

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Week of Dec. 18, 2022

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### JOYS:

- \*Christmas Eve Worship services coming up at 3:30, 5:30, 7:30
- \*Special offering support for Argentina 47 mission & ministry
- \*Children's Christmas program & ministries at Lovely Lane
- \*Children's Sunday School moving to 10:30 on Jan. 8
- \*Happy Hanukkah to our Jewish friends
- \*Nourished Community with successful menstrual care drive
- \*Welcoming new members: Dave & Nancy Wittenburg, & Heather Leske
- \*Special music in worship from Avery Crow
- \*Schoolteacher, Lillian Hankemeier, with encouraging health news

### PRAYER CONCERNS:

- \*Sympathy to former pastor, Rev. Brian Milford, after the passing of his mother, Betty (funeral service will be Dec. 31 in Council Bluffs)
- \*Ron & Margaret Nelson's friend, Ken, after the passing of his wife, Mary
- \*Carmen Johnson expresses appreciation for prayers after her father's passing
- \*Carol Wilson with health concerns
- \*Rory & Karon Niebuhr with health concerns
- \*Leslie Neugebauer's sister, Jane, with health concerns
- \*Jim Moss's aunt recovering from a broken hip from a fall
- \*Alfred Zigbuo's family with health matters
- \*All persons hospitalized during the holidays
- \*Family with school-aged children facing eviction
- \*Country of Ukraine

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**PLEASE NOTE:** Tax-deductible contributions to Lovely Lane UMC for the calendar year of 2022 must be received at the church office or postmarked by Saturday, December 31, 2022. This is in accordance with IRS guidelines. Thank you for your faithful giving.

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### 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 through spiritual, emotional and mental health support.

**Catholic Charities** of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, a non-profit, social service organization, was founded in 1931. 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's also an elementary school chaplain and a host for VIM teams.



**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SERVICES:** Christmas Eve services will be at 3:30 PM, 5:30 PM, and 7:30 PM this year. On Christmas Day and New Year's Day (both on a Sunday), we will have one service only at 9:30 AM.



**BRING IN YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA** for the altar any time during Advent to honor or remember a loved one. Be sure to write your name and the name of the person(s) to be commemorated on the poinsettia sign-up sheet in the narthex.

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**THE LONGEST NIGHT GATHERING** is **this** Wednesday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:30 PM, at Pastor Kristina's (3000 Carroll Dr. SE, CR). This will be a time to grieve and lament the great losses of this year, and turn to hope together.

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**CHURCH STAFF NEWS:** After 9 years of outstanding service, Marcie Stumpf has resigned her Lovely Lane Treasurer staff position. She plans to stay on thru February to complete year-end financials and tax return preparation. We've been fortunate to have Marcie in this position and want to ensure a smooth transition by finding her replacement ASAP after the new year. If you're interested, or know of someone who may be interested in learning more, please see the job description on our website, [lovelylane.org](https://lovelylane.org).

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### 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 5:30 PM meal, 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,  
[annie@lovelylane.org](mailto:annie@lovelylane.org)

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**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 DONATIONS** (*many not received 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

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**WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SERVANT SIGN-UP:** Please visit our website ([www.lovelylane.org](https://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** are 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!

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## THIS WEEK AT LOVELY LANE

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### Ministry Opportunities

*Events in Bold Face = everyone*

**SUNDAY — Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>** *Fourth 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, 1<sup>st</sup> classrm.  
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9:40-10:15 AM Confirmation Mentoring  
10:30 AM **Worship Service** (in person & live stream) –  
Sanctuary  
12:00-2 PM Congolese congregation – Sanctuary  
2:00-4 PM Youth Co-op: Christmas Potluck & "The Muppets  
Christmas Carol" @ Ryan Roth-Klinck's house

**MONDAY — Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:30 AM *Nourished* Nature Hike (Indian Crk. Nature Ctr.)  
9:00 AM Prayer Shawl - Fireside  
6:30 PM Scouts BSA Troop 766 – Fellowship Hall

**TUESDAY — Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>**

**WEDNESDAY — Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>**

- 6:30 PM *Nourished* Longest Night Gathering (@ Pastor  
Kristina's)  
7:15-8:30 PM Bell Choir rehearsal – Sanctuary

**THURSDAY — Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**FRIDAY — Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**SATURDAY — Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>** CHRISTMAS EVE

- 3:30 PM **Worship Service** (in person) – Sanctuary  
5:30 PM **Worship Service** (in person) – Sanctuary  
7:30 PM **Worship Service** (in person) – Sanctuary

**SUNDAY — Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>** CHRISTMAS DAY

- 9:30 AM **Worship Service** (in person, one service) –  
Sanctuary  
12:00-2 PM Congolese congregation – Sanctuary

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## Serving in Worship – Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>

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### Greeters

- 8:30 – Kathy Gilbert  
10:30 – Heather & Emma Meador

### Ushers

- 8:30 – Lyn Lewis & Kathy Gilbert  
10:30 – Evan & Julie Hupp

### Lectors

- 8:30 – Barb Waterhouse-Miller  
10:30 – Debbie Hahn

### 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
Membership Secretary	Susan Camp
Website & Social Media	Shelly Turner
Facilities Manager	Curtis Thomas
Custodians	Rex Heasty Rhonda Heasty
Wedding Coordinator	Becky Wood

### Dec. 11, 2022 Worship attendance

(in-person) @ 8:30 AM = 55;  
(in-person) @ 10:30 AM = 96; Total of both services = 151  
Views of 10:30 livestream (as of 12/15) on YouTube = 106