

Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

April 2016

Vision Statement

We are here
to reflect
God's glory
in our
congregation,
in our world,
and in our
hearts.
Forgiven by
Christ,
we forgive.
Accepted by
God,
we accept.
Empowered by
the Holy Spirit,
we equip,
enable
and inspire
God's household
to servant
leadership.



A NOTE FROM HOME

Walking Into Resurrection

It's overcast. The wind bites through my fleece and woolen scarf.
The damp sidewalks are strewn with broken limbs,
their fingers reach out.
I sidestep their brokenness.

Trees threaten to break open their buds.
Easter wreaths hug front doors, bang in the wind.
Tired decorative snowmen still stand like sentries at the entrance to
driveways.

Autumn leaves flap wildly, caught in fences,
communities of color now faded and torn.

Seasons know no boundaries.
They meet each other, not looking their best.

But the Spirit lays her warm hands on my back, pushing, urging me on,
past brokenness and pale landscape.

The promise of Resurrection tosses to and fro whispering,
"Pay attention. I am coming."

Gayle Stevens Wilcox
March 23, 2016

Calendar of Events — April 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			ESL = English as a Second Language CCM = Care Center Ministry MHSG = Mental Health Support Group		1 9 am ESL	2 10 am Eagle Court of Honor
3 <i>Communion</i> 9 am Chancel Choir 6 pm Sr. High Youth Group	4 9 am ESL 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm C.E. Comm.	5 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 6:45 pm Women's Study	6 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 12 noon Women's Study 4:50 pm Youth Bells 5:30 pm Family Meal 6 pm Kid's Club 6 pm MS Youth Grp./ Confirmation 6 pm Adult Explo 6 pm Disciple IV	7 6:45 pm Handbells	8 9 am ESL	9
10 9 am Chancel Choir 4 pm Youth Collision Event @ Thomas Park (no regular LL youth group in evening)	11 9 am ESL 10 am Happy Endings 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	12 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 5:30 pm CWM Preschl. Family Night 6:30 pm MHSG 6:45 pm Women's Study	13 12 noon Women's Study 4:50 pm Youth Bells 5:30 pm Family Meal 6 pm Kid's Club 6 pm MS Youth Grp./ Confirm. interviews 6 pm Adult Explo 6 pm Disciple IV 7:15 pm SPPRC	14 7 am Leadership Brkfst (@ Panera's) 1 pm UMW meeting 5 pm Yoga 6 pm Yoga 6:45 pm Handbells	15 9 am ESL 12 noon Friendly Fellowship	16
17 9 am Chancel Choir 2 pm Boy Scouts High Adventure mtg. 6 pm Sr. High Youth Group	18 9 am ESL 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	19 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 10 am—5 pm JFON Office Hours 5 pm JFON Clinic 6:45 pm Women's Study	20 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 12 noon Women's Study 4:50 pm Youth Bells 5:30 pm Family Meal 6 pm Kid's Club 6 pm MS Youth Grp./ Confirm. interviews 6 pm Adult Explo 6 pm Disciple IV	21 5 pm Yoga 6 pm Yoga 6:15 pm Handbells 6:45 pm Missions 6:45 pm Trustees 7:00 pm Committees 7:50 pm Ad Council	22 9 am ESL	23 9 am—1:30 pm International Ladies Fellowship
24 <i>Capital Campaign Kickoff!</i> 9 am Chancel Choir 6 pm Sr. High Youth Group	25 9 am ESL 9 am Prayer Shawl 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	26 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 5:30 pm Library Tm. 6:45 pm Women's Study	27 12 noon Women's Study 4:50 pm Youth Bells 5:30 pm Family Meal 6 pm Kid's Club Celebration 6 pm MS Youth Grp./ Confirmation practice 6 pm Adult Explo 6 pm Disciple IV 6 pm Prayer Shawl	28 5 pm Yoga 6 pm Yoga 6:45 pm Handbells	29 9 am ESL 5:30 pm Wedding rehearsal	30 4 pm Wood wedding

FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP FOLKS & ALL OTHERS: You have been specially invited to attend a musical at Kennedy High School entitled "Pajama Game" on Wednesday, April 20th @ 1:00 PM. It is a FREE event!

Lovely Lane Worship, et al.

Worship in April

April 3rd: *2nd Sunday of Easter/Holy Communion*—8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM services

Scripture: Philippians 2:4-11

Sermon: "A Whole lot of Quarters"

April 10th: *3rd Sunday of Easter*—8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM services

Scripture: Acts 9:1-9

Sermon: "Struck by Lightning"

April 17th: *4th Sunday of Easter*—8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM services

Scripture: Jonah 1:1-3

Sermon: "Jonah: Not just a Whale's Tale"

April 24th: *5th Sunday of Easter*—8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM services

Scripture: Jeremiah 18: 1-12

Sermon: "Shaped by God"

Communion Helper Needed

After many years of faithful service, Dorothy Speight is stepping back from helping with monthly communion. We will miss her cheerful and can-do attitude! Now...we are looking for someone who would carry on with Dorothy's responsibilities in partnership with Carol Wishnowski, our other faithful and cheerful helper! If you would be willing to help set up and clean up communion before and after 8:00 worship and would like to know details about this opportunity, please contact Pastor Gayle (393-6674 or gaylew@lovelylane.org OR better yet, talk to her in person!).

Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration of this important worship duty!

Confirmation Celebration Sunday, May 1st - 10:30 Service

Join us as nine eighth graders confirm their faith in Christ and take church membership vows. Please pray for the following persons who have journeyed together in holy conversation, classes, field trips, service projects, and worship experiences! It takes a village to confirm a young disciple of Jesus! Thank you, Lovely Lane, for nurturing and encouraging our youth, their parents, and the mentors!

Student

CJ Currie
Alaina Mason
Emma Herold
Maria Mooney
Cailie Mumby
Madelyn O'Brien
Abby Spore
John Steffen
Wes Turner

Parents

Rich & Kim Currie
Jim & Anne Mason
Matt & Janet Herold
Chris & Linda Mooney
Wayland & Rhonda Mumby
Matt & Tammy O'Brien
Chad & Julie Spore
Brian & Carrie Steffen
Brian & Shelly Turner

Mentor

Joe Helle
Cathy Weber
Malea Mason
Marci Wittles
Amy Engelmann
Julie Meyers
Anne Heefner
Ron Nelson
Jacob Ciabatti

Thank you to Brian Steffen who served as our confirmation co-leader and special thanks to formerly confirmed members Malea Mason and Jacob Ciabatti who served as mentors!

UMW ACTIVITIES & EVENTS FOR APRIL 2016

LOVELY LANE UMW'S APRIL MEETING

Our UMW will meet on April 14th at 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will discuss domestic violence and will have a Waypoint staff member tell us how it affects women locally. Statistically, we know that one in three women will experience some level of violence in their lives--half of them from intimate partners. Three in ten women murdered in the U.S. are murdered by their husbands, ex-husbands or boyfriends. A survey of 6,000 American families found that half of the men who assault their wives also abuse their children. Each year an estimated 3,300,000 children are exposed to violence against their mothers or female caretakers by family members. Studies show that child abuse occurs in 30 to 60% of family violence cases that involve families with children. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this meeting to learn more about this issue and how UM Women can put their Faith, Hope and Love into Action. **BRING PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS TO THE MEETING TO HELP SUPPLY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS IN THE AREA.** Judy McDowell will serve as program coordinator and Jan Peterson as hostess.

EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT UMW SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT

APRIL 2, 2016 (10 AM - 2 PM; REGISTRATION 9:30 AM)

**at the MOUNT VERNON UMC, MT. VERNON, IA
"PRACTICING OUR HAPPINESS"**

This program is open to anyone looking to have happiness in their daily lives. The goal of this retreat is to find ways to practice happiness, through scripture, prayer, music, and meditation. The featured speaker will be Alison Dix sharing her insights on a "Joy-filled" life. Alison presented a program at the Beyond Rubies Event in Cedar Rapids in March. She will inspire you!

Each unit attending is asked to bring a salad per car load to share. The Mount Vernon UMC is hosting this event. We need to pre-register our unit by Monday, March 28th, so they can have a head count for lunch. Registrations can be emailed to Donna Jordan at ddjordan@q.com or 319 895-8759. Let your Happiness shine and join in the fun. Let's get a car load or two together and plan to attend this fun event! For more information or to register, contact Cheryl Murphy (319 377-6205).

EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT UMW'S SOCIAL ACTION PRIORITIES

APRIL 7, 2016 (10 AM - 12 Noon)

at ST. MARK'S UMC, IOWA CITY

If you missed the March 15th discussion on the UMW's social action priorities for 2016 (Maternal & Child Health; Racial and Gender Justice; Economic Inequality & Climate Justice), another meeting will be held at St. Mark's UMC in Iowa City. Come and learn more about the new emphasis the UMW will be focusing upon this year.

UMW TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We will be continuing our study of the Gospel of Matthew. We meet Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:15 AM in Fireside. We invite you to join us for study and fellowship. PLEASE LUG YOUR MUG FOR COFFEE TIME!

IOWA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSION U

The theme this year is *A Fresh Wind Blowing--Come Soar With Us*, the scripture is John 3:8, and the theme hymn is *Spirit of God* (#2117 in *The Faith We Sing* hymnals). Sessions will be held this summer and fall: July 17-20 or Oct. 21-23, 2016 at Iowa Valley Community College, Marshalltown, IA. The topics will be: *The Bible and Human Sexuality: Claiming God's Good Gift*; *Climate Justice: Call for Hope and Action*, and *Latin America: People and Faith*. Spanish, Korean, youth and children's classes will be available at Fall Mission U. Scholarships are also available. For more info. and registration forms, call Cheryl Murphy (377-6205).

Our Ministry Teams at Work

Ad Council

Decisions made (please direct any questions to Linda Carollo, Ad Council Chairperson):

- ◆ Will offer, via E-mail, the Ad Council minutes and the Monthly Financial Report to anyone in the congregation who requests them
- ◆ This summer (June-Aug.), we will have only one service so we can all worship together at 9:30 AM
- ◆ The Capital Campaign Committee can spend up to \$2,000 on expenses related to the fund-raising; the funds will be replenished with donations

Hospitality

- ◆ Easter Brunch—9-10:30 on March 27th
- ◆ Reception for Confirmation—May 1st

Health & Wholeness

- ◆ April 8th—provide meal for McDonald Room @ St. Luke's
- ◆ April 14th—start yoga classes
- ◆ April 19th—provide meal for JFON

Christian Education

- ◆ Palm Sun.—children wave palms in service
- ◆ Discussed VBS, gathering materials; 1st VBS meeting on Mon., May 2nd
- ◆ Next year (Fall 2016) we'll try Sat. AM for children's Read & Feed (9-11 am?)
- ◆ Camp Sunday is April 3rd—talk about registration & share information

February Financial Totals	
Cash inflow – mo. of Feb.	\$ 42,119
Cash inflow – YTD	\$ 89,782
Budget need/month	\$ 46,863
Cash outflow – mo. of Feb.	\$ 48,153
Cash outflow – YTD	\$ 90,281
Unpaid bills	\$ 0

Presence: Worship Attendance						
3/6	3/13	3/20	3/24 (Maundy Th.)	3/25 (Good Fri.)	3/27 (Easter)	
327	232	319	107	65	572	

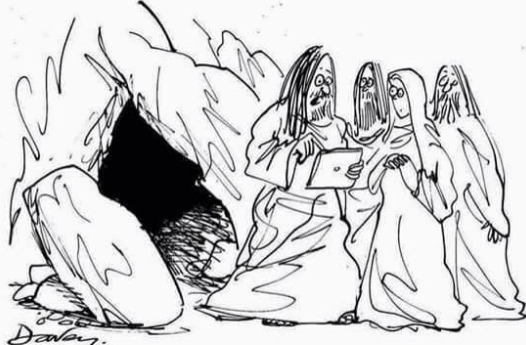
FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP

Friendly Fellowship will meet on Friday, April 15th, at noon for a potluck luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Gene and Bev Kadlec will serve as host/cohostess and the program will be by Barb Waterhouse-Miller and others who participated on a mission trip to Guatemala. They will present an interesting program on their work and also have a style show.

Come join us for good food, entertainment and fellowship!

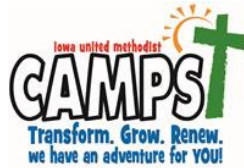
Yoga Comes to Lovely Lane

Beginning Thursday, April 14,, Lovely Lane will provide yoga from 5-6pm and 6-7pm. The first week we'll learn the basics of chair yoga; then on April 21, we'll learn the basics of level 1 yoga. Please come to both classes! After the initial 2 weeks, we will have a mixed class taught at both level 1 and chair. Classes will be held in the Youth Room; please arrive early to sign in and bring your own yoga mat, small towel, or blanket. Classes will be \$5 each (our instructor and LL member, Leslie Allred, is not set up for credit card payments).



"He's not in there! Oh, wait - he's changed his status to 'risen' "

YOUTH ACTIVITIES



Campers of All Ages – Pick from many themes and activities!

Sign up now for the camp you want! Don't miss out!

Unique locations with special programming - 3 camps in Iowa are:

PicturedRocks.Camp@iaumc.org, Monticello, IA

WesleyWoods.Camp@iaumc.org, Indianola, IA

Okoboji.Camp@iaumc.org, Spirit Lake, IA

Financial scholarship available upon request

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Set your calendars for 2016 Vacation Bible School: *Surf Shack—“Catch the Wave of God’s Amazing Love”* July 24th - 28th

Learn about God, mission, meet Snappy, and have FUN! Bring a friend!

Want to help with VBS?

Contact Mrs. G (Barb) @ christianedu@lovelylane.org.

Our first VBS Committee meeting is Monday, May 2nd, @ 7 PM in the Library.

Lovely Lane is Doing Something Big!

We're starting a \$900,000 fundraising campaign to:

- Replace/repair the flat roof;
- Pay off the church's debt; and
- Make interior design improvements to the Foyer, Narthex, Sanctuary, and Fireside Room

WANT TO HELP?

Pray for Lovely Lane! Attending a fundraising event!

Make a donation today -

mark it "Capital Campaign", or donate online!

The campaign officially kicks-off April 24!

Watch for more @ www.lovelylane.org.

Concerns & Celebrations

Thank you for your prayers, presence, gifts & service!

Prayer concerns:

- *Val Hill – death of her brother-in-law
- *Phil Martin's sister-in-law – passed away
- *Rex Heasty (LL custodian) family – death of his father
- *Jackie Schmidt, LL's former CWM director – is in the final stages of cancer; pray for her and her husband, Chuck, and sons, Cody & Dakota
- *Karmen Shedenhelm's son Michael – in hospice at Heritage Acres Care Center (where he's a resident)
- *Pat Brand – recovering from hip surgery
- *Michele Wasta – continued healing after hand surgery
- *Dorothy Speight—at home recovering from a fall
- *Erika Serbousek – continued prayers
- *Karen Wardenburg, new LL member – home after hospitalization
- *Daniel Randall (Marci Wittles' father) – eye surgery
- *Rory Niebuhr's Uncle Gary - esophagus cancer
- *Jim Craig's parents – pray for guidance & peace in dealing with health issues
- *Jan Townsend, Charlie Elgas' social worker/driver
- Sunday AM's – serious heart issues
- *Lynda, Charlie's temporary driver—facing surgery
- *Kim Jacobson's 92 yr.-old grandmother, Lenita—was hospitalized in Mason City due to a fall
- *Gene & Bev Kadlec's son-in-law, Jerry – recovering

Joys:

- *Sarah Westergren, new LL member – baby girl Quinn
- *Aurora (Rory) Wood was born 3/14 to Nick & Shelbie
- *LL folk replaced many stained church ceiling tiles
- *Kids enjoyed the "Read & Feed" on March 4th
- *Lots of sign-ups for new yoga class(es) at LL
- * Our high school youth & leaders had a great mission trip to Benton Harbor, Michigan
- *300+ attended our Palm/Passion Sunday services
- *Our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services were well attended and very moving
- *We had 550+ in attendance on Easter Sunday

Thank You Notes

I am so enjoying my lovely prayer shawl. It is keeping me cozy warm while I am "couch bound." The prayers that come with the shawl will provide lasting warmth. Thanks to you and the Prayer Ministry. *Pat Brand*

A big THANK YOU to everyone who donated candy and other items for Easter Eggs. Also, thanks to those who helped with crafts or hide eggs, etc., for the Children's Easter Egg Hunt.

Thank you for the recent donation of \$1,733.25 to the mission work of Justice For Our Neighbors. We couldn't do this work without your generous support. *Judy Kading, JFON volunteer*

Bless all of you for your prayers and kindness. Thank you for the Christmas plant and goodies which were appreciated, and in Feb. some Valentine cookies and a visit by Pastor Gayle. Then a few days ago, a small daffodil and another pastoral visit. Thank you to the members who came with treats for us, all of which was so special. Pastor Gayle brought Steve a prayer shawl when he was under the weather in part of Jan. and Feb.—which was so nice. So this Thank You is pretty much overdue. Steve said that at Sunday services people have asked about me. I still am using a walker. The Lord has been so great to us during 4 years of being in and out of the hospital and all the recoup time. *Sharon & Steve Mooney*

HAPPY ENDINGS

Happy Endings, book discussion group, will meet on Mon., April 11th, at 10 AM in the church library. The book we'll discuss is *The Housekeeper and the Professor* by Yoko Ogawa. In May we won't read a book, but come to the meeting with suggestions of a book or two you've read and think others would also enjoy. In June we'll read *Our Souls at Night* by Ken Haruf and in July *When Books Went to War* by Molly Guptil Manning. Contact Nancy Miller (393-6340) with questions.

Remembering with love

Dan Boonstra.....2012

Henry Hall.....2015



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday Worship Schedule:

8:00 AM Traditional
9:15 AM Traditional
10:30 AM Traditional with Choir (blended*
on 2nd & 4th Sundays)

**Blended = a mix of traditional & contemporary*

EMBODYING ...
DISCERNING ...
DISCOVERING ...
THE WILL OF GOD



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Lovely Lane Staff

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Youth Director.....Jenny Seylar
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Choir Director.....K. Weiler
Organist..... Dennis Ramsey
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