

ANNOUNCEMENTS

for the week of March 11th

CONCERNS:

*Death of Marge Thornton – her service was on 3/6 in Jefferson, IA; sympathy cards may be sent to her dtr./our CWM director, Carolyn Barnes (6916 Kiowa Trace NE, CR 52411)

*Isabel Drew, dtr. of Brandon & April – cancer has returned

*Hyde Anderson, Joan Locke's uncle & a Lutheran pastor in South Dakota – is battling lung cancer

*Dennis Ramsey & family - his niece, Anna, stopped breathing and is hospitalized with severe internal bleeding; doctors are unsure of the cause; pray for healing and hope to prevail

JOYS:

*Birth of Emry Marie Carter – daughter of Suzanne Carter

*Health & Wholeness had a successful meal @ the St. Luke's Ronald Macdonald House on 3/7 & thank all who helped!

*Our mortgage balance is now down to approx. \$4,000!



EASTER EGG CANDY: Bring donations of small individually-wrapped candies/treasures/coins to LL by Sun., March 25th, (donations basket in the narthex) for our March 31st Egg Hunt!

HEALTH & WHOLENESS MEMBERS: Note there will be NO meeting next week; we'll meet next on April 19th.

YOGA AT LOVELY LANE?? YES!! Our class is led by Leslie Allred and we meet Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 PM downstairs in the Youth Rm. The cost of each session is only \$5. Everyone is welcome, new to Yoga or experienced. Come and join us!

Lovely Lane 2018 Lenten Offering Recipients

Justice For Our Neighbors (JFON) is a ministry of hospitality provided by the IA 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 on their rights and the complex immigration process.

Africa University is the first and only fully-accredited institution of higher learning established on the African continent by action of The United Methodist Church's General Conference and is a consequence of the growth of United Methodism in Africa. The university's goal is to foster intellectual, moral, ethical and spiritual growth in its students.

The Abbe Center for Community Mental Health serves the mental health needs of low income people in the Linn County area. For over 40 years, it has offered a variety of programs, including outreach to the homeless and the chronically mentally ill.

Trinity Lane Playground Equipment is needed @ our out-post preschool's new site, St. Ludmila's Catholic School, where they'll be moving in June. We need to develop an outdoor playground for preschoolers in the new location, including a fence and some new pieces of equipment. Some older equipment will also need to be removed.

Extra Lenten Offering cards may be found in the pews.

COMMISSION ON A WAY FORWARD DISTRICT GATHERING - Sat., April 7th, 2-4:30 PM, St. Mark's UMC, Iowa City: All East Central District (includes Cedar Rapids & Lovely Lane) clergy and lay people are invited to attend this conversation around possible proposals for our denominational impasses around human sexuality. Bishop Laurie and members of the Iowa General and Jurisdictional Conference delegation will be present. Mark your calendars and plan to attend, and please sign up on the STUB if you wish to carpool. (If you can't make this specific gathering, please contact the church office for other locations around the state.)

WOMEN OF JOY RESCUED 2018 TOUR takes place on Aug. 10th-12th (Fri.-Sun.) in Indianapolis @ the Indiana Convention Center, and *I'm trying to organize a group of ladies to go!* The event will feature: Mandisa in concert; comedian Mark Lowry; worship leader Charles Billingsley; speakers Sheila Walsh, Liz Curtis Higgs, and others! Early bird registration (before May 16th) is \$109 per person; for a group of 10 or more to go, the cost is \$99 each. There would also be the cost of lodging for 2 nights, meals, and splitting the transportation cost (whether we drive in a vehicle or 2, OR have enough attending to rent a bus!). Go to womenofjoy.org for details and to check out lodging options they give. (Don't register on your own yet; wait until we see whether we'll have a group of 10 or more to qualify for the discount!) Please take one of the brochure copies located on the table outside of the church office, and talk to me more about it if you're interested! *Sue Moss, LL member & your Office Manager (suem@lovelylane.org)*

EARTH HOUR 2018 is on Sat., March 24th, @ 8:30 PM:

Here are 5 ways you can #Connect2Earth:

- 1) **Cut down on your plastic use** – Switch to reusable shopping bags, avoid using plastic plates and utensils, and use reusable containers for food. When plastic isn't disposed of properly, it often ends up in the ocean, where it endangers marine life.
- 2) **Grow some plants** – It's really therapeutic and, by looking at your indoor and/or outdoor plants, you're getting a deeper connection with nature. Growing your own garden also contributes to a healthier diet.
- 3) **Go hiking over the weekend** – Take a walk through nature and appreciate everything around you! Look for a park or discover a trail; a relaxing walk thru the trees and nature is a great time to disconnect from your everyday life.
- 4) **Eat sustainably** – Don't waste food (at home or eating out), reduce your meat intake, and be mindful of endangered species such as the bluefin tuna.
- 5) **Take action for our planet today** – By your actions and your words, encourage people around you to start/keep recycling and to sign petitions to help protect our planet.

Joining in helping to build a better future for us all!!!

ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AMONG FRIENDS – A Dramatic Adaptation of the Last Supper on Palm Sunday, March 25th, at 7 PM, at the United Methodist Church of Mount Vernon, 304 1st St. SW, Mt. Vernon, IA.

THIS WEEK AT LOVELY LANE

Ministry Opportunities

Events in Bold Face = everyone * = childcare

SUNDAY — March 11th 4th Sunday in Lent & Daylight

Saving Time Begins

- 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

MONDAY — March 12th (Spring Break Week)

- 10:00 AM Happy Endings – Library
- 5:30 PM Tai Chi – Narthex
- 6:30 PM Christian Education mtg. (rescheduled) – Lib.

TUESDAY — March 13th

- 9:30 AM UMW Bible Study – Fireside
- 6:30 PM Mental Health Support Group – Study
- 6:45 PM Women Of Faith (WOF) – Library

WEDNESDAY — March 14th

- 12:00 noon Weds. Women & the Word (WWW) – Library
(**NO** regular Weds. evening activities due to Spring Break)

THURSDAY — March 15th

- 5:30 PM Yoga – Youth Room
- 6:15 PM AcabeLLa – Sanctuary
- 6:45 PM Trustees – Library
- 7:00 PM Committee Meetings
- 7:50 PM Ad Council – Library

FRIDAY — March 16th

- 12 noon Friendly Fellowship – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

SATURDAY — March 17th Happy St. Patrick's Day!

- 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast Fellowship – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen

SUNDAY — March 18th 5th Sunday in Lent

- 8:00 AM **Traditional Worship*** – Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM **Fellowship*** – Fellowship Hall
- 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
- 10:30 AM **Blended Worship*** – Sanctuary
- 10:45 AM Children's Sunday School
- 6:00 PM Sr. High Youth – F'ship Hall, Kitchen & Youth Room

March 11th, 2018

Serving at Worship...

Greeters

- 8:00.....Duane & Mary Abbey
- 9:15.....Terry & Heather Hingtgen
- 10:30.....Nick & Megan Schmitt

Ushers

- 8:00.....Joel & Marilyn Goodman
- 9:15.....Terry & Heather Hingtgen
- 10:30.....Evan & Julie Hupp, Ben & Alisa Oliver

Acolytes

- 8:00.....Ryan Stumpf
- 9:15.....Abby & Alex Hume
- 10:30.....Frances Roland & Jared Lauritsen

Lectors

- 8:00.....Joel Goodman
- 9:15.....Cathy Weber
- 10:30.....John Roland

Liturgist

- All.....Gayle Wilcox

Preacher

- All.....Paul Wilcox

Staff

- Lead Pastor.....Paul Wilcox
- Associate Pastor.....Gayle Wilcox
- Office Manager.....Sue Moss
- Children's Weekday Min. Director..Carolyn Barnes
- Youth Director.....
- Kid's Club Director.....Julie Meyer
- Christian Educator.....Barb Geissing
- 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, & Claire Van Erde-Wyk
- Wedding Coordinator.....Becky Wood
- Custodians.....Rex, Rhonda, & Jessica Heasty
- Audio / Visual Coordinator.....Eric Wylie
- Webmaster.....Shelly Turner
- Treasurer.....Marcie Stumpf

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March 4th Worship Attendance:

50 @ 8:00, 65 @ 9:15, 136 @ 10:30 = 251 Total