

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of Dec. 6, 2020

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- *Sympathy to the family of Vivian Johnson
- *Sympathy to the family of Steve Stiers (Al's son)
- *Chris Budny with an upcoming medical procedure
- *Jan Robinson following procedure last week
- *Jim Daubenmier with health concerns
- *Liz Briggman's brother with health concerns
- *Pastor Scott's cousin, Leslie, with COVID and other health concerns
- *Pastor Kristina's grandmother with COVID
- *All those battling COVID
- *Those experiencing loneliness and isolation

JOYS:

- *Joint youth group Advent study with St. Paul's UMC
- *Nice winter weather
- *People helping others at the holidays
- *Returning of Angel Tree gifts and people's generosity
- *Christmas decorations and lights around the city



THIS YEAR'S ANGEL TREE is located in the vestibule by the education wing. **AS OF 9:15 AM ON 12/7, THERE WERE STILL 11 TAGS LEFT ON THE TREE!** You may stop by Mon.-Fri., 8am-5pm, to select a hanging tag. Presents are **due back by Dec. 11th and should be left unwrapped** (gift bags welcome!) with the angel tag attached to the outside of each sack/box/bag containing presents. Please bring your presents to the church narthex and leave them on or under the long table with the sign on it to the right of the church office. To pick up a tag(s), you must be let in the outside door by Kim or Dawn in the CWM office. Masks are required to enter the vestibule and the narthex. Thank you for your generosity!

THE ZOOM STUDY GROUP W/PASTOR SCOTT continues to meet on Wednesdays at 9:30 AM and 7 PM. A new study began on Dec. 2nd. The study focuses on "Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes." A few study books are still available in the church office (NO cost!). All are welcome!

NEW ADULT STUDY GROUP: Retired UMC pastor, the Rev. Steve Pudinski, is leading a 5-week study via Zoom on Tuesdays @ 7 PM (began 12/1). The topic is Adam Hamilton's book - *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*. Call the church office (393-6674) to sign up and arrange to pick up a book.

FAITH ISSUES CLASS now Zooms every Sunday from 9 to 10 AM. Upcoming topics are:

Dec. 13 - Spiritual Maturity & Decision Making on the Spot*

Dec. 20 - The Radical Center & Messy Spirituality*

Dec. 27 - Christmas thoughts of the group

(*from Adam Hamilton's book Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White)

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.

THE BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM has been a collaboration between HACAP, Pierce Elementary, and Lovely Lane UMC for many years. Lovely Lane has provided leadership, financial resources, donations from local food manufacturers, and dedicated weekly volunteers who pick up, pack, and deliver food bags to Pierce students. This program is crucial for families that struggle with food scarcity. As with many things this year, the pandemic has required us all to make adjustments. This year, in order to limit exposures and remain healthy and safe, Pierce Elementary will work directly with HACAP to supply nutritious food bags to our students.

Pierce students have been blessed to have such dedication from Lovely Lane. We hope that in the future, we can return to our volunteer partnership with Lovely Lane. *Julie Plante, Pierce Elem.*

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 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.

DIRECTORY CHANGE

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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 Dec. 24th @ 5 PM. You can access it thru a link on our website.

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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