

Offering Invitation ~ Offering

*Doxology Hymn (inside front cover of hymnal)

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*Hymn 237 vs. 1, 4

He Keeps Me Singing

*Benediction:

Go in peace; love and care for one another in the name of Christ; and may the Spirit of God which filled John and Jesus, fill your hearts, souls and minds. May the power of God which upheld them, strengthen you for each day, and may the love of God which directed their every action be your guiding light and your shining star, both now and forevermore.

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Coffee with  
Pastor Diane**

This Wednesday, January 14  
10:00 – 11:00 a.m. @ Grass Roots  
Let's have a conversation.

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**DOC Annual Meeting Today
after church**

LeRoy Annual Breakfast Meeting
Next Sunday, Jan. 18 @ 8:00 am

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Pot Luck Lunch Today after  
church. Please Come and Enjoy**

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HCUMC Admin Council
This Wednesday, January 14 @ 6:30 pm

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**Tuesday Bible Study**  
January 20 @ 6:00 pm

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TUF Team
Wednesday, January 21
Barbara Hewitt - snacks

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**Next Sunday, January 18**  
Receiving UM Human Relations Special  
Offering

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February Newsletter Deadline
January 21 @ 3:00 pm

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Names will remain on the prayer list for two Sundays following the first request.

**Concerns**

**Helen Ruth** – pneumonia recovery

**Sherri** – wound continues to heal

**Doug** – surgery recovery

**Family of David Petty**

**Jayma** – surgery for carpal tunnel

**Averi** – ACL surgery, Tom & Linda Watkins' granddaughter

**Travel Mercies** – Jake & Mary Kay Coffey's trip to Arizona

**Steven Snow** – accepted new job in Alabama, Terry & Belva's son

**Dean** – Parkinson's disease, Pam Schreck's brother

**Joyce** – Dean's caregiver

**Celebrations**

**Justice Renee Black** – new great niece of Betty Sullivan

**Christmas Eve Service**



## Regular Programs of the Parish

Youth Fellowship, Grades 7-12 Contact Jan Lundahl @ (515)979-2012 for day/time  
**Every Other Tuesday: Bible Study @ HCUMC 6:00 pm Come Join Us**  
**Thursday: Bible Study @ HCUMC – 12:30 pm ~ All are Welcome**  
**LeRoy Adult, Youth & Children's Sunday School** – following Worship  
**Humeston Children's Sunday School** – During Worship – ages 3+  
Pastor Office Hours: Monday 1:00 – 3:00 pm, Wednesday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month: 10:00 – 11:00 am @ Grass Roots  
Administrative Office Open Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

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| <b>January 11</b>  | <b>Worship @ LeRoy</b><br><b>Worship @ Humeston</b><br><b>DOC Annual Meeting</b><br><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Pot Luck Lunch</b>                | <b>9:00 am</b><br><b>10:30 am</b><br><b>11:30 am</b><br><b>11:45 am</b> |
| <b>January 14</b>  | <b>Coffee w/ Pastor Diane @ Grass Roots</b><br><b>HCUMC Admin Council</b>                                                                      | <b>10:00 – 11:00 am</b><br><b>6:30 pm</b>                               |
| <b>January 18</b>  | <b>LeRoy Annual Breakfast Meeting</b><br><b>Worship @ LeRoy</b><br><b>Worship @ Humeston</b><br><i>(Receiving UM Human Relations Offering)</i> | <b>8:00 am</b><br><b>9:00 am</b><br><b>10:30 am</b>                     |
| <b>January 20</b>  | <b>TUESDAY Bible Study</b>                                                                                                                     | <b>6:00 pm</b>                                                          |
| <b>January 21</b>  | <b>February Newsletter Deadline</b><br><b>TUF Team</b>                                                                                         | <b>3:00 pm</b><br><b>3:45 – 5:15 pm</b>                                 |
| <b>January 25</b>  | <b>Worship @ LeRoy</b><br><b>Worship @ Humeston</b>                                                                                            | <b>9:00 am</b><br><b>10:30 am</b>                                       |
| <b>January 27</b>  | <b>February Newsletter Published</b>                                                                                                           |                                                                         |
| <b>February 1</b>  | <b>Worship @ LeRoy</b><br><b>Worship @ Humeston</b>                                                                                            | <b>9:00 am</b><br><b>10:30 am</b>                                       |
| <b>February 3</b>  | <b>TUESDAY Bible Study</b>                                                                                                                     | <b>6:00 pm</b>                                                          |
| <b>February 4</b>  | <b>TUF Team</b><br><b>Parish Council</b>                                                                                                       | <b>3:45 – 5:15 pm</b><br><b>6:00 pm</b>                                 |
| <b>February 8</b>  | <b>Worship @ LeRoy</b><br><b>Worship @ Humeston</b><br><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Pot Luck Lunch</b>                                             | <b>9:00 am</b><br><b>10:30 am</b><br><b>11:30 am</b>                    |
| <b>February 10</b> | <b>TUESDAY Bible Study</b>                                                                                                                     | <b>6:00 pm</b>                                                          |
| <b>February 11</b> | <b>Coffee with Pastor Diane @ Grass Roots</b><br><b>Scripture Memorization Class @ HCUMC</b>                                                   | <b>10:00 – 11:00 am</b><br><b>2:00 pm</b>                               |

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**Humeston Organist:** Jayma Smith   **LeRoy Pianist:** Sandee Smith   **Helping Hands:** Ed Coffey



Welcome and Announcements

Mary Jackson

Call to Worship

Come! Let us follow Jesus to the edge of the Jordan River to be baptized.  
**We come to be cleansed and made whole.**

Come! Let us witness John's confusion and Jesus' insistence that John baptize God Incarnate.

**We come to join Jesus in choosing life in the kingdom of God.**

Come! Let us hear God declare the truth of Jesus' identity and the truth of our identity as baptized people.

**We come to remember and embody who we are as beloved children of God.**

Come! Let us worship God who leads us into the baptismal waters and salvation life.

**We come to worship God who empowers us through divine presence to live together as the family of God. Amen.**

\*Hymn 170   vs. 1, 3

*O, How I Love Jesus*

Celebrations & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Matthew 3:13-17 & Isaiah 42:1-9

Scripture

Children's Time

A Lesson for the Child in All of Us

Sermon                    "Love Shows Up"

Pastor Diane

\*Hymn 500   vs. 1, 3, 5

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

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*There's Within My Heart a Melody*

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\*Hymn # 672 vs. 1

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