

ANNOUNCEMENTS

for the week of March 19

Prayer Concerns:

- *Isabel Drew – Acute Myeloid Leukemia diagnosis
- *Those affected by extreme weather across the country
- *Refugees around the world

Joy:

*New toilets in our main restrooms, and the 5 low-flow ones they replaced were picked up by the ReStore!

PLEASE REMEMBER to update your contact information on the STUB when you have changes! ☺

CAN YOU HELP? Charlie Elgas and Kim Jacobson need a ride to church next Sunday, March 26th. 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 for your support!

MARCH 19~ TOWN HALL MEETING @ MAQUOKETA FIRST

UMC @ 4 PM: Immigration has been a hot topic recently. Our church works with immigrants in a program called Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON). We invite you to a town hall style meeting with Emily Rebelskey, one of our attorneys for JFON, **TODAY @ 4 PM.** Here is what we hope she can provide for us:

- Someone who can put a face on the people who immigrate to Iowa, tell us some real stories about real people
 - Someone who can provide fact about the immigrant to Iowa.....why are people coming and who are they?
 - Someone who can articulate the hurdles immigrants face in their path to citizenship--legal and cultural
 - Someone who can tell us what the church is currently doing and ways that we might help
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CHAIN SAW TRAINING FOR DISASTER RELIEF

WORK is on Friday, March 24th, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM at Pictured Rocks. Bring your own saw and join the Eastern Iowa United Methodist chain gang! The cost is free; sign up on the STUB!

EASTER EGG CANDY NEEDED! Bring donations of small individually-wrapped candies (treasures, coins) to LL by Sun., April 9, (donations basket in the narthex) for our April 15th Egg Hunt!

TAI CHI UPDATE: We've learned that a Tai Chi daytime class is available at Kenwood Park UMC on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:00-1:45 PM. The Kenwood Park ladies have invited LL folk interested in trying Tai Chi /Qi Gong to join their group and meet new friends! Kenwood Park UMC is @ 175 34th Street NE, behind the Starlight Restaurant. Please call the Kenwood Park UMC office @ 365-6933 or contact Linda Keefe @ 743-0591. An evening Tai Chi class is still being planned for Lovely Lane.

OUR TUES. 6:45 PM/WEDS. 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 on 3/28 and 3/29. Please sign up on the STUB to reserve a book (cost is \$13).

SUMMER WORSHIP @ LLUMC! SPPRC recommended and Ad. Council approved our return to one 9:30 AM Sunday worship service this summer beginning June 4 and ending Sept. 3 (Labor Day). On Sept. 10, Rally Sunday, we will return to 3 services. Mark your calendars for a change of pace and reconnecting with your LL family!

BLUE ZONE SAYS – Take 5 for a cause. Spend 5 minutes reading about an organization that supports a cause that matters to you. Learning about one organization can remind you of what is most important to you and can also build a feeling of caring and compassion that could inspire you to get more involved.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SEDER MEAL: On Thursday, April 13th, at 7 PM we will serve a simple version of the Jewish Seder Meal, a replication of the Passover Meal Jesus would have celebrated with his disciples the night he was arrested and taken to be crucified. This meal is the foundation for our Christian sacrament of Holy Communion. It will not be a full meal but 'tastes' with a Seder plate and liturgy. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall with low lighting and cloth tablecloths. Each guest is invited to bring a pillow to use ON THEIR CHAIR as part of the evening's symbolism. We will enjoy the Haggadah or Telling of the Story and taste maror (bitter herbs symbolizing slavery in Egypt), charoset (symbolizing mortar used in brick making), karpas (parsley dipped in salt water symbolizing tears), zeroa (chicken/beet symbolizing Paschal lamb), and beitzah (hard-boiled egg symbolizing festival sacrifices). We will pray, sing, taste, drink grape juice and remember that night of nights. Children have a special part in this meal and nursery will be provided for toddlers and babies. Please sign up on the STUB to reserve a seat.

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 on 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. 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!

THIS WEEK AT LOVELY LANE

Ministry Opportunities

Events in Bold Face = everyone * = childcare

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**
 1:00 PM Fin. Peace Univ. (last one) Potluck – Lib.
 6:00 PM Senior High Youth Group – Kitchen, Fellowship Hall & Youth Room

MONDAY — March 20
 6:30 PM Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY — March 21
 9:30 AM UMW Bible Study – Library
 10:30 AM-5 PM JFON Office Hours – Fireside & Narthex
 5-8 PM JFON Clinic – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
 6:45 PM Women's Study – Library

WEDNESDAY — March 22
 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. / Confirmation - Library
 6:00 PM Adult Explo - Fireside

THURSDAY — March 23
 5:30 PM Yoga – Youth Room
 6:45 PM Handbells – Sanctuary

FRIDAY — March 24

SATURDAY — March 25

SUNDAY — March 26 *4th Sunday in Lent*

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**
 6:00 PM Senior High Youth Group – Kitchen, Fellowship Hall & Youth Room

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Serving at Worship...

Greeters

8:00.....Sharon Kouba & Barb Waterhouse-Miller
 9:15.....Andy & Mary Vorwerk
 10:30.....Kaimee & Bree Akers

Ushers

8:00.....Bev & Gene Kadlec
 9:15.....Andy & Mary Vorwerk
 10:30.....Mike & Becky Wood, Don Whitford, & Cindy Rupe

Acolytes

8:00.....(Ushers)
 9:15.....Scott Seibert
 10:30.....Olivia & Isaac Schneider

Lectors

8:00.....Nancy Miller
 9:15.....Stephanie French
 10:30.....Anne Heefner

Liturgist

All services.....Pastor Gayle Wilcox

Preacher

All services.....Pastor Paul 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
 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 12th:
 44 @ 8:00; 37 @ 9:15; 122 @ 10:30 = 203 Total