

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

for the week of January 4



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## Prayer Concerns:

- \*Brenda Borden – hospitalized suffering from a recent stroke
- \*Sue Moss – recovering from a virus
- \*Mariah Schuster – her baby is coming too soon
- \*Those who begin a new calendar year burdened by illness and/or sorrow

## Joy:

\*For Matthew Burrier who led a spirited worship service on December 28

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**HELP “UNDECORATE” THE CHURCH TODAY:** You are invited to stay after our 3<sup>rd</sup> service today to help take down Christmas decorations. Pizza and beverages will be provided for all who stay and help. *Many hands make light work!!*

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**PLEASE TAKE YOUR POINSETTIA(S) HOME WITH YOU TODAY!** This is another way you can help us “undecorate” the church!

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**YOU CAN PICK UP YOUR FINANCIAL STATEMENT TODAY** from the small table in the narthex. Thanks!

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**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, please call the church office (393-6674) or listen to Option 5 on the answering machine. If Sunday worship is cancelled, look for the notice that should be posted on KCRG-TV (channel 9).

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**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. Thanks!

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**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!

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**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS RESUME IN JANUARY 2015:** Tuesday PM Women's Study Group will resume on Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6:45 in the library. They will be working with *Invitations of Jesus* by Trevor Hudson, a Methodist minister, pastoral therapist, and speaker who encourages people through stories from his own spiritual journey. He lives in Benoni, South Africa. Books are \$11.50; please sign up on the STUB to reserve one.

Wednesday Noon Women's Study Group will resume on Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> @ noon in the library. They will be using *When You Come Unglued...Stick Close to God* by Patricia Wilson. A motivational writer, spiritual director, and “everywoman”, Wilson offers advice both wise and light-hearted on the serious business of maturing in the faith. Books are \$8.50; please sign up on the STUB to reserve one.

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**MISSION ENGAGEMENT HOURS:** Hopefully by now all of us have submitted our 2014 mission engagement hours through the various means that have been available. Kathy Gilbert will be updating us with the totals soon and we will see how close we have come to attaining our goal for the year.

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**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, brownies, and bar cookies.) Please sign up on the STUB or contact Pam Nixon ([pamnixon@ImOnMail.com](mailto:pamnixon@ImOnMail.com) or 395-9671) if you're interested and/or have any questions. Thank you so much for any help you can give!

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## **THOUGHT FOR THE NEW YEAR - Optimism**

- Count your blessings instead of your crosses,
- Count your gains instead of your losses.
- Count your joy instead of your woes,
- Count your friends instead of your foes.
- Count your smiles instead of your tears,
- Count your courage instead of your fears.
- Count your full years instead of your lean,
- Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.
- Count your health instead of your wealth,
- Count on God instead of yourself!

(Trinity Church Chimes, Trinity UMC,  
Youngstown, Ohio)

# THIS WEEK AT LOVELY LANE

## **Ministry Opportunities**

Events in Bold Face = everyone \* = childcare

### **SUNDAY — January 4**

- 8:00 AM **Worship\*** – Sanctuary  
9:00 AM **Fellowship time\*** – Fellowship Hall  
9:00 AM Chancel Choir rehearsal – Choir Room  
9:15 AM **Worship\*** – Sanctuary  
9:15 AM **Sunday School\***  
10:30 AM **Worship\*** – Sanctuary  
10:45 AM Children's Sunday School – Fellowship Hall  
11:30 AM **Undecorating the church** / pizza provided

### **MONDAY — January 5**

- 9:15 AM ESL Class – Library  
6:30 PM Education Meeting – Study  
6:45 PM Boy Scout Troop 766 – Fellowship Hall

### **TUESDAY — January 6**

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

### **WEDNESDAY — January 7**

- 9:30 AM Care Center Ministry – offsite  
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

### **THURSDAY — January 8**

- 7:00 AM Leadership Breakfast (@ Panera's)  
1:00 PM UMW Monthly Meeting – Fellowship Hall  
5:30 PM **Pastor's SOS Bible Study** – Library  
6:30 PM Handbell rehearsal – Sanctuary

### **FRIDAY — January 9**

- 9:15 AM ESL Class – Library

### **SATURDAY — January 10**

- 9:00 AM International Ladies Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

### **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.

# January 4, 2015

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

### **Preacher**

All services.....Pastor Paul Wilcox

### **Liturgist**

All services.....Pastor Gayle Wilcox

### **Greeters**

8:00.....Les & Sherry Minor  
9:15.....Deb & Randy Noecker  
10:30.....Kim & Rich Currie

### **Lectors**

8:00.....Marcie Stumpf  
9:15.....Dee Lubahn  
10:30.....Bruce Nesmith

### **Ushers**

8:00.....Phil & Shirley Martin  
9:15.....Deb & Randy Noecker  
10:30.....Harry Widmer, Mike & Becky Wood

### **Acolytes**

8:00.....*Ushers*  
9:15.....Megan Bumpus & Natalie Lubahn  
10:30.....Seth Woods

### **Communion Stewards**

8:00.....Nancy Miller & Jayne Woodson  
9:15.....Patty Logsdon & Cathy Weber  
10:30.....Helen Anderson, Beth Crow  
Marlo Jack, Graham Woods

### **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:**  
Dec. 24: 5:00 - 174; 7:00 - 271; 9:00 - 69; Total - 514  
Dec 28: 8:00 - 29; 9:15 - 25; 10:30 - 84; Total - 138