

ANNOUNCEMENTS

for the week of Dec. 4th

“Checking It Twice...”



Prayer Concerns:

- *Bev Munnik – at home under hospice care
- *Cynthia Haring – recovering from pneumonia
- *Waylon Stepp – dormant brain tumor is causing headaches
- *Kim Jacobson’s mother, Mary – recovering from a fall; Kim’s sister, Paula – having surgery soon
- *Soon-to-be members Arliss (& Michael) Fisher’s mother, Mildred – suffered a stroke & is struggling with dementia

Joy:

*Ike Schneider was able to be out of the “On With Life” Center in Ankeny to spend part of Thanksgiving with family! Another first for Ike! Praise God!!

LL’S ANGEL TREE in the narthex has opportunities to support children and families at Taylor Elementary School and Trinity Lane Preschool. Gifts for Trinity Lane should be returned to Lovely Lane by December 18th.

2016 Advent Offering

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.

Please remember to write your name on the front and/or back of the Advent Offering postcard and indicate how you’d like your donation split among the 4 possible recipients. Thanks!

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!!

DRIVERS NEEDED FOR OPERATION BACKPACK (Mission to Pierce Elementary): One driver is needed to deliver food from HACAP to Lovely Lane in January-March, and another is needed to deliver food from Quaker Oats to Lovely Lane in January-April. Contact Maryann Stewart (319-350-3930) if you can help or have any questions.

Here is the Christmas Schedule for LL children & youth:

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

KIDS CLUB (PreK-5th 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 – Youth Bells ring at Kid’s Club Family Meal on Wed., Dec. 7, @ 6 PM
Party/rehearsal before Family Meal @ 4:50
Ring for Christmas program on Sun., Dec. 18, @ 9:15 Worship

CONFIRMATION – Wed., Dec. 14, Christmas Party @ Wilcoxes
5:30 @ 3710 Terrace Hill Dr. NE; ends @ 7:15
Bring baby/children’s gifts for Jesus’ Baby Shower
You will be assigned food to bring!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH – Wed., Dec. 14, Christmas Party @ Wilcoxes
5:30 @ 3710 Terrace Hill Dr. NE; ends @ 7:15
You will be assigned food to bring!

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



BRING IN YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA for the altar any time during Advent (began No. 27th). 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 ANNUAL ORNAMENT EXCHANGE DINNER is on Tues., Dec. 13th, @ 6 PM at Vito’s on 42nd St. NE. Please sign up on the STUB or call Nancy Miller (393-6340) to make a reservation. All LL women are invited!

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.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO Nursery on Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 25th, when we will have just **ONE All-Together Service at 9:30 AM**. Looking ahead to 2017, there will also be just **ONE All-Together Service at 9:30 AM** on Sunday, January 1st, (there will, however, be Nursery available that date).

THIS WEEK AT LOVELY LANE

Ministry Opportunities

Events in Bold Face = everyone * = childcare

SUNDAY — Dec. 4 *2nd Sunday in Advent & Communion*

8:00 AM **Traditional Worship*** – Sanctuary
9:00 AM **Fellowship*** – Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM **Chancel Choir** – Choir Room
9:15 AM **Guitar 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.

MONDAY — Dec. 5

9:30 AM English as a Second Language – Library
6:30 PM Christian Education mtg. – Library
6:30 PM Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY — Dec. 6

----- **NO** UMW Bible Study (on break till 1/10/17)
6:45 PM Women's Study – Library

WEDNESDAY — Dec. 7

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.
6:00 PM Adult Explo – Fireside

THURSDAY — Dec. 8

5:30 PM Yoga – Youth Room
6:45 PM Handbells – Sanctuary

FRIDAY — Dec. 9

9:00 AM English as a Second Language – Library

SATURDAY — Dec. 10

10 AM-Noon Chancel Choir rehearsal – Choir Room & Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY — Dec. 11 *3rd 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 Sr. High Youth Grp. – F'ship Hall, Kitchen & Youth Rm.

December 4, 2016

Serving at Worship...

Preacher

All services.....Pastor Paul Wilcox

Liturgist

All services.....Pastor Gayle Wilcox

Lectors

8:00.....Marcie Stumpf
9:15.....Marci Wittles
10:30.....Judy McDowell

Communion

8:00.....Barb Waterhouse-Miller & Nancy Miller
9:15.....Carol Wishnowski & Becky Esker
10:30.....Helen Anderson, Pam Cleveland,
Judy McDowell & Carol Wishnowski

Greeters

8:00.....Myrna Loehrlein
9:15.....Brian & Carrie Steffen
10:30.....Carol Wishnowski & Marge Morris

Ushers

8:00.....Phil & Shirley Martin
9:15.....Brian & Carrie Steffen
10:30.....Craig & Carol Elliott, Carol Wilson & frd.

Acolytes

8:00.....Jared Stumpf
9:15.....Kyla Mulnik
10:30.....Brooke & Morgan Johnson

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., Nov. 27:
43 @ 8:00; 70 @ 9:15; & 144 @ 10:30 = 257