

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

for the week of Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>

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## Prayer Concerns:

- \*The family of Bev Munnik – Bev passed away on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>; a Celebration of Life was held here @ LL yesterday afternoon
- \*The family of Jann Townsend (drove our special needs adults to LL for Sunday worship for many years) – Jann passed away on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>; her funeral was on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>
- \*Wanda & Don Whitford family – death of daughter-in-law Mary; children: Candice (23), Brandy (19), & Blake (14)
- \*Kim Hammer - at home recovering from emergency surgery
- \*Curt Pakkebieb's father, Jay – hospitalized with health concerns
- \*All who grieve the loss of a loved one during Advent & Christmas
- \*Families of police persons killed in the line of duty
- \*All those impacted by the Jerime Mitchell incident here in CR

## Joys:

- \*UMW's Advent Coffee on Sat., 12/3, was well attended, meaningful, and very enjoyable - thanks to all who had a part in it!
- \*We had 17 people become new LLUMC members last Sunday
- \*We have 2 new volunteer drivers for LL's Operation Backpack outreach to Pierce Elementary School

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**Financial Statements are available** in the narthex for you to pick up this morning. Thanks for helping us save on postage!

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**LL'S ANGEL TREE** in the narthex has opportunities to support children and families at Taylor Elementary School and Trinity Lane Preschool. Trinity Lane gifts should be returned to church **unwrapped** (though wrapped is okay) by December 18<sup>th</sup> at the latest. Gifts for Taylor School should be returned **wrapped or unwrapped** by December 18<sup>th</sup> or shortly thereafter. Thank you for helping these children and families enjoy a merrier Christmas!

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## 2016 Advent Offering

This year's 4 Advent Offering recipients are:

- 1) **Ecumenical Center**—Current missions: **Helping Hands Ministry, CompuPlace, and Agency Housing** which houses Green Square Meals and other programs.
- 2) **Ethiopian School Desk Project**—This project will provide at least 100 student desks for primary school in a remote village.
- 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.

**Please write your name on the front and/or back of the Advent Offering card and indicate how you'd like your donation split among the 4 possible recipients. Checks should be made payable to Lovely Lane UMC. If you prefer, you may make a donation electronically by going to our website: [www.lovelylane.org](http://www.lovelylane.org). Thank you for your generosity!**

**BABY BELLA TO RING!** Baby BeLLa (an AcabeLLa ensemble) will ring on Christmas Eve in the entryway before the 7 PM service! Mark your calendars so you won't miss it!!

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**HOME ALONE FOR CHRISTMAS?** Will you be dining alone this Christmas? Might you be interested in a potluck/brunch after worship on Christmas Sunday with some of your church family? If so, sign up on the STUB and let's see what happens!

*"Checking It Twice..."*



## LL's Christmas Schedule for children & youth:

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** – Rehearsal on Sat., Dec. 17, 10-11 AM; Children's Christmas Program: "The Small One" on Sun., Dec. 18, @ 9:15 Worship. No Sunday School on Dec. 25.

**KIDS CLUB** (PreK-5<sup>th</sup> Grade) – Wed., Dec. 14, Pajama Christmas Celebration: Family Meal @ 5:30 followed by Singing, Sharing, Stories & Snacks. Families to bring 2 dozen cookies to share. Wear your PJ's! Ends at 7:15.

**ZAMAR** – Ring for Christmas program on Sun., Dec. 18, @ 9:15 Worship.

**CONFIRMATION** – Wed., Dec. 14, Christmas Party @ **THE CHURCH** @ 5:30; ends @ 7:15. Bring baby/children's gifts for Jesus' Baby Shower. **No need to bring food!**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH** – Wed., Dec. 14, Christmas Party @ **THE CHURCH** @ 5:30; ends @ 7:15. **No need to bring food!**

**SENIOR HI YOUTH** – TODAY, Dec. 11, Caroling; Sun., Dec. 18, Christmas Party @ Masons' (3919 Majestic Court NE) @ 5 PM; ends @ 7:30. Bring a snack to share & a \$5 new or gently used White Elephant gift.



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**BRING IN YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA**, making sure to write your name and name of the person to be commemorated on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. *They are beautiful!*

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**PLEASE NOTE:** NO Nursery on Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, when we will have just **ONE All-Together Service at 9:30 AM**. There will also be just **ONE All-Together Service at 9:30 AM** on Sunday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017; Nursery **WILL**, however, be available on that date.

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**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.

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**END-OF-YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS:** In order to be credited for tax purposes in 2016, contributions must be received At the church or mailed on or before Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for supporting the missions and ministries of Lovely Lane UMC!

# THIS WEEK AT LOVELY LANE

## Ministry Opportunities

Events in Bold Face = everyone \* = childcare

- SUNDAY — Dec. 11** *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent*
- 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 Senior High Youth Grp. – Fellowship Hall  
(going caroling)
- MONDAY — Dec. 12**
- 9:30 AM English as a Second Language – Library  
11:30 AM Happy Endings (lunch offsite)  
6:30 PM Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall
- TUESDAY — Dec. 13**
- **NO** UMW Bible Study (on break till 1/10/17)  
6:00 PM UMW Ornament Exchange Dinner (@ Vito’s)  
6:00 PM Girl Scout Leaders mtg. – Fellowship Hall  
6:30 PM Mental Health Support Group – Study  
6:45 PM Women’s Study – Library
- WEDNESDAY — Dec. 14**
- 12 noon Women’s Study – Library  
**NO** Youth Bells  
5:30 PM Family Meal – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen  
5:30 PM Christmas Party for M.S. Youth & Confirmation – Youth Room  
6:00 PM Kid’s Club Christmas Party – F’ship Hall  
6:00 PM Adult Explo – Fireside
- THURSDAY — Dec. 15**
- 5:30 PM Yoga – Youth Room  
6:45 PM Handbells’ Christmas Party (@ Wilcoxes)  
**NO** Monthly Committee Meetings
- FRIDAY — Dec. 16**
- 9:00 AM English as a Second Language – Library
- SATURDAY — Dec. 17**
- 9 AM-1:30 International Ladies Fellowship – F’ship Hall  
10-11 AM Practice for Children’s Christmas Program – Sanctuary
- SUNDAY — Dec. 18** *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent & Children’s Christmas Program @ 9:15 AM*
- 8:00 AM **Traditional Worship\*** – Sanctuary  
9:00 AM **Fellowship\*** – Fellowship Hall  
9:00 AM **Chancel Choir** – Choir Room  
9:15 AM **Children’s Christmas Program\*** – Sanctuary (all children to attend)  
9:15 AM **Adult Sunday School**  
10:30 AM **Traditional Worship\*** – Sanctuary  
10:45 AM **Children’s Sunday School**  
5:30 PM SH Youth Grp. (Christmas party @ Masons’)

# December 11, 2016

## Serving at Worship...

### Preacher

All services.....Pastor Paul Wilcox

### Liturgist

All services.....Pastor Gayle Wilcox

### Lectors

8:00.....Marilyn Goodman  
9:15.....Heather Hingtgen  
10:30.....Wanda Whitford

### Greeters

8:00.....Duane & Mary Abbey  
9:15.....Andy & Mary Vorwerk  
10:30.....Kaimee & Bree Akers

### Ushers

8:00.....Bev & Gene Kadlec  
9:15.....Andy & Mary Vorwerk  
10:30.....McKenna Maus, Ben & Alisa Oliver,  
and Susan Camp

### Acolytes

8:00.....Ushers  
9:15.....Jayce Hingtgen  
10:30.....Colton Mumby

### Staff

Lead Pastor.....Paul Wilcox  
Associate Pastor.....Gayle Wilcox  
Office Manager.....Sue Moss  
Director Children’s Weekday Min....Carolyn Barnes  
Youth Director.....Paul Wilcox  
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., Dec. 4:  
63 @ 8:00; 74 @ 9:15; & 98 @ 10:30 = 235