ANNOUNCEMENTS **December 22, 2024**

JOYS

- *Holiday celebrations
- *Winter solstice
- *Volunteers with Nourished
- *Curtis and Maggie Thomas moved into new house
- *Keefe's celebrating 56 years of marriage
- *Jim and Sue Moss celebrating 24 years of marriage
- *Moss family soon moving into new house
- *Directories are here
- *Christmas choir cantata
- *Debbie Hahn got married

CONCERNS

- *Regina Culbertson with health concerns
- *Lyn Heidt with health concerns
- *Prayer request for Sue Moss' brother in-law John with upcoming bladder cancer surgery
- *Israel-Palestine
- *Upcoming change of power
- *Travels for the holidays
- *Other international concerns
- *Ministry of Women at the well
- *Dave Keefe's 94 year old mother with health concerns
- *Stephanie French's sister post-surgery
- *Nancy Patrick's great-nephew Dylan recovery from accident and surgery
- *Joan Roscovius daughter and grandson traveling to New York
- *Ron Malick recovering from knee procedure
- *Stomach flu outbreak at Terrace Glen

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 by Sunday, December 22. The listing of those remembered or honored will be provided as an insert in the Christmas Eve bulletins.



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 welcome station in the narthex or can be mailed to you by request.

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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL will meet on Sunday, December 22, and will not meet on Sunday December 29.

CHRISTMAS AT LOVELY LANE

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 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.

Prior Advent offering recipients this year were Cuba Mission Trip, HACAP Food Reservoir and Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL – There will not be Children's Sunday School on Sunday, December 22 or 29. It will resume on January 5. Kids club will resume on Wednesday, January 8.

WOMEN'S SCRIPTURE STUDY – will resume on Wednesday, January 15 at noon in the Fireside Room.

HAPPY ENDINGS BOOK CLUB will meet on January 13 in the Fireside Room at 10:00 am. The book for January is A Table for Two by Amor Towles. A collection of 6 stories and one novella. The stories explore themes of love, loss, identity, and fate in New York and Los Angeles. Please contact Judy McDowell with questions at: (319) 560-2960.

FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP will meet on January 23, 2025 at noon for a potluck lunch. The program will be Erin Foster from the Linn County Mental Health Access Center. She will tell us about the center and some changes that are coming up in 2025. Please bring a dish to share and your own table service. Hope to see you there and as always please invite a friend. Please contact Judy McDowell with questions at: (319) 560-2960.

PASTOR SCOTT'S SCRIPTURE STUDY will resume on Wednesday, January 8. The next book for the study will be Bible Stories for Grown-ups by Josh Scott. Books are available in the office, \$10 each. All are welcome.

NEW YEARS EVE GAME NIGHT AT LOVELY LANE - Tuesday, December 31, 2024 from 5:30 – 8:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your favorite board or card game and an appetizer, snack or dish to share. Pizza will be provided. Come and go as you please. Please contact the church office with questions.

This Week at Lovely Lane

Ministry Opportunities

Sunday - December 22 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata both services

8:30 AM In-person worship 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School

10:30 AM In-person & livestream worship

12:00 PM Congolese congregation

Monday - December 23

6:30 PM Scouts Troop 766 (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday - December 24

3:30 PM Christmas Eve Family Worship Service
4:30 PM Hot Chocolate Bar (Fellowship Hall)
5:30 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service
7:30 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service

Wednesday – December 25 – Christmas Day Church Office closed

Thursday - December 26

Friday - December 27

Saturday - December 28

Sunday – December 29 – First Sunday after Christmas

9:30 AM In-person & livestream worship 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 22

Greeters

8:30 am – Travis Meiborg 10:30 am – Denny & Linda Fitz

Lector

8:30 am – Eric Wylie 10:30 am – Eric Wylie

Ushers

8:30 am – Jim & Myrna Loehrlein 10:30 am – Anne Craig, Laurie Craig, Sue Craig & Andy Craig

Acolyte

10:30 am - Ava Maher

Preacher

Both Services - Pastor Kristina Roth-Klinck

Lovely Lane UMC Staff

Administration & Worship

Lead Pastor Dr. Scott Meador Associate Pastor Rev. Kristina Roth-Klinck Director of Media & Technology Eric Wylie Dennis Ramsey Organist 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
Director of Youth Ministries
Nursery Caregiver Lead
Nursery Caregiver
Nursery Caregiver
Nursery Caregiver
Nursery Caregiver
Nursery Caregiver
Director of CWM
Annie Walker
Ryan Roth-Klinck
Tara Neveu
Paige Gerjets
Hailey Ryan
Brooke Johnson
Dawn DuPont

(Children's Weekday Ministries)

Office & Facilities

Office Administrator & Finance Sec.
Office Assistant
Treasurer
Membership Secretary
Website & Social Media
Facilities Manager
Custodians

Tammy Martin
Marti Bowman
Susan Kohl
Susan Camp
Shelly Turner
Curtis Thomas
Rex & Rhonda Heasty

/addition Operation to a

Wedding Coordinator Becky Wood

Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Friday – Closed

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