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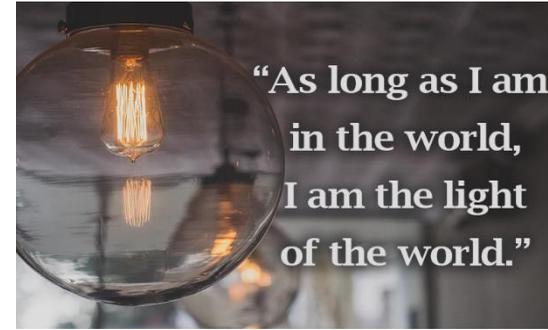
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LeRoy  
 Presbyterian Church  
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**\*Hymn 394 vs 1 & 2**

*Near the Cross*

**Lighting Lenten Candle – 4<sup>th</sup> Candle – Sand**

**Unison Prayer:** As the days lengthen, dear God, may we remember that it is you who gives us new life on earth, that we might know your love and peace, and share your love with the world. In the name of Christ, with whom we journey towards the cross, we pray. Amen.

**Celebrations and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer**

**Scripture**

1 Samuel 16:1-13 & John 9:1-11

**Children’s Time**

**Sermon**

“New Eyes”

Rev. Donna Murphy-Ceradsky

**\*Hymn 2140 vs 1 & 2**

*Since Jesus Came into My Heart*

## Offering Invitation and Offering

**\*Doxology (inside front cover of Hymnal)**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Gracious Lord, as followers who are blinded by your wondrous light, we seek to become beacons of your light as we show your love to others. Help us to continually reflect your love by listening to your call on our lives. In gratitude, we dedicate these gifts in the name of the one who lived, died, and rose for our sake, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*Affirmation of Faith:**

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*Hymn 383 vs 1 & 2**

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

One: Let us offer one another signs of love.

**All: We offer ourselves and our gifts to God.**

*\*please stand as you are able*

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## **1 Samuel 16:1-13**

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**Food Pantry Collections for Lent**

March 19 – Personal Care Items  
March 26 – Paper Products  
April 2 – Snacks for Children  
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**Holy Week Services April 2-9**

Maundy Thursday @ LeRoy ~ 7:00 pm  
Good Friday @ HCUMC ~ 7:00 pm  
Easter Sunrise @ HCUMC ~ 7:00 am  
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**Mark your calendar**

**“Here Comes the Judge”**

*A comedy play to benefit  
Mormon Trail Pool*

*Fri. March 31 & Sat. April 1*

*Food served @ 6:30 pm Play @ 7:30*  
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**Helen Ruth Boggs is 90!**

Join her for a Birthday Open House  
TODAY from 2-4 pm  
Humeston Library Meeting Room  
302 Broad Street  
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**TUF Team - March 22, 3:45 – 5:15 pm**

Grades 4-6 Bring your friends!  
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**Terry & Belva Snow**

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Saturday, March 25: 2-5 pm  
HCUMC Fellowship Hall  
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Names will remain on the prayer list for two Sundays following the first request.

**Concerns**

**Judy** – football-sized tumor to be removed, Betty Sullivan’s sister

**Kayla** – biopsy for spot on chest wall, Barbara Hewitt’s daughter

**Family of Jim Woosley**

**Josh** – battling lymphoma and stroke, Linda Richardson’s grandson

**Family of Ted in Oregon** – Belva Snow’s friend

**Kinsley** – experimental treatments & Chemo, 3 yr. old great granddaughter of  
Tom & Linda Watkins

**Celebrations**

**Lauren Nielsen** – moving to Colorado to begin nursing career, Patsy Porterfield’s  
granddaughter.

**Ruby Smith** – received Citizen of the Year award @ Leon, Jason’s mom

**Good blood drive at HCUMC**

**Soiyer Smith & Wyatt Hamaker** – did very well in FFA contest

**Mormon Trail School** – 22 students participated in FFA contest

**Andy & Jamie Paugh** – judge ruled adoption of Harley can continue

**Averi Porter** – received scholarship for academic achievement in 5A schools

**Joyce Throckmorton** – back is doing better

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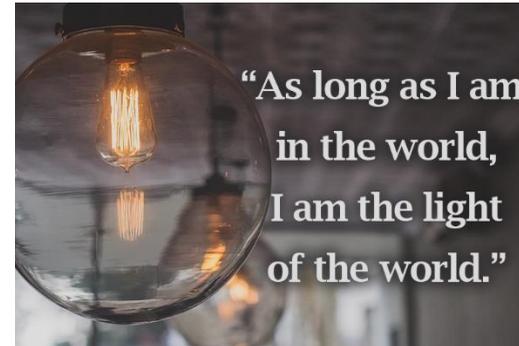
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### \*Hymn 393, sing 2 times

*Spirit of the Living God*

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**\* Invitation to discipleship**

**\*Hymn 2214 vs 1 - 3**

*Lead Me, Guide Me*

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**\*Hymn 672 vs 1**

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