

ANNOUNCEMENTS

for the week of March 25th

CONCERNS:

- *Barb Vancura & family – on the death of her dad, Dick Talbott; his funeral was yesterday @ Salem UMC
- *Cathy Weber & Carla Levi's mom – suffered a stroke
- *Brent Blank, son of Jeff Blank who is married to Rose Blank (new LL member/retired UM pastor & DS) – recovering from surgery
- *Benjamin Davis, young son of Justin & Melissa – home after being hospitalized w/breathing difficulties; doing much better
- *Isabel Drew can receive cards & notes addressed to her in Rm. 1114, U of I Stead Family Children's Hospital, 200 Hawkins Dr., Iowa City, IA 52242
- *Lu Serbousek's sister Susan – not doing well after emergency surgery for a major infection throughout her body from a PICC line she has in due to complications from breast cancer

JOYS:

- *Mortgage Update: We are happy to report that our mortgage is now TOTALLY paid off! Thank you, Lovely Laners, for your generosity towards this amazing accomplishment!!
 - *Family Fellowship enjoyed an enjoyable visit by local author Robert Buckley at their 3/16 potluck event
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ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AMONG FRIENDS, A Dramatic Adaptation of the Last Supper TODAY @ 7 PM, at the Mt. Vernon UMC (304 1st St. SW). *Lovely Lane's Sr. High Youth Group will be attending!*

LLUMC HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm/Passion Sunday, TODAY - 3/25 - 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 am worship services

Maundy Thursday, 3/29 - 7 pm worship service

Good Friday, 3/30 - 7 pm Tenebrae service

Saturday, 3/31 - Easter Egg Hunt, 10-11:30 am; bring your kids over for this annual event (supply your own basket[s] if you can)

EASTER SUNDAY, 4/1 - 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 am worship services: all will be traditional, with our Chancel Choir and adult bell choir providing joyous music.

All are invited to an Easter brunch from 9-10:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

OUR SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE goes into effect on Sunday, May 27th, when we'll switch to one all-together service at 9:30 AM. Our summer schedule will continue through June, July, August, and the 1st Sunday in September (Sept. 2nd). We will return to our regular worship schedule (8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 services) on Sept. 9th which is Rally Sunday (start of Sunday School at Lovely Lane).

HOPE FOR HARVEY 2018 – July 21-29: Senior High to Senior Citizen, North East and East Central Districts of the IA Annual Conference Mission Work Camp, July 21-29, to the Rio Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church to help survivors of Hurricane Harvey. Pick up a *Hope for Harvey 2018* information packet in the narthex.

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 & 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 church office. Early bird registration ends Aug. 15th. Some of our own Lovely Lane folk 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).

Lovely Lane 2018 Lenten Offering Recipients

- 1) Justice For Our Neighbors (JFON)
- 2) Africa University
- 3) The Abbe Center for Community Mental Health
- 4) Trinity Lane Playground Equipment

Extra Lenten Offering cards, which contain information on each recipient, may be found in the pew racks.

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 Iowa General and Jurisdictional Conference delegation members will be present. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend; sign up on the STUB to carpool. *(Contact the church office for other IA locations.)*

BUFFALO UMC'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST & BAKE SALE is on Sat., April 7th, from 7 to 11 AM. Breakfast is FREE; donations will go 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. Please 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! ***P.S. I've had some ladies make preliminary commitments – won't you join us?!***

HOLY WEEK is not only time to repent, it's also a time to reflect on what we've done to ourselves, to other people and how our relationship with the Lord made us better persons. This is the time of the year where we take time out and talk to the Lord and ask forgiveness for whatever wrong we have done. Reflect and talk to God; this is the greatest gift you offer to the Almighty. Let us spare this week for our God. Let us spend time for Reflection and Pray. Be thankful for all the blessings He bestowed upon us. May we all have a meaningful HOLY WEEK.

THIS WEEK AT LOVELY LANE

Ministry Opportunities

Events in Bold Face = everyone * = childcare

SUNDAY — March 25th *Passion / Palm Sunday*

- 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
6:00 PM Sr. High Youth (6:30 – leave for Last Supper play in Mt. Vernon)

MONDAY — March 26th

- 10:15 AM Lexington E. Condo Gathering – Fireside
5:30 PM Tai Chi – Narthex
6:30 PM Christian Education mtg. – Library
6:30 PM Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY — March 27th

- 9:30 AM UMW Bible Study – Library
7-9 PM CWM Board mtg. – Fireside

WEDNESDAY — March 28th

- 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 Adult Explo – Fireside or Narthex

THURSDAY — March 29th *Maundy Thursday*

- 7:00 PM Maundy Thurs. Worship Service – Sanctuary

FRIDAY — March 30th *Good Friday*

- 7:00 PM Good Friday Tenebrae Service – Sanctuary

SATURDAY — March 31st

- 10-11:30 AM Children's Easter Egg Hunt – Fellowship Hall & lawn (weather permitting)

SUNDAY — April 1st *EASTER Sunday*

- 8:00 AM **Traditional Worship*** – Sanctuary
9-10:30 AM **Easter Brunch*** – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
9:15 AM **Traditional Worship*** (NO youth drama) – Sanctuary
9:15 AM Children's Sunday School
10:30 AM **Traditional Worship*** – Sanctuary
10:45 AM Children's Sunday School

March 25th, 2018

Serving at Worship...

Greeters

- 8:00.....Joe & Becky Helle
9:15.....Steffen family
10:30.....JR Grawe & Carol Wilson

Ushers

- 8:00.....Barb Waterhouse-Miller & Sharon Kouba
9:15.....Steffen family
10:30.....Joy & Kent Jackson, Ben & Alisa Oliver

Acolytes

- 8:00.....(*Ushers*)
9:15.....Luke Steffen
10:30.....Olivia & Isaac Schneider

Lectors

- 8:00.....Jayne Woodson
9:15.....Courtney Ball
10:30.....ReGina Culbertson

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 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 18th Worship Attendance:

43 @ 8:00, 58 @ 9:15, 146 @ 10:30 = 247 Total