

JOURNEY NEWS

A publication of Journey Church of Clinton, Iowa

CONNECTING PART 2

FROM SENIOR PASTOR TOM LOYOLA

The COVID-19 pandemic has pushed many activities online. People who used to work in brick and mortar locations now work on their laptops from home. Meetings which used to be face-to-face are now taking place via online platforms such as Zoom, Google Hangouts, and Microsoft Teams. And there are a variety of virtual events: graduations, road races, and fundraisers. How many of these will continue once the virus dies down remains to be seen; however, it is safe to say we live in a different world.

As a church family, we too have taken big steps into the online world. We were already using digital means for communicating—a website, social media, email communiques. However, now we are using them much more, especially for video messaging. And, of course, offering worship services through a YouTube channel has been a HUGE step for us.

During all this change I want to offer three thoughts. First, please visit our website, <https://www.journeyclinton.org/>. That serves as a hub for our digital communication. In particular, I urge you to please see the “Connect with Journey Church” section. You will find it by scrolling down from the large “Journey Church” blue banner you first see when you go to our homepage. You will pass sections about our worship, our Journey Kids ministry, and “Welcome to Journey Church.”

When you find the “Connect with Journey Church” section, you will find information about our Church Connect Page, Pastor John’s Facebook live midday devotions, and Wednesday and Friday prayer meetings. You will also find a place to sign up to receive six recurring Journey Church emails:

- Church-wide events and information: periodic email messages sent on an as-needed basis. That “as-needed basis” has increased dramatically since COVID-19!
- Prayer Chain: requests submitted by Journey Church family members and sent to those who have committed to pray for these items.
- Weekly Journey Updates: an attractive, timely, and frequently interactive list of informative items pertinent to life at Journey.
- Word for the Week: a one- to two-sentence summary of the preceding sermon along with the passage to read for the next Sunday’s sermon.
- Prayer Meetings: email invitations to attend our Wednesday and Friday Zoom prayer meetings.
- Favorite Verses with Pastor Tom: a one-minute daily video devotional.

Second, help someone else with the above. If you know someone in our church family who has no internet access, call them and share the information you have learned through our digital communiques. Keep them in the loop. If you know someone in our church family who does have internet access but does not know how to do the kind of things I described above, offer to help them “get up to speed.”

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CELEBRATE OUR CHURCH FAMILY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 2 Joanne Tietjens
- 4 Mike Foley
- 5 Addison Prinsen
- 6 Nanette (Nan) Powell
Rachel Hansen
- 7 Jason Lower
Lilleigh Pluister
Tracy Smith
- 11 Luke Ellis
- 13 Natalie Hirl
- 15 Laura Jorgensen
- 16 Tom Loyola
- 19 Ann Reed
June Matyas
Troy Alderman
- 20 Keith Boysen
- 21 Gary Parsons
- 23 Cathy Baca
Faith Pluister
- 24 Errol Peters
- 25 Dan Liedtke
Jeremiah Haas
Ray Dellit
- 27 Deighton Eggers

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 7 Terry & Sharon Braun
- 10 Mike & Janet Ketelsen
Cletus & Judy Portz
- 12 Nathan & Annette Eslick
- 16 Casey & Kelli Overberg
- 18 Jason & Joy Lower
- 24 Dale & Diane Wilson
- 26 Mike & Linda Gordon
John & Patricia McClung

EVENTS CALENDAR

June

Church events are being evaluated as the Elders and staff continue to navigate the changes COVID-19 has brought. The tentative start-up date for resuming activities is June 7. Look for more information on our website and Church Connect Page.

CONNECTING PART 2 continued

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Third, in the midst of all this upheaval, remember: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). God our Father is the One Who is and Who was and Who is to come (Revelation 1:8). He does not change (Psalm 102:25-27). The Lord is our Rock and our Fortress (Psalm 18:2). In Him we are safe and secure, even if the entire universe were to melt around us (Psalm 46:1-2).

And the message the Lord gave us to announce to others never changes. It is the good news that “Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures” (1 Corinthians 15:3-4), and, “believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved” (Acts 16:31). Praise be to God!



CARD SHOWERS

MIKE FOLEY (TURNING 90 ON JUNE 4)

1701 13th Avenue North

Room 202

Clinton, IA 52732

JUNE MATYAS (TURNING 93 ON JUNE 19)

Windsor Manor

403 Scenic Drive

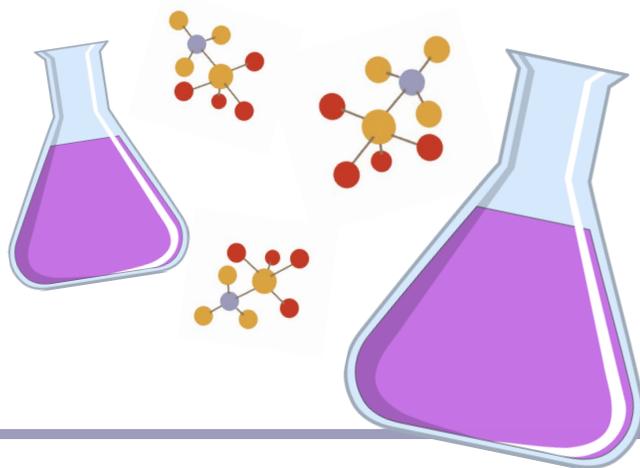
Morrison, IL 61270

SUMMER CAMP



DATES TBD

LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION ONLINE AND THROUGH OTHER COMMUNICATION AVENUES.



GriefShare, a weekly grief support group starts a new session/resumes Monday, June 8 at 6:30 pm. Anyone who is grieving and needs support is welcome to attend. Please see our website or Joe and Lori Bonnell for more information.

Meal Volunteers:

The Deaconesses are asking for volunteers to provide a meal when the need arises. You may simply have a meal delivered (i.e. DoorDash, etc.) or supply a gift card, if you cannot prepare a meal. Please see Vickie Williams for more information if you can help.

MISSIONARY NEWS:



The Victory Center Rescue Mission of Clinton, Iowa celebrated 33 years of serving the poor and homeless April 12. They express their thanks to all who have given generously and sacrificially which has allowed them to stay open to feed, show compassion and hope to the needy.

Due to closure of restaurants and the decline of food availability during this time of concern for transmission of the coronavirus, the Victory Center has altered their approach to feed the hungry to align with government recommendations. Food boxes are being delivered to individual homes. The Victory Center has been providing quality food boxes once a week to about 130 families. Last year 5,970 families were served through the food pantry.

Those who come to eat a hot meal are served 10 people at a time at 12:30 pm and 5:00 pm and rotate through the dining area until all are fed. According to the Victory Center's April newsletter, the number of individuals served has been **4,435** in 2017, **5,528** in 2018, and **15,521** in 2019.

Lyle Wilkins, VCM staff, is quoted, "We will never close our doors for meals or shelter."

The Victory Center maintains three primary facilities and provides 100 nights lodging daily. Immediate needs required to continue their ministry of offering food and shelter include toiletries, meat items, food items, good running vehicles and financial support.

According to the newsletter, "Remember by partnering with us (VSM) you'll help offer men, women, and children the solutions that give hope and change lives through God's love."



Administrative Assistant

Friday, May 29, was Corrine Sheets's last day as our Administrative Assistant. We are so thankful for Corrine's time of service here at Journey Church. We are glad to welcome Linda Gordon and Wendy Yoder into that position as our new Administrative Assistants. Linda will work Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and half day on Mondays. Wendy will work on Thursdays.

Church Connect Page

Get more connected with our church family through our Church Connect Page. Share a prayer request, let us know you're new, view your giving, find contact information, and more!

[The link is on our website's homepage.](#)