

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of Dec. 9, 2018

CONCERNS:

- *Velma & Richard Rainville – death of her brother-in-law
- *Patty Logsdon – death of her cousin's husband, Lonnie
- *Donna Lewis – fell & broke her collar bone
- *Barb Geissing, Carolyn Barnes & all others with respiratory ailments
- *Stephanie French's mom – foot surgery
- *Ron Nelson – lifting up John with leukemia
- *Marilyn Beebe's friend – has cancer
- *Sue Moss's husband Jim – sudden death of a co-worker
- *Remembering former U.S. President George H.W. Bush
- *Folks feeling lonely at Christmas (see below for info. on our 12/16 Blue Christmas Gathering)

JOYS:

- *Confirmation class had an awesome field trip to a synagogue in Coralville
 - *Sue Moss, Office Manager, celebrates and gives thanks for her **awesome** office volunteers, especially during this very busy time of year in the life of the church!
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MEN'S BREAKFAST—THIS SATURDAY, 8:30 AM: Please join Pastor Scott in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast treats plus special guest Justin Gehrts, meteorologist for KCRG. See you there!

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.

ANGEL TREE ORNAMENTS are up from Trinity Lane (TL), Tanager Place (return by Dec. 9), and Taylor Schl. (many have been taken). Bring all gifts (**unwrapped but with the tag attached to the bag they're in**) **back by Dec. 16** (TL & Taylor). Each ornament has information on a child. For gift suggestions or more background on your TL child's home life, contact Dawn Dupont, TL Director (362-2702; trinitylanepreschool@gmail.com).

Note: TL has some moms struggling with depression, domestic violence, recent miscarriage/stillborn, and cancer. If you'd like to send an anonymous card of encouragement, contact Dawn.

Blue Christmas Grief Gathering

On Sunday, Dec. 16th, at 3 pm, we will host 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 job, a loved one, mobility, health—are invited to come. Contact Pastor Jenny Seylar (393-6674) for more info. **Hosted by Health & Wholeness**

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

MIDWEST MISSION NEEDS ALL SIZES OF NEW/GENTLY USED 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.** Place donations 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 — Dec. 9th *Second 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*
6:00 PM H.S. Youth Grp. – F'ship Hall, Kitchen & Yth. Rm.

MONDAY — Dec. 10th

- 11:30 AM Happy Endings (lunch @ Emil's)
2:23 PM *Praying Our Way Forward*
5:30 PM Tai Chi – Library
6:30 PM Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY — Dec. 11th

- 2:23 PM *Praying Our Way Forward*
6:00 PM UMW Ornament Exchange & Dinner (@ Vito's)
6:30 PM Mental Health Support Group – Study
6:45 PM Women of Faith (WOF) – Library

WEDNESDAY — Dec. 12th

- 12 noon Weds. Women & the Word (WWW) – Library
1:30 PM Staff meeting – Library
2:23 PM *Praying Our Way Forward*
5:30 PM Family meal – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
6:00 PM Kid's Club – Fellowship Hall et al. / **M.S. (incl. Confirmation) with adults, caroling after meal**
6:00 PM Adult Explo – Library

THURSDAY — Dec. 13th

- Noon-5 PM A/V Work – Sanctuary
2:23 PM *Praying Our Way Forward*

FRIDAY — Dec. 14th

- 7:30 AM-6 PM A/V Equipment Installation – Sanctuary
2:23 PM *Praying Our Way Forward*

SATURDAY — Dec. 15th

- 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
9-11 AM Rehearsal for Children's Christmas Program – Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

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

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Serving in Worship

Greeters

- 8:00.....Joe & Becky Helle
9:15.....Andy & Mary Vorwerk, Scott Seibert
10:30.....Cindy & Jeff Linder

Ushers

- 8:00.....Kathy Gilbert & Lyn Lewis
9:15.....Andy & Mary Vorwerk, Scott Seibert
10:30.....Evan & Julie Hupp, Don & Becky Esker

Acolytes

- 8:00.....Ryan Stumpf
9:15.....*Ushers*
10:30.....Jaiana Renken & Jared Lauritsen

Lectors

- 8:00.....Lyn Lewis
9:15.....Heather Hingtgen
10:30.....Cindy Linder

Liturgist

- All.....Pastor Scott Meador

Preacher

- All.....Pastor Jenny Seylar

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. 2, 2018 Worship Attendance:

60 @ 8:00; 70 @ 9:15; 140 @ 10:30; Total = 270