

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of Dec. 20, 2020

JOYS:

- *Congratulations to Sean Thomas on his acceptance into medical school
- *Celebrating the joy of Christmas this week
- *People helping one another in the spirit of Christmas
- *Vaccine for the coronavirus is being distributed

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- *Sympathy to Diane Daubenmier & family after Jim's passing
- *Sympathy to Bob Smiley & family after the passing of his son, Dustin
- *Lu Serbousek's good friend after her mother's passing
- *Ron & Margaret Nelson's neighbors whose son recently passed away
- *Cynthia Haring following a medical procedure last week
- *David & Maryann Ellis with COVID
- *Paul Bowker with health concerns
- *Patty Logsdon's family with estate matters & difficult lawsuit
- *Lu Serbousek's nephew's fiancé, Hilary, with tumors removed from her liver
- *Sharon Vavra's son, Chad, with back surgery on Monday
- *All persons experiencing COVID

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS VIDEO: Some of our Lovely Lane children have shared virtually the Christmas Story. Unable to do a Christmas pageant, they are sharing in their own words the story of Jesus' birth. The video will be available on 12/21 at 3 PM on Facebook.

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).

OUR CHRISTMAS EVE LIVE-STREAMED SERVICE WILL PREMIERE on Thursday, Dec. 24th, @ 5 PM. You can access it thru a link on our website.

FAITH ISSUES CLASS meets every Sunday on Zoom at 9 AM. Just contact the church office or check out Faith Issues on the web site to have the link sent your way.

In January, we'll start the year with a discussion around questions like "*Whom do you feel grateful to in your life?*" and "*What problem did you have last year, that you may not have in 2021?*". Specific subjects are:

January 10 – A 19th century liberal theologian led by Jim Loehrlein

January 17, 24 & 31 – a discussion of the book White Fragility led by Rose Blank & Jo Hoover

We invite everyone to join the group forever or for just one week. We'd love to see you!

THE ZOOM STUDY GROUP W/PASTOR SCOTT: The previous study concludes on 12/23. The book for the new study is "Philippians" by Cynthia Campbell. The new study begins

Weds., 1/6, at 9:30 AM and 7 PM. Books will be available in the church office after the new year at no cost. All are welcome!

THE ZOOM STUDY GROUP W/THE REV. STEVE PUDINSKI, retired UMC pastor, is on Tuesdays @ 7 PM (began 12/1 for 5 wks.). The topic is Adam Hamilton's book *In-carnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*. Call the church office (393-6674) to sign up and/or if you'd like a book.

ADVENT 2020 OFFERING RECIPIENTS

Women At The Well is a United Methodist congregation located within the walls of the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women, in Mitchellville, IA. It offers ministries designed to: encourage the spiritual growth of its members; assist them when they transition back into the world outside the walls; and better understand the hurts and hopes of those who reside within the institution. LL is a committed partner supporting this ministry. **Argentina 47** supports the Rev. Doug Williams, a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church, and pastor relating to the Iowa Annual Conference. Doug serves as pastor and Volunteer-In-Mission promoter of the Evangelical Methodist Church of Argentina. He was commissioned in 2015. Specifically, Doug is pastor of the Mendoza and San Juan Churches in Argentina, as well as an elementary school chaplain, and host for VIM teams.

HACAP Food Reservoir is a member of Feeding America, and leads the fight against hunger in E. Central IA by providing food access, advocacy, education, and disaster response. The Food Reservoir programs include: BackPack Program, Mobile Food Pantry, and Senior Totes. The Aug. 10 derecho has and continues to put an enormous burden on the local Food Reservoir. **UMCOR** responds to natural or civil disasters of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own. When responding to a disaster in the United States, UMCOR provides training, financial assistance, expertise, and community collaboration to churches and partners. During the hurricane season of 2020, our southern states have been especially hard hit. We will designate gifts given be earmarked for local hurricane relief in the affected states.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Our finance secretary, Vicki Cangemi, needs volunteers to count money on Monday afternoons beginning at 1:00 PM. Please leave a message at the church for her or send an E-mail to vickie@lovelylane.org.

CWM PRESCHOOL NEEDS TEACHER ASSISTANT SUBS: No experience is necessary, but you must love children. The pay rate is \$12/hr., and hours are usually 8:30am-12:30pm. Masks are required to work in the classroom. Please contact Dawn DuPont, Director of Children's Weekday Ministries (ddupont@lovelylane.org).

VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR HELPING HANDS MINISTRY: 1) Taking messages from phone; 2) Returning calls to screen requests; & 3) Entering requests into a simple spreadsheet. Please call Robin at 319-362-4284 if you're interested.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO BRING OR MAIL IN YOUR STEWARDSHIP/PLEDGE CARDS FOR 2021! Thank you for your faithful commitment to Lovely Lane into the future!

PLEASE CONTINUE TO GIVE FAITHFULLY to Lovely Lane. Offerings can be mailed to the church or made online by going to lovelylane.org for giving options. We appreciate your faithfulness in supporting LLUMC's missions and ministries!

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. Please call first if you need to stop in during an afternoon.

LOVELY LANE STAFF

Lead Pastor – Dr. Scott Meador
Associate Pastor – Rev. Kristina Roth-Klinck
Senior Office Manager – Sue Moss
Office Manager – Marti Bowman
Building Project Manager – Amber Mulnik
Children's Weekday Ministries Director – Dawn DuPont
Kid's Club Director – Julie Meyer
Christian Educator – Barb Geissinger
High School Youth Director – Ryan Roth-Klinck
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
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