

ANNOUNCEMENTS

for the week of March 18th

CONCERNS:

*Isabel Drew, dtr. of Brandon & April – to undergo a bone marrow transplant

*Lloyd Peterson - dealing with the pain of 6 compressed vertebrae and hoping for relief without narcotics

JOYS:

*Birth of Madeline Christine Hinke on 3/12, weighing 8 lbs., 10 oz. – Jan (& Jim) Robinson's 1st great grandchild; mother Jessica & baby are doing well

*Mortgage Update: We're only \$2,000 away from paying off our mortgage!! Let's finish it by Easter!!!

*We have all our readers for the Tenebrae Service on Good Friday, March 30th



EASTER EGG CANDY: Bring donations of small individually-wrapped candies/treasures/coins to church by next Sunday, March 25th, for our March 31st Egg Hunt! (A donations basket is in the narthex.) Thank you in advance for your generosity!

COMING SOON FOR YOU (Sponsored by **The Academy for Spiritual Formation**):

*A 3-Day Retreat, "Living as Vessels of Compassion: A Faithful Response in Troubling Times"

*Sept. 24th-27th (Mon.-Thurs.)

*Held @ Wesley Woods Camp & Retreat Center (Indianola)

Come away to empty your mind and fill your soul, experience God and be transformed! The presenter will be Dr. Frank Rogers, Jr., Professor of Spiritual Formation and Narrative Pedagogy and Co-Dir. of the Center for Engaged Compassion at Claremont School of Theology. Come enjoy prayer, worship, reflection, time in nature, community sharing, good meals, and powerful teaching.

Pick up a brochure from the table by the office. Early bird registration ends Aug. 15th. Some of our own Lovely Laners will serve as leaders for this event: retired Rev. Rose Blank and Pastor Gayle Wilcox - along with Rev. Jerry Oakland (St. Paul's UMC) and Karlene Neal (Trinity UMC, Waverly).

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 Co. area. For 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 outpost preschool's new site, St. Ludmila's Catholic School, where they will be moving in June. We need to develop an outdoor playground for preschoolers there, including a fence and new pieces of equipment. Some older equipment will need to be removed.

Extra Lenten Offering cards may be found in the pew racks.

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

Join in by **SWITCHING OFF** (lights, etc.) for this one hour.

Here are 5 other ways you can #Connect2Earth:

- 1) **Cut down on your plastic use** – Switch to reusable shopping bags and food containers, and avoid using plastic plates and utensils. When plastic isn't disposed of properly, it often ends up in the ocean, where it endangers marine life.
- 2) **Grow plants** – Besides being therapeutic, you get a deeper connection with nature by looking at your indoor &/or outdoor plants. Growing a 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 such endangered species 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 Mt. Vernon UMC (304 1st St. SW).

COMMISSION ON A WAY FORWARD DISTRICT GATHERING -Sat., April 7th, 2-4:30 PM, St. Mark's UMC, Iowa City: All E. Central District (includes CR & 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; sign up on the STUB to carpool. (Contact the church office for other locations in IA.)

BUFFALO UMC'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST & BAKE SALE is on Sat., April 7th, 7 to 11 AM. Breakfast is FREE; donations will be used to benefit African University scholarships and help finance a student mission work trip to Texas.

WOMEN OF JOY RESCUED 2018 TOUR is on Aug. 10th-12th (Fri.-Sun.) in Indianapolis @ the Indiana Convention Center, and *I'm trying to organize a group of ladies to go!* Early bird registration (before May 16th) is \$109/person. Take a brochure copy from the table by the church office, sign up on the STUB, and talk to me, Sue Moss if you're interested!!!

THIS WEEK AT LOVELY LANE

Ministry Opportunities

Events in Bold Face = everyone * = childcare

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

MONDAY — March 19th

5:30 PM Tai Chi – Narthex
6:30 PM Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY — March 20th

9:30 AM UMW Bible Study – Library
10:30 AM-5 PM JFON Office Hours – Fireside & Narthex
5:00-8 PM JFON Clinic – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
6:45 PM Women Of Faith (WOF) – Library

WEDNESDAY — March 21st

9:30 AM Care Center Ministry (offsite)
12:00 noon Weds. Women & the Word (WWW) – Library
4:50 PM Zamar – Sanctuary
5:30 PM Family Meal – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
6:00 PM Kid's Club – Fellowship Hall et al.
6:00 PM M.S. Youth – Youth Rm.
6:00 PM Confirmation – Library
6:00 PM Adult Explo – Fireside or Narthex

THURSDAY — March 22nd

5:30 PM Yoga – Youth Room
6:45 PM AcabeLLa – Sanctuary

FRIDAY — March 23rd

SATURDAY — March 24th

10:00 AM Chancel Choir rehearsal – Choir Room

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Serving at Worship...

Greeters

8:00.....Dave & Linda Keefe
9:15.....Pakkebie family
10:30.....Liz Briggman & Carol Wishnowski

Ushers

8:00.....Curtis & Maggie Thomas
9:15.....Pakkebie family
10:30.....Mike & Becky Wood, John & Nancy Hinkel

Acolytes

8:00.....(Ushers)
9:15.....Cade Pakkebie
10:30.....Kiya Hinkel & Carly Pulju

Lectors

8:00.....Margaret Nelson
9:15.....
10:30.....Kim Jacobson

Liturgist

All.....Paul Wilcox

Preacher

All.....Gayle 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 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, & 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 11th Worship Attendance:

48 @ 8:00, 33 @ 9:15, 131 @ 10:30 = 212 Total