish scholar of the New Testament. If you are interested, please sign up in the Narthex or [lovejoyupc.org/nextsteps](https://lovejoyupc.org/nextsteps) so we can order your materials. See you there!

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## Call on the US Congress to Block Sales of Military Aid to Israel

The 2010 General Assembly called on the US government to adhere to its laws that prohibit assisting the government of any country that engages in a consistent pattern of human rights violations or that uses U.S. weapons against civilians and civilian infrastructure.

In addition to human death and injury, Israel's campaign has resulted in the massive destruction of homes, communities, and infrastructure in Gaza, Southern Lebanon and Beirut. The irony, therefore, is that US tax-payer money has been allocated to US military aid to Israel, and US-made planes, missiles, and other weaponry that is being used to destroy lives and communities. The US must no longer supply military aid and support to Israel.

**Contact your senators and representatives. Urge them to support these Joint Resolutions of Disapproval.**

*Action Alerts are published by the Presbyterian Church's Office of Public Witness, which helps to interpret and advocate the church's social policies in the public square. At the same time, we acknowledge that 'God alone is Lord of the conscience,' and Presbyterians can faithfully disagree on matters of faith and policy.*

## Items Needed for Christmas Food Box

**Our Food Pantry plans to provide a Christmas box to our patrons.**

**In addition to a ham (that we will purchase), we would like to collect a few extra items for their box. We have approximately 25 families. Of course, monetary donations are always welcome.**

**Any Type of Cheesy Potatoes  
Any Canned Vegetables  
Cranberry Sauce  
Dinner Rolls  
Dessert Mix (Brownie/Cake)  
Canned Fruit**

**These will be distributed on Monday, December 9th and 23rd.  
Your donation needs to be at church by Sunday, December 8th.  
We thank you for your generous donations throughout the year!**

**If you have any questions, you may contact Brenda Donohoo or Marilyn King.**

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## *Bake Sale*

*Candies, Cookies, Breads & Pies*

*Saturday, December 7th  
10:00 am – Noon*



*LoveJoy United Presbyterian Church  
2550 Rock Hill Rd., Wood River  
618-254-5880*

*Select your favorites from a wonderful  
variety of sweet treats that will be sold  
by the pound or as priced.*

Proceeds from this sale benefit our Good Samaritan Fund which assists families in our community with food and utilities.



## **Attention all Bakers and Candy Makers:**

**Our Annual Bake Sale is Saturday, December 7th.**

**There will be a sign-up sheet available in the middle of November. We are looking forward to another successful sale with a large variety of pies, cookies, candies and breads.**



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Cookies, Candies, Breads & Pies*



*Saturday, December 7th  
10:00 am – Noon*



# Poem



## *The Cookies*

*My friend, what is in the box?  
Is it for all of the class?  
I can smell them.  
Tell me what they are.  
They smell like cookies.  
Are they chocolate chip?  
Are they mint?  
Are they strawberry?  
Please tell me, they make me very hungry.  
Please let me have one dear sister.  
Are there cookies in the box?*



## *House of Peace*

*This is The Lords House.  
In this place we shall gather.  
House of Worship  
House of Friendship  
Together we shall praise and  
worship God in this house of Peace.*

Poet Laureate  
Herbert J. Peel

# November 2024

November

December

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| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |    |    |

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday                             | Saturday   |
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|  |   | 29   | 30   | 31  | 11/1                               | 2<br>9a Presbytery Gathering<br>St. Mark Presbyterian Church |
| 3<br>Daylight Saving Time ends<br>8:45a Choir Rehearsal<br>9a Sunday Morning Live<br>9a The Present Word<br>10:15a Worship                                       | 4   | 5<br>Election Day (General Election)<br>9a Bell Choir Rehearsal<br>10a Visitation for Annabel Gibson<br>11a Staff Meeting<br>12p Funeral for Annabel Gibson<br>1p Bereavement Dinner<br>6:30p Mission and Outreach | 6<br>10:15a Lectionary Bible Study<br>11:30a Lunch Bunch - Guest Speaker<br>1p Sewing and Craft Circle<br>7p Evening Prayer (Zoom)                   | 7   | 8                                  | 9  |
| 10<br>8:45a Choir Rehearsal<br>9a Sunday Morning Live<br>9a The Present Word<br>10:15a Worship<br>11:30a Deacon's Meeting<br>6:30p Movie Night                   | 11<br>Veterans Day<br>9a Food Pantry<br>12:15p PEO Women's Meeting    | 12<br>9a Bell Choir Rehearsal<br>11a Staff Meeting<br>2p Dynamic Leaders   | 13<br>10:15a Lectionary Bible Study<br>11:30a Lunch Bunch<br>1p Sewing and Craft Circle<br>7p Evening Prayer (Zoom)                                  | 14<br>6:30p Children & Youth<br>Christian Ed.           | 15                                 | 16   |
| 17<br>8:45a Choir Rehearsal<br>9a Sunday Morning Live<br>9a The Present Word<br>10:15a Worship<br>11:30a Called Congregational Meeting<br>11:30a Fellowship Hour | 18  | 19<br>9a Bell Choir Rehearsal<br>11a Staff Meeting<br>6p Finance Meeting   | 20<br>10:15a Lectionary Bible Study<br>11:30a Lunch Bunch<br>1p Sewing and Craft Circle<br>7p Evening Prayer (Zoom)<br>7:15p LoveJoy Lyceum Bookclub | 21<br>2p ACE Committee Meeting<br>6:30p Session Meeting | 22                                 | 23   |
| 24<br>Christ the King Sunday<br>8:45a Choir Rehearsal<br>9a Sunday Morning Live<br>9a The Present Word<br>10:15a Worship   | 25<br>9a Food Pantry<br>11a Worship Committee<br>Decorates for Advent | 26<br>9a Bell Choir Rehearsal<br>11a Staff Meeting   | 27<br>10:15a Lectionary Bible Study<br>11:30a Lunch Bunch<br>1p Sewing and Craft Circle<br>7p Evening Prayer (Zoom)                                  | 28<br>Thanksgiving Day                                  | 29<br>Native American Heritage Day | 30   |





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