

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 24, 2023

JOYS:

- *Christmas celebrations with family & friends
- *Christmas Eve worship services
- *Barb Olive is feeling better
- *Rob Olive celebrates 25 years of service working at McGrath Chevyland
- *Mark Dillman's father, John, joined us in worship
- *Blessing of the livestream service each week
- *Nancy Patrick celebrates our wonderful chancel choir

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- *Wanda Whitford hospitalized after a fall
- *ReGina Culbertson following hospitalization
- *Dick Jack's brother with health challenges
- *Jim Moss's co-worker in the meat dept. @ the Marion HyVee, Todd, passed away
- *Family emotions at the holidays
- *Holiday travel to see loved ones
- *Military members not able to see family this time of year
- *Christmas Eve services not able to occur in Bethlehem, Israel
- *National & international concerns

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 unattracted 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)

PLEASE NOTE: Tax-deductible contributions to Lovely Lane UMC for the calendar year of 2023 must be received at the church office or postmarked by Saturday, Dec. 31, 2023. This is in accordance with IRS guidelines. Thank you for your faithful giving.

THE WIDE REACH OF UMCOR'S RELIEF: No one knows where or when the next disaster will strike. But a gift to UMCOR ensures the UMC can respond as quickly as conditions allow – and continue supporting for the long haul.

Aid in Ukraine Continues: As displaced people accept long-term evacuation from their hometowns, more shelters, jobs and removal of unexploded weapons become primary concerns for UMCOR support.

The Holy Land: Join us in offering continues prayers for safety, comfort and peace for those in the Holy Land. To date, UMCOR has awarded 3 emergency grants to local partners in Israel and Gaza. They're using the funds to procure and distribute hygiene kits for internally displaced people, provide psychosocial treatment and counseling, and offer telemedicine services for mothers and children in need of follow-up care, but without safe access to a clinic.

Need Help? donationhelp@umcmision.org

Have questions? 800.862.4246

To give by check, payable to Advance GCFA, send to:
Global Ministries | UMCOR

GPO

P.O. BOX 9068

NEW YORK, NY 10087-9068

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. 24th *4th Sunday of Advent
& Christmas Eve*

- | | |
|------------|--|
| 9:00 AM | Chancel Choir rehearsal – Choir Room |
| 9:30 AM | In-person & live-stream worship (one service only, in the AM) – Sanctuary |
| 12:00-2 PM | Congolese congregation – Sanctuary |
| 3:30 PM | Christmas Eve Service (family-friendly) – Sanctuary |
| 5:30 PM | Christmas Eve Service (Lessons & Carols / Chancel Choir Sings) – Sanctuary |
| 7:30 PM | Christmas Eve Service (Lessons & Carols) – Sanctuary |

MONDAY — Dec. 25th *Merry Christmas!!*

TUESDAY — Dec. 26th *(Church & office closed)*

WEDNESDAY — Dec. 27th

THURSDAY — Dec. 28th

FRIDAY — Dec. 29th

SATURDAY — Dec. 30th

10 AM-4:30 PM Jesse Family Christmas – F'ship Hall & Kitchen

SUNDAY — Dec. 31st *First Sunday after Christmas*

- | | |
|------------|---|
| 9:00 AM | Chancel Choir rehearsal – Choir Room |
| 9:30 AM | In-person & live-stream worship (one service only, in the AM) – Sanctuary |
| 12:00-2 PM | Congolese congregation – Sanctuary |

Serving in Worship – Dec. 24th (AM service)

Greeters

9:30 – Nancy & Dave Wittenburg

Lector

9:30 – Nancy Snyder

Ushers

9:30 – Myrna & Jim Loehrlein

Preacher

9:30 service.....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	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

In-person attendance on 12/17: 67 @ 8:30; 121 @ 10:30;
YouTube views (during 10:30 service) = 68; Total: 256.