

ANNOUNCEMENTS

for the week of Dec. 18th

Prayer Concerns:

*Denise Carnahan & family - her stepmom, Shirley Beach, passed away due to multiple complications (Denise & husband Brian are newer LL members who attend 8:00 worship)

*Joy Jackson – recovering after surgery for a badly broken leg suffered from a fall on the ice

*For those affected by the bombing of an Orthodox church in Cairo, Egypt

Joy:

*Over a dozen LL carolers and a dozen youth ventured out on 12/11 to sing at Northbrook Care Center, Methwick, and at several members' homes

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

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**—Meets Sunday AMs at 11:35 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 number, 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. 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!!



THIS IS YOUR LAST WEEK TO BRING IN YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA! Please remember to write your name and name of the person to be commemorated on the sign-up sheet in the narthex when you bring yours in. *Thank you - they are beautiful!*

LOVELY LANE UMC

Christmas Eve Services

(Saturday, Dec. 24th):

5 pm Family Friendly

7 pm Traditional Candlelight

9 pm Holy Communion

Childcare available @ 5 & 7 pm



Christmas Day Worship

(Sunday, Dec. 25th):

9:30 am All-Together Service
featuring Christmas Carols

NO childcare available

WANT TO JOIN PASTORS PAUL & GAYLE @ LL FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER? If you'd be interested in a potluck/

brunch after worship on Christmas Sunday with some of your church family, sign up on the STUB and let's see what happens!

NEW YEAR'S DAY SCHEDULE: There will be just **ONE All-Together Service at 9:30 AM on Sunday, Jan. 1st, 2017;** Nursery WILL, however, be available on that date.

SEND IKE SCHNEIDER GREETINGS! Ike continues to recover from a stroke, so let's shower him with Christmas or New Year greetings by sending cards or letters to @ On With Life, Inc., 715 SW Ankeny Rd., Ankeny, IA 50023.

END-OF-YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS: To be credited for tax purposes in 2016, contributions must be received at the church or mailed on or before Dec. 31st. Thank you for your generous support of the missions and ministries of Lovely Lane!

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY IS COMING TO LOVELY LANE! *Do you: struggle with debt; live pay check to pay check; have a car payment, credit card debt, or a mortgage? Does the thought of saving for retirement or to put your kids thru college overwhelm you? Do you wish you could leave a legacy for your family, or would you just like to get ahold of your finances and win with money?*

If you answered "yes" to any of the above, there's good news: Financial Peace University (FPU) is coming back to LL! 4.5 million+ people across the nation have changed their future with FPU, and so can you! The average family saves \$2,700 and pays off \$5,300 within the first 90 days. Dave Ramsey shows why it is important for spouses to communicate and work together for financial goals, discover the baby steps to financial freedom, help children learn how to manage money, understand how generous giving can revolutionize attitudes and improve finances, business, and relationships. It's the money class that will change your life! Get it for yourself or as a gift. *Sign up on the STUB or online @ <https://daveramsey.com/fpu/classes>.* Classes start on Sunday, January 22, at 2 PM.

THIS WEEK AT LOVELY LANE

Ministry Opportunities

Events in Bold Face = everyone * = childcare

SUNDAY — Dec. 18 *4th 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 Senior High Youth Group (Christmas party @ Masons')

MONDAY — Dec. 19

- 9:30 AM English as a Second Language – Library
11:00 AM CWM Preschool Christmas Program – Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY — Dec. 20

- 11:00 AM CWM Preschool Christmas Program – Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
---- **NO** UMW Bible Study (on break till 1/10/17)

WEDNESDAY — Dec. 21

- 9:30 AM Care Center Ministry (offsite)
(NO Wed. evening activities)

THURSDAY — Dec. 22

- 5:30 PM Yoga – Youth Room

FRIDAY — Dec. 23

- 9:00 AM English as a Second Language – Library

SATURDAY — Dec. 24 *Christmas Eve*

- 5:00 PM Family-Friendly Worship Service – Sanctuary
7:00 PM Traditional Candlelight Service (w/Chancel Choir) – Sanctuary
9:00 PM Candlelight Communion Service – Sanctuary

SUNDAY — Dec. 25 *Christmas Day*

- 9:30 AM **One All-Together** Worship Service – Sanctuary (NO Sunday School)

December 18, 2016

Serving at Worship...

Preacher

All services.....Pastor Paul Wilcox

Liturgist

All services.....Pastor Gayle Wilcox

Lectors

8:00.....Jayne Woodson
9:15.....N/A
10:30.....Becky Esker

Greeters

8:00.....Becky & Joe Helle
9:15.....Craig & Pam Nixon
10:30.....Rich & Kim Currie

Ushers

8:00.....Bruce & Jane Nesmith
9:15.....Craig & Pam Nixon
10:30.....Nancy & John Hinkel, Don Whitford, & Julie Hupp

Acolytes

8:00.....Ushers
9:15.....Alex / Abby Hume
10:30.....Kaitlyn Haines & Carly Pulju

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. 11:
31 @ 8:00; 44 @ 9:15; & 127 @ 10:30 = 202