

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 8, 2024

JOYS

- *Christmas Clothing Sunday with fun holiday attire
- *Chris Ackman speaking about HACAP mission offering
- *Thanks to Denise Lawton, Lu Serbousek, and Barb Oldenburg for assisting with CWM Christmas Store
- *American Legion Speech Contest coming up
- *Christopher Hauser arriving home after time in the Peace Corps
- *Successful day at Nature's Noel for the Nourished Community
- *United Women in Faith gathering coming up
- *Fair Trade Sales Day on December 15

CONCERNS

- *Sympathy to Stuart and Sue Rogers following the passing of Stuart's daughter
- *Sympathy to Jan Peterson after the passing of her brother, Harley
- *Sympathy to Frank and Susan Camp after the passing of Frank's aunt, Nancy
- *Remembering the life and social action work of Dorothy Higdon
- *Lynn Heidt hospitalized at St. Luke's Unity Point
- *Pam Nixon's cousin's husband, John, with surgeries after a car accident
- *Pastor Kristina's neighbor Janice, following the passing of her son
- *Darla Carter's friend, Leon, with cancer
- *Bobbie O'Bryon's friend, Rachel, following a seizure
- *Unrest in Syria and hope for democracy
- *National and international concerns

CHRISTMAS MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA AT ST. PAUL'S UMC

December 14, at 1:30 pm

Sponsored by Metro United Methodist Churches

Admission is Free

FAIR TRADE SALE will be held in the narthex on **Sunday, December 15**. These items make great Christmas gifts! Please contact Deb Streff with questions at: (319) 721-8864 or debstreff@gmail.com

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

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.

CHRISTMAS AT LOVELY LANE

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 have been mailed to your home address and cards are also 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 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

Monday – December 9

11:30 AM Happy Endings Book Club @ Olive Garden
 6:30 PM Scouts Troop 766 (Fellowship Hall)
 7:00 PM Nourished Centering (Kristina's)

Tuesday – December 10

8:00 PM Band Practice (Youth Room)

Wednesday – December 11

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

Thursday – December 12

7:45 AM Leadership Team (offsite)
 1:00 PM United Women in Faith at Deb Streff's

Friday – December 13

7:00 PM Star Gazing at Andrew Barden's

Saturday – December 14

1:30 PM Music Extravaganza @ St. Paul's UMC

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

 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 8

Greeters

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

Lector

8:30 am – Travis Meiborg & Phil Martin
 10:30 am – Marcie Stumpf

Ushers

8:30 am – Travis Meiborg
 10:30 am – Evan & Julie Hupp

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

Office Phone (319) 393-6674

If you would like to bring a Christmas poinsettia to the sanctuary for Advent in memory 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.

