

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 10, 2023

JOYS:

- *Kid's Club et al. Winter Wonderland gathering on 12/6
- *Christmas Music Extravaganza with multiple churches on 12/7
- *New Members joining on 12/3 & today
- *Second Infant & Toddler Sunday School class today
- *LL's Statement of Inclusion was written 20 years ago
- *Lovely Lane movie day today to see "Journey to Bethlehem" at the theater
- *Dan & Kim Moore celebrating 2nd grandbaby due on Father's Day
- *Reid Pakkebier
- *College final exams

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- *Regina Culbertson still in the hospital
- *Jack Murphy following hospitalization
- *Marci Wittles following hospitalization
- *Shirley Martin home recovering from surgery
- *Jerry Weiland home recovering from surgery
- *Sharilyn Forcht's daughter Cassie with upcoming surgery
- *Dorothy Speight's daughter in Seattle with upcoming surgery
- *Pakkebier family member Amy with upcoming heart surgery
- *Marlo Jack's brother Vick hospitalized
- *Judy McDowell's great nephew Owen w/ongoing health concerns
- *Director Martin of the Riders Club with heart surgery
- *Israel & Palestine
- *Ukraine
- *Prayer that peace will roll over the world

PASTOR'S ADVENT STUDY & WOMEN'S GROUP ADVENT STUDY:

Both groups are using the book *An Unlikely Advent: Extraordinary People of The Christmas Story*, by Rachel Billups. Pastor Scott's study began on Nov. 29th, meeting on Wednesday mornings via Zoom at 9:30 and in-person in the library at 6 PM. Annie Walker's weekly study also started on Nov. 29th, meeting @ noon on Wednesdays in Fireside. The suggested donation for books for both studies is \$10 each. All are welcome!

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.

AN ADVENT CANDLELIGHTER & READER are needed on Sunday, 12/24 (1 service that morning @ 9:30). If you and your family, or you and several others from a small group, are interested, please reach out to Pastor Scott or Sue Moss in the church office.

2023 ADVENT OFFERING RECIPIENTS

Hillcrest Family Services of Dubuque is a place people come for help, guidance, and compassion. Folks leaving Hillcrest feel better physically thru their Health Services, and troubled youth build confidence through the foster group care programs. At Hillcrest the homeless gain hope, and those wanting a family gain a promise. Hillcrest builds character in adults who have lost their dignity, and adds stability to the lives of families in need of mentoring. (12/3)

Nourished is a growing new community, and a missional campus of Lovely Lane, that strives to be a place to grow relationships

that feed the soul. This is done thru two experiments: a spiritual community and a gluten-free bakery. Studies show that nearly 30% of the population is gluten free by choice or medical diagnosis, but for many in this population there are few, if any, options in restaurants and coffee shops. On the flip side, there are many who identify as spiritual but not religious, have religious trauma, or are un-attracted to the inherited church. We seek to provide refuge for both these groups. Your Advent gift will bring us one step closer to opening up our own space. (12/10)

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 Iowa Correctional Institute for Women. Lovely Lane is a committed partner supporting this ministry. (12/17)

Restoring Vision provides reading to people in underdeveloped and impoverished countries. Vision is one of our most important senses. It impacts one's ability to interact with the environment and other people. By providing a simple pair of reading glasses, we can immediately and positively impact a person's life, and the wellbeing of one's family and community. (12/24)

CWM IS HIRING! Click on the links below to apply or contact ddupont@lovelylane.org for more information.

Preschool 2s teaching assistant- part time; click on <https://forms.gle/PmFWXZDgcXJBDj1t9>.

Elementary Daycare Supervisor- part time or full time; click on <https://forms.gle/ARzmMrczrHViK3sM9>.

Office Admin Assistant/Building Sub- part time; click on <https://forms.gle/4xobocXV6vCYP6r7A>.

Elementary Daycare morning staff- part time; click on <https://forms.gle/8USJG6ULFSvm39uH8>.

KENNEDY PANTRY: Please place donations of food and personal care items in tubs outside the church office OR drop off to the basket inside Kennedy's front entrance (M-F, 7:15 am-3:30 pm). Current suggested donations: Ramen noodles, cooking oil, aluminum foil, plastic wrap, bottled water, deodorant, & toothpaste. Look on LL's website for a sign-up link to help at the Pantry.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP: We need YOU to sign up to help in worship! Please use one of the following links to sign up as a worship volunteer:

8:30 Worship: <https://signup.com/go/vHHMzKm>

10:30 Worship: <https://signup.com/go/BmLsDmp>

You can also sign up through LL's website (www.lovelylane.org) to be a greeter, usher, lector, and/or communion server on one or more Sundays. The sign-up link is listed in the website under *Worship Servant Signup*. Sue or Marti in the church office (319-393-6674) can sign you up online if you are unable to do so.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS are Mon.-Thurs. 9 AM-5 PM & Fri. **CLOSED.** Thank you for taking note of it!

THIS WEEK AT LOVELY LANE

Ministry Opportunities

SUNDAY — Dec. 10th 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM In-person worship – Sanctuary

9:00 AM Chancel Choir rehearsal – Choir Room
 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School – Library & Rm. 204
 9:45 AM Infant/Toddler Sunday School Class – F'ship Hall
 10:30 AM In-person & live-stream worship – Sanctuary
 12:00-2 PM Congolese congregation – Sanctuary
 3:00 PM Movie out with church family followed by discussion & treats @ Lovely Lane

MONDAY — Dec. 11th

9 AM-5 PM CWM Preschl. 4's Fall Conferences – Library
 9:15 AM CWM Preschool Christmas Practice – Sanctuary
 11:30 AM Happy Endings (lunch @ Olive Garden)
 6:30 PM Scouts BSA Troop 766 – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY — Dec. 12th

9:15 AM CWM Preschool Christmas Practice – Sanctuary
 11:30 AM-1:15 PM LL Staff Christmas Luncheon (@ Groundswell)
 6:30 PM SPPRC – Library

WEDNESDAY — Dec. 13th

8:00-9 AM CWM Preschl. 4's Fall Conferences – Library
 9:15 AM CWM Preschool Christmas Practice – Sanctuary
 9:30 AM *Pastor's Zoom study*
 12:00 Noon Women's Group Advent Study – Fireside
 4-5:30 PM CWM Preschl. 4's Fall Conferences – Library
 5:30 PM Family Meal – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
 6:00 PM Kid's Club – Fellowship Hall et al.
 6:00 PM Confirmation – Youth Room
 6:00 PM Youth Group (@ St. Paul UMC)
 6:00 PM Pastor's Study Group – Library
 7:15 PM Bell Choir – Sanctuary

THURSDAY — Dec. 14th

7:45 AM Leadership Team (offsite)
 8-8:30 AM CWM Preschl. 4's Fall Conferences – Library
 9 AM-3 PM Innovation Circuit – Library
 9:15 AM CWM Preschool Christmas Practice – Sanctuary
 12:10-1:10 PM CWM Preschl. Speech IEP Mtg. for 3's student – Fellowship Hall
 1:00 PM CWM Preschool Christmas Practice – Sanctuary
 6:30-9:15 PM Linn Co. United Nations Assoc. – Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY — Dec. 15th

SATURDAY — Dec. 16th

8:30 AM Men's Breakfast – Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY — Dec. 17th *3rd Sunday of Advent / Children's Christmas Program in 2nd service*

8:30 AM In-person worship – Sanctuary
 9:00 AM Chancel Choir rehearsal – Choir Room
 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School – Library & Rm. 204
 10:30 AM In-person & live-stream worship – Sanctuary
 12:00-2 PM Congolese congregation – Sanctuary

Serving in Worship – Dec. 10th

Greeters

8:30 – Travis Meiborg & Kathy Meiborg
 10:30 – Amanda Bentley, Marla Gonzalez & family

Lectors

8:30 – Kathy Millian
 10:30 – Jayne Woodson

Ushers

8:30 – Kathy Millian & Travis Meiborg
 10:30 – Anne Craig & Andy Craig

Preacher

Both services.....Kristina Roth-Klinck

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	Tara Neveu (lead) Brenda Holub, Paige Gerjets & Claire Van Erde-Wyk
Children's Weekday Ministries Director	Dawn DuPont

Office & Facilities

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