

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of February 23, 2020

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- *Sympathy to Curtis Thomas after the passing of his boss, Tony
- *Kent & Joy Jackson with family loss
- *Alisa Oliver is hospitalized with an illness
- *Donna Houts is having surgery
- *Jayne Woodson's granddaughter is in the hospital
- *Helen Anderson lifts up April, young woman who is homeless
- *Families dealing with the coronavirus

JOYS:

- *Julie Schmickley with healing after eye procedure
- *Tom DeVriese with healing after nose procedure
- *Barb Olive with good news following oral surgery
- *Ike Schneider continues to thrive
- *Harry Rupe shares story of recovery after car accident
- *Isaac Schneider & his successful Lego League Team
- *All who wore their new church t-shirts to worship today
- *Celebrating miracles happening all the time
- *Sharing love with others on Valentine's Day

Special Offering Today

We're taking a special offering TODAY, Feb. 23rd, for the **Midwest Mission Disaster Relief Campaign**, enabling them to purchase items necessary for **Puerto Rican disaster relief**.

More than 1,280 earthquakes have hit Puerto Rico's southern region since Dec. 28th, 2019, with more than two dozen of them a magnitude 4.5 or greater. Recently, another earthquake hit the island on Jan. 15th, registering a 5.2 magnitude.

The earthquakes have caused a preliminary \$110 million in damage, and have damaged or destroyed more than 550 homes. More than 250,000 Puerto Ricans remain without water and half a million have no power.

Midwest Mission is 1 of 10 cooperating depots in the United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR) Supply Network. **Midwest Mission** distributes UMCOR supplies in response to disasters within the U.S.

A SHORT BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE will be presented by Amber Mulnik TODAY during worship. A longer presentation will take place after worship on March 1st.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE will be held at Lovely Lane THIS Weds., Feb. 26th, at 7 PM. There will be a Pancake Supper at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall prior to worship. Volunteers are needed in shifts to help with set-up, pancake flipping, serving, and clean-up. If you can help, contact Lyn Lewis **ASAP** @ llewis.8181@gmail.com or 319-929-0028. Thanks!

LENTEN LUNCHEON SERIES with local UMCs begins on Weds., March 4th, at noon, here at Lovely Lane UMC. Pastor Scott will be preaching. Lunch will follow the service.

FREE DAILY LENTEN DEVOTIONS BOOKLETS are available in the narthex. They were provided at no cost to us by the Society of St. Andrew ("Gleaning America's Fields - Feeding America's Hungry"). Any donations for the booklets will be sent after Easter to the Society of St. Andrew.

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVANT SIGN-UPS ARE AVAILABLE AT SIGNUP.COM. You can gain access through our website; just click on the link. Please sign up for the date(s) and times that work for you - 8:00, 9:15, and/or 10:30 AM worship.

2020 Lenten Offering Recipients

Tanager Place LGBTQ Youth Center provides a safe and confidential environment for LGBTQ youth, families, and allies. Diverse programs at the center include support groups, special art offerings, mentoring program, Pride Café, community service, health initiative classes, parent workshops, financial literacy, tutoring, and career exploration. (March 1)

Matthew 25 is a local non-profit that exists to strengthen core neighborhoods on Cedar Rapids' west side. It partners with them to work in three program areas: Neighborhood Building, Youth Development and Cultivating Hope. Lovely Lane will partner with Matthew 25 again this year during Transform Week which is June 22-26. (March 8)

Mission Of Hope is celebrating 17 years of ministry in Cedar Rapids. The Free Meal Program and Food Pantry provide hot, homemade meals or a box of staple groceries to help those needing food support for themselves and their families. MOH also provides free donated clothing and other faith and support services to those in need due to homelessness, loss of income, or recent incarceration. (March 15)

Africa University is the first and only fully-accredited institution of higher learning established on the African continent by action of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church; it is a consequence of the growth of United Methodism in Africa. The university's goal is to foster intellectual, moral, ethical and spiritual growth in its students. (March 22)

REQUESTS FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY:

- 1) Please be sure to put your first AND last name on your giving envelopes, etc. (& also on the weekly bulletin STUB).
- 1) Please update your E-mails on the STUB if anything has changed.
- 2) Please indicate on the STUB if you'd like to still receive a hard copy of your financial statement, as we will E-mail them starting with the 1st quarter of 2020.

TOURS OF THE ECUMENICAL COMMUNITY CENTER FOUNDATION are THIS Sat., Feb 29th, 10 AM - 1 PM. Each faith community is invited to consider arriving as a group. Sign up on the STUB if you'd like to be part of an attending LL group. Also, ECCF's Helping Hands Ministry (HHM) needs office help and volunteer guides for people on difficult economic journeys. Additional help is critical because *voucher assistance for rent, utilities, and transportation is increasing by 68% from \$2,500 to \$4,200/mo.* Help is most needed on 1st and 3rd Mondays and the following Tuesdays; a commitment to a scheduled period of time would be best. Do you have 2 or more hours available each month? A short training session can take place before starting. **Contact Robin w/questions (362-4284 or compuplace@ecc-cr.net).**

THE 1ST C.R. EMMAUS COMMUNITY GATHERING OF 2020 takes place on Sun., March 1st, 1-3 PM, at St. Mark's UMC (4700 Johnson Ave. NW, CR). There will be worship, fellowship, and food. Bring a nametag, a dish to share, and table service.

THIS WEEK AT LOVELY LANE

Ministry Opportunities

Events in Bold Face = everyone * = childcare

SUNDAY — Feb. 23rd *Transfiguration Sunday*

- 8:00 AM **Worship Service*** – Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Chancel Choir – Choir Room
- 9:15 AM **Worship Service*** – Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM **Worship Service*** – Sanctuary
- 12-2 PM Congolese Worship Service – Fireside
- 2-5 PM Boy Scouts Court of Honor – Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
- 4:00 PM Living Last Supper practice – Youth Room
- 6:00 PM Adult Explo – Library
- 6:00 PM H.S. Youth – Fellowship Hall/Kitchen & Youth Room

MONDAY — Feb. 24th

- 9:00 AM Prayer Shawl group – Fireside
- 5:15 PM Tai Chi – Youth Room
- 6:00 PM Adult Explo – Library
- 6:30 PM Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY — Feb. 25th

- 9:30 AM UMW Bible Study – Fireside
- 6:45 PM Women of Faith – Library

WEDNESDAY — Feb. 26th *Ash Wednesday*

- 12 Noon Women of the Word – Library
- 1:30 PM Staff brief prayer time – Pastor's office
- 6:00 PM Pancake Supper – Fellowship Hall & Kitchen
- 6:00 PM Confirmation (AW service practice)
- 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship Service – Sanctuary

THURSDAY — Feb. 27th

- 5:30 PM Yoga – Youth Room

FRIDAY — Feb. 28th

- 5:30 PM Wedding rehearsal – Sanctuary

SATURDAY — Feb. 29th

- 2:30 PM Wedding – Sanctuary, et al.

SUNDAY — March 1st *1st Sunday in Lent & Communion Sunday*

- 8:00 AM **Worship Service*** – Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Chancel Choir – Choir Room
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- 12-2 PM Congolese Worship Service – Fireside
- 1-5 PM Boy Scouts merit badge – Fellowship Hall
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FEB. 23, 2020

Serving in Worship

Greeters

- 8:00.....Becky & Joe Helle
- 9:15.....Andy & Mary Vorwerk
- 10:30.....Carla Jesse & Olivia Schneider

Ushers

- 8:00.....Phil & Shirley Martin
- 9:15.....Mike & Pam Morris
- 10:30.....Brad & Sherry Johnson family

Acolytes

- 8:00.....Usher(s)
- 9:15.....Usher(s)
- 10:30.....Jaiana Renken

Lectors

- 8:00.....Marilyn Goodman
- 9:15.....Marci Wittles
- 10:30.....Krista Wylie

Liturgists

- 8:00.....Barb Geissinger
- 9:15.....Amber Mulnik
- 10:30.....Frank Camp

Preacher

- All services.....Scott Meador

Staff

- Lead Pastor – Dr. Scott Meador
- Senior Office Manager – Sue Moss
- Office Manager – Marti Bowman
- Building Project Manager – Amber Mulnik
- Children's Weekday Ministries Director – Dawn DuPont
- Director of Youth Ministries – Amy Perry
- Kid's Club Director – Julie Meyer
- Christian Educator – Barb Geissinger
- Choir Director – K. Weiler
- Handbell Director – Charlie Kucera
- Organist – Dennis Ramsey
- Children's Choirs – Carla Jesse
- Nursery Team – Shelbie Wood, Tara Neveu, & Paige Gerjets
- Wedding Coordinator – Becky Wood
- Custodians – Rex, Rhonda & Jessica Heasty
- Audio / Visual Coordinator – Eric Wylie
- Webmaster – Shelly Turner
- Treasurer – Marcie Stumpf
- Finance Secretary – Vicki Cangemi

Feb. 16, 2020 Worship Attendance:

46 @ 8:00; 66 @ 9:15; 123 @ 10:30 = 235 Total

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