

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of Sept. 20, 2020

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- *Craig Erie, son of Wayne & Cathy Erie, is a firefighter going to serve in California
- *Patty Logsdon's sister & family following Hurricane Sally in Mississippi
- *Remembering the life of Ruth Bader Ginsburg
- *Back to school time for our local schools
- *Communities impacted by tropical storms & hurricanes

JOYS:

- *People helping others following the derecho
- *Matthew 25 Transform Week is October 13-18
- *Fall ministries at church
- *Wednesday night meals starting this week

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING: The special offering for the month goes towards the *Disaster Recovery Fund* put in place by the Greater Cedar Rapids Foundation. Money collected will support local non-profits and citizens in need following the recent derecho. Checks can be mailed to the church and designated as "Disaster Recovery." Please give generously!

LOVELY LANE WORSHIP CONTINUES TO BE LIVE-STREAMED for the health and safety of all in these challenging times. Join us every Sunday at 10:30 AM (or at a later time; service can be accessed thru a link on our website).

FAITH ISSUES CLASS now Zooms every Sunday from 9:00 to 10 AM. The topic for Sept. 27th is a Q&A session with a Coe College professor on the topic of Apocalypticism (the books of Daniel and Revelations). Stay tuned for updates as more topics are decided on.

ZOOM STUDY GROUP WITH PASTOR SCOTT: Pastor Scott is leading an online Zoom Study Group. It focuses on 1 and 2 Peter, and takes place on Wednesdays at 9:30 AM and 7 PM. Please let Scott know if you want to be added to the E-mail list.

BACKPACK BLESSINGS CONTINUED: If you missed the earlier drive-thru event, please stop by the church on a Tuesday or Wednesday, between 9:30 AM and 3 PM, to pick up a backpack blessing from Pastor Kristina!

If you can't make it those days, E-mail Pastor Kristina at kristina@lovelylane.org to arrange another date.

PLEASE REMEMBER that there is a *Reading to Our Children* video available every Sunday at 11:30 AM, on the Lovely Lane Facebook page. Children can listen and watch the pages of the book, as they have in the past. Thanks!

FINANCIAL GIVING: Please continue to give faithfully to Lovely Lane. Offerings can be mailed to the church or made online by going to the home page on our website (lovelylane.org) for giving options. We appreciate your continued faithfulness in supporting the missions and ministries of Lovely Lane UMC!

WEDS. NIGHT MEALS & KIDS CLUB: Wednesday Night at the church starts again **THIS Wednesday, Sept. 23rd**. A short program and devotional time will take place in the parking lot at 5:45-6 PM. We will utilize an FM transmitter, and you can remain in your car during the sharing time. At 6 PM, a boxed meal will be available for pick up. You can eat in the parking lot as you socially distance from others, OR you might wish to get the meal and eat at home. (*This week's meal: Quesadillas [chicken & cheese], Mexican corn salad, tortilla chips & salsa, ranch chopped salad, fruit salad, & a brownie.*)

To help us with meal planning, **use the following link ASAP:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054BA4AA22ABF49-wednesday> to sign up, indicating the no. attending. Thanks!!!

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY: Pastor Kristina will lead a women's book study via Zoom starting Monday, Oct. 5th, at 7 PM. The first book is Brené Brown's *Gifts of Imperfection*; the deadline to sign up is **noon THIS Wednesday, Sept. 23rd**. Please E-mail Kristina at kristina@lovelylane.org or suem@lovelylane.org to reserve your spot and book! Thanks!!

BLESSING OF THE PETS: On Sunday, October 4th, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis and creation care in our worship service. Following the service, at 12 Noon, bring your pets (of all kinds) to the church for a blessing of the pets following the online worship service.

MATTHEW 25 TRANSFORM WEEK VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Lovely Lane has committed to having a group from our church complete one of the home improvement projects that Matthew 25 has approved as part of the annual community renewal program. To volunteer during the week of Oct. 13th-18th, or to learn more, please contact Scott Seibert (sdseibert1@aol.com) or Pastor Kristina (kristina@lovelylane.org). Thanks!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS, due to the coronavirus pandemic: Mon.-Thurs., 9 AM-Noon (**ONLY**); **closed** on **Fridays**. Generally, Sue is here Mon. & Weds. AM, and Marti is here Tues. & Thurs. AM. *Pastor Scott is in his office most days.*

HACAP FOOD RESERVOIR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Mercer Park IC Mobile Food Pantry Volunteers are needed for 9/24. Please reply to volunteer@hacap.org.

UMCOR – HELP WHERE MOST NEEDED: Right now, we're all being tested for our ability to be resilient ("recover quickly from difficult conditions") because 2020 has delivered one challenge after another: floods, tornados, tropical storms, hurricanes, wildfires, earthquakes; a deadly viral pandemic; and economic instability and hardship. Plus, the hurricane season has started earlier than normal, threatening the safety of many just as they are limiting exposure outside their homes! **UMCOR is asking for your help, today.**

UMCOR is providing assistance to people impacted by natural disasters of all kinds but the pandemic and related economic conditions have led to a significant decrease in gifts that limits our ability to help those who need it most, when they need it most. Go to their website or send your check, payable to Advance GCFA, to Global Ministries / UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY 10087-9068. Thank you!