

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 3, 2023

JOYS:

- *Holiday gatherings & family time
- *Celebrating our new members to the church
- *Successful Nourished presence & sales at Nature's Noel event
- *Audrey Roth-Klinck feeling better after an illness
- *Happy birthdays to Helena Turner & Cindy Turner
- *Winter Wonderful gathering at church on Weds., 12/6
- *Music Extravaganza at St. Paul's UMC on 12/7
- *First advent offering recipient is Hillcrest Family Services

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- *Memorial service for Karla Morris on 12/1
- *Sympathy to Margaret Nelson after the passing of her cousin, Dave
- *Perkins seminary professor, Charles Aaron, recently passed
- *Remembering Rosalynn Carter, Sandra Day O'Connor, & Henry Kissinger
- *ReGina Culbertson with a hospitalization
- *Payton Fuess & Jordyn Callahan's son, Granger, hospitalized
- *Jack Murphy following a recent hospitalization
- *Shirley Martin recovering from a procedure
- *Jerry Weiland recovering from a procedure
- *Barb Olive with health concerns
- *Tariq Baloch with health challenges
- *Stephanie French's niece, Jenny, with personal challenges
- *Dan Moore's friend, Norm, with medical challenges
- *National & international concerns

PASTOR'S ADVENT STUDY & WOMEN'S GROUP AD-

VENT 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 in Fireside. The suggested donation for books for either (or 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.

FREE ADVENT DEVOTIONALS are available in the narthex. Please pick one up!

A SPECIAL CHARGE CONFERENCE will take place, via Zoom, on Dec. 5th at 3 PM. The purpose is to approve a revised Pastoral Package Support form (Form I) for Pastor Kristina for 2024. The Council also needs to revise Kristina's Form I for 2023.

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTERS / READERS are needed on the following Sundays: 12/17 (8:30 & 10:30) & 12/24 (1 service that morning @ 9:30). If you and your family, or you and several others from a small group, etc., would like to sign up for a specific Sunday morning, 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)



JOIN YOUR CHURCH FAMILY FOR A PRIVATE SHOWING OF JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM - a 2023 American Christian musical film. *A young woman carrying an unimaginable responsibility. A young man torn between love and honor. A jealous king who will stop at nothing to keep his crown.* This live-action Christmas musical celebration for the entire family weaves classic Christmas melodies into new pop songs in a music-infused retelling of the timeless story of Mary and Joseph and the birth of Jesus. (Movie trailer @ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EFXcEWaXBI>.)

When: Sunday, December 10, at 3 PM

Where: Marcus Theater, 5340 Council St. NE, CR

Cost: \$10.00 per person

Please join us for this timely seasonal movie event! Seating is limited and registration must be completed by **Dec. 4th**! Go to <https://lovelylane.breezechms.com/form/abde9b> to register. You will receive a confirmation of your registration by email and be added to the list to attend. You will not receive a ticket.

More details to come. Contact Tammy Martin @ Lovely Lane with questions: (319) 393-6674.

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. 3rd *1st 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
 10:30 AM In-person & live-stream worship – Sanctuary
 12:00-2 PM Congolese congregation – Sanctuary
 3:00 PM Youth Co-op: Meeting @ Marcus Theatre to see *Elf*; must register beforehand with Ryan R-K

MONDAY — Dec. 4th

8 AM- 6 PM CWM Christmas Store – Library
 12 Noon PEO – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

TUESDAY — Dec. 5th

8 AM- 6 PM CWM Christmas Store – Library
 3:00 PM Special Charge Conference via Zoom

WEDNESDAY — Dec. 6th

8 AM- 6 PM CWM Christmas Store – Library
 9:30 AM *Pastor's Zoom study*
 12:00 Noon Women's Group Advent Study – Fireside

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. 7th

8 AM- 6 PM CWM Christmas Store – Library
 7:00 PM Christmas Music Extravaganza (@ St. Paul's)

FRIDAY — Dec. 8th

SATURDAY — Dec. 9th

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
 10:30 AM In-person & live-stream worship – Sanctuary
 12:00-2 PM Congolese congregation – Sanctuary
 3:00 PM Movie out with church family

Serving in Worship – Dec. 3rd

Greeters

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

Lectors

8:30 – Kathy Millian
 10:30 – Stephanie French

Communion Servers

8:30 – Marci Wittles & Myrna Loehrlein
 10:30 – Heather Meador & Joy Jackson

Ushers

8:30 – Myrna & Jim Loehrlein
 10:30 – Mike & Becky Wood

Preacher

Both 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	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