

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 31, 2023

JOYS:

- *Holiday gatherings with friends & family
- *Happy New Year to all!
- *Appreciation to Marcie Stumpf & Morgan Stumpf for music in worship (12/31)
- *Appreciation to Stephanie French for music before worship (12/31)
- *Ted Camp's friend, Andrea, visiting in worship

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- *Sympathy to Dick & Marlo Jack after passing of Dick's brother, Rev. Duane Jack
- *Wanda Whitford following hospitalization
- *Lyn Lewis's, co-worker, Scott, with health concerns
- *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 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@umcmission.org

Have questions? 800.862.4246

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CWM IS HIRING! Click on the links below to apply or contact dupont@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 them 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!

When the song of the angels is stilled, / when the star in the sky is gone, / when the kings and princes are home, / when the shepherds

are back with their flocks, / the work of Christmas begins: / to find the lost, / to heal the broken, / to feed the hungry, / to release the prisoner, / to rebuild the nations, / to bring peace among the people, / to make music in the heart. - Howard Thurman

THIS WEEK AT LOVELY LANE

Ministry Opportunities

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

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

MONDAY — Jan. 1st *Happy New Year!*

TUESDAY — Jan. 2nd

WEDNESDAY — Jan. 3rd

5:30 PM Family Meal – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
6:00 PM Kid's Club – Fellowship Hall et al.

7:15 PM NO Youth Group
Bell Choir – Sanctuary

THURSDAY — Jan. 4th

FRIDAY — Jan. 5th

9 AM-4 PM Dream Conference – Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY — Jan. 6th

9 AM-12 Noon Dream Conference – Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY — Jan. 7th *Baptism of the Lord Sunday / Communion*

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

NO Youth Co-op

Serving in Worship – Dec. 31

Greeters

9:30 – Tammy Martin & Carol Wishnowski

Lector

9:30 – Lyn Lewis

Ushers

9:30 – Mike & Becky Wood

Preacher

One 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
Office Manager
Treasurer
Financial Secretary
Membership Secretary
Website & Social Media
Facilities Manager
Custodians
Wedding Coordinator

Sue Moss
Marti Bowman
Susan Kohl
Tammy Martin
Susan Camp
Shelly Turner
Curtis Thomas
Rex & Rhonda Heasty
Becky Wood

In-person attendance on 12/24 in AM: 95 @ 9:30; YouTube views (during service) = 63; Total = 158.