

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of Sept. 27, 2020

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- *Sympathy to Dorris Lanning & family after Dean's passing (funeral service on our website)
- *Marci Wittles' sister-in-law, Stacey, with Stage 4 lung cancer
- *Jessica Hinke shares concern about student she coaches, Abbi, with health concerns
- *Harper, young student at Wilkins Elementary, after being hit by a car
- *Community of Louisville, Kentucky with unrest following Breonna Taylor decision
- *School communities with back-to-school matters

JOYS:

- *Wedding congratulations to Kelsey Whitford & Kaleb Howey, married at Mt. Vernon UMC
- *Pastor Kristina preaching at Trinity-St. James UMC today
- *The season of autumn has begun
- *Church youth groups meeting tonight

OUR SEPTEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING is for 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 to 10 AM. The topic for Sept. 27th was a Q&A session with a Coe College professor on the topic of Apocalypticism (the books of Daniel & Revelations). Stay tuned as more topics are added!

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

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 our website's home page (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 activities at the church continue on Oct. 7 & 21, and Nov. 4. A short program and devotional time takes place in the parking lot at 5:45-6 PM. We utilize an FM transmitter, and you can remain in your car during the sharing time. At 6 PM, a boxed meal is available for pick up; you can eat in the parking lot as you socially distance from others, OR get the meal to eat at home.

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

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY: Books are in for the women's book study with Pastor Kristina. Please stop by the church office this week before the first book study on Monday, Oct. 5th, at 7 pm over Zoom. Email Pastor Kristina (kristina@lovelylane.org) if you are unable to pick up your copy and need to make other arrangements. 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 12pm, 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).

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 NEEDS VOLUNTEER WAREHOUSE ASSISTANTS: This would need to be for a commitment of 1-10 hours per week, between 8 am and 5 pm, on weekdays at their Hiawatha location. To view a list of responsibilities, expectations and qualifications for this volunteer position, go to: <https://www.hacap.org/how-to-help/volunteer/>.

UMCOR – HELP WHERE MOST NEEDED: We're all being tested for our ability to be resilient 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 started early, threatening the safety of many just as they are limiting exposure outside their homes!

UMCOR provides 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 GCF, to Global Ministries / UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY 10087-9068.*