

Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

August 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

In the chaplain's office at St. Luke's/Unity Point Hospital, there hangs a banner with these words on it:

AN IRISH PRAYER

May those that love us, love us;
and those that don't love us,
may God turn their hearts;
and if he doesn't turn their hearts,
may He turn their ankles
so we'll know them by their limping.

Having a little of the Irish in me, I got a good laugh out of that prayer. There's some wisdom in it too, because, while I wouldn't recommend wishing sprained ankles on your enemies, I would recommend finding ways to discern who your true enemies are.

Our worst enemies, you see, most often go unrecognized by us and pass themselves off as friends. I'm not speaking of human enemies here, but of the way that good things can often distract us from better things. "Good is the enemy of the best" the old saying goes and that is especially true of the Christian. The lawn, the bake sale, the newspaper, the laundry, the telephone, the tv, all of these are fine things in themselves, but when they become more important than our time spent with God and family, then they become our worst enemy—worst because they are hidden in the "goodness."

In these busy, "feverish" days of summer, don't lose track of one another or of the God who gives you each day and each breath. Remember Him as you eat and drink, praise Him as you wake to a new morning, talk with Him as you prepare for the day's activities. Why waste all your time on eyebrow pencils and mouth wash, a soul needs beautifying each morning too! Know your enemies—whether they limp or not—and don't let them distract you from "the one needful thing." (See Luke 10:42)

Grace & Peace, Pastor Paul

Calendar of Events — August 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 9:30 am ESL 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	2 1:30 pm UMW (LL) officers planning mtg.	3 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 6 pm Summer Games (offsite)	4 5:30 pm Yoga	5 ESL (offsite)	6 9:30 am Set-up for Sunday brunch
7 <i>Communion Sunday</i> 10:30 am LL Staff Appreciation Brunch (everyone invited!) 3 pm Essential Oils 101	8 9:30 am ESL 10 am Happy Endings (offsite) 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Christian Education mtg.	9 6:30 pm MHSG	10 6 pm Summer Games 7:15 pm SPPRC	11 5:30 pm Yoga	12 ESL (offsite) 5:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal	13 3 pm Wedding— K. Thomas
14 10:30 am Summer Brunch / Packing supplies for CWA Back-to-School Shop- ping Spree @ 1 PM	15 (<i>Floor wax- ing this week</i>) 9:30 am ESL	16	17 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 6 pm Summer Games	18 7 am Leadership Brkfst (@ Panera's) (NO Yoga)	19 ESL (offsite)	20 8:30 AM UMW District Ldrs. Mtg.
21	22 9:30 am ESL 6:30 am Boy Scouts	23 10:30-5 pm JFON Office Hours 5-8 pm JFON Clinic	24 11:30 am Women's Study group lunch @ Emil's Hideaway	25 5:30 pm Yoga 6:45 pm Missions 6:45 pm Trustees 7:00 pm Committees 7:50 pm Ad Council	26 ESL (offsite) 7:30 pm MOVIE NIGHT	27
28	29 9 am Prayer Shawl Group 9:30 am ESL 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	30 5:30 pm Library Team	31 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 6 pm Summer Games 6 pm Prayer Shawl Group	ESL = English as a Second Language CCM = Care Center Ministry MHSG = Mental Health Support Group		

30-DAY JOURNEY PRAYER

*Our prayer and God's mercy are like two buckets in a well;
while one ascends, the other descends. -Arthur Hopkins*

During August, Iowa United Methodist Churches are invited to join our hearts together in prayer for this season of transition in the Iowa Conference.

Lifting prayers for Bishop Julius C. and First Lady Racelder Grandberry-Trimble as they prepare to become the resident Bishop and First Lady of the Indiana Conference. Offering prayers for Iowa's new resident Bishop Laurie Haller and her spouse Rev. Gary Haller as they arrive in Iowa, as well as prayers for the Iowa Annual Conference, churches, laity, and clergy.

Philippians 4:6-7 - *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

Lovely Lane Worship, et al.

Worship in August

August 7th: **Communion Sunday**—Summer All-Together 9:30 AM Service

Scripture: Luke 6:37-38

Sermon: "Learning the LaKota Way"

Join us after worship for a Staff Appreciation Brunch—everyone is invited!

August 14th: **13th Sunday after Pentecost**—Summer

All-Together 9:30 AM Service

Scripture: Luke 12:49-56

Sermon: "A Covenant on the Brink / United Methodists on the Edge of Schism"

Join us after worship for the last of our Summer Brunches after which we'll be packing and taking school supplies to kids in Cedarwood Hills Apts.

August 21st: **14th Sunday after Pentecost**—Summer

All-Together 9:30 AM Service

Guest speaker—Cathy Weber

August 28th: **15th Sunday after Pentecost**—

Summer All-Together 9:30 AM Service

Guest speaker—Margaret Nelson

CONFIRMATION IS COMING!

Confirmation begins on Wed., Sept. 7th, @ 5:30 PM. Current 8th graders (going into 8th grade this Fall) are invited to attend. Confirmation is a great time to explore: God; the Bible; Jesus Christ; the Holy Spirit; life's purpose, prayer; the church's mission; and more! Students will also experience mission opportunities, field trips, a Fall lock-in, and work with a personal faith mentor.

Contact Pastor Gayle (gaylew@lovelylane.org) with any questions you have.

PRESENTATION OF 3RD GRADE BIBLES

The Bible is a VERY special book. It's old, precious, filled with amazing and even funny stories, and introduces us to God and to ourselves! It teaches us about the Spirit and tells the stories of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. On **Rally Sunday, Sept. 11th**, our 3rd graders will be presented with their very own Bibles at our 8, 9:15, and 10:30 worship services! Contact Mrs. G (christianedu@lovelylane.org) to confirm that your 3rd grader is on our list.

Movie Night @ Lovely Lane

"BABE"

A little pig goes a long way



Friday, August 26th

7:30 – 10 PM

GET READY – to believe in your dreams, **GET SET** – for a fun night out, **GO** – to invite your friends and family to Movie Night @ Lovely Lane! *Come on over* on Friday, Aug. 26th, beginning at 7:30 PM for fun, games, and animal surprises! *Make a Pig of yourself* on popcorn and free refreshments, and *settle in* as the sun sets and the outdoor movie begins in our parking lot. A lawn chair is all you'll need for admission.

All ages are welcome for this Family Fun movie!!!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MISSION STUDY DAY

Thursday, August 11th, 2016

9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

at Salem UMC

3715 33rd Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids

Each carload please bring one salad to share for lunch!

The Topic will be "Climate Justice: A Call to Hope and Action." This workshop will be led by Mission U Instructor, Dr. Marty St. Clair, Chemistry Professor at Coe College and member of the Mt. Vernon UMC. This study will deepen understanding of climate change and its impact on God's Creation. We will learn not only about climate change, but about the justice concerns raised and communities affected by it. We will also learn how our actions contribute to climate change and what we can do to positively affect the environment. For more information and to make reservations, contact Cheryl Murphy @ 377-6205.

EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT UMW OFFICERS TO MEET AT LOVELY LANE ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 20TH, from 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM. This will be the District Team's chance to meet with members of Lovely Lane's UMW and look over our facilities as they begin final preparations for the District Annual Meeting to be held at LLUMC on Sat., Sept. 17th.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND WE HAVE A PROUD HERITAGE OF WORKING FOR MISSIONS, or as we say turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world, expanding the concept of mission of the United Methodist Church. **Do mark your calendars for September 17th and plan to attend to participate in the fun and learn about the ministries and missions of United Methodist Women.** Please contact Cindy Sale (395-0106) or Cheryl Murphy (377-6205) for reservations.

Hosting this district wide meeting is an honor but also a big undertaking. We will need help from many members of Lovely Lane UMC from setting up on Friday, September 16th, to helping out with hosting responsibilities on Saturday, to cleaning up and setting up for church after the meeting, Saturday afternoon. We want to offer the women from other East Central District UM churches a friendly welcome and warm hospitality. We are counting on many Lovely Lane members to say "YES" when we ask help with this event. For more information or to volunteer, contact Cheryl Murphy (377-6205) or Cindy Sale (395-0106).

UMW TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The UMW Bible Study group is NOT meeting during the summer months. Beginning **September 13th**, we'll resume meeting each Tuesday morning from **9:30 AM - 11:15 AM**.

We invite you to join with us this fall as we resume our study of the Gospel of Matthew.

Beginning in Sept., we've decided to not only LUG OUR MUGS, BUT ALSO TO FILL THEM AT HOME. SO COME PREPARED WITH YOUR FAVORITE BEVERAGE IN HAND!

UMW GARAGE SALE

The UMW Garage Sale is scheduled for **Sat., Oct. 15th**. PLEASE start setting aside items NOW that you'd like to contribute for this event!!!

FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP REMINDER

FF does not meet in August but will meet again starting in the Fall for our noon potluck. The first date is Friday, Sept. 16th. We hope that everyone has had a good summer and will be ready for a delicious lunch and a great program in September!



WOMEN'S RETREAT

A Women's Retreat is coming on Saturday, Oct. 29th, 8:30 AM -1:30 PM @ Prairiewoods! Come for Treats & Tai Chi, Spiritual Enrichment, a Fantastic Lunch, and Zen-Doodling! Stay tuned for more information!!

Presence: Worship Attendance

<u>7/3</u>	<u>7/10</u>	<u>7/17</u>	<u>7/24</u>	<u>7/31</u>
174	184	201	210	223

ESSENTIAL OILS 101

BY  YOUNG LIVING™

AUG. 7, 3 PM, @ LLUMC

Have you heard about essential oils and how they can help support your wellness journey?

We will crack to door to discovering countless uses of several of God's natural essential oils and how to use them as part of your everyday life.

RSVP Leslie Allred: allredla13@gmail.com.



HAPPY ENDINGS

Happy Endings, the book discussion group, will meet on Monday, August 8th, at 10 AM at the Barnes & Noble Bookseller. We'll have a presentation by a bookseller at B&N about new books we might be interested in reading. After that, we'll go to the Olive Garden Restaurant for lunch. Please join us for an informative presentation followed by fellowship at lunch.

If you have questions, please call Nancy Miller at 393-6340.

June Financial Totals

Cash inflow—mo. of June	\$ 50,503
Cash inflow—YTD	\$274,286
Budget need/month	\$ 46,863
Cash outflow—mo. of June	\$ 35,940
Cash outflow—YTD	\$268,691
Unpaid bills	\$ 7,281

COMING IN SEPT....

Tues., Sept. 6, 6:45 PM

& Wed., Sept. 7, Noon

Women's Study Groups begin; we'll be using "Listen: Praying in a Noisy World" by Rueben Job. Cost of books: \$10 each.

Sept. 1—AcabeLLa's first handbell rehearsal

Sept. 14—Zamar's first handbell rehearsal

CWM- Lovely Lane Preschool Trinity Lane Preschool
BASE - Before and After School Daycare
Recipe for a Great Summer!

10 Fantastic Staff	1 Trip to Planet X
60 Enthusiastic/Energetic Children	1 Trip to SkyZone
20 Trips to the swimming pool	3 Visits from the Storyteller
1 Trip to the Raptor Center	1 Day of Cake Decorating
1 Trip to a Dairy Farm	1 Day at Potter's Obsession
1 Trip to the Astronomy Observatory	2 Visits from Magicians
2 Trips Bowling	1 Visit from a clown
1 Trip to Twisters Gymnastics	1 Visit from a juggler
1 Trip to Ice Skate	8 Sessions of Art with Mr. B
1 Trip to Roller Skate	1 Sock Hop
1 Trip to Linn Co. Fair	3 Trips to the Splashpad
9 Trips to the Movie Theatre	1 Trip to Children's Museum
1 Trip to Indian Creek	1 Afternoon to stuff animals
1 Trip to Farrell's	1 Visit from Blank Park Zoo

Combine ingreds. over 10 wks.; stir in love, care, and dedication from the staff. Add student's anticipation and happiness with activities; mix together ages 5-12. Blend in a wonderful facility and community need for quality childcare; sprinkle in sunshine and playtime. Result is a special creation of God's love and care!

New items have been ordered, staff is hired, classes are full, floors are waxed, carpets cleaned.... Pre-school will begin Sept. 6th for 86 students at Lovely Lane and approximately 55 at Trinity Lane. Before and After School Daycare has their 1st day Aug. 23rd.



To all VBS helpers, the Education Committee extends a big THANK YOU! Your donation of supplies, decorations, time, food, and/or teaching are greatly appreciated in helping make *Surf Shack: Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love* a big success!

Fall Sunday School begins Sept. 11 for the 2016-17 school year. Adults, plan now to participate in 1 of 2 adult classes (*Faith Issues* or *Faith Journeys*) meeting at 9:15 AM. Parents, be sure your Pre-school-5th grade children are registered for either the 9:15 or 10:30 AM Sunday School class. Middle School youth also need to register for their Sunday School class held at 9:15 AM in the Youth Room.

Read 'n Feed is at a new time this fall: 9-11 AM on Sat., Oct. 15th. This event is designed for adults and youth to read to Preschool-3rd Grade kids. Refreshments will be provided. More info. to come!

Erik: Why did the robot go on summer vacation? Sarah: I haven't a clue.

Erik: He needed to recharge his batteries

KID'S CLUB: As summer transitions to fall, you can look forward to fun and fellowship at Kid's Club! All preschool through 5th graders are invited to attend the fall start to Kid's Club on Wed., Sept. 14th. Wednesday evening ministries will again offer supper at 5:30 PM with Kid's Club starting at 6 PM. *More information to follow via email and Facebook.*

If you wish to be on the mailing list to receive electronic info. about Kid's Club or if you wish to serve in the Kid's Club ministry, contact Amy Engelmann (319-360-1540 or amyengelmann@gmail.com).

Concerns & Celebrations

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

Prayer concerns:

- *Death of Dick Chelikowsky – funeral was @ LL on 7/13
- *Death of Sharon Mooney – a Celebration of Life Service was held on 7/27 @ Murdoch-Linwood Funeral Home, followed by a reception at LL
- *Marci Wittles' 3-yr.-old granddaughter, Cami – recovering from a bad virus
- *Daniel Randall – at home after being hospitalized
- *Bev Speer – recovering from heart valve surgery
- *Brenda Borden – recovering from a grand mal seizure
- *Joan Locke – recovering from surgery on 7/18
- *Marge Morris - had an epidural for back pain
- *Curtis Thomas – his Aunt Pat passed away
- *Sue Moss's 96-yr.-old dad, Herb Eckert, recovering from surgery on 7/19 for a broken femur
- *Pictured Rocks Camp suffered damage from recent storms
- *Those affected by gun violence in our cities

Joys:

- *All of the To-Do cards from Trustees' chair Becky Wood, re small jobs around the church that need doing, were taken and most or all tasks completed – good job, Lovely Laners!
- *M.S. youth had a good Mission trip working in Mechanicsville w/Bertram, Morley, Mechanicsville, & Buffalo youth
- *Big turnout 7/3 for sack-lunch packing for homeless shelters
- *Green Team gave \$1,000 toward our new LED lights' cost
- *Our Sr. High youth had a memorable mission trip
- *The 5 [U.S. UM jurisdictional conferences](#) elected a total of 15 new bishops; the gatherings also finalized the next assignments for a no. of already active episcopal leaders
- *New Bishop, Laurie Haller from Michigan - 1st female bishop for the IA Annual Conference! She's a preacher, Bible teacher, biker and runner. Bishop Trimble was reappointed to Indiana.
- *Generous free will offering for Forté handbell concert on 7/18: \$975!
- *We had an awesome Vacation Bible School July 24th-28th! Thanks to all who donated supplies, helped at and/or attended the event!!
- *Another Young Families event was held at church on July 31st

Remembering with love

Ron Gauper.....2014

Thank You Notes

The family of Dick Chelikowsky wishes to thank everyone for the love and concern that was shown us during the illness and death of "Chili". We are grateful to the choir members who participated in the service. It would have meant a lot to Dick and it meant a lot to his family. We also want to thank the UMW ladies (and helpers) for serving the luncheon so efficiently. We especially want to thank Pastors Paul and Gayle who not only made Dick's service special, but who were "there" for us and visited and comforted both Chili and me from the beginning of this illness. Our daughter Marie, who was also the recipient of prayers from the folks at Lovely Lane ten years ago when she had a serious car accident, wanted you to know that we feel blessed that God allowed us to have Dick as a father and a husband for as long as He did. He was a loving man and put his family above all else...always. But we laugh that RAGBRAI and bike riding were a very close second.

Jeanne Chelikowsky & family

Thank you for all the greetings, notes and cards we received as we celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary. Our church family is an important part of our life. *Don & Wanda Whitford*

Thank you LLUMC for the warm, comfy prayer shawl. *Barb Crawford (from Buffalo UMC –Pastor Gayle did a funeral for Norm Crawford)*

Thank you: I have spent the last 3 days with your youth and just wanted to say thank you and how proud you should be to have them representing your church. *Michael O'Connor "Tater Salad"*

Thank you congregation! The students on the mission trip had lots of fun and helped lots of people! We thank you for supporting us on this trip! *Alaina, Rachel, Jay, Jacob, Jodie, Mallory, David, Malea, Jared & Jenny*

