

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of Nov. 27, 2022

JOYS:

- *Thanksgiving celebrations with family & friends
- *Rituals & stories during the Advent season
- *Ellen Stines speaking in 11/27 worship about her ministry: Youth With a Mission
- **Nourished* with a bakery presence at the Nature Cntr. on 12/3
- *Eric Wylie celebrates his mother's 81st birthday
- *Happy 40th Anniversary to Mike & Becky Wood
- *Stewardship Sunday on 11/20 (still collecting pledge cards)
- *David & Linda Keefe express thanks for prayers, following a family funeral
- *Patty Logsdon remembers her grandfather on his birthday
- *References to God statement listed in our bulletin
- *New internal security system is starting this week (11/28)

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- *Sympathy to Carmen Johnson & family on the passing of her father, Mel (funeral is on 11/28 in West Branch)
- *Neil Lawton hospitalized with health concerns
- *Carol Wilson with health concerns
- *Marla Gonzalez with a medical procedure this week
- *Darcy Hauser's co-worker's grandson, Mason, with health concerns
- *Ron Malek's cousin with chemotherapy treatments coming up
- *Lyn Lewis's co-worker, Kristen, with cancer concerns
- *Stephanie French's mother with ongoing health concerns
- *April Drew's family following the passing of her cousin, Jeremy
- *Linn-Mar teacher, Mrs. Hankemeier, with cancer concerns
- *National & international concerns

ALL TAGS HAVE ARRIVED FOR THE ANGEL TREE:

Each tag holds a wish list for someone in need within our community. Please choose a tag, follow its directions, and return your purchased gift to church by Sunday, Dec. 4th. Thanks!

FREE ADVENT DEVOTIONALS are available in the narthex. Please pick one up if you have not already done so!

CHRISTMAS STORE HELP NEEDED: Lovely Lane Preschool has set up its annual Christmas store for preschoolers to shop for gifts for their parents. Get into the Christmas spirit by helping us teach kids how good it feels to give to others. You could help assort gifts, help a child shop, or wrap gifts. Shopping will be Nov. 28-Dec. 1. Contact Dawn DuPont (319-393-8189; ddupont@lovelylane.org) if you can help!

CHECKING IN WITH THE WOMAN: Join in *Nourished's* Thursday Centering Advent Series, on Dec. 1 & 15, @ 6 PM, at Pastor Kristina's (3000 Carroll Dr. SE, CR). As a new mom, she has noticed that there's not as much care for the woman after a child's birth. Up until the birth, everyone checks in on her; after the birth, not so much. The woman is recovering from childbirth, exhausted, doing her best, and overwhelmed at the tasks ahead of her. During the Advent season, we rarely look to Mary and Elizabeth, two figures in the Christmas story who endure the pain of childbirth, become new parents, and are silenced by

the people in power. So this Advent, we'll check in with the women in the Christmas story and women around our world.

PASTOR SCOTT'S STUDY GROUPS are discussing Adam Hamilton's book *Prepare the Way for the Lord*. The group meets every Weds., either via Zoom at 9:30 AM or in person at 6 PM in the church library. Book are \$10 and are available in the office.

ADVENT 2022 SPECIAL OFFERING RECIPIENTS

Women at the Well is a United Methodist congregation located within the walls of the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women, in Mitchellville, IA. It offers ministries designed to encourage the spiritual growth of its members, and assist them when they transition back into the world outside the walls. Lovely Lane is a committed partner supporting this ministry.

House of Hope opened its doors in 2002 to serve as transitional housing for its first 12 residents. Since then this ministry has grown to serve 100 to 120 individuals per week. HOH has become a staple in the Corridor for women to find a safe space to connect, grow, and thrive together. Its mission is to encourage, equip, and empower individuals to live fully thru spiritual, emotional and mental health support.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque was founded in 1931 as a non-profit, social service organization. Its mission is to reduce poverty, strengthen families, and empower communities regardless of faith or background. Their services include: affordable housing, jail & prison re-entry, immigration legal services, counseling, disaster resources, post-adoption search, and supportive services for pregnant mothers.

Argentina 47 supports the Rev. Doug Williams, a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of the UMC, and pastor relating to the Iowa Annual Conference. He serves as pastor and Volunteer-In-Mission promoter of the Evangelical Methodist Church of Argentina. He is also an elementary school chaplain and a host for VIM teams.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR KIDS & KIDS CLUB

Children's Sunday School takes place @ 9:30 AM. Children should gather in the Fellowship Hall.

Kids Club on Wednesdays starts with a meal at 5:30 PM, followed by the Kids Club program from 6:00-7 PM. Please RSVP for the Wednesday evening meal at the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054BA4AA22ABF49-wednesday9>.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Annie Walker, Dir. of Family Ministries,
anniew@lovelylane.org

A RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR OUR BISHOP, LAURIE HALLER, is on Dec. 4th @ 3 PM, in Des Moines at the First UMC (1001 Pleasant St.). *There's a challenge to the districts to see who can donate the most new children's tennis shoes.* If you send shoes directly to Bidwell Riverside Ctr. (1203 Hartford Ave., Des Moines, IA 50315), notify Alanna at the District Office (1-515-207-7604) to let her know how many pairs were donated. You may also bring the shoes to the retirement celebration. Otherwise, you may make a donation to the Bidwell Ctr. or to the UM Africa University in Zimbabwe in her honor.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED: Please continue to support Kennedy H.S. students and families with donations to the Cougar Pantry.

Donations are accepted all year and can be dropped off at LL in the main entrance tubs, or at Kennedy's main entrance Mon.-Fri., 7 AM- 3:30 PM.

SUGGESTED DONATION LIST

(many are items they don't get from HACAP):

Snacks: Granola bars, fruit & cracker snacks, protein bars, trail mix, pretzels, popcorn, small fruit juices, boxed macaroni & cheese, & other non-perishable food items

Toiletries: Shampoo, conditioner, men's & women's body wash, men's & women's deodorant, dental floss, toothbrushes & paste, feminine products, laundry detergent, toilet paper, & kleenex

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SERVANT SIGN-UP: Please visit our website (www.lovelylane.org) to sign up as a greeter, usher, lector, &/or communion server. The sign-up links for the 8:30 and 10:30 AM services are listed in the website under *Worship Servant Signup*. Sue or Marti in the church office can sign you up online if you are unable to do so. Thank you!!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Generally, Mon.-Thurs. 9 AM-5 PM & Fri. **CLOSED**.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO GIVE FAITHFULLY to Lovely Lane. Offerings can be mailed to the church or made online by going to lovelylane.org for giving options. We appreciate your faithfulness in supporting LLUMC's missions and ministries!

THIS WEEK AT LOVELY LANE

Ministry Opportunities

Events in Bold Face = everyone

SUNDAY — Nov. 27th *First Sunday of Advent*

- 8:30 AM **Worship Service** (in person) – Sanctuary
9:00 AM Choir rehearsal – Choir/music Room
9:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages:
Children – Fellowship Hall
Faith Issues (Adults) – Library
Faith Journeys (Adults) – Rm. 204, 1st classrm. on left
10:30 AM **Worship Service** (in person & live stream) – Sanctuary
12:00-2 PM Congolese congregation – Sanctuary
(**NO** Youth Co-op)

MONDAY — Nov. 28th

- 9:00 AM Prayer Shawl – Library
7:30 AM *Nourished* Nature Hike (Indian Crk. Nature Ctr.)
6:30 PM Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY — Nov. 29th

WEDNESDAY — Nov. 30th

- 9:30 AM Zoom study (Pastor Scott's)
5:30 PM Family Meal – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
6:00 PM Youth Group – Youth Room
6:00 PM Kids Club – Fellowship Hall et al.
6:00 PM Study group (Pastor Scott's) – Library
6-7:15 PM Confirmation Class – Rm. 204, 1st classrm. on left
7:15-8:30 PM Bell Choir rehearsal – Sanctuary

THURSDAY — Dec. 1st

FRIDAY — Dec. 2nd

SATURDAY — Dec. 3rd

SUNDAY — Dec. 4th *Second Sunday of Advent*

- 8:30 AM **Worship Service** (in person) – Sanctuary
9:00 AM Choir rehearsal – Choir/music Room
9:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages:
Children – Fellowship Hall
Faith Issues (Adults) – Library
Faith Journeys (Adults) – Rm. 204, 1st classrm. on left
10:30 AM **Worship Service** (in person & live stream) – Sanctuary
12:00-2 PM Congolese congregation – Sanctuary
4-5:30 PM Youth Co-op (@ LL): Christmas cookie decorating & holiday letters for our elderly neighbors

Serving in Worship – Nov. 27th

Greeters

- 8:30 – Phil & Shirley Martin
10:30 – Patty Logsdon

Ushers

- 8:30 – Myrna & Jim Loehrlein
10:30 – Mike & Becky Wood

Lectors

- 8:30 – Travis Meiborg
10:30 – Stephanie French

Preacher

Today's services.....Scott Meador

LOVELY LANE UMC STAFF

Administration & Worship

Lead Pastor	Dr. Scott Meador
Associate Pastor	Rev. Kristina Roth-Klinck
Director of Media & Technology	Eric Wylie
Organist	Dennis Ramsey
Chancel Choir Director	Nancy Patrick
Handbell Choir Director	Charlie Kucera
Director of Children's Choirs	Carla Jesse
Chancel Choir Accompanist	Linda Bayliss

Children & Youth

Director of Family Ministries	Annie Walker
Director of Youth Ministries	Ryan Roth-Klinck
Nursery Caregivers	Shelbie Wood
	Brenda Holub
Director of Children's Weekday Ministries	Dawn DuPont

Office & Facilities

Sr. Office Manager	Sue Moss
Office Manager	Marti Bowman
Treasurer	Marcie Stumpf
Financial Secretary	Tammy Martin
Website & Social Media	Shelly Turner
Facilities Manager	Curtis Thomas
Custodians	Rex Heasty
	Rhonda Heasty
Wedding Coordinator	Becky Wood
Membership Secretary	Susan Camp

Nov. 20, 2022 Worship attendance

(in-person) @ 8:30 AM = 66;

(in-person) @ 10:30 AM = 101; Total of both services = 167

Views of 10:30 livestream (as of 11/23) on YouTube = 112