

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of Dec. 27, 2020

JOYS:

- *Celebrating Christmas Joy
- *New Beginnings with 2021 coming up
- *Thanks to outgoing committee chairs, Jeff Swartzendruber (Trustees) & Scott Hauser (SPPRC)

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- *Dave & Maryann Ellis with COVID
- *Sean & Rachel Thomas with COVID
- *Sue Moss's sister-in-law, Connie in AZ, with COVID-19
- *City of Nashville after Christmas Day blast
- *Winter travel on the highways

IMPORTANT FINANCIAL NOTICE: Please have all 2020 giving postmarked by 12/31/20. As always, please clearly mark all giving and label any special giving. Thanks!!

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!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS VIDEO: Some of our Lovely Lane children virtually shared the Christmas Story. Unable to do a Christmas pageant, they shared in their own words the story of Jesus' birth. You can access the video via 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).

FAITH ISSUES CLASS meets every Sunday on Zoom at 9 AM. Just contact the church office or check out Faith Issues on the church's website 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 upcoming subjects are:

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

January 17, 24 & 31 – a discussion of the book White Fragility, class led by Rose Blank & Jo Hoover (see announcement below)

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

FAITH ISSUES DISCUSSION OF WHITE FRAGILITY:

On January 17, 24 and 31st, beginning at 9 AM, the Faith Issues Class will be discussing the book *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*. This book, written by Robin DiAngelo, addresses an important issue of our day. DiAngelo is an author and lecturer who has also been a consultant and trainer on issues of racism and social justice for over 20 years. One of the church goals set by the Administrative Council for 2021 is to "Address important social issues that need attention." The church needs to create

settings in which matters like racism, white supremacy, LGBTQ acceptance, and the welcoming of refugees and immigrants can be talked about and learning and action can take place."C -

The first week, Jo Hoover will be facilitating a conversation centering around our experiences with people of color. The next two weeks, Rose Blank will lead a discussion based on DiAngelo's book. Along with sharing background information on racism, DiAngelo probes some difficult areas and triggers for us as we deal with these issues surrounding race and white privilege. She also provides "Where do we go from here?" as a way to continue the conversations that move us to deeper work on the issues.

Join us during these weeks for conversation and learning that may be challenging and engaging as we move to deeper understanding and practice.

To receive the Zoom link to join us, please contact the church office or go to the Faith Issues section of the web site to sign up for the class.

NEW WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY: Pastor Kristina will lead a new study, via Zoom, beginning Monday, Jan. 4, at 7 PM. The book is Kate Bowler's *Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved*. Books have already been ordered, but contact Pastor Kristina at kristina@lovelylane.org ASAP if you'd still like to join the group. The cost of the book is \$12.00.

ZOOM STUDY GROUP W/PASTOR SCOTT: The book for the new study is "Philippians" by Cynthia Campbell. The new study begins on Weds., 1/6, at 9:30 AM and 7 PM. Books are now available in the church office at no cost. All are welcome!

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 Monday afternoons beginning at 1:00 PM. Please leave a message at the church for her or send an E-mail to vickic@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!

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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