

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of Dec. 23, 2018

CONCERNS:

- *Family of Rev. Marcus Beebe upon his death; he was pastor of Rochester UMC; his funeral was on 12/21 in Walford
- *Marci Wittles' father, Dan Randall—in St. Luke's Hospital with pneumonia
- *Blake Helle—recovering from surgery on 12/21
- *Kay Oloff—health concerns
- *Krista Wylie's co-worker, Amy, & family

JOYS:

- *Wonderful Children's Christmas Program during our 9:15 service on 12/16; thanks to everyone for your hard work!
- *Meaningful Blue Christmas Grief Gathering on 12/16 at 3 PM; thanks to those who helped and/or attended
- *MS Youth caroling @ a nearby senior community on 12/12
- *UMW's recent Christmas gatherings
- *Callie Seylar (Pastor J's dtr.)—new teaching job in Des Moines
- *Having family home for Christmas
- *Installation of new projector in our Sanctuary

LOVELY LANE UMC

Christmas Eve Services

(Monday, Dec. 24th):

5 pm Family Friendly with GlowLight

7 pm Traditional Candlelight

9 pm Traditional Candlelight
with Holy Communion

Childcare available @ 5 & 7 pm



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 Sunday evening option will start in January, with both classes using the new study book "When Christians Get It Wrong," by Adam Hamilton (cost of a book is \$10.00). Please sign up on the STUB if you are interested!

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.

FAIR TRADE GIFTS FROM SERRV may be bought year-round @ the Ecumenical Center (601 Second Ave. SE, CR). The SERRV Shop is open 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.

CHRISTMAS EVE MINISTRY SERVANTS NEEDED: As we approach celebrating the Savior's birth, **we are in need of a few more ministry servants for our 5:00, 7:00, and 9 PM Christmas Eve worship services.**

In an effort to streamline the process of scheduling worship service needs, we're testing an online tool called SignUp. This easy to use online option is helpful to see available spots for greeters, ushers, acolytes, etc., and you can swap or cancel your spot online if your schedule changes.

Please use the following link to sign up for one of the remaining ministry needs for our Dec. 24th Christmas Eve worship services: <http://signup.com/go/njeCBni>.

You will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com. Also, SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, contact one of us and we can sign you up manually. Also feel free to contact Amber (ambermulnik@gmail.com) or Sue (suem@lovelylane.org) with any questions.

Thank you for your willingness to serve Lovely Lane UMC!!!

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.

DIRECTORY UPDATE: Gary & Pam Moen
718 Deer Run Dr. NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

CHRISTMAS QUOTES

I sometimes think we expect too much of Christmas Day.

We try to crowd into it the long arrears of kindness and humanity of the whole year. As for me, I like to take my Christmas a little at a time, all through the year.

And thus I drift along into the holidays – let them overtake me unexpectedly – waking up some fine morning and suddenly saying to myself: 'Why, this is Christmas Day!'

~ David Grayson

It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air.

~ W.T. Ellis

THIS WEEK AT LOVELY LANE

Ministry Opportunities

Events in Bold Face = everyone * = childcare

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*

MONDAY — Dec. 24th *(Church & office open in AM & then later in the day)*

- 2:23 PM *Praying Our Way Forward*
5:00 PM Family-oriented Christmas Eve Service – Sanctuary & Fireside
7:00 PM Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (with Choir) – Sanctuary & Fireside
9:00 PM Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Service – Sanctuary & Fireside

TUESDAY — Dec. 25th *Have a Blessed & Merry Christmas! (church & office closed)*

- 2:23 PM *Praying Our Way Forward*

WEDNESDAY — Dec. 26th *(church & office closed)*

- 2:23 PM *Praying Our Way Forward*

THURSDAY — Dec. 27th

- Noon-9 PM Baby Shower (hosted by M. Vorwerk) – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
2:23 PM *Praying Our Way Forward*

FRIDAY — Dec. 28th

- 2:23 PM *Praying Our Way Forward*

SATURDAY — Dec. 29th

- 2:23 PM *Praying Our Way Forward*

SUNDAY — Dec. 30th *First Sunday After Christmas*

- 8:30 AM **Fellowship*** – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
9:30 AM **Worship (one service only)*** – Sanctuary
9:30 AM **Sunday School for all ages**
2:23 PM *Praying Our Way Forward*

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Serving in Worship

Greeters

- 8:00.....Mark & Diana Rettig
9:15.....
10:30.....Richard & Velma Rainville

Ushers

- 8:00.....Joel & Marilyn Goodman
9:15.....
10:30.....Cindy Rupe, Barb Mussman, & friends

Acolytes

- 8:00.....Ushers
9:15.....Ushers
10:30.....Isaac Schneider, Frances Roland

Lectors

- 8:00.....Joel Goodman
9:15.....Marci Wittles
10:30.....ReGina Culbertson

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 Geissingner
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. 16, 2018 Worship Attendance:

61 @ 8:00; 152 @ 9:15; 136 @ 10:30; Total = 349