

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 1, 2024

JOYS

- *Thanksgiving celebrations with family and friends
- *Online access process is beginning for church membership
- *Welcoming our new members to the church
- *Nourished Community Starry Nights focus for Advent
- *Joe Helle expresses thanks for prayers following knee procedure
- *Happy Anniversary to Mike and Becky Wood
- *Mike and Becky Wood happily adjusting to life in California
- *Nice response with gifts from the angel tree
- *Advent events coming up at church

CONCERNS

- *Lynn Heidt hospitalized at Unity Point St. Luke's
- *Sympathy to the local Catholic community following the passing of Fr. Dennis Conway
- *Sympathy to friends of former church member, Jay Andrews, following his passing
- *Maggie Thomas's great nephew, John, with health concerns
- *Sympathy to Darla Reed-Tinderholt and classmates following the passing of friend, Beth
- *Pastor Kristina's cousin, Michelle, with the grieving process after passing of her husband
- *John Roland's uncle, Tommy, needing heart assistance
- *Carol Strong, as husband, Steve, receives memory care assistance
- *Pam Nixon's cousin, Kim, and husband, John, as he recovers from a vehicle accident
- *Cheryl Murphy's neighbor, Kevin, with health concerns
- *Sympathy to the Terrace Glen Village after passing of resident, Jean Duncan
- *National and international concerns

CHRISTMAS CLOTHING SUNDAY – On **Sunday, December 8**, you are invited to wear your favorite Christmas clothing to church. This might involve a favorite sweater, an ugly sweater, tartan pants or accessory. It's a fun way to celebrate the season!

LITTLE LEARNERS – CHRISTMAS EDITION – **Wednesday, December 11 from 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm** for ages 0-5 and their parents. Listen to the Christmas story, sing carols, make crafts and do nativity play. Contact Kristina Roth-Klinck with questions at: kristina@lovelylane.org.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA AT ST. PAUL'S UMC
December 14, at 1:30 pm

Sponsored by Metro United Methodist Churches
Admission is Free

KIDS CLUB - WINTER WONDERLAND – All are welcome!
Wednesday, December 18 featuring Christmas cookie decorating, crafts and a sing-along. Contact Annie Walker for more details: anniew@lovelylane.org

SAVE THE DATES

Lovely Lane Children's Christmas Program
Sunday, December 15 at 10:30

Lovely Lane Chancel Choir's Christmas Cantata
Sunday, December 22 at 10:30

Christmas Eve Worship Services
Tuesday, December 24 at 3:30, 5:30, and 7:30



2024 ADVENT OFFERING RECIPIENTS – Advent giving cards and information will be mailed to your home address and cards will also be available in the narthex.

December 1 - Cuba Mission Trip - A small group is traveling to Havana, Cuba from January 28 – February 6, 2025. The group is accompanying a group from Plymouth Congregational Church in Des Moines. The aim is to learn about the partner relationship the Plymouth Church has with their sister congregation, Ebenezer Baptist Church in Havana. A further aim is to understand how and whether to seek a relationship with our own sister church. Members are planning to pay their own travel expenses. Funds collected will benefit the Ebenezer Church and other places the team visits.

December 8 - HACAP Food Reservoir - HACAP Food Reservoir leads the fight against hunger in east central Iowa by providing food access, advocacy, education, and disaster response. The Food Reservoir distributes over 10 million meals annually through partner organizations in seven counties. Food Reservoir programs include Backpack Program, Mobile Food Pantry, and Diversity Food Program. There continues to be an enormous burden on the local available Food Reservoir supplies.

December 15 - Migrant Movement for Justice - In the face of unprecedented need, Iowa **MMJ** is building on the legacy of two trusted organizations: the **American Friends Service Committee Iowa** and **Iowa Justice for Our Neighbors**. Iowa **MMJ** stands firmly on the belief that migration is a fundamental human right and that everyone deserves to live in safety and with dignity. Iowa **MMJ** is committed to providing high-quality, accessible immigration legal services throughout the state, empowering communities and supporting those in need.

December 22 - for 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 to 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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST – The next gathering will take place on **Saturday, December 21, at 8:30 am**. Rev. Bob Dagit, retired United Methodist pastor, and Lovely Lane member, will share a devotion. Conversation will focus on the meaning of the Christmas season. All are welcome!

This Week at Lovely Lane

Ministry Opportunities

Sunday – December 1 – *First Sunday of Advent*

8:30 AM In-person worship
 8:30 AM Choir rehearsal
 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School
 10:30 AM In-person & livestream worship
 10:45 AM Children Sunday School
 12:00 PM Congolese congregation

Monday – December 2

8:00 AM Children’s Weekday Ministries Christmas Store
 10:00 AM PEO Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
 6:30 PM Scouts Troop 766 (Fellowship Hall)
 7:00 PM Nourished Centering (Kristina’s)

Tuesday – December 3

8:00 AM CWM Christmas Store (Library)
 8:00 PM Band Practice (Youth Room)

Wednesday – December 4

8:00 AM CWM Christmas Store (Library)
 9:30 AM Scripture Study (Zoom)
 5:15 PM Family Meal
 6:00 PM Scripture Study (Library)
 6:00 PM Kid’s Club
 7:15 PM Bell Choir

Thursday – December 5

8:00 AM CWM Christmas Store (Library)

Friday – December 6

8:00 AM CWM Christmas Store (Library)

Saturday – December 7

9:00 AM Nourished at Nature’s Noel (Indian Creek NC)

Sunday – December 8 – *Second Sunday of Advent*

Christmas Clothing Day

8:30 AM In-person worship
 8:30 AM Choir rehearsal
 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School
 10:30 AM In-person & livestream worship
 10:45 AM Children Sunday School
 12:00 PM Congolese congregation

If you have not already checked in and printed a name tag, please let us know you are here today and use this QR code to register your attendance.



To use a QR code, you can scan it with your phone's camera and then follow the instructions that appear on your screen:

- Open your phone's Camera app
- Point the camera at the QR code so it's in focus
- Wait for your phone to recognize the code
- Tap the notification or icon that appears on your screen
- Follow the instructions to open the link associated with the QR code and fill out the form

Assisting in Worship – December 1

Communion Servers

8:30 am – Cheryl Schultz & Molly Schultz
 10:30 am - Heather Meador & Judy McDowell

Greeters

8:30 am – Phil & Shirley Martin
 10:30 am – David & Nancy Wittenburg

Lector

8:30 am – Travis Meiborg
 10:30 am – Sharilyn Forcht

Ushers

8:30 am – Byron & Cheryl Thompson
 10:30 am – Kent & Joy Jackson

Preacher

Both Services – Pastor 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 Caregiver Lead	Tara Neveu
Nursery Caregiver	Paige Gerjets
Nursery Caregiver	Hailey Ryan
Nursery Caregiver	Brooke Johnson
Director of CWM (Children’s Weekday Ministries)	Dawn DuPont

Office & Facilities

Office Administrator & Finance Sec.	Tammy Martin
Office Assistant	Marti Bowman
Treasurer	Susan Kohl
Membership Secretary	Susan Camp
Website & Social Media	Shelly Turner
Facilities Manager	Curtis Thomas
Custodians	Rex & Rhonda Heasty
Wedding Coordinator	Becky Wood

Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday
 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Friday – Closed

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