

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 15, 2024

JOYS

- *Wonderful Children's Christmas program
- *Les and Sherry Minor's grandson is home after studying in Italy
- *Curtis and Maggie Thomas moving into a new home this week
- *Wedding congratulations to Debbie Hahn and Dave Beckner
- *Nourished "Starry Nights" and winter solstice events
- *Susie Tierney speaking about offering for Migrant Movement for Justice
- *Appreciation for those working in snow removal
- *Time with family and friends over the holidays

CONCERNS

- *Lynn Heidt hospitalized at Unity Point St. Luke's
- *Pam Nixon's cousin's husband following a car accident and surgery
- *Darla Reed-Tinderholt's friend, Andrea, with health concerns
- *Mary Vorwerk's sister-in-law with a cancer diagnosis
- *Regina Culberton hospitalized at Mercy Hospital
- *Country of Syria with turmoil and potential democracy
- *Continued unrest and difficulties in Ukraine
- *National and international concerns

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

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.

GREEN SQUARE MEALS – Please consider helping during the holidays to serve Green Square Meals. Six volunteers are needed each month. This month we will serve on **Thursday, December 19**, with a **3:55 pm** expected arrival time. Contact Dan Moore by phone at: (715) 432-1983 or by email at: banjobubbabad@yahoo.com if you are able to help. Thank you to those who have helped serve these meals!

CHRISTMAS AT LOVELY LANE

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

December 29, One worship service at 9:30
No Sunday School



2024 ADVENT OFFERING RECIPIENTS - Advent giving cards and information have been mailed to home and cards are also available in the narthex. Please prayerfully consider how you might assist those who need a boost.

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.

POINSETTIAS - If you would like to bring a Christmas poinsettia to the sanctuary for Advent in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please register the information on the clipboard in the narthex. The listing of those remembered or honored will be provided as an insert in the Christmas Eve bulletins.



PLEASE NOTE: Contributions to Lovely Lane UMC for the calendar year of 2024 must be received at the church office or postmarked by **5:00 pm on Tuesday, December 31** to be included on your 2024 giving statement for tax purposes. Online contributions must be made by this same time as well. This is in accordance with IRS guidelines. Thank you for your generous and faithful giving to Lovely Lane.

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CARDS – will continue to be accepted in the church office through the end of December. Thank you to all who have submitted their pledges for 2025. If you still need a pledge card there are some at the check in station in the narthex or can be mailed to you by request.

This Week at Lovely Lane

Ministry Opportunities

Sunday – December 15 – *Third Sunday of Advent*
Children's Christmas Pageant at 10:30

- 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 16

- 6:30 PM Scouts Troop 766 (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday – December 17

- 8:00 PM Band Practice (Youth Room)

Wednesday – December 18

- 9:30 AM Scripture Study (Zoom)
- 12:00 PM Women's Scripture Study (Fireside Room)
- 5:15 PM Family Meal - Winter Wonderland
- 6:00 PM Scripture Study (Library)
- 6:00 PM Kid's Club - Winter Wonderland
- 7:15 PM Bell Choir

Thursday – December 19

- 7:45 AM Leadership Team (offsite)
- 3:55 PM Green Square Meals
- 7:00 PM Linn UNA (Choir Room)

Friday – December 20

- 7:00 PM Winter Solstice Gathering at Pastor Kristina's

Saturday – December 21

- 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday – December 22 – *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata

- 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 15

Greeters

- 8:30 am – Jim & Barb Vancura
- 10:30 am – Josh & Beth Mills, Emmett, Henry & Rose

Lector

- 8:30 am – Kathy Millian
- 10:30 am – Terri Krumm

Ushers

- 8:30 am – Dave & Linda Keefe
- 10:30 am – Ron & Margaret Nelson

Preacher

- Both Services – Pastor Scott Meador

Lovely Lane UMC Staff

Administration & Worship

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| 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

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| 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 | Dawn DuPont |
| (Children's Weekday Ministries) | |

Office & Facilities

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| 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
 Office Phone (319) 393-6674

A special thank you to the following ladies for helping with the Christmas Store at Children's Weekday Ministries:



- Denise Lawton
- Lou Serbousek
- Barb Oldenburg