

ANNOUNCEMENTS

for the week of Dec. 24th

Books are \$11.50. Sign up on the STUB to reserve a place at the table. New friends are welcome!

2017 Advent Offering Recipients

Concerns:

- *Becky Helle & family – her stepfather, Harry, passed away on 12/18
- *Jan Peterson – recovering from glaucoma surgery
- *Quintin Taylor – recovering from 12/21 shoulder surgery
- *Carmen Johnson's mom – in ICU
- *Pam Nixon's mother – had a small stroke
- *Kim Currie's aunt Carol – diagnosed with lung cancer
- *Richard & Velma Rainville – for their unborn great niece
- *Pray for our world – for tidings of comfort, joy and peace to be transforming!
- *Pray for those who are traveling, sorrowing, or suffering during this season

Joys:

- *Wonderful Children's Christmas Program @ 9:15 service last Sunday, 12/17
- *The beautiful poinsettias adorning the sanctuary

FAITH ISSUES CLASS: There is **NO** class today or next Sunday, 12/31. On the 4 January Sundays (1/7 - 1/28), Gary Bowes will lead a 4-wk. course using the book *Chosen? Reading the Bible Amid the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict* by Walter Brueggemann. The book explores the claim and problem of being God's chosen, the holy land, and Zionism. *This seemingly insolvable conflict...requires our best thinking, steadfast courage, and deep honesty.*

Reminder!

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO KID'S CLUB this Weds., Dec. 27th. Kid's Club will start back up on Jan. 3rd!

COME ONE, COME ALL! Why not stay awhile after our Sun., Dec. 31st, 9:30 All-together Service and help take down the Christmas finery and prepare for Epiphany?! As the saying goes, *Many hands make light work*, and it's especially true when Lovely Lane friends get together! You should be done in time for lunch! Sign up on the STUB to let us know you'll help.

FAIR TRADE GIFTS FROM SERRV may be bought year-round @ the Ecumenical Center (601 Second Ave. SE, CR). The SERRV Shop is open on Wednesdays, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM. Otherwise, you may make an appointment by calling Karen @ 396-4798 or by leaving a message with *Helping Hands*, 366-2651.

WED. WOMEN & THE WORD (WWW): *If you want to be challenged, comforted, informed, and transformed by a fresh encounter with Jesus and his miracles, then this is an excellent place to start!* The Miracles of Jesus—Finding God in Desperate Moments by Jessica LaGrone is the next Bible study the Wed. noon women will be tackling. This study engages the biblical text through both head and heart and helps “21st century Jesus followers make sense of 1st century miracles.” Our start date is Wed. noon, Jan. 17th, in the library.

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 floods and earthquakes, clean water is rarely found there naturally. Water @ Work's long term goal is to help transform the D.R. so all residents have clean water for drinking and hygiene.

HACAP: An important HACAP program that Lovely Lane continues to support is Operation Backpack. In E. Central IA, 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: For more than 30 years, DHS has been serving single men and families 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.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP (TONIGHT, 12/24!):

5 PM Family-friendly Worship

7 PM Traditional Worship with Choir

9 PM Blended Worship with Communion

Candlelight at all services!

Please join us in this holy time of celebrating the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ – the hope of the world!

New Year's Eve Sunday (12/31) Morning Worship:

9:30 AM One All-Together Service



NEW YEAR, NEW OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR!! If you've ever thought about joining our adult choir that sings during 10:30 worship, Jan. 7th would be a great time to test the waters! We rehearse mainly on Sunday AM's at 9:00 (plus a **very** occasional Saturday AM). You don't need to be an opera singer or a trained professional; if you can carry a tune, you qualify! If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to a choir member or E-mail our choir director at kweiler@coe.edu. **Why not give it a try?!**

END-OF-YEAR GIVING: Please prayerfully consider making an additional, tax-deductible gift(s) to our *Blessed to be a Blessing* campaign, now on Phase 2: Mortgage Elimination. Per Finance, 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 — Dec. 24 4th Sunday in Advent

8:45 AM Chancel Choir – Choir Room
9:30 AM **One All-Together Service*** – Sanctuary
10:30 AM **Fellowship*** – Fellowship Hall
6:15 AM Chancel Choir – Choir Room

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MONDAY — Dec. 25 HAVE A BLESSED & MERRY CHRISTMAS (church & office closed)

TUESDAY — Dec. 26 (church & office closed)

WEDNESDAY — Dec. 27

THURSDAY — Dec. 28

5:30 PM Yoga – Youth Room

FRIDAY — Dec. 29

SATURDAY — Dec. 30

11 AM-5 PM Jesse Family Christmas – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

SUNDAY — Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

9:30 AM **One All-Together Service*** – Sanctuary
10:30 AM **Fellowship*** – Fellowship Hall
10:30 AM Un-decorating Party!!!

HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY
NEW YEAR'S EVE!

Dec. 24, 2017

Serving at Worship...

Greeters

9:30.....Scott & Darcy Hauser

Ushers

9:30..Scott & Darcy Hauser, Barb Mussman & frd.

Acolyte(s)

9:30.....Kayla Mulnik

Lector

9:30.....Marci Wittles

Liturgist

9:30.....Pastor Paul Wilcox

Preacher

9:30.....Pastor Gayle 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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Dec. 17th Worship Attendance:

46 @ 8:00; 193 @ 9:15; 85 @ 10:30 = 324 Total