

ANNOUNCEMENTS

for the week of Sept. 3rd

Concerns:

*Virginia Weiland's sister, Gayle Snow - hospitalized in Mason City with a severe kidney infection

*All those affected by the terrific winds and the devastating flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey in Texas

Joys:

*Pam Morris – biopsy after breast cancer surgery showed NO cancer spread! She thanks all for your prayers!

*"Rally Sunday" (start of Sunday School) is NEXT Sunday; register on our website for Sunday School & for Kid's Club

*Class of new confirmands & mentors

HOW WE CAN HELP: In the wake of Hurricane Harvey's devastating march over Texas and Louisiana, it's easy to feel overwhelmed. What can we do in the face of so much destruction and suffering? As survivors of Iowa's worst flood, we know that paralysis and inaction will not do! We know how powerful the support of Christians all over this nation was to us in '08. So, let's help our sisters and brothers! UMCOR Flood Buckets are a big help! Use the list in our bulletin to gather the items; then, bring them ASAP to the church and put them in one of the buckets we've provided.

GET ORGANIZED! We will hold a *Get Organized* Seminar run by Becky Esker here at Lovely Lane on Monday, Sept. 11th, at 6:30 PM in the Library. Sign up on the STUB if you plan to attend to give us an idea of how many will be attending, AND let us know if you'll need the nursery. *Health & Wholeness*

LL LEADERSHIP TEAM IS LOOKING FOR SPARKERS! Have you ever thought: "My church ought to be doing this...!" Are you percolating with ideas and ways Lovely Lane could make a difference for our congregation, our neighborhood, our community? Then we need YOU to join us to 'spark' some ideas and energize our mission and ministry for Christ. Sign up on the STUB and a pastor will contact you about day(s), time(s) when you might meet with our Leadership Tm. to share your ideas! Don't hold back! We know you have lots to offer!

IF YOU HAVE A CHILD IN 3RD GRADE THIS FALL and did not receive a letter regarding a Bible, please contact the church office (393-6674). Thanks! Mrs. G

IT DOESN'T GET MORE EXCITING THAN THIS: a rescued baby, life in Pharaoh's courts, the parting of the Red Sea, a people being led out of Egypt. Moses faced one challenge after another, but by the end of his life he had fulfilled the role that he had been given. Join the **Faith Journeys** adult Sunday School class in a 6-week study of the travels of Moses, from Egypt to Mt. Sinai, the Nile River, the Red Sea, and the wilderness. You'll get a better understanding of Moses' significance in our lives today. The first meeting of the class will be on Sunday, Sept. 10th, at 9:15 AM in Room 205, and participants are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions.

ADULT EXPLO begins on Wednesday, Sept. 13th, at 6 PM with a 5-week study of the major motion picture, *The Shack*. This blockbuster movie has powerful and surprising depictions of God, the Trinity, heaven and how God works in the world to heal devastating grief. No books are necessary; just bring your Bible and rent the movie if you get a chance. We meet in Fireside; Pastor Paul and Joel Goodman will lead the study. Join us!!

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Whether you attend our 8, 9:15 or 10:30 worship service, we have a place for you to serve! Sign the STUB and we'll get back to you with descriptions about greeters, ushers, lectors, and communion servers. **If your child would like to be trained as an acolyte (candle lighter)**, indicate that as well and Pastor Gayle will contact you about training.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve! It takes a *village* of church volunteers to help us worship our awesome God!

BE A PART OF OUR NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY & GET CONNECTED! Lifetouch Photography is providing the directory at no cost to our church, and every family photographed receives a free directory and an 8x10 portrait of the pose they choose for the directory.

Don't miss your opportunity to obtain a pictorial directory! Sign up for the photography session either:

- Online thru our church website (www.lovelylane.org)
- In the narthex at church: 9/3, 9/10 or 9/17

Photography Dates:

September 26-29 (Tues.-Fri.)—between 2 PM & 9 PM
September 30 (Sat.)—between 10 AM & 5 PM

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING: We will take a special offering on Sunday, Sept. 17th, for ODIM Guatemala (Organization for the Development of the Indigenous Maya). Several years ago, Lovely Laners served ODIM Guatemala on a mission trip. The indigenous Maya in that area suffer from the lack of the basic human rights of healthcare, education, and dignity.

THE UMW E. CENTRAL DISTRICT MEETING is on Sat., Sept. 23rd, in Clinton, IA. The Clinton UMW is collecting soaps, laundry soaps, toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet paper, and socks for the Clinton YWCA. If you'd like to help with this mission, we'll be collecting these items at LL's UMW Sept. 14th meeting and on 2 Sundays - Sept. 10th & 17th. There'll be a blue laundry basket in the narthex for donated items. Thanks for helping!!!

SAVE THE DATE!! Women's Fall Retreat for 2017 will be on Sunday, Oct. 15th, from 2 PM to 7 PM with dinner at 5:30 at the Prairiewoods Retreat Center. This year's theme will be **Come Fill Your Cup**. Each participant will need to bring a coffee or tea mug to give away, and they'll receive one to take home. (Ideally this would be one from your own kitchen cupboard!) Our mugs will be the focus of our time of meditation and sharing. Our retreat will be led by our own Spiritual Director, Pastor Gayle Wilcox! The cost will be approx. \$35 to \$40 per person (stay tuned for further details). So, plan to come and **Fill Your Cup!** *Sponsored by Health & Wholeness*

THIS WEEK AT LOVELY LANE

Ministry Opportunities

Events in Bold Face = everyone * = childcare

SUNDAY — Sept. 3 *Labor Day Weekend*
 9:30 AM **All-Together Worship Service*** – Sanctuary
 (**Last** Sunday for our Summer Schedule; we return to our regular 3 service times of 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM next Sunday, Sept. 10th)
 10:30 AM **Fellowship** – Fellowship Hall

MONDAY — Sept. 4 *Labor Day – church & office closed*

TUESDAY — Sept. 5
 6:45 PM Tuesday Night Bible Study – Library

WEDNESDAY — Sept. 6
 9:30 AM Care Center Ministry (offsite)
 12 Noon Wed. Women & the Word – Library
 5:30 PM Confirmation Orientation – Fellowship Hall, Kitchen, & Library

THURSDAY — Sept. 7
 11:00 AM Directory Team Mtg. – Fireside
 - - NO Yoga
 6:45 PM Handbells – Sanctuary

FRIDAY — Sept. 8

SATURDAY — Sept. 9
 9 AM-1:30 PM International Ladies Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY — Sept. 10 *Rally Sunday (Start of Sunday School)*
 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**

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Serving at Worship...

Greeters
 9:30.....Bev & Gene Kadlec

Ushers
 9:30.....Joel & Marilyn Goodman and friend

Acolytes
 9:30.....*Ushers*

Lector
 9:30.....Marilyn Goodman

Communion
 9:30.....Anne Heefner, Kathy Gilbert, Nancy Miller & friend

Liturgist
 9:30.....Pastor Gayle Wilcox

Preacher
 9:30.....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
 Kid’s 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 Neveu, & 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 summer worship on Aug. 27th = 226