

ANNOUNCEMENTS

for the week of Feb. 14

Prayer Concerns:

*Kevin Wittles' mother

*Friend of Sue Moss (Christina M.) with mental health issues & a victim of domestic violence – now in a Sioux City shelter

Joys:

*Great results for the sub sandwich youth fundraiser; thanks to all of the sub makers and the sub partakers!

*Our Ash Wednesday pancake supper and worship service were well-attended & our youth did a great job in worship!

LENT IS a period of 46 days before Easter. It has traditionally been a period of spiritual discipline. The season of Lent began with Ash Wednesday. Lent is a time to look honestly at our relationship with God. It can be a time of serious spiritual reflection leading to renewal. Many people focus on the spiritual disciplines such as fasting, prayer, worship, Bible study and service to draw them closer to God and prepare for the celebration of Easter.



BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE: *Please join us* in celebrating Arlene Allison's **90th birthday** at an Open House in her honor **TODAY**, Feb. 14th, 2:00-4 PM in the Fellowship Hall. No gifts please - cards only. We hope to see you there!
Jan & Craig Windmiller

ADULT EXPLORATION begins a new 6-week study THIS Wed., Feb. 17th! Pastor Paul will lead a study of Margorie Thompson's book, **Forgiveness**.

- Is forgiveness a Christian duty under all circumstances? Or are there situations when Christians do not need to forgive?
- Is forgiving the best route to healing for the injured?
- How do we get past emotional barriers to real forgiveness?

Please sign up on the STUB to order a book. Adult Explo meets at 6:00-7:15 PM Wednesdays with a meal provided at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP meets THIS Friday, Feb. 19th, at noon for a potluck luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. The host and co-hostess will be Jack and Cheryl Murphy; our speaker will be a representative from the Right At Home-Home Care Agency. She will be telling us how to stay safe in our homes and about services their agency provides in the community.

YOU'RE INVITED TO A HEART HEALTHY BRUNCH next Sunday, Feb. 21st, from 9:00 to 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. In addition to having healthy food, you can receive stroke and heart disease prevention information. This annual event is brought to us by our Health & Wholeness Comm. in recognition of February as Heart Month. You're also invited to **WEAR RED** to church that day!

BLUE ZONE SAYS... Just say thanks. Look for an opportunity to say thanks today. Gratitude is good for you as well as the person who *receives* your appreciation! Research shows that grateful people take better care of themselves, and that gratitude lowers stress and boosts the immune system. Appreciation also builds community because it is hard not to smile when someone sincerely thanks you.

DAY OF PRAYER – FEB. 19TH: Bishop Trimble has invited us to join our UM brothers and sisters in Iowa and other conferences for the General Conference Day of Prayer on Friday, Feb. 19. On this day you are invited to pray for our Iowa delegates who will attend General Conference May 10-20 in Portland, Oregon, and for the work they'll do.

Those delegates include Lillian Gallo Seagren, Katie Dawson, Brian Milford, Barrie Tritle, Diane Wasson Eberhart, Thomas Shinkle, Phil Carver (chair), Norma Morrison, Becky Heeren, John Rothlisberger, Darcy Rubenking, and Craig Scott.

Pray that the Spirit of God will guide all those attending to work together to make disciples for the transformation of the world! There is much to be transformed and YOU can make a difference by praying for YOUR representatives and all those involved!

There are two simple ways you can pray:

1. Download the Sample Prayers from our website (under "Day of Prayer") to find scriptures and prayers you might pray in your home at your convenience. You can also download the Prayer Vigil: 1-hour Prayer Experience to go deeper.
2. Come to LLUMC and pray in our sanctuary on Feb. 19 at a time that works for you. The sanctuary will be open from 9 AM – 6 PM for prayer. We'll have scriptures and prayers printed, and you're welcome to find a pew that works for you! If you'd like to register your participation, go to www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4bafac28a6fb6-dayofprayer.

Thank you in advance for praying for God's Spirit to hover over, hold close, and guide all the delegates who will gather to make trans-forming decisions for the future of our denomination!

ACOLYTE TRAINING IS COMING!

- Who?** Children in 3rd Grade or older (needed mostly for 10:30 service)
- When?** Sun., Feb. 21st, 11:30 AM – 12:15 PM
- How?** Sign up on the STUB if you'd like to attend!
- Questions?** Pastor Gayle, gaylew@lovelylane.org
- Jesus Needs YOU to carry His light!**
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E.C. DISTRICT OFFICE COLLECTING DIAPERS:

The Iowa East Central District of the United Methodist Church is collecting diapers for area families in need. Any brand and size will work. You can drop off your donation at their office located at 1193 Grand Ave. in Marion (in a strip mall). Please call first (365-6273) to make sure someone is there; the E.C. District office is closed on Fridays.

THIS WEEK AT LOVELY LANE

Ministry Opportunities

Events in Bold Face = everyone * = childcare

SUNDAY — Feb. 14 *1st Sunday in Lent / Valentine's Day*

- 8:00 AM **Worship*** – Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM **Fellowship*** – Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 AM Choir Practice – Choir Room
- 9:15 AM **Worship*** – Sanctuary
- 9:15 AM **Adult Sunday School***
- 9:15 AM **Children's Sunday School***
- 10:30 AM **Worship*** – Sanctuary
- 10:45 AM **Children's Sunday School**
- 2:00 PM 90th Birthday Open House for Arlene Allison – Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 PM Sr. High Yth. Grp. – FH, Kitch. & Youth Rm.

MONDAY — Feb. 15

- 9:00 AM English as a Second Language (ESL) – Study
- 6:30 PM Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY — Feb. 16

- 9:30 AM UMW Bible Study – Library
- 10 AM-5 PM JFON Office Hours – Fireside & Narthex
- 5 PM-8 PM JFON Clinic – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
- 6:45 PM Women's Study – Library

WEDNESDAY — Feb. 17

- 9:30 AM Care Center Ministry (offsite)
- 12:00 noon Women's Study – Library
- 4:50 PM Youth handbells – Sanctuary
- 5:30 PM Family meal – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
- 6:00 PM Kid's Club – FH, Rms. 204, 103 & Science Room
- 6:00 PM M.S. Youth Group – Youth Room
- 6:00 PM Confirmation – Room 202
- 6:00 PM Adult Explo – Fireside
- 6:00 PM Disciple IV – Library

THURSDAY — Feb. 18

- 6:15 PM Handbells – Sanctuary
- 6:45 PM Trustees – Library
- 7:00 PM Committees
- 7:50 PM Ad Council – Library

FRIDAY — Feb. 19

- 6 AM-9 PM Day of Prayer
- 6:45 AM (to 4:30 PM) CWM Preschool Spring Conferences – Study
- 9:00 AM ESL – Library
- 12:00 noon Friendly Fellowship – FH & Kitchen

SATURDAY — Feb. 20

- 9:00 AM (to 1:30 PM) International Ladies Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY — Feb. 21 *2nd Sunday in Lent / Wear Red!!!*

- 8:00 AM **Worship*** – Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM **Heart Healthy Brunch*** – FH & Kitchen
- 9:00 AM Choir Practice – Choir Room

- 9:15 AM **Worship*** – Sanctuary
- 9:15 AM **Adult Sunday School***
- 9:15 AM **Children's Sunday School***
- 10:30 AM **Worship*** – Sanctuary
- 10:45 AM **Children's Sunday School**
- 11:30 AM Acolyte training – Sanctuary
- 6:00 PM Sr. High Yth. Grp. – FH, Kitch. & Yth. Rm.

Feb. 14, 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.....Marge Morris

Greeters

8:00.....Bev & Gene Kadlec
 9:15.....Kelly & Michael Shuniak
 10:30.....Karon & Rory Niebuhr

Ushers

8:00.....Jane & Bruce Nesmith
 9:15.....Kelly & Michael Shuniak
 10:30.....Bev Munnik, Carol Wilson, Mike & Becky Wood

Acolytes

8:00.....(Ushers)
 9:15.....Mason Turner
 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/Kids' Club.....Jenny Seylar
 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, Holly Hasenbank, & 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: Sunday, Feb. 7th
 63 (8:00), 59 (9:15) & 157 (10:30), Total = 279

Presence on Ash Wed.: Feb. 10th = 158