

ANNOUNCEMENTS

for the week of March 13

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### Prayer Concerns:

- \*Dorothy Speight - at home recovering from a fall
- \*Rory Niebuhr's Uncle Gary - cancer of the esophagus; considering various treatment options
- \*Phil Martin's sister-in-law - is in hospice

### Joys:

- \*Sarah Westergren, new LL member, had a baby girl
  - \*Lots of sign-ups for new yoga class(es) here at LL
  - \*Joke for You: *What comes after the final hymn in church today? The folks who forgot to set their clocks ahead last night.*
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**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING:** Your generous gift to OGHOS **TODAY** will help families recover, communities rebuild, and hope be restored after disaster strikes. Giving to this UMC special offering ensures that UMCOR (the United Methodist Committee on Relief) can provide immediate assistance in the wake of conflict, like the one in Syria. OGHOS offerings support ongoing food, shelter, health and peace ministries in Syria and around the world.

**OUR CHURCH CONFERENCE** last Sunday approved the Renewal Committee's recommendation to raise \$900,000 over 3 years in order to repair and upgrade our flat roof, pay off our mortgage, and make renovations to our Sanctuary, Narthex and Fireside room. The vote was 101 yes, 17 no. We thank everyone for their excellent questions and helpful discussion. As we move forward, let's each be prayerful about how we will respond to this call to action!

**FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP** meets THIS Fri., March 18th, at noon for a potluck luncheon. Phil and Shirley Martin will host and our speaker will be Robert Buckley, a local author from Marion who has written the following books (available at the CR Public Library): *Two Miles An Hour*, *The Slave Tag*, *Ophelia's Broach*, and *The Denarius*.

Join us for an interesting program, good food and fellowship!

**PALM PASSION SUNDAY:** A Service of Lessons & Hymns will be celebrated at all 3 services on Palm Passion Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Come journey with Jesus, from his entrance into Jerusalem and the waving of palms to his arrest and journey to the cross. Special music will include solo voice, instruments, Adult Chancel Choir, and AcabeLLa handbell choir. Please plan to join us!

**GOOD FRIDAY TAIZÉ SERVICE:** On a hill in southern France, you will find a community of brothers that has opened its doors to the world as an act of hospitality since 1940. Today people from around the globe flock to Taizé to carry on the ecumenical worship traditions of prayer, silence, simplicity, and faithfulness. Taizé worship is contemplative, where one encounters God in silence, prayer, scripture, song (chant), icons, and the lighting of candles. On Good Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM, you are invited to come and experience this powerful worship led by instrumentalists (guitar, flute & piano) and a vocal ensemble. Participating in Taizé worship is an ideal way to mark Good Friday and Christ's suffering and crucifixion.

**YOGA IS COMING TO LOVELY LANE:** Certified Yoga instructor and new LL member, Leslie Allred, is offering 1-hr. yoga classes Thursday evenings. Possible times include 5-6 PM or 6-7 PM. Classes are \$5/session and 10% will be given to the church. Chair yoga and Levels 1 (standing & floor work) & 2 (more strength building) are available. Times and classes will be scheduled based on responses.

Please sign the STUB (or call the church office @ 393-6674) and you'll be contacted.



**EASTER EGG CANDY NEEDED!** Bring your donations of small individually-wrapped candies (treasures or coins) to church by next Sun., March 20<sup>th</sup> (donations basket located in the narthex) for our Sat., March 26<sup>th</sup>, Egg Hunt!

**LOVELY LANE SOFTBALL TEAM:** Are you interested in swinging a bat for Lovely Lane this summer? Games are on Tuesdays in June and July @ 6 & 7 PM. We need men AND women (childcare provided). You don't have to be Mickey Mantel; this is for fun! Sign up on the STUB.

**"CHANGE A CHILD'S STORY":** Lovely Lane is continuing its response to the Iowa UMC's Poverty Initiative (we pledged to read 2,500 hours and give away 2,500 books to children). We are now in need of more readers, specifically for Pierce Elementary School. Sign up on the STUB, where we have listed time slots to choose from.

**42<sup>ND</sup> ST. CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION - What You Need to Know:** As of last Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> -

- 42nd St. is now limited to one lane, westbound traffic only from I-380 to Northwood Dr.
- Traffic traveling north & south on Northwood Dr. are still able to turn west onto 42nd St.

The City and its contractor are doing all they can to accelerate construction and get the project done as quickly as possible. To accomplish this, 42<sup>nd</sup> St. between I-380 and Wenig Road will be closed later during the construction season, when school is out of session.

**BLUE ZONE SAYS...Learn about shingles.** Although shingles typically affect people over 50 and those with weakened immune systems, anyone who has had chickenpox can develop it. By knowing what to look for, you can be better prepared to seek treatment and shorten the intensity and duration of the illness with antiviral medications that work best if taken at the very start of the illness when the rash appears.

**IOWA UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION 2016-17 SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:** IUMF's goal is for all United Methodist students to have the opportunity to apply for these scholarships and assist them as they continue their education. Completed application packets (one set for each scholarship) must be **postmarked no later than 3/15/16**. For more information, go to [www.iumf.org](http://www.iumf.org), click on Scholarships, and then click on the type of scholarship to be applied for.

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## THIS WEEK AT LOVELY LANE

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### **Ministry Opportunities**

Events in Bold Face = everyone \* = childcare

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#### **SUNDAY — March 13** *5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent / One Great Hour of Sharing / Daylight Saving Time begins*

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**  
3:00 PM Taizé group practice – Sanctuary  
(*Sr. Hi Mission trip 3/13-3/17; NO regular youth grp. mtg.*)

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#### **MONDAY — March 14**

9:00 AM English as a Second Language – Study  
10:00 AM Happy Endings – Library  
6:00 PM Lenten "John" Study – Library

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#### **TUESDAY — March 15**

9:30 AM UMW Bible Study – Fireside  
6:45 PM Women's Study – Library  
7:00 PM Fundraising Team – Fireside

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#### **WEDNESDAY — March 16**

9:30 AM Care Center Ministry (offsite)  
12:00 noon Women's Study – Library  
6:00 PM Adult Explo – Fireside  
6:00 PM Disciple IV – Library

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#### **THURSDAY — March 17** *St. Patrick's Day*

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

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#### **FRIDAY — March 18**

9:00 AM ESL – Library  
12 noon Friendly Fellowship – F'ship Hall & Kitchen

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#### **SATURDAY — March 19**

10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room & Kitchen

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6:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group – Fellowship Hall & Youth Room

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## March 13, 2016

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### **Serving at Worship...**

#### **Preacher**

All services.....Pastor Gayle Wilcox

#### **Liturgist**

All services.....Pastor Paul Wilcox

#### **Lectors**

8:00.....Jayne Woodson  
9:15.....Marci Wittles  
10:30.....Anne Heefner

#### **Greeters**

8:00.....Barb Waterhouse-Miller & Dorothy Speight  
9:15.....Kelly & Michael Shuniak  
10:30.....Marge Morris & Bev Munnik

#### **Ushers**

8:00.....Al Stiers & Jayne Woodson  
9:15.....Kelly & Michael Shuniak  
10:30.....Craig & Carol Elliott, Don Whitford,  
& Joy Jackson

#### **Acolytes**

8:00.....(*Ushers*)  
9:15.....Mason Turner  
10:30.....Olivia Schneider & Carly Pulju

#### **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, March 6<sup>th</sup>  
51 (8:00), 119 (9:15) & 157 (10:30), Total = 327