

ANNOUNCEMENTS

the week of Nov. 27th

Prayer Concerns:

- *Jon Hartzler's mother – hospitalized with cancer
- *Suzanne Boyle's son, Mark – hospitalized with a serious staph infection

Joys:

- *LL is beautifully decorated for Advent & Christmas, thanks to folks who stayed for that purpose after 10:30 worship last Sunday!
- *The Capital Campaign income through October is \$197,277

LL'S ANGEL TREE in the narthex has opportunities to support children and families at Taylor Elementary School and Trinity Lane Preschool, as well as the *Change a Child's Story* initiative.

Advent Offering Begins Today

This year's 4 Advent Offering recipients are:

- 1) **Ecumenical Center**—Current missions: **Helping Hands Ministry** which provides problem solving, referral and emergency financial assistance to people in need; **CompuPlace**, a specialized computer-based learning center for people with disabilities; and **Agency Housing**, which houses the Green Square Meals program, among others.
- 2) **Ethiopian School Desk Project**—This project will provide at least 100 student desks and transportation to a primary school which educates 200 plus students in a remote village. Because 1 well was built to provide clean water, all children in the village now have an opportunity for an education.
- 3) **Tanager Place**—Tanager Place creates a positive impact on thousands of children and families each year who cope with mental and behavioral health challenges. Beginning in 1879 as Iowa's first children's human services agency, it has evolved to serve the needs of our community's children every day.
- 4) **International French Fellowship Ministry**—Meets Sundays at 11:35 AM at Cedar Rapids' Asbury UMC, offering worship, Bible study, and life skills classes for immigrants from French-speaking Africa. Starting in Jan. 2014, the IFFM has been growing in no., Spirit, and passion for the ministry of Jesus Christ.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTERS NEEDED! If you/your family/friend would like to light the Advent Wreath and Christ Candle on Christmas Eve, we have an opening for our 9:00 Communion Service. Sign the STUB and Pastor Gayle will contact you.

WHAT'S UP WITH ZAMAR? Zamar, our youth handbell choir, will ring at 5:30 during the Family Meal on Wed. night, Dec. 7th, AND for the Children's Christmas program on Sunday, Dec. 18th, @ 9:15 AM. They'll process while they ring, play chimes, and use mallets - we have some talented young ringers in our midst! Come and hear them celebrate Jesus' birth this December!! No rehearsals Wed.-Dec. 14th, 21st, or 28th; back on *duty* Jan. 4th!

ACABELLA & BABY BELLA TO RING! AcabeLLa will ring Advent music during all 3 services Sunday, Dec. 4th! Baby BeLLa (an AcabeLLa ensemble) will ring on Christmas Eve in the entryway before the 7 PM service! Mark your calendars!!

CALLING YOUNG MUSICIANS to share a solo or ensemble piece, vocal or instrumental, for 5 PM Family Friendly Worship Christmas Eve. Sign the STUB and Pastor Gayle will contact you.

KID'S CLUB "CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!" & MORE: Kid's Club children have been on a mission of creating wonderful holiday cards for Pastor Gayle and the Shepherds to share with our Shut-Ins! Thank you, kids!

Kid's Club families will bring books for *Change A Child's Story* the last week in Nov. and into December. Thanks kids and families for supporting our conference mission to help kids read!

On Wed., Dec. 14, Kid's Club families are invited to come for the 5:30 Family Meal and stay for the "Christmas Celebration!" The program will feature the children's Wed. night choirs and *Fire-side Stories* read by Lindsey Starmer and Amy Engelmann. The evening will conclude with a cookie reception. Kids are invited to wear pj's and families are asked to bring 2 dozen cookies to share! Mark your calendars for this fun and festive event!!

No Kid's Club on Dec. 21 or 28; we'll meet again on Jan. 4!

WOMEN'S STUDY GROUPS: The Tues. PM & Wed. Noon Women's study groups will be using "Why This Jubilee?" by James C. Howell. We'll read a daily meditation based on a Christmas carol phrase and come together as a group for song, prayer, and conversation. Read the first 2 chapters before class on Tues., Nov. 29, or Wed., Nov. 30. We'll meet thru Dec. 13 & 14 and enjoy a time of celebration during our last session.

CONFIRMATION NOTES... Confirmation will finish 2016 with hearts turned toward the Birth of Our Savior, as follows:

Nov. 30 – Jesus is Born! – A Word from Matthew, Luke, & John
Dec. 7 – Youth Group Sessions

Dec. 14 – Christmas Party & Baby Shower for Jesus @ Pastor Gayle's! (5:30 PM @ 3710 Terrace Hill Dr. NE)

No classes on Dec. 21st or Dec. 28th. We'll resume on Jan. 4th!



BRING IN YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA for the altar any time during Advent (started TODAY). 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.



UMW'S ADVENT COFFEE is on Sat., Dec. 3rd, @ 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. All LL women are invited to this enjoyable time to celebrate the coming of the Holiday Season with wonderful fellowship, entertainment, and refreshments!

UMW'S ANNUAL ORNAMENT EXCHANGE DINNER is on Tues., Dec. 13th, @ 6 PM at Vito's on 42nd St. NE. Sign up on the STUB or call Nancy Miller (393-6340) to make a reservation. All LL women are invited!

A CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR ALL IN THE EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT is on Sunday, Dec. 4th, hosted by Living Water UMC (1155 Grand Ave., Marion-in the strip mall containing the ECD Office). Send reservations and checks (payable to Living Water UMC) to Living Water and **not** to the ECD Office. Fellowship begins @ 4:30 PM with dinner after. The cost is \$12 per meal.

NOTE: There will be NO Nursery on Christmas Day, Dec. 25th!

THIS WEEK AT LOVELY LANE

Ministry Opportunities

Events in Bold Face = everyone * = childcare

SUNDAY — Nov. 27 <i>1st Sunday in Advent</i>	
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 (NO Senior High Youth Grp. in evening)
MONDAY — Nov. 28	
9:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Group – Study
9 AM-Noon	CWM Preschl. Christmas Store – Youth Rm.
9:30 AM	English as a Second Language – Study
6:30 PM	Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY — Nov. 29	
9 AM-Noon	CWM Preschl. Christmas Store – Youth Rm.
-----	NO UMW Bible Study (on break till 1/10/17)
6:45 PM	Women's Study – Library
WEDNESDAY — Nov. 30	
9 AM-Noon	CWM Preschl. Christmas Store – Youth Rm.
9:30 AM	Care Center Ministry (offsite)
12 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, et al.
6:00 PM	Middle School Youth Group – Youth Rm.; Confirmation – Library
6:00 PM	Adult Explo – Fireside
6:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Group – Study
THURSDAY — Dec. 1	
9 AM-Noon	CWM Preschl. Christmas Store – Youth Rm.
5:30 PM	Yoga – Youth room
6:45 PM	Handbells – Sanctuary
FRIDAY — Dec. 2	
9:00 AM	English as a Second Language – Study
SATURDAY — Dec. 3	
9-11:30 AM	UMW Advent Coffee – F'ship Hall & Kitchen
SUNDAY — Dec. 4 <i>2nd Sunday in Advent & Communion</i>	
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
6:00 PM	Sr. High Youth Grp. – F'ship Hall, Kitchen & Youth Rm.

November 27, 2016

Serving at Worship...

Preacher

All services.....Pastor Paul Wilcox

Liturgist

All services.....Pastor Gayle Wilcox

Lectors

8:00.....Bruce Nesmith
9:15.....Hannah Herold
10:30.....Reagan Linder

Greeters

8:00.....Joe & Becky Helle
9:15.....Carla & Steve Levi
10:30.....Cindy & Jeff Linder

Ushers

8:00.....Myrna Loehrlein & Jayne Woodson
9:15.....Carla & Steve Levi
10:30.....Susan Camp, Dean Jackson,
Bill & Gloria Jahnel

Acolytes

8:00.....(Ushers)
9:15.....Emma Herold
10:30.....Seth Woods & Ethan McCord

Staff

Lead Pastor.....Paul Wilcox
Associate Pastor.....Gayle Wilcox
Office Manager.....Sue Moss
Director Children's Weekday Min....Carolyn Barnes
Youth Director.....**NEEDED!!**
Kids' Club Director.....**NEEDED!!**
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,
& 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 – Sun., Nov. 20:
57 @ 8:00; 64 @ 9:15; & 153 @ 10:30 = 274