

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of Dec. 19, 2021

JOYS:

*Verlis & Nancy Miller welcome new great grandson, Benson Riley Bumsted

*Holiday time, people helping one another

*Leyla Grawe with encouraging health news

*Dave & Linda Keefe celebrate 53rd anniversary

*Wayne & Catherine Erie celebrate 50th anniversary

*Sue & Jim Moss celebrate 21st anniversary

PRAYER CONCERNS:

*Sympathy to Bob Smiley on the passing of his mother, Janell Smiley (LL member); service on Thurs. @ Cedar Memorial

*Sympathy to Brock & Rachel Worley after the passing of Rachel's grandmother

*Craig Nixon recovering well after procedure

*Pam Nixon's father, Marvin, after a fall

*Sharon Kouba's great niece with health concerns

*Carla Jesse's friend's daughter with transplant

*Sharon Vavra's family impacted by recent tornadoes

*Jan Culbertson's friend with challenges

*Sue & Jim Moss & health concerns with new puppy

*Community of Mayfield, Kentucky after devastating tornado

*Communities in western Iowa impacted by recent tornadoes

*Concerns with the ongoing pandemic

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

3:00 PM Family-friendly Service

5:00 PM Traditional Candlelight Service with Lessons & Carols (Choir is singing)

7:00 PM Traditional Candlelight Service with Lessons & Carols

WORSHIP ON DEC. 26 & JAN. 2: On these 2 Sundays we will only have the one in-person service at 10:30 AM. There will also be a YouTube video premiering on Dec. 26 at 10:30 provided by the Iowa Conference Cabinet.

END-OF-THE-YEAR GIVING: The construction loan from our recent building renovation will convert into a mortgage in the early part of 2022. If it is financially advantageous to give towards your building pledge in 2021 versus 2022, we want to lift up that consideration. Thanks!

CHANCEL CHOIR IS BACK! We are looking for MORE VOICES to join our adult choir, just reforming after a long hiatus due to the pandemic and building renovation. We also have a new choir director, Nancy Patrick. Whether you sing Soprano, Alto, Tenor or Bass (or aren't sure!), we invite you to join us for rehearsal on an upcoming Sunday at 9 AM in the choir room!

FREE ADVENT DEVOTIONALS for families and for adults are available on the Welcome Center in the narthex. Please take one or both of them!

ADVENT 2021 OFFERING RECIPIENTS

Heifer International is a non-profit, humanitarian organization

dedicated to ending hunger and poverty as well as caring for the earth. Heifer provides livestock, honey bees, trees and seeds plus trains the beneficiaries by teaching them skills to further lift themselves and coming generations out of poverty.

Women at the Well is a United Methodist congregation located within the walls of the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women, in Mitchellville, Iowa. It offers ministries designed to encourage the spiritual growth of its members, assist them when they transition back into the world outside the walls, and better understand the hurts and hopes of those who reside within the facility. LL is a committed partner supporting this ministry.

UMCOR responds to natural or civil disasters of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own. When responding to a U.S. disaster, UMCOR provides training, financial assistance, expertise, and community collaboration to churches and partners. During this past year, we've seen a lot, including flooding, drought, wildfires and a pandemic.

His Hands Free Clinic, founded in 1992, helps our community's uninsured and underinsured. As a 501(c)3 non-profit ministry, they provide free healthcare to CR and surrounding communities. They are committed to love and respect all persons of every race, regardless of a patient's religious beliefs. Their mission is to bring glory to God by meeting the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of those without adequate resources.

SAVEAROUND COUPON BOOKS FOR SALE! Purchase one for \$20 per booklet from the CWM office or from the church office. It contains over \$5K in savings from 193 different businesses! Proceeds go to Lovely Lane and Trinity Lane Preschls. Make your check payable to Lovely Lane Preschool. Thanks!

KIDSClub IS IN FULL SWING! A weekly family meal is at 5:30 with a program at 6 PM. This year's theme is *Learning to Love Like God*. There are Bible stories, singing, puppets, acting, and more! Children make new friends to walk their faith journeys with as they grow.

Register online (for KidsClub & Sunday School) on LL's website (www.lovelylane.org). We request meal registration no later than noon each Tuesday so food quantities can be determined: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054BA4AA22ABF49-wednesday8>.

Masks are required for children, assistants, and all attending. We'll monitor CDC's recommendations as the year continues.

CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: We have Sunday School for all ages in between our two worship services. Children and youth meet at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Our theme is "*Beginning to learn more about Jesus and our faith lives.*" (See Adult Sunday School options next.)

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTIONS: *Faith Issues* looks at contemporary topics and social issues of the day. Myrna Loehrlein is the leader; class members take turns teaching. This class meets in the library. *Faith Journeys* is focusing on the book "The Lord's Prayer" in 2022.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY: If the CR School District cancels classes due to inclement weather, LL church activities/events will also be canceled that day. You can call the church with specific questions. If Sunday morning worship