

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of Jan. 8, 2023

JOYS:

- *Fresh starts & new beginnings in the New Year!
- *Baptismal reaffirmation & remembrance during worship
- *Les Minor with a nice recovery following knee surgery
- *Engagement congratulations to Mitch Turner & Cindy Pringle
- *Confirmation class visited Temple Judah Synagogue
- *Football player, Damar Hamlin, doing better after cardiac arrest

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- *Millie Corbett hospitalized after a hip injury
- *Abby Meiborg with encouraging health news
- *Marla Gonzalez with radiation treatments coming up
- *Heather Leske's brother, Tim, with back surgery
- *Small groups beginning for folks experiencing loss & difficulties
- *First Presbyterian Church with a burst pipe & water concerns
- *Country of Ukraine

FAITH ISSUES CLASS – JAN. 8TH & 15TH: We will have a discussion of the book by Howard Thurman: "Jesus and the Disinherited" (a 1940's version of liberation theology).

SUNDAY SCHOOL & KID'S CLUB NEWS: Sunday School for kids is now during the 10:30 AM service after the Children's Time. If not cancelled due to the winter weather, Kid's Club was to resume on Jan. 4th at 5:30 PM (meal followed by the program @ 6 PM). RSVP for the Wednesday evening meal at: <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,
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FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP RETURNS: The Friendly Fellowship Potluck Group will meet on Thursday, Jan. 19th (date change), at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share and table service; drinks will be provided. The program will be a presentation by Phil and Shirley Martin on their trip to Antarctica. We'll look forward to being together after a 2-yr. break. Everyone is welcome! Call Nancy Miller (319-393-6340) with any questions.

CHURCH STAFF NEWS: After 9 years of outstanding service, Marcie Stumpf has resigned her Lovely Lane Treasurer staff position. She plans to stay on through Feb. to complete year-end financials and tax return preparation. We have been fortunate to have Marcie in this position and want to ensure a smooth transition by finding her replacement as soon as we can. If you're interested, or know of someone who may be interested, see the job description on our website, lovelylane.org.

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

SAVEAROUND COUPON BOOKS FOR SALE! You can purchase a booklet for \$25 from the CWM office or from Marti or Sue in the church office. It contains thousands of dollars in savings, both local and nationwide, from many different businesses! Enjoy everyday savings from restaurants such as Zio John's, Papa John's, Arby's, Taco John's, and Subway. You can also save on services and retail, as well as fun and recreation at such places as Supercuts, Jiffy Lube, Cedar Rapids Bowling Center, The Play Station, and The UPS Store. Proceeds go to Lovely Lane and Trinity Lane Preschools. Make your check payable to Lovely Lane Preschool. Thanks!

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 AM worship is canceled, please look for the notice that should be posted on KCRG-TV (ch. 9) and KGAN-TV (ch. 2).

We will also attempt to post a notice on our website when activities are canceled or postponed.

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 are Mon.–Thurs. 9 AM–5 PM & Fri. **CLOSED.**

DID YOU KNOW THAT 1/1/23 WAS THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF "AMAZING GRACE"? The beloved hymn *Amazing Grace* was written by John Newton in late Dec. 1772 as he was preparing for a New Year's Day sermon for 1773. When John Newton, a former sea captain, wrote the lyrics of *Amazing Grace*, he could see the "prodigal son" in his early life. His own father tried on several occasions to help him, but Newton was a hardened prodigal, a self-confessed "wretch" (a word he borrowed from Romans 7:24), distant from the heart of his father as well as the heart of God. Still, Newton discovered that God in Christ's deep and abiding love doesn't give up on anyone.

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 — Jan. 8th

- 8:30 AM **Worship Service** (in person) – Sanctuary
9:00 AM Choir rehearsal – Choir/Music Room
9:30 AM Sunday School:
Faith Issues (Adults) – Library
Faith Journeys (Adults) – Rm. 204, 1st classrm.
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10:30 AM **Worship Service** [Sunday School for Children
takes place after the Children's Time] (in person
& live stream) – Sanctuary
12:00-2 PM Congolese congregation – Sanctuary

MONDAY — Jan. 9th

- 10:00 AM Happy Endings – Fireside
6:30 PM Scouts BSA Troop 766 – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY — Jan. 10th

- 9:30 AM UWF Bible Study – Fireside

WEDNESDAY — Jan. 11th

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

THURSDAY — Jan. 12th

- 7:45 AM Leadership Team (offsite)
1:00 PM UWF meeting/pledge service – Fireside & Kitchen

FRIDAY — Jan. 13th

- 6:00-8 PM *Nourished* New Year Potluck Gathering
(@ Pastor Kristina's)

SATURDAY — Jan. 14th

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7 PM-7 AM Youth Co-op (offsite - Lock-in @ St. Paul's)

Serving in Worship – Jan. 8th

Greeters

- 8:30 – Myrna & Jim Loehrlein
10:30 – Heather Leske

Ushers

- 8:30 – Kathy Gilbert
10:30 – Mike & Becky Wood

Lectors

- 8:30 – Myrna Loehrlein
10:30 – Helen Anderson

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
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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

Jan. 1, 2023 Worship attendance
(in-person, one service) @ 9:30 AM = 74;
YouTube views (as of 1/5) = 107