

UNITED TRINITY PARISH  
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Jan. Sneak Peek:

LeRoy Communion Servers  
Sandee Smith & Cassie Moore  
HCUMC PALS  
Mary Jackson & Virginia Watson

Jan. 1 – New Year's Day  
Offices Closed  
Jan. 7 – TUF Team  
Jan. 10 – Blood Drive  
Jan 11 – DOC Annual Meeting  
Jan. 14 – HCUMC Ad Council  
Jan 18 – LeRoy Bkfst Meeting  
Jan. 21 – TUF Team



Regular Programs Each Week

(All activities at HCUMC unless stated otherwise)

**Jr/Sr High Youth Fellowship:** contact Jan Lundahl for day/time (515)979-2012  
*Every Other Tuesday Bible Study 6:00 pm*  
*Thursday Bible Study @ 12:30 pm*  
**LeRoy Youth & Children's Sunday school** ~ following Worship  
**Humeston Children's Sunday school:** During Worship ages 3+  
**TUF Team** ~ 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays 3:45-5:15 pm Sept - April



November 27	Community Thanksgiving Dinner @ HCUMC	Noon
Nov 28 - 30	Wayne County Fairgrounds Holiday Lights	5 – 9 pm
November 30 1 <sup>st</sup> Advent	Worship @ LeRoy Worship @ Humeston	9:00 am 10:30 am
December 3	TUF Team Parish Council	3:45 – 5:15 pm 6:00 pm
Dec 5 - 7	Wayne County Fairgrounds Holiday Lights	5 – 9 pm
December 7 2 <sup>nd</sup> Advent	Worship @ LeRoy Worship @ Humeston	9:00 am 10:30 am
December 9	TUESDAY Bible Study	6:00 pm
December 11	Humeston Hometown Holidays @ Humeston Community Center	5:00 pm
December 14 3 <sup>rd</sup> Advent	Worship @ LeRoy Worship @ Humeston with Children's Christmas Program 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Pot Luck	9:00 am 10:30 am Noon
December 16	TUESDAY Bible Study	6:00 pm
December 17	TUF Team – Caroling & Cookie Delivery	3:45 – 5:15 pm
December 19	LeRoy Children's Christmas Program	7:00 pm
December 21 4 <sup>th</sup> Advent	Worship @ LeRoy Joy Boxes Received Worship @ Humeston DOC Christmas Offering Received	9:00 am 10:30 am
December 24	January Newsletter Deadline Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	3:00 pm 9:00 pm
December 25	Merry Christmas!	Offices Closed
December 28	Joint Service Carol Singing @ Humeston Pastor Diane Vacation Day	10:00 am
December 30	January Newsletter Published	
December 31	New Year's Eve	Stay Safe
January 1	NO THURSDAY Bible Study	

Youth Led Candle Lighting Service

Christmas Eve, December 24

Humeston Church @ 9:00 pm

Come Celebrate the Birth of the King

Our Joyful Noise

A United Trinity Parish publication

Worship at LeRoy Presbyterian Church- 9:00 am

December 2025

Sunday school- following worship

Worship at Humeston Christian

United Methodist Church- 10:30 am

Children's Sunday school during worship - age 3+

Dear Ones of United Trinity Parish,

I hope you enjoyed the weather during those few days of sun, no wind, and mild temps. By the time you read this, Thanksgiving may be a memory, and we will be focused on the Christ child's birth. The downhill to Christmas goes faster every year for many of us!

When I was younger, Advent was not a huge deal. Oh, sure, we got ready for the kids' program, but no wreath or daily devotions to help us remember what led up to Christmas. Maybe like my family, you had gatherings to attend. Ours were always at the grandparents' homes on their respective farms ten miles apart, and we rotated: one year with Mom's side of the family, the Solbecks, on Christmas Eve, and Dad's Olson side on Christmas night. The next year was switched. When the grandparents all moved to town, one couple to Dakota City and the other to Humboldt, we continued huge family Christmases until their health diminished.

At the Solbecks', I recall we had dinner, then the dishes were washed, and as the oldest grandchild, I was recruited to read the Christmas story from Luke 2 before opening gifts. Oh, did those younger kids—thirteen—get antsy! But those were great years, precious years--years when the two older generations, now gone, were young and vibrant. I thank God for such role models of Christian faith in my life. I pray that you have, or have had, some such as these in yours as well. May your Advent and Christmas be blessed!

Pastor Diane



LeRoy Children's  
Christmas Program  
Friday December 19  
@ 7:00 pm  
Contact Heidi Hamilton or  
Holly Throckmorton  
to include your children



HCUMC Children's Christmas  
Program  
Sunday, December 14 @ 10:30  
(during worship)  
Contact Mary Jackson to include  
your children, grandchildren, or  
neighbors





**Sunday, December 28**  
**10:00 am Joint Service**  
**@ LeRoy**  
**Singing your favorite**  
**Christmas Carols**

**HCUMC Liturgist:**  
Dec 7 – Jan Lundahl  
Dec 14 – Jan Lundahl  
Dec 21– Jan Lundahl  
Dec 28 – Joint Carol Sing HCUMC  
**HCUMC Pals Team:**  
\*Dave & Jan Lundahl  
**HCUMC Sunday Treats:**  
Dec 7 – Joyce Throckmorton  
Dec 14 – Mary Jackson  
Dec 21 – Deb Slye  
Dec 28 – Nancy Gunzenhauser  
**LeRoy Communion Servers:**  
Jim Sullivan & Erick Cobb



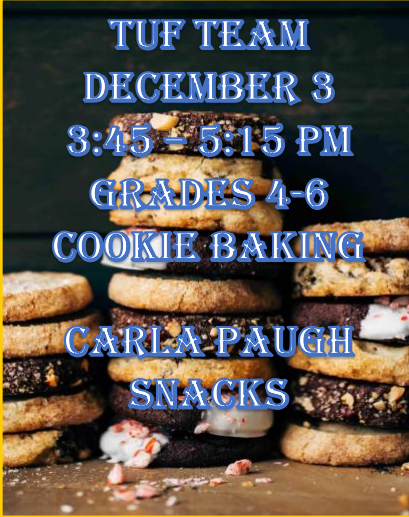
*Jesus, teach us to Pray*

**Patti** – taken to Iowa City for cardio care, Linda's daughter in law  
**Patsy** – health issues, friend of Pam Schreck  
**Sheri** – needing more tests before cancer surgery  
**Family of Pastor Jay Wheeler** – Betty Sullivan's family  
**Lakin** – Type 1 Diabetes diagnosis  
**Kase** – safety in dangerous places where he drives his truck


**Ron & Pam Schreck** – anticipating new great granddaughter in May  
**Belva Snow** – allowed nursing license to lapse after 55 years of service  
**Butch & Susie Gibbs** – celebration of EMS service  
**Laken Rene** – Peggy & Greg Gwinn's new great granddaughter  
**Mary** – visited her sister, Martha Shanks  
**Steve** – home and doing great  
**Visitors @ LeRoy's church service**  
**Mike Schroeder's Dad** – celebrated 95<sup>th</sup> birthday  
**Demi** – fully healed from tumble from side-by-side, no scars  
**Don** – doing very well and house being rebuilt



**Wayne County**  
**Fair Grounds**  
**Holiday Tour of**  
**Lights**  
**Nov. 28 – 30**  
**Dec. 5 – 7**  
**5:00 – 9:00 pm**



**TUF TEAM**  
**DECEMBER 3**  
**3:45 – 5:15 PM**  
**GRADES 4-6**  
**COOKIE BAKING**  
**CARLA PAUGH**  
**SNACKS**



**TUF Team**  
**Caroling and**  
**Cookie**  
**Delivery**  
**December 17**  
**3:45 – 5:15 pm**  
**Grades 4-6**  
**Jan Lundahl**  
**Snacks**

Sunday, November 30  
Travis Boyce will be  
reciting the entire book  
of James during the  
church services at LeRoy  
and Humeston.  
Invite your friends and  
neighbors to come hear  
this impressive  
recitation.



**Circle of Freedom**

**DECEMBER GROCERY DRIVE SHOPPING LIST ~ THROUGH DECEMBER 21**

Walmart/Visa/MC Gift cards for perishable items	Salad Dressing (ranch, honey mustard)
Sugar & Flour	Granola
Mayo	Coffee and Creamer
BBQ Sauce	Canned Chicken/Tuna
Pasta	Tortilla chips & Salsa
	Canned Fruits & Vegetables
	Peanut Butter (creamy or crunchy)
	<b>LAUNDRY/TOILET SUPPLIES</b>
Napkins	Garbage bags (13 gal)
Dawn dish soap	Dishwasher soap
Toilet Bowl Cleaner	Toilet paper (LOTS)
	<b>SCHOOL ROOM SUPPLIES</b>
Gel Highlighters	Gel Pens
Lined Index cards	Pilot G2 Pens
	<b>OTHER NEEDS</b>
Ibuprofen/Tylenol	Deodorant
Panty liners/pads	Super Plus Tampons

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS CAROL?**  
*Almost everyone loves to sing Christmas Carols and we will have a chance to sing our favorites at the*  
**Joint Christmas Carol Singing Service on Sunday, December 28**  
**10:00 am at Humeston Christian United Methodist Church**  
Enter the name of your carol and drop it in the offering plate or take it to the church office.  
**DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 17**  
*My Favorite Christmas Carol is:*

