

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of Dec. 4, 2022

JOYS:

- *Welcoming new members to the church!
- *Baptism for Amanda Bentley as she joins the church
- *Successful bake sale for the Nourished Community at Nature's Noel
- *Mary Vorwerk celebrates the life of her Aunt Viola
- *Jayne Woodson celebrates time with daughter, Sherrie

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- *Sympathy to Denise Lawton after the passing of her husband, Neil
- *Vorwerk family after the passing of good friend, Justin
- *Les Minor following knee surgery
- *Rory & Karon Niebuhr with health concerns
- *Marla Gonzalez following medical procedure
- *Bob & Jo Hoover recovering from Covid
- *Larry Wear after procedure for his hearing
- *Tariq Baloch with health concerns
- *Nancy Patrick's sister & brother-in-law with health concerns
- *Carla Jesse's sister, Anita, with health concerns
- *Carla Jesse's sister-in-law, Marilyn, with health concerns
- *Phil & Shirley Martin's great grandson, with diabetes
- *Heather Leske & family with health concerns
- *Nancy Wittenburg's mother with transition to a care facility
- *National & international concerns

JOIN US FOR AN ADVENT COFFEE & BRUNCH THIS

Saturday, Dec. 10th, starting at 9:30 AM. This is a Lovely Lane tradition to celebrate the Christmas season, hosted by our UWF (United Women in Faith). The program this year is "The Advent Wreath in Song" by Charlie and Deb Kucera, accompanied by Marcie Stumpf. Brunch will be served with coffee, sweet treats, fellowship, and Christmas carols!!

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

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, 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, 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.

THE LONGEST NIGHT GATHERING will take place on Weds., Dec. 21st, 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.

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.

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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

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 — 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

MONDAY — Dec. 5th

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

TUESDAY — Dec. 6th

- 6:00 PM Scouts BSA Troop 766 – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY — Dec. 7th

- 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. 8th

- 8:00 AM Leadership Team (offsite)
- 6:00 PM *Nourished* Thursday Centering (@ Pastor Kristina’s)
- 6:30-9:15 PM Linn Co. United Nations Assoc. – Fireside

FRIDAY — Dec. 9th

SATURDAY — Dec. 10th

- 9:30-11 AM UWF Advent Coffee – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
- 9:00 AM Scouts BSA Troop 766 – Fireside

SUNDAY — Dec. 11th *Third 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; Children’s Christmas Pageant during this service
- 12:00-2 PM Congolese congregation – Sanctuary
- 2-3:30 PM Youth Co-op: Visit to Indigo River in the Czech Village

Serving in Worship – Dec. 4th

Greeters

- 8:30 – Phil & Shirley Martin
- 10:30 – Scott & Darcy Hauser

Ushers

- 8:30 – Kathy Gilbert
- 10:30 – Joy & Kent Jackson

Lectors

- 8:30 – Lyn Lewis
- 10:30 – Stephanie French

Communion Servers

- 8:30 – Marci Wittles & Bertha Tribuno
- 10:30 – Stephanie French & 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
Website & Social Media	Shelly Turner
Facilities Manager	Curtis Thomas
Custodians	Rex Heasty Rhonda Heasty
Wedding Coordinator	Becky Wood
Membership Secretary	Susan Camp

Nov. 27, 2022 Worship attendance

(in-person) @ 8:30 AM = 54;

(in-person) @ 10:30 AM = 103; Total of both services = 157
Views of 10:30 livestream (as of 12/1) on YouTube = 95