

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of Dec. 16, 2018

CONCERNS:

- *Family of Rev. Don Caspers – Don died on 12/8; his funeral will be here on Fri., Dec. 21st, at 10 AM; he served at Lovely Lane UMC from 1963-1971
- *Jerry & Virginia Weiland – on the death of their friend, Pat, from leukemia & lung cancer
- *Carol Schmidt & family – on the death of her son at age 41
- *Pat Brand's son, Jay – has cancer that returned
- *Jessica Schenk's father-in-law – declining health, & other family members – health concerns
- *Maggie Thomas's friend, Sue – has cancer that is getting worse
- *Pastor Jenny's friend, Francis Sundberg – entering hospice after 4th return of cancer

JOYS:

- *Our beautiful Retable (many thanks to our ReTable ladies!)
- *Our organist, Dennis Ramsey, for sharing his musical gifts
- *Callie Seylar finished student teaching & is officially graduated
- *Nathan Wylie is writing a brass quintet piece for Solo & Ensemble Contest in the spring

Blue Christmas Grief Gathering

TODAY AT 3 PM, we are hosting a *Blue Christmas Gathering*. We recognize that not everyone will be able to celebrate happily this Christmas, and so we're offering you the opportunity to gather and name the grief. Even in sorrow, Christ's coming at Christmas brings light to the dark places in our lives.

Join us for a time of remembrance in Fireside, with snacks following. All those grieving from loss—of a job, a loved one, mobility, health—are invited to come. Talk to Pastor Jenny if you have any questions. **Hosted by Health & Wholeness**

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). There are age-appropriate devotions for Elem., MS & HS Youth.

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.

NEW ADULT EXPLO CLASS ON SUNDAY EVENINGS: This will be a duplicate of the class held on Wednesday nights, both led by Pastor Scott. The new Sunday evening option will start in January, with both classes using the new study book "When Christians Get It Wrong," by Adam Hamilton. Join us!

DIRECTORY UPDATE: Gary & Pam Moen
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DATES THE CHURCH & OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED: Dec. 24th-afternoon, Dec. 25th, Dec. 26th, Dec. 31st-afternoon, & Jan. 1st. Also, there will be **NO** regular small groups or other regular activities held the last week in December.

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 through 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 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. 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 Volunteer-In-Mission teams.

Advent Offering cards are available in the pews to let us know how to split your Advent Offering donation(s).

LOVELY LANE UMC

Christmas Eve Services

(Monday, Dec. 24th):

5 pm Family Friendly

7 pm Traditional Candlelight

9 pm Holy Communion

Childcare available @ 5 & 7 pm



FAIR TRADE GIFTS FROM SERRV may be bought year-round @ the Ecumenical Center (601 Second Ave. SE, CR). The SERRV Shop is open on Wednesdays, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM. Otherwise, you may make an appointment by calling Karen @ 396-4798 or by leaving a message with *Helping Hands*, 366-2651.

General Fund Giving/End-of-Year Contributions

As the end of the year approaches, we want to remind everyone to honor their yearly giving commitment. Church funds are often tight this time of year, and this year is no exception. We want to finish the year strong. Thank you for your faithfulness and your generous support of the missions and ministries of LLUMC!

Finance Committee

NOTE: To be credited for tax purposes in 2018, contributions must be received at the church or mailed on or before Dec. 31st.

THIS WEEK AT LOVELY LANE

Ministry Opportunities

Events in Bold Face = everyone * = childcare

SUNDAY — Dec. 16th *Third Sunday of Advent*

- 8:00 AM **Worship*** – Sanctuary
9:00 AM **Fellowship*** – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
9:00 AM Chancel Choir rehearsal – Choir Room
9:15 AM **Worship*: Children's Christmas Program** – Sanctuary
9:15 AM Sunday School for all ages
10:30 AM **Worship*** – Sanctuary
2:23 PM *Praying Our Way Forward*
3:00 PM **Blue Christmas Gathering** – Fireside
6:00 PM H.S. Youth Grp. – Christmas Party @ Amy Perry's

MONDAY — Dec. 17th

- 2:23 PM *Praying Our Way Forward*
5:30 PM Tai Chi – Library
6:30 PM Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY — Dec. 18th

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

WEDNESDAY — Dec. 19th

- 9 AM-Noon CWM Preschl. Christmas Program – Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
12 noon Weds. Women & the Word (WWW) – Library
1:30 PM Staff brief prayer time – Pastor Scott's office
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 — Dec. 20th

- 9 AM-Noon CWM Preschl. Christmas Program – Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
Noon-6 PM A/V Prep. Work – Sanctuary
2:23 PM *Praying Our Way Forward*
5:30 PM Yoga – Youth Room
6:15 PM Handbells – Sanctuary

FRIDAY — Dec. 21st

- 10:00 AM Funeral for Rev. Don Caspers (served LLUMC 1963-1971) – Sanctuary, Fireside & Narthex
11:30 AM Funeral Luncheon – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
2:23 PM *Praying Our Way Forward*

SATURDAY — Dec. 22nd

- 2:23 PM *Praying Our Way Forward*

SUNDAY — Dec. 23rd *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

- 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
2:23 PM *Praying Our Way Forward*

December 16, 2018

Serving in Worship

Greeters

- 8:00.....Ron & Margaret Nelson
9:15.....Matt, Teri & Alex Myers
10:30.....Richard & Velma Rainville

Ushers

- 8:00.....Sharon Kouba & Myrna Loehrlein
9:15.....Matt, Teri & Alex Myers
10:30.....John & Nancy Hinkel,
Pat & Jeff Swartzendruber

Acolytes

- 8:00.....*Ushers*
9:15.....*Ushers*
10:30.....Kiya Hinkel & Carly Pulju

Lectors

- 8:00.....Margaret Nelson
9:15.....Justin Gehrts
10:30.....Helen Anderson

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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Dec. 9, 2018 Worship Attendance:

54 @ 8:00; 63 @ 9:15; 125 @ 10:30; Total = 242