

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

for the week of Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>



## Prayer Concerns:

- \*Marcie Baugh's niece, Darlys - late stage pancreatic cancer, has opted out of chemo or other treatment
- \*Kathy Gilbert - recovering at home after surgery last week
- \*Linda Finck - having surgery tomorrow (she & husband Kevin are newer LL members)

## Joy:

\*So many successful surgeries and recoveries: Jacey Wall, Jacob Phillips, Gayle Wilcox, Kay Rath, & Kathy Gilbert

**BLUE ZONE SAYS: Get a head start on snacks.** Take a few moments to plan what you will eat between meals tomorrow. For example, wash an apple, cut up some carrots, or boil an egg so you will have a healthy option ready to go if you get the munchies at work.

**LENT IS...** a period of seven weeks before Easter. It has traditionally been a period of spiritual discipline. The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. Lent is a time to look honestly at our relationship with God. It can be a time of serious spiritual reflection leading to renewal. Many people focus on the spiritual disciplines such as fasting, prayer, worship, Bible study and service to draw them closer to God and prepare for the celebration of Easter.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** is on Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> this year and you're invited to a special service in the sanctuary at 6:30 PM. This will be a youth-led service: our confirmands will do a skit, Zamar will ring, and Kid's Club singers will sing! A **Pancake Supper** will be held at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall prior to worship. Please join us!

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY OFFERED:** Starting Monday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 6 PM, we'll begin a 6-week Bible Study using Adam Hamilton's study on John, the Gospel of light and life. Experience a season of spiritual growth and life-changing renewal while exploring the major themes of John. Book cost is \$13; a group order will be placed from Cokesbury. Sign up on the STUB. **The sign-up deadline is Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>.** If you have questions, call Marci Wittles at 319-210-7098.

**ADULT EXPLO** begins a new 6-week study Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>! Pastor Paul will lead a study of Margorie Thompson's book, "**Forgiveness.**"

- Is forgiveness a Christian duty under all circumstances? Or are there situations when Christians do not need to forgive?
- Is forgiving the best route to healing for the injured?
- How do we get past emotional barriers to real forgiveness?

Sign up on the STUB to order a book. Adult Explo meets 6:00-7:15 PM Wednesdays with a meal provided at 5:30.

**2015 FINANCIAL REVIEW:** Thanks to your generous giving, Lovely Lane finished the year *in the Black*, with all responsibilities met! Our carryover to 2016 was not as large as we wished, but we are encouraged that pledges for 2016 promise an even stronger year financially this year! Thank you for your support and for serving Christ through the ministry of Lovely Lane UMC!!

**BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE:** Please join us in celebrating Arlene Allison's **90th birthday** at an Open House in her honor on Sunday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 - 4 PM in the Fellowship Hall. No gifts please - cards only. Hope to see you there! *Jan & Craig Windmiller*

**"READ & FEED" - PAJAMA PARTY ON FEB. 5<sup>TH</sup>:** We will have our 2<sup>nd</sup> "Read & Feed" for the school year THIS Friday, the 5<sup>th</sup> of February, from 6:00 to 8 PM. We invite children from Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade to participate! Bring your favorite book to share and wear your warm PJ's (and shoes please). Sign up on the STUB!!

If you're a 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grader who'd like to be a reader/helper, let Mrs. G know ASAP ([christianedu@lovelylane.org](mailto:christianedu@lovelylane.org)).

**PARKING LOT PRIORITIES:** The number of Lovely Lane members who have limited mobility has increased these last few years, so if you are able and don't mind a short walk, would you please consider parking farther from the door and allowing those with limited mobility to park closer to the front door? Bless you!!

**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 any specific questions, call the church office (393-6674) or listen to Option 5 on the answering machine. If Sunday worship is cancelled, the notice should be posted on KCRG-TV (ch. 9).



**QUILTATHON ON MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>:** Families Helping Families of Iowa, Inc. invites you to help create **quilts for children in foster care**. Volunteers may join them at their March 5<sup>th</sup> Quiltathon from 10 AM to 5 PM at 3516 Center Point Rd. NE., CR. Help is also needed before the event to donate fabric, cut 5-inch squares and do prep work! If you're not a quilter, donations of quilting supplies are needed or you could adopt a quilt for \$50. For more information, please call 319-294-9706 or go to <http://www.familieshelpingfamiliesofiowa.org/event/quilt-a-thon/>.

**A TRIVIA NIGHT TO BENEFIT FAMILY PROMISE:** Echo Hill Presbyterian Church will host a Trivia Night at 6:30 PM on Sat., Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>. Teams consist of 8 people, the cost is \$10 per person, and the proceeds will benefit Family Promise of Linn County. Contact 377-4360 or [echohill@echohillchurch.org](mailto:echohill@echohillchurch.org) (with a team captain's name & phone no.) to sign up a team, or contact their church office to be placed on a team. You're asked to bring your \$10 with you the night of the event and food to share with your team if you wish. Echo Hill is located @ 9000 C Ave. (north of E. Robins Rd.). For more information on Family Promise of Linn County, please go to their website @ <http://www.familypromiseoflinncounty.org>.

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## THIS WEEK AT LOVELY LANE

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### **Ministry Opportunities**

Events in Bold Face = everyone \* = childcare

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#### **SUNDAY — Jan. 31**

8:00 AM **Worship\*** – Sanctuary  
9:00 AM **Fellowship\*** – Fellowship Hall  
9:00 AM Choir Practice – Choir Room  
9:15 AM **Worship\*** – Sanctuary  
9:15 AM **Adult Sunday School\***  
9:15 AM **Children's Sunday School\***  
10:30 AM **Worship\*** – Sanctuary  
10:45 AM **Children's Sunday School**  
4:00 PM Confirmation: SEMP  
6:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group – FH & Youth Rm.

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#### **MONDAY — Feb. 1**

9:00 AM English as a Second Language (ESL) – Lib.  
6:30 PM Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall  
7:00 PM CWM Board mtg. – Room 202

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#### **TUESDAY — Feb. 2**

9:30 AM UMW Bible Study – Fireside  
6:45 PM Women's Study – Library

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#### **WEDNESDAY — Feb. 3**

9:30 AM Care Center Ministry (offsite)  
12:00 noon Women's Study – Library  
4:50 PM Youth Bells – Sanctuary  
5:30 PM Family Meal – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen  
6:00 PM Kid's Club – Fellowship Hall, Rm. 204,  
103 & Science Room  
6:00 PM Middle School Youth Group – Youth Room  
6:00 PM Confirmation – Room 202  
6:00 PM Adult Explo – Fireside  
6:00 PM Disciple IV – Library

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#### **THURSDAY — Feb. 4**

6:45 PM Handbells – Sanctuary

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#### **FRIDAY — Feb. 5**

9:00 AM ESL – Library  
6:00 PM "Read & Feed" – Lib., F'ship Hall & Kitchen

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#### **SATURDAY — Feb. 6**

6 AM-10 PM Kennedy using prkng. lot for speech contest

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#### **SUNDAY — Feb. 7** *Transfiguration Sunday / Communion Sunday*

8:00 AM **Worship\*** – Sanctuary  
9:00 AM **Fellowship\*** – Fellowship Hall  
9:00 AM Choir Practice – Choir Room  
9:15 AM **Worship\*** – Sanctuary  
9:15 AM **Adult Sunday School\***  
9:15 AM **Children's Sunday School\***  
10:30 AM **Worship\*** – Sanctuary  
10:45 AM **Children's Sunday School**  
5:00 PM Sr. High Superbowl Party (@ Ben Oliver's house)

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### **Serving at Worship...**

#### **Preacher**

All services.....Pastor Paul Wilcox

#### **Liturgist**

All services.....Pastor Gayle Wilcox

#### **Lectors**

8:00.....Dean Lanning  
9:15.....  
10:30.....Helen Anderson

#### **Greeters**

8:00.....Bruce & Jane Nesmith  
9:15.....Pam & Mike Morris  
10:30.....Cindy & Jeff Linder & family

#### **Ushers**

8:00.....Joel & Marilyn Goodman  
9:15.....Pam & Mike Morris  
10:30.....Rich & Kim Currie, Craig & Carol Elliott

#### **Acolytes**

8:00.....(Ushers)  
9:15.....Alex & Abby Hume  
10:30.....Mason Turner

#### **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  
Choir Director.....K. Weiler  
Organist.....Dennis Ramsey  
Children's Choirs.....Carla Jesse  
Director of Handbells.....Gayle Wilcox  
Nursery Team.....Shelbie Wood, Tara Weber,  
Holly Hasenbank, & Paige Gerjets  
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:** Sunday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>

46 (8:00), 55 (9:15) & 152 (10:30), Total = 253