

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 29, 2024

JOYS

- *Christmas time with family and friends
- *New Year's Eve celebrations
- *Fun times following teams in football bowl games
- *Celebrating the wisdom of children
- *Thanks to Marcie and Morgan Stumpf for playing the piano in worship
- *Pastor Kristina spending time with relatives in Texas
- *Generosity to those in need

CONCERNS

- *Remembering the long and meaningful life of President Jimmy Carter
- *Sharon Kouba's brother-in-law, Joe, following a medical concern
- *Lynn Heidt moving to a rehabilitation center in Ankeny
- *Marti Bowman's sister, Anna, following surgery and hospitalization
- *Sue Moss's brother-in-law, John, with upcoming cancer surgery
- *Ron Malick recovering from knee surgery
- *Pam Nixon's cousin's husband with an upcoming surgery
- *Lu Serbousek's oldest sister hospitalized
- *Kim Moore's friend, Sherry, with grandbaby to come facing challenges
- *Country of South Korea following plane crash
- *Families impacted by the Azerbaijan Airlines flight crash
- *National and international concerns

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.

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 if you are interested in attending.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL – Sunday School 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.

WORSHIP SERVICES - We will return to regular worship schedule on January 5 with in-person worship at 8:30 am and in-person and livestream worship at 10:30 am.

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.

GREEN SQUARE MEALS – Six volunteers are needed each month to help with Green Square Meals. The next date is Thursday, January 16, 2025, 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 serve. Thank you to all those who have helped serve these meals!

KENNEDY FOOD PANTRY – Collection tubs are located at the left entrance to the sanctuary at Lovely Lane. Following is the Wish List for the food pantry: Ramen noodles, fruit roll-ups and fruit snacks, toothpaste, aluminum baking dishes, muffin & cake pans, cake mixes, popcorn, chips, Cheez-its snack crackers, tuna, canned pasta. Thank you for your donations!

CUBA PARTNERSHIP TRIP - A small group of Lovely Laners will travel to Havana, Cuba, with a small group from the Plymouth Congregational Church in Des Moines. The trip will take place from January 28 – February 6. The aim is to learn about Cuban history and culture and develop a relationship with a potential sister church in the city. The group will collect donations of personal items to share with the folks in Cuba ahead of time. A full list is coming that will include aspirin, ibuprofen, vitamins, and Tums.

This Week at Lovely Lane

Ministry Opportunities

Sunday – December 29 – *First Sunday after Christ*

9:30 AM In-person & livestream worship
12:00 PM Congolese congregation

Monday – December 30

6:30 PM Scouts Troop 766 (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday – December 31 - *New Years Eve*

Wednesday – January 1 - *New Years Day* *Church office closed*

5:30 PM New Year's Eve Game Night (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday – January 2

Friday – January 3

Saturday – January 4

Sunday – January 5 – *Second Sunday after Christmas*

8:30 AM In-person worship
9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
9:30 AM Adult Sunday School
10:30 AM In-person & livestream worship
10:45 AM Children's 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, fill out the form and submit.



Happy
New Year

Assisting in Worship – December 29

Greeter

Barb Waterhouse & Patty Logsdon

Lector

John Roland

Ushers

Marilyn & Joel Goodman

Liturgist

Frank Camp

Preacher

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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