

ANNOUNCEMENTS

for the week of Nov. 19th

Concerns:

- * Skylar Martino – daughter of Teresa & Mike Bailey, spinal fusion
- * Rick Taylor – hospice care
- * Sue Moss – hospitalized with an infection

Joys:

- * Kay Rath – recovering slowly
- * Paul Nylin – improving
- * Maggie Thomas – eye surgery
- * Emily Wilcox Freeburg – in good health again!
- * The ODIM offering last Sunday brought in \$1,114.00!!

With Gratitude

Pastors Paul and Gayle Wilcox wish to extend their heartfelt thanks for volunteers who carried on the teaching and caring ministry of the church in their absence.

They especially wish to thank Rev. Darwin Moore for preaching and Frank Camp, Heather Hingtgen, and Maggie Thomas for leading worship.

Celebrating YOU!

We are celebrating the generosity of all of YOU who made pledges to continue to support the work of Christ through the ministries of Lovely Lane UMC!

Please enjoy the gorgeous quilt displayed in the sanctuary that celebrates our love and gifts that “Bind Us Together” in mission and service of Our Lord.

Big Kudos to Linda Carollo for sharing her quilting skills!

And please enjoy a cupcake in the narthex to celebrate!



AN INTERFAITH SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING takes place tomorrow, Nov. 20th, @ 7 PM at the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church (6621 C Ave. NE, CR). The speaker for the evening will be Stacey Walker, Linn County Supervisor.

FAITH ISSUES CLASS: This adult class meets @ 9:15 on Sundays in the Library. Our schedule is as follows:

11/19 – Rose Blank will lead a discussion of the book *Help Thanks Wow* by Ann Lamott, about the 3 simple prayers essential for getting us thru life. The writing is funny and perceptive.

11/26 – No class (?)

12/3 – Nathan Wylie will lead a discussion of music and religion.

12/10 – Dean Lanning will share thoughts about the value of reverence for life – even for others with whom we do not agree.

FAITH JOURNEYS CLASS: What can we learn about God from the story of a carpenter who lived a life of faithfulness, love, and mercy, and followed God’s call? Join the Faith Journeys Adult Sun. School Class as we study *Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph* (started Nov. 5th) @ 9:15 in Room 205.

ADVENT DECORATING – NEXT SUNDAY, NOV. 26TH, AFTER 10:30 WORSHIP: Help decorate the church for Advent and Christmas! Sign up on the STUB if you/your family plan to help decorate and/or attend the accompanying potluck (listing the dish that you’ll bring to share). Beverages and tableware will be provided by Hospitality, and Christian Education is providing activities for the kids.

Brad & Sherry Johnson are our *Advent Coordinators*. Please sign up on the STUB to say *Yes!*



CHILDREN’S ADVENT FUND RAISER: The children of Lovely Lane Sunday School and Wednesday Kids Club invite you to help them raise funds by bringing your Christmas gifts in to be wrapped. Children will be in the Narthex before and after church services on Sunday, Dec 3rd and 10th, and Wednesdays Nov 29 and Dec 6 at 5 pm. Leave your gift with your name attached, and it will be wrapped for you. Donations appreciated. Thank you!

2017 Advent Offering

This year’s 4 Advent Offering recipients are:

Mobility Worldwide: Their mission is to provide mobility for all of God’s children in need. A PET is a 3-wheeled durable mobility chair powered by a hand crank or pulled by another person. The project was born in 1995 when a missionary noticed the lack of sturdy mobility devices for amputees and persons with disabilities in developing countries.

Water @ Work: In the Dominican Republic, 1 million+ people struggle to obtain affordable, clean water. Due to frequent flooding and earthquakes, clean water is rarely found there naturally. Water @ Work’s long term goal is to help transform the DR so all residents have clean water for drinking and hygiene.

HACAP: One important HACAP program we’ve supported and continue to support is Operation Backpack. In East Central Iowa, 1 in 7 children are at risk for hunger or food insecurity. OBP addresses this concern by providing needy students with nutritious easy-to-prepare food when other food resources may not be available, specifically on weekends and during school vacations.

Willis Dady Homeless Shelter: The shelter has been serving single men and families for 30+ yrs., with the mission of providing shelter and prevention services to homeless and near homeless. Their goal is to empower clients to break the cycle of homelessness and become self-sufficient. Their current capital campaign is raising money to enlarge the facility in order to serve more people.

BRING IN YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA for the altar any time during Advent (begins Dec. 3rd). You’ll want the perfect one to honor or remember a loved one. Be sure to write your name and name of the person to be commemorated on the poinsettia sign-up sheet in the narthex.

END-OF-YEAR GIVING: Please prayerfully consider making an additional, tax-deductible gift(s) to the *Blessed to be a Blessing* campaign, now on Phase 2: Mortgage Elimination. The Finance Team reports that the church budget is in good shape going into 2018, allowing additional year-end gifts to go to the campaign. In addition to cash gifts, consider donating appreciated stocks, which benefits both the church and the giver.

THIS WEEK AT LOVELY LANE

Ministry Opportunities

Events in Bold Face = everyone * = childcare

SUNDAY — Nov. 19 *Thanksgiving Sunday*

- 8:00 AM **Traditional Worship*** – Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM **Fellowship*** – Fellowship Hall
- 9-11:45 AM UMW Bake Sale – Narthex
- 9:00 AM Chancel Choir – Choir Room
- 9:15 AM **Guitar Service*** – Sanctuary
- 9:15 AM **Adult Sunday School**
- 9:15 AM Children's Sunday School
- 10:30 AM **Traditional Worship*** – Sanctuary
- 10:45 AM Children's Sunday School

MONDAY — Nov. 20

- 9 AM–Noon CWM Preschl. Thanksgiving Feast – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
- 5:30 PM Tai Chi – Narthex
- 6:30 PM Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY — Nov. 21

- 9 AM–Noon CWM Preschl. Thanksgiving Feast – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
- 9:30 AM UMW Bible Study – Fireside
- 6:45 PM Women Of Faith (WOF) – Library

WEDNESDAY — Nov. 22

NO WED. DAYTIME OR EVENING ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY — Nov. 23 *Have a Blessed & Happy Thanksgiving (church & office closed)*

FRIDAY — Nov. 24 *Day after Thanksgiving (church & office closed)*

SATURDAY — Nov. 25

SUNDAY — Nov. 26 *Christ the King Sunday*

- 8:00 AM **Traditional Worship*** – Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM **Fellowship*** – Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 AM Chancel Choir – Choir Room
- 9:15 AM **Traditional Worship*** – Sanctuary
- 9:15 AM **Adult Sunday School**
- 9:15 AM Children's Sunday School
- 10:30 AM **Traditional Worship*** – Sanctuary
- 10:45 AM Children's Sunday School
- 11:30 AM Advent Decorating & Potluck – Fellowship Hall, Kitchen, Sanctuary, Fireside, Narthex
- 6:00 PM Senior High Youth Group – Fellowship Hall, Kitchen & Youth Room

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Serving at Worship...

Greeters

- 8:00.....Mark & Diana Rettig
- 9:15.....Chad, Julie & Jacey Wall
- 10:30.....Kaimee & Bree Aikers

Ushers

- 8:00.....Curtis & Maggie Thomas
- 9:15.....Chad, Julie & Jacey Wall
- 10:30.....John & Nancy Hinkel, Joy Jackson, Cindy Rupe

Acolytes

- 8:00.....(Ushers)
- 9:15.....Emma Herold
- 10:30.....Olivia & Isaac Schneider

Lectors

- 8:00.....Margaret Nelson
- 9:15.....Hannah Herold
- 10:30.....Anne Heefner

Liturgist

- All.....Pastor Gayle Wilcox

Preacher

- All.....Pastor Paul Wilcox

Staff

- Lead Pastor.....Paul Wilcox
- Associate Pastor.....Gayle Wilcox
- Office Manager.....Sue Moss
- Director Children's Weekday Min..Carolyn Barnes
- Youth Director.....Paul Wilcox
- Kid's Club Director.....Julie Meyer
- Christian Educator.....Barb Geissinger
- Choir Director.....K. Weiler
- Choir Assistant / Accompanist.....Reagan Linder
- Organist.....Dennis Ramsey
- Children's Choirs.....Carla Jesse
- Director of Handbells.....Gayle Wilcox
- Nursery Team.....Shelbie Wood, Tara Neveu, Paige Gerjets, & Claire Van Erde-Wyk
- Wedding Coordinator.....Becky Wood
- Custodians.....Rex, Rhonda, & Jessica Heasty
- Audio / Visual Coordinator.....Eric Wylie
- Webmaster.....Shelly Turner
- Treasurer.....Marcie Stumpf

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Nov. 12th Worship Attendance:

36 @ 8:00; 48 @ 9:15; 122 @ 10:30 = 206 Total