

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the wk. of March 12

Prayer Concerns:

- *Darcy Hauser & family on the death of her mother, Eunice Pillard; the funeral was on 3/11
- *Helen Anderson – having torn meniscus repaired on 3/13
- *Jan Culbertson – dealing with an ear disease
- *Sue Moss's husband Jim – sleep disorder & skin cancer surgery
- *Those affected by the tornadoes/wind storm earlier in the week

Joys:

- *Continued prayers for Judy McDowell's sister, Melinda, who is recovering nicely from heart valve replacement surgery
 - *Successful UMW Mission Potluck & Program on 3/9; thanks to Lisa Nelson for her great presentation on climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro
 - ***Game Night** is THIS Sat., 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall! *Bring your game face*, a good board game, & a snack/beverage to share!
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TODAY'S FAITH ISSUES CLASS (9:15 in the Library) is discussing *The Holy Spirit* and how it affects each one of us in daily living.



JOIN FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP THIS FRI., March 17th, for a St. Patrick's Day luncheon potluck at noon in the Fellowship Hall! Jack & Cheryl Murphy will serve as Host/Hostess, and Joel Goodman will present a program on the banjo. Joel will also share some music with us, as will Pastor Paul on his harmonica.

CAN YOU HELP? Charlie Elgas and Kim Jacobson need a ride to church on March 19 & 26. Please sign the STUB to sub for Cathy Weber (pick up) and Dean Jackson (take home), their regular drivers for church. Pick up is about 9:00 and Return is following 10:30 worship! Thanks in advance for your support!

OUR TUES. 6:45 PM/WED. NOON WOMEN'S GROUPS will soon begin a new study, Restored: Finding Redemption in Our Mess, by Tom Berlin. This is an intriguing and compelling account of how God's Grace transforms our lives. The study begins 3/28 & 3/29. Sign up on the STUB to reserve a book!

BLUE ZONE SAYS – Give your vegetable peeler a break. Eat one fruit or vegetable with the skin on today. Eating your apple, potato, or carrot (after a good scrubbing) with the peel on gives you the fiber, vitamins and antioxidant in the skin and the flesh just below the skin. Skipping peeling also saves time in food prep.

HABITAT RESTORE NEEDS TOOLS to add to their inventory. If you have power tools or hand tools that you no longer need, consider giving them a new life at Habitat ReStore! They are located at 350 6th Ave. SE, CR, open Tues.-Sat., 9 AM–5 PM.

A 6TH-8TH GRADE SPRING RETREAT @ PICTURED ROCKS takes place Fri., March 24 – 7 PM through Sun., March 26 – 1 PM. The cost is \$75 for 2 nights lodging, 5 meals, counselors, and grade activities. Contact Mrs. G (christianedu@lovelylane.org).

IOWA'S UNITED METHODIST CAMPS – Pictured Rocks, Okoboji, & Wesley Woods, each offer lots of different activities, and you're sure to have *the best week ever* with their caring staff to guide you. Every camper can find something to enjoy; adults will want to come to camp, too! Family camps are a summer

special; retreat opportunities are available year round.

Camperships/scholarships are available; download an application at www.lovelylane.org to turn in to the church office.

Lovely Lane Lenten Offering Recipients for 2017

Books Without Borders obtains and stores new and used books for packaging and shipping to war torn and emerging nations in the process of rebuilding. The current focus is countries in Africa where English is the official language. The goal is to foster learning and knowledge, empowering the residents of these areas. Momodu Kamara is the Founder and President of Books Without Borders.

JFON is a ministry of hospitality provided by the Iowa Annual Conference of the UMC. It provides legal services, advocates to bring change in immigration laws and public policy, and strives to educate immigrant communities to better understand their rights and the complex immigration process.

Four Oaks offers a variety of services to help troubled children and families be successful. Focus areas are Behavioral Health, Education, Child Welfare, and Juvenile Justice. Their philosophy is to empower children and families to achieve stability, self-sufficiency, and permanency.

Families Helping Families focuses on improving the lives of foster children in Iowa. On average, foster children and youth move 7 times before the age of 18, usually abruptly leaving their home with few personal belongings. Families Helping Families strives to make these transitions more bearable. Presently, there are nearly 1,000 children in foster care in CR alone.

A bulk mailing went out recently with a Lenten letter, return envelope, and card listing these giving opportunities selected by Missions. If you need one, extra Lenten Offering cards are located in the pew racks. Be sure to write your name on the card and indicate how you'd like your donation split between the four choices. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



BUFFALO'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST & BAKE SALE

is on Sat., March 25th, from 7 to 11 AM. The breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, milk, and juice is free; donations will be taken, however, to benefit the RISE Program and the Ecumenical Center. RADA Cutlery and baked items will be for sale to take home. *Buffalo UMC is @ 1000 30th St. NE, CR.*



DID YOU KNOW??

*St. Patrick's Day is an Irish religious holiday observed on March 17th for St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland who was credited with bringing Christianity to the people of Ireland.

**Though green is the color most famously associated with St. Patrick, this saint's original color was actually blue. Evidence of this can be seen in paintings that show the Catholic saint in blue vestments, or robes, rather than green.*

*While a famous legend says that St. Patrick forced snakes from Ireland, this is not a factual account. There are no native snake species in that part of the world, so St. Patrick wouldn't have had much snake banishing to do.

THIS WEEK AT LOVELY LANE

Ministry Opportunities

Events in Bold Face = everyone * = childcare

SUNDAY — March 12 *2nd Sunday in Lent / Daylight* *Saving Time begins*

8:00 AM	Traditional Worship* – Sanctuary
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
2:00 PM	Financial Peace University – Library
-----	NO Senior High Youth Group (Spring Break this week)

MONDAY — March 13

10:00 AM	Happy Endings – Library
11:30 AM	Directory Team - Library

TUESDAY — March 14

9:30 AM	UMW Bible Study – Fireside
6:30 PM	Mental Health Support Group – Study
6:45 PM	Women's Study – Library

WEDNESDAY — March 15

9:30 AM	Care Center Ministry (offsite)
12 noon	Women's Study – Library
-----	NO regular Weds. evening activities – is Spring Break Week

THURSDAY — March 16

5:30 PM	Yoga – Youth Room
6:15 PM	Handbells – Sanctuary
6:45 PM	Trustees – Library
7:00 PM	Committees
7:50 PM	Ad Council – Library

FRIDAY — March 17 *Happy St. Patrick's Day*

12 noon	Friendly Fellowship – F'ship Hall & Kitchen
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SATURDAY — March 18

6:30 PM	Game Night – Fellowship Hall
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SUNDAY — March 19 *3rd Sunday in Lent*

8:00 AM	Traditional Worship* – Sanctuary
9:00 AM	Chancel Choir – Choir Room
9:15 AM	Guitar Service* – Sanctuary
9:15 AM	Adult Sunday School
9:15 AM	Children's Sunday School
9:15 AM	New Members Class (& Luncheon)
10:30 AM	Blended Worship* – Sanctuary
10:45 AM	Children's Sunday School
2:00 PM	Financial Peace University – Library
6:00 PM	Senior High Youth Group – Kitchen, Fellowship Hall & Youth Room

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Serving at Worship...

Greeters

8:00.....	Al Stiers & Jayne Woodson
9:15.....	Kaimee & Bree Akers
10:30.....	Nick & Megan Schmitt

Ushers

8:00.....	Phil & Shirley Martin
9:15.....	Kaimee & Bree Akers
10:30.....	Evan & Julie Hupp, Craig & Carol Elliott

Acolytes

8:00.....	Ryan Stumpf
9:15.....	Luke Steffen
10:30.....	Carly Pulju & Seth Woods

Lectors

8:00.....	Lyn Lewis
9:15.....	Kim Jacobson
10:30.....	John Roland

Liturgists

8:00.....	Maggie Thomas
9:15.....	Cathy Weber
10:30.....	Frank Camp

Preacher

All services.....	Pastor Paul Wilcox
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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.....	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 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., March 5th:
61 @ 8:00; 64 @ 9:15; 133 @ 10:30 = 258 Total