

ANNOUNCEMENTS

for the week of January 11

Prayer Concerns:

- *Chuck Patton (Kennedy Lunch helper from St. Paul's UMC) – passed away on 1/7
- *Linda Finck – recovering from surgery on 1/7
- *Don Sparrow – recovering from shoulder surgery
- *Ramona Gerard – foot injury
- *Charlie Elgas – has the flu
- *Kim Jacobson's uncle passed away
- *Those affected by the violence in Paris
- *Those who must work outside in severe winter weather

Joys:

- *Pastor Paul is teaching a preaching course for School for Lay Ministry at Cornell
- *Al Adam's mother, Beulah, celebrated her 105th birthday on 1/5 (born in 1910!)

BLUE ZONE SAYS – Establish "Family Dinner Nights" each week: Why? Studies have shown adolescents who eat dinner with their family are 15% less likely to become obese. Also, teens who eat dinner with their families do better in school.

AN OFFICIAL WELCOME TO ALL NEW AND RETURNING LL COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND MEMBERS:

We appreciate your willingness to serve in this way! Please inform the church office if you do not receive the group E-mails that your committee chair/team leader may send out AND let us know of any change in your E-mail address.

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR FINANCIAL STATEMENT TODAY from the small table in the narthex. Thanks!

LETTER SENT TO BISHOP BY OUR PASTORS IN SUPPORT OF DR. LARRY SONNER: You may remember that Dr. Sonner is a retired clergy member of our Conference who openly officiated at a gay wedding last year. He has been charged by the Cabinet for being in violation of the Book of Discipline. Dr. Sonner will resume meetings with the Bishop Jan. 12th.

We invite you to express your thoughts and prayers to Bishop Trimble as well. You may contact him via E-mail at dkbrockmeyer@iaumc.org or by mail at:

Bishop Julius C. Trimble
2301 Rittenhouse St.
Des Moines, IA 50321-3101

Please keep Larry in your prayers; he suffered a mild heart attack earlier this week.



INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS: If the Cedar Rapids School District cancels classes due to inclement weather, Lovely Lane **church** events/activities will also be cancelled that day. With specific questions, call the church office (393-6674) or listen to Option 5 on the answering machine. If Sunday worship is cancelled, look for the notice hopefully posted on KCRG-TV (channel 9).

LOVELY LANE SNOWBIRDS: If you would provide the church office with the following, it would be very much appreciated: your winter address, approximate dates you will be there, and whether you'd like a newsletter copy mailed to you. **Thank you for keeping us updated with your information!**



YEAR-END FINANCE REPORT: We are happy to report that all bills have been paid and all apportionments have been sent in! In addition, we have the amount of \$12,074.54 left over to start the New Year! While our goal is to carry over at least \$20,000 into the New Year, we are grateful to be only \$8,000 short of that goal. Thank you for your generous support and especially for many of you who gave even beyond your pledge this year. Your faithful stewardship has made our ministry together possible. To God be the glory!

MISSION ENGAGEMENT HOURS: Hopefully by now we've all submitted our 2014 mission engagement hours thru the various means available. Kathy Gilbert will be updating us with the grand total soon and we'll see how close we've come to attaining our goal for one year.

Please note that there are **no** plans to continue recording these hours into 2015. Thank you for your participation!



HELPERS NEEDED FOR FUNERAL LUNCHEONS: We are looking for people willing to serve at and/or provide desserts for any funeral luncheons needed at Lovely Lane in 2015. (Desserts generally needed are cookies, bars, and brownies.) Please sign up on the STUB or contact Pam Nixon (pamnixon@ImOnMail.com or 395-9671) if you're interested and/or have any questions. **Thank you to those who have already signed up!**

MOTHER LOSS: GRIEVING DAUGHTERS is a grief education/support group for adult women who, as adults, have lost their mother. This group will meet on March 1, 8, 15 & 22 from 3-5 PM at the Mercy Hospice office (315 - 18th Ave., Hiawatha). Space is limited for this free class and you must preregister by Feb. 20; call 398-6735.

A LEADERSHIP TRAINING EVENT is scheduled for Jan. 25th at Shueyville UMC (1195 Steeple Lane NE, Swisher, exit 10 off I-380), from 2-5 PM. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Rebecca Fisher, Leadership Development Minister for Evangelism and New Faith Community Development. She will speak on Evangelism Workout Level 1: Strength and Conditioning – Dare to Be Persistent: Laying a Firm Foundation of Prayer and Unshakable Faith to Ensure God-Sized Results for Evangelism Efforts. A number of workshops are available and you will be able to attend two of them.

Go to <http://iaumc-eastcentral.brtsite.com> and click on "Connecting and Empowering" on the lefthand side; then under Leadership Training Event – January 25, click on "Leadership Training Brochure" for more information.

THIS WEEK AT LOVELY LANE

Ministry Opportunities

Events in Bold Face = everyone * = childcare

SUNDAY — January 11

- 8:00 AM **Worship*** – Sanctuary
9:00 AM **Fellowship time*** – Fellowship Hall
9:15 AM **Worship*** – Sanctuary
9:15 AM **Sunday School***
10:30 AM **Worship*** – Sanctuary
10:45 AM Children's Sunday School – Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM Senior High Youth Group – F. H./Youth Rm.

MONDAY — January 12

- 9:15 AM ESL Class – Study
10:00 AM Happy Endings – Library
12:30 PM CWM Preschl. Staff mtg. – Study
6:00 PM Education Meeting – Library (rescheduled)
6:15 PM Boy Scout Troop 766 – Fellowship Hall
6:45 PM Capital Campaign Training – Fireside

TUESDAY — January 13

- 9:30 AM UMW Bible Study – Fireside
11:35 PM Kennedy Lunch – Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM Mental Health Support Group – Study
6:45 PM **Women's Study Group** – Library

WEDNESDAY — January 14

- 12:00 PM **Women's Study Group** – Library
5:00 PM Kids Bell Choir – Sanctuary
5:30 PM **Family Meal** – Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM **Kids Klub**
6:00 PM Middle School Youth – Youth Room
6:00 PM Confirmation – Room 205
6:00 PM **Adult Explo** – Library
7:30 PM SPPRC – Library

THURSDAY — January 15

- 5:30 PM **Pastor's SOS Bible Study** – Library
6:15 PM Handbell rehearsal – Sanctuary
6:45 PM Missions – Fellowship Hall
6:45 PM Trustees – Library
7:00 PM Committees
7:50 PM Ad Council – Library

FRIDAY — January 16

- 9:15 AM ESL Class – Library
12 noon Friendly Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY — January 17

SUNDAY — January 18

- 8:00 AM **Worship*** – Sanctuary
9:00 AM **Fellowship time*** – Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM Chancel Choir – Choir Room
9:15 AM **Worship*** – Sanctuary
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Serving at Worship...

Preacher

All services.....Pastor Gayle Wilcox

Liturgists

8:00.....Myrna Loehrlein
9:15.....
10:30.....Frank Camp

Greeters

8:00.....Bill & Arlene Allison
9:15.....Pam & Mike Morris
10:30.....Carol & Craig Elliott

Lectors

8:00.....Linda Keefe
9:15.....Marci Wittles
10:30.....Judy McDowell

Ushers

8:00.....Les & Sherry Minor
9:15.....Pam & Mike Morris
10:30.....Dean Jackson, Alisa & Ben Oliver

Acolytes

8:00.....Ryan Stumpf
9:15.....Blake & Brock Barnhart
10:30.....Kaitlyn Haines

Staff

Lead Pastor.....Paul Wilcox
Associate Pastor.....Gayle Wilcox
Office Manager.....Sue Moss
Director Children's Weekday Min.....Carolyn Barnes
Youth Director/Kids' Club.....Jenny Seylar
Christian Educator.....Barb Geissinger
Director of Music.....Matthew Burrier
Organist.....Dennis Ramsey
Children's Choirs.....Carla Jesse
Director of Handbells.....Gayle Wilcox
Nursery.....Shelbie Wood, McKenna Woods,
& Tara Weber
Wedding Coordinator.....Becky Wood
Custodians.....Rex, Rhonda, & Jessica Heasty
Audio/Visual Coordinator.....Eric Wylie
Webmaster.....Shelly Turner
Treasurer.....Marcie Stumpf

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Presence at worship:

Jan. 4: 8:00 - 43; 9:15 - 37; 10:30 - 87; Total - 167