

ANNOUNCEMENTS-Wk. of Nov. 25, 2018

CONCERNS:

- *Pastor Jenny – recovering from arm surgery on 11/20
- *Brandon Drew – deep concern over a student
- *Chris Budny's Aunt Debbie – has chronic lymphatic leukemia
- *Dana Renken's cousin, Janell
- *Thanksgiving travel for many

JOYS:

- *Awesome toys donated to our nursery, per their Wish List!
- *Baptism last Sunday of Madeline Christine Hinke
- *Andy & Mary Vorwerk – expecting their first grandchild
- *Nancy Hinkel's grandmother's 101st birthday
- *Congratulations to our nonagenarians (90+) members being honored in today's 10:30 service – an inspiration to us all: Charles Atkinson, Marcie Baugh, Millie Corbett, Kim Dao, Ruth Exline, Elsie Mae Hall, Helen Hansen, Do Koudelka, Berta Mullin, Arlene Oliver, Lloyd Peterson, John Sackett, Janell Smiley, Lou & Gerry Stolba, & Betty VanFossen.

DECORATING & POTLUCK – TODAY!

As next Sunday, Dec. 2nd, is the First Sunday of Advent, we are decorating the sanctuary and church for Christmas **today!** Following our 11:45 potluck (*& don't worry if you didn't bring anything!*), we hope to have *many hands* helping carry, unpack, hang, place, etc. the church's beautiful Christmas decorations!

HELP US LIGHT THE ADVENT WREATH!! Advent is a time to prepare for the coming of the Christ Child, and again this year we're inviting you to help us prepare our hearts by lighting the Advent candles and reading the accompanying liturgy. We welcome individuals, friends, couples, and families with children/youth to participate. The Advent Sundays and services where we still need volunteers are shown on the STUB. We'll contact you with the script and directions when you sign up (& you may want to indicate a 1st and at least a 2nd choice).

UMW'S ANNUAL ADVENT COFFEE is THIS Sat., Dec. 1st, starting at 9:30 AM, with entertainment provided by *Young at Harp*. Please plan to join us for some food for thought along with seasonal treats and beverages! Hope to see you there!!

THE ANNUAL ORNAMENT EXCHANGE & DINNER, sponsored by the UMW, is on Tues., Dec. 11th, @ 6 PM at Vito's (42nd St. NE). Come to eat and bring a Christmas ornament to exchange! All are welcome! Sign up on the STUB or call Nancy Miller (393-6340) to reserve a spot. *Lovely Lane United Methodist Women*

A FREE ADVENT DEVOTIONAL may be picked up in the narthex (one per family, please!). They're entitled *A Savior! Born for You!* (3-Minute Devotional Thoughts for December).

BRING IN YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA for the altar any time during Advent to honor or remember a loved one. Be sure to write your name and the name of the person(s) to be commemorated on the poinsettia sign-up sheet in the narthex.

LARGER PRINT BULLETINS & INSERTS are provided for worship every Sunday. We have 3 or 4 copies available at the Welcome Center (or see an Usher).

2018 ADVENT OFFERING RECIPIENTS

Missions has selected as our 2018 Advent Offering recipients:

- 1) Helping Hands Ministry** serves people with limited material assistance on an emergency basis - helping with rent, utilities, and/or supportive services and advocacy. Staff and volunteers help the client prioritize needs and work with community agencies and funding sources to meet those needs. HHM offers someone to talk to, share concerns with, receive encouragement from, and celebrate with when a goal is met.
- 2) Catherine McAuley Center** offers hope and opportunity thru educational and supportive services that promote stability, skill-building, and connection. Catherine believed education was the ultimate answer to the struggles of the poor. CMC continues sharing mercy, bringing light and life to where there was little or none.
- 3) Pierce Backpack Ministry** is one of the most important programs that we support. In East Central Iowa, 1 in 7 children are at risk for hunger or food insecurity. By addressing this concern, this ministry provides needy students with nutritious, easy to prepare food when other food resources may not be available, specifically on weekends and during school vacations.
- 4) Argentina 47** supports the Rev. Doug Williams, a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of the UMC, and a pastor relating to the IA Annual Conference. He serves as pastor and Volunteer-In-Mission promoter of the Evangelical Methodist Church of Argentina. Commissioned in 2015, Doug is specifically pastor of the Mendoza and San Juan Churches in Argentina, as well as an elementary school chaplain, and host for VIM teams. Advent Offering cards will be available soon to let us know how to split your Advent Offering donation(s).

MIDWEST MISSION NEEDS NEW/GENTLY USED & ALL SIZES OF BLANKETS! They will go to Food for the Poor to help those in need in Trinidad due to mass flooding. **All blankets must be in their own bag, washed and ready to go.** Donations may be placed under the table outside the church office.

Midwest Mission Distribution Ctr. is in Pawnee, IL, **so if it's too hard to get our donations there, we'll donate to area shelters.**

LOVELY LANE UMC'S GOALS FOR 2019

1. Follow the path the congregation has decided for our church building. On Oct. 28, the congregation overwhelmingly approved a path that brings numerous enhancements, upgrades, and areas being brought to appropriate standards and codes.
2. Remain a mission driven church as we move into a new building project and capital campaign. The church is always called to be in mission to others. We don't want to lose sight of this reality. Offerings and outreach efforts need to remain a priority.
3. Develop a Discipleship Pathway for all church members. The pathway needs to be helpful for all persons, all the way from new church members to long-term members.
4. Strengthen the relationship with Kennedy High School and Pierce Elementary students and teachers.
5. Continue to be a light on the hill bringing leadership to the community and denomination as important issues of the day occur. The Commission on the Way Forward report will be voted on at General Conference in 2019. Lovely Lane will want to respond and react accordingly. We want to remain a welcoming church for everyone!

THIS WEEK AT LOVELY LANE

Ministry Opportunities

Events in Bold Face = everyone * = childcare

SUNDAY — Nov. 25th *Nonagenarian Sunday (celebrating 90+ in age)*

8:00 AM **Worship*** – Sanctuary
9:00 AM **Fellowship*** – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
9:00 AM Chancel Choir rehearsal – Choir Room
9:15 AM **Worship*** – Sanctuary
9:15 AM Sunday School for all ages
10:30 AM **Worship*** – Sanctuary
11:45 AM **Potluck followed by Decorating the Church for Advent & Christmas**
Praying Our Way Forward
2:23 PM *Praying Our Way Forward*

MONDAY — Nov. 26th

9:00 AM Prayer Shawl Group – Fireside
2:23 PM *Praying Our Way Forward*
5:30 PM Tai Chi – Library
6:30 PM Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY — Nov. 27th

2:23 PM *Praying Our Way Forward*
6:45 PM Women of Faith (WOF) – Library

WEDNESDAY — Nov. 28th

12 noon Weds. Women & the Word (WWW) – Library
1:30 PM Staff Mtg. – Library
2:23 PM *Praying Our Way Forward*
5:30 PM Family meal – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
6:00 PM Kid's Club & M.S. Youth\Confirmation – Fellowship Hall et al.
6:00 PM Adult Explo – Library

THURSDAY — Nov. 29th

2:23 PM *Praying Our Way Forward*
6:15 PM Handbells – Sanctuary
7:00 PM Stride Group – Library

FRIDAY — Nov. 30th

2:23 PM *Praying Our Way Forward*

SATURDAY — Dec. 1st

9:30 AM UMW Advent Coffee – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
2:23 PM *Praying Our Way Forward*

SUNDAY — Dec. 2nd *First Sunday of Advent/Communion*

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2:23 PM *Praying Our Way Forward*
6:00 PM H.S. Youth Grp. – F'ship Hall, Kitchen & Yth. Rm.

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Serving in Worship

Greeters

8:00.....Al Stiers & Jayne Woodson
9:15.....Scott & Teri Seibert, Linda Carollo
10:30.....Carol Wishnowski & Liz Briggman

Ushers

8:00.....Barb Waterhouse-Miller & Kathy Gilbert
9:15.....Scott & Teri Seibert, Linda Carollo
10:30..Bill & Gloria Jahnel, Barb Mussman & friend

Acolytes

8:00.....*Ushers*
9:15.....*Ushers*
10:30.....Frances Roland

Lectors

8:00.....Jayne Woodson
9:15.....Marci Wittles
10:30.....Wanda Whitford

Liturgist

All.....Pastor Jenny Seylar

Preacher

All.....Pastor Scott Meador

Staff

Lead Pastor – Dr. Scott Meador
Associate Pastor – Rev. Jenny Seylar
Office Manager – Sue Moss
Children's Weekday Ministries Director – Carolyn Barnes
Youth Director – Pastor Jenny Seylar
Kid's Club Director – Julie Meyer
Christian Educator – Barb Geissinger
Choir Director – K. Weiler
Organist – Dennis Ramsey
Children's Choirs – Carla Jesse
Director of Handbells –
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
Finance Secretary – Vicki Cangemi

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Nov. 18, 2018 Worship Attendance:

48 @ 8:00; 69 @ 9:15; 146 @ 10:30; Total = 263