

# Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

January 2018

## 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

### Standing at the Gates of the New Year

Sacred Mystery,  
waiting on the threshold  
of this new year,  
you open the gates  
and beckon to me:

“Come! Come!

Be not wary of what awaits you  
as you enter the unknown terrain,  
be not doubtful of your ability  
to grow from its joys and sorrows.

For I am with you.

I will be your Guide.

I will be your Protector.

You will never be alone.”

Guardian of this new year,  
I set aside my fears, worries, concerns.  
I open my life to mystery, to beauty,  
to hospitality, to questions,  
to the endless opportunity  
of discovering you in my relationships,  
and to all the silent wisps of wonder  
that will draw me to your heart.

I welcome your unfailing Presence  
and walk with hope into this new year.

- Joyce Rupp

*Grace & Peace, Pastor Paul*

## Calendar of Events — January 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> <i>Happy New Year!</i>	<b>2</b> 6:45 pm WOF	<b>3</b> 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 4:50 pm Zamar 5:30 pm Family Meal 6 pm Kid's Club 6 pm MS Yth./Confirm. 6 pm Adult Explo	<b>4</b> 5:30 pm Yoga 6:45 pm AcabeLLa	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9 am-1:30 pm ILF
<b>7</b> <i>Epiphany Sunday</i> 9 am Choir 6 pm Sr. High Youth	<b>8</b> 10 am Happy Endings 5:30 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Christian Education mtg.	<b>9</b> 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 6:30 pm Mental Health Support Grp 6:45 pm WOF	<b>10</b> 4:50 pm Zamar 5:30 pm Family Meal 6 pm Kid's Club 6 pm MS Youth 6 pm Adult Explo	<b>11</b> 7 am Leadership Brkfst. (@ Panera's) 1:00 pm UMW 5:30 pm Yoga 6:30 pm Cap. Campaign Design Team 6:45 pm AcabeLLa	<b>12</b> 3:30-6 pm Open House honoring Paul Nylin (@ Meth-wick, Greenwood Terrace Dining Rm.—2nd flr.)	<b>13</b> 11 am Paul Nylin Celebration of Life / Luncheon following
<b>14</b> <i>Communion</i> 9 am Choir 6 pm Sr. High Youth Lock-in @ Kenwood Park UMC	<b>15</b> 5:30 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	<b>16</b> 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 6:45 pm WOF	<b>17</b> 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 12 noon WWW 4:50 pm Zamar 5:30 pm Family Meal 6 pm Kid's Club 6 pm MS Yth./Confirm. 6 pm Adult Explo	<b>18</b> 5:30 pm Yoga 6:15 pm AcabeLLa 6:45 pm Trustees 7 pm Committee Meetings 7:50 pm Ad Council	<b>19</b> 12 noon Friendly Fellowship	<b>20</b> 8:30 am Men's Breakfast 6:30 pm SPPRC
<b>21</b> 9 am Choir 6 pm Sr. High Youth	<b>22</b> 5:30 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	<b>23</b> 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 6:30 pm Missions 6:45 pm WOF	<b>24</b> 12 noon WWW 4:50 pm Zamar 5:30 pm Family Meal 6 pm Kid's Club 6 pm MS Youth 6 pm Adult Explo	<b>25</b> 5:30 pm Yoga 6:45 pm AcabeLLa	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9 am Choir 6 pm Sr. High Youth	<b>29</b> 9 am Prayer Shawl 5:30 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	<b>30</b> 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 6:45 pm WOF	<b>31</b> 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 12 noon WWW 4:50 pm Zamar 5:30 pm Family Meal 6 pm Kid's Club 6 pm MS Yth./Confirm. 6 pm Adult Explo	CCM = Care Center Ministry CWM = Children's Weekday Ministries UMW = United Methodist Women	ILF = International Ladies Fellowship WOF = Women Of Faith WWW = Wednesday Women & the Word	

### **United Methodist Women News**

**UMW Tues. AM Bible Study** resumes **Jan. 9th, from 9:30-11:15 AM in Fireside**, with continued study of the Gospel of Luke. Our studies help us gain new insights and understanding of the Scriptures, continue to grow spiritually, and deepen our faith within a loving, caring fellowship. We invite anyone free Tuesday mornings to join us! **Bring your favorite beverage along!!**

**UMW meets on Thurs., Jan. 11th, at 1 PM** in Fellowship Hall. Fonda Carris will lead our program: our annual Call to Prayer & Self-Denial. *Learning for a Lifetime: Developing Leaders* is the 2018 Mission theme, and this year's offering will go to support programs offering educational opportunities to the underserved and marginalized. Projects will include child development and after-school programs, GED and ESL programs, job readiness, life skills and livelihood training, scholarships, and informal and formal educational opportunities. This is part of UMW's commitment to leadership development - equipping women and girls for leadership in church and society. Before this meeting, think about the women leaders in your life and how they've impacted you.

**IMPORTANT E. CENTRAL DISTRICT UMW DATES:** 1/11—Human Trafficking Awareness Day; 1/18—Advocacy Day, Des Moines

#### **Thank You Notes**

**Thank you** to the prayer shawl ministry for the beautiful, soft prayer shawl. It's comforting to be wrapped in your prayers and enfolded in God's love. Thanks also to Pastor Gayle for her care and concern. *Karmen Shedenhelm*

**Thank you** and the people in your congregation so much for the beautiful, warm shawl. I wrapped up in it on the way home from Ames. I've used it daily, and each time I put it around my shoulders I feel the good thoughts and prayers of you and your congregation. *Sue Devine* (Lu Serbousek's sister)

## Lovely Lane Worship, et al.

### Worship in January

Jan. 7th: *Epiphany Sunday (no communion)*—  
8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Services

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon: *Guest preacher—Rev. Arnette Pint*

Jan. 14th: *2nd Sunday of Epiphany / Holy Communion*—8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Services

Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Sermon: "Paying Attention"

Jan. 21st: *3rd Sunday of Epiphany*—8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Services

Scripture: John 15:1-11

Sermon: "When God Prescribes a Prune"

Jan. 28th: *4th Sunday of Epiphany*—8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Services

Scripture: Hebrews 10:23-25

Sermon: "Giving Up Church"

### Presence: Worship Attendance

12/3	12/10	12/17	12/24-AM	12/24-Eve.	12/31
294	270	324	129	463	100

### FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP

FF will meet on Fri., Jan. 19th, at noon in Fellowship Hall for a potluck luncheon; the Goodmans & Sue Moss will host. Our speaker will be Patti Kunz from Habitat For Humanity speaking on what Habitat is doing in CR and what the Restore (retail sales store) has to offer. Her presentation promises to be informative and educational!

### HAPPY ENDINGS

Our book discussion group will meet on Monday, Jan. 8th, at 10 AM in the church library. The book we're reading for January is *The Bookshop On The Corner* by Jenny Colgan. The book to read for Feb. is *Endurance* by Scott Kelly; the book to read for March is *The Gentleman From Moscow* by Amor Towles. Anyone can join us for good discussion and good fellowship!

### November Financial Totals

Cash inflow—mo. of Nov.	\$ 39,121
Cash inflow—YTD	\$481,660
Budget need/month	\$ 46,308
Cash outflow—mo. of Nov.	\$ 49,529
Cash outflow—YTD	\$500,819
Unpaid bills	\$ 0

### Concerns & Celebrations

#### Prayer concerns:

- \*Dawn Nylin & family—on her husband Paul's death; his service is @ LL on 1/13 @ 11 AM, followed by lunch
  - \*Carmen Johnson & family—on her mother's death; her service was on 1/2 in West Branch
  - \*Jack Sackett—on the 12/31 death of his sister, Betty
  - \*Becky Helle & family—death of her stepfather, Harry
  - \*Rita McCord's family—on the death of an uncle
  - \*Marcie Baugh—recovering from shingles while undergoing tests for serious back distress
  - \*Chuck Sitter—hospitalized with multiple health issues
  - \*Kent Jackson's mother, Neia—had hip surgery
  - \*Karmen Shedenhelm—had emergency surgery
  - \*Trinity Lane Preschool—still looking for a new home
  - \*Don Esker—recovering from knee surgery
  - \*Kay Rath—had surgery 12/4 to assist with her recovery
  - \*Patty Logsdon's Aunt Doris—in palliative care
  - \*Cathy Weber's daughter-in-law—broken ankle
  - \*Engelmanns—for safety in their trip around the world
  - \*Betty VanFossen—lymphoma treatment
  - \*ReGina Culbertson—was hospitalized
  - \*Lu Serbousek's sister, Susan—had double mastectomy
  - \*Sue Boyle's dtr., Shannon—having medical tests
  - \*2 boys in Rita McCord's elem. class—in foster care after father found unconscious from a drug overdose
  - \*Jan Peterson—recovering from glaucoma surgery
  - \*Quintin Taylor—recovering from shoulder surgery
  - \*Pam Nixon's mother—had a small stroke
  - \*Kim Currie's aunt Carol—has lung cancer
  - \*Richard & Velma Rainville—for their unborn great niece
  - \*Pray for those who are traveling, sorrowing, or suffering during this season, AND pray for our world
- Joys:**
- \*KUDOs to Johnsons, Helles & crew for a great job decorating (& undecorating) LL for Advent & Christmas
  - \*30+ women had a great time at the 12/2 Advent Coffee
  - \*ALL Angel Tree tags were taken for Christmas!
  - \*Folks expressing their interest in joining Lovely Lane committees, small groups, etc. for 2018
  - \*An awesome 12/17 Children's Christmas Program!

#### *Remembering with love:*

*Darwin Keegan.....2015*  
*Donna Knutson.....2015*

# 2018 LOVELY LANE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL AND MINISTRIES

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Linda Carollo, Chair  
Nancy Hinkel, Ad Council Secretary  
Maggie Thomas, Lay Leader (8 am)  
Cathy Weber, Lay Leader (9:15 am)  
Frank Camp, Lay Leader (10:30 am)  
Susan Camp, Lay Member to Ann. Conf.  
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Marcie Stumpf, Treasurer  
-----, Finance Secretary  
Julie Hupp, Auditor  
**Susan Camp**, Membership Secretary  
Barb Geissinger, Christian Educator  
Julie Meyer, Director Kid's club  
Paul Wilcox, Pastor  
Gayle Wilcox, Associate Pastor

### Administrative Chairs:

Bev Kadlec, Memorials  
Becky Wood, Trustees  
Bob Dagit, Finance  
Cathy Weber, Stewardship  
Matt Mulnik, SPPR  
Cindy Sale, Endowments

### Program Chairs:

Barb Geissinger, Education  
Linda Keefe, Health & Wholeness Co-Chair  
Maggie Thomas, Health & Wholeness Co-Chair  
Les Minor, Missions/ Community Engagement  
Carolyn Barnes, CWM Director  
Bev Kadlec, Music  
Judy McDowell, Hospitality Chair  
Kathy Gilbert, Library

### Coordinators:

Cheryl Murphy, UMW President  
Fonda Carris, Prayer Chain

## EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Barb Geissinger, Christian Educator  
Julie Meyer, Director Kid's club  
**Dave & Mary Ann Ellis**  
Amy Conyers  
Melissa Davis  
Jaime Lahip  
Carla Levi  
Nancy Grabe  
Carla Jesse, Children's Choir  
Kathy Gilbert, Library

## ENDOWMENT TEAM

Cindy Sale, Chair Paul Wilcox, Pastor  
Marcie Stumpf, Treasurer, Finance Rep.  
Jerry Showman  
Jack Murphy

## FINANCE TEAM

Bob Dagit, Chair Paul Wilcox, Pastor  
\_\_\_\_\_, at large  
\_\_\_\_\_, Finance Secretary  
Marcie Stumpf, Treasurer  
Cathy Weber, Stewardship  
Linda Carollo, Ad Council Chair  
Patty Logsdon, Counter Rep.  
Frank Camp, Lay Leader Rep.

## HEALTH AND WHOLENESS MINISTRIES

Linda Keefe, Co-Chair Gayle Wilcox, Associate  
Maggie Thomas, Co-Chair Pastor  
Linda Eggleston  
Barb Waterhouse-Miller  
Leslie Allred  
Carol Wilson  
Lisa Taylor  
Cheryl Mead  
Becky Rindfleisch  
Virginia Weiland  
Jayne Woodson  
**Nancy Miller, Marilyn Beebe, Joan Locke**

## HOSPITALITY

Judy McDowell, Chair Gayle Wilcox, Associate  
Cindy Schile, Susan Gould Pastor  
Barb Mussman, **Gloria Jahnel**  
Elaine Read, **Judy Chihak**  
Suzanne Boyle, **Jeanne Chelikowsky**  
Marilyn Goodman, **Elizabeth Briggman**  
Mary Abbey, **Sharilyn Forcht**

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) SUPPORT

Brian Schear Paul Wilcox, Pastor  
Jon Lauritsen  
Ben Oliver  
Eric Wylie  
Justin Davis

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (Nominations)

Pastor Paul Wilcox, Chair  
Pastor Gayle Wilcox  
Susan Blum, 2018  
Anne Heefner, 2018  
Sue Moss, 2019  
Bill Mead, 2019  
Kim Currie, 2019  
**Audrey Wheeler**, 2020, **Amy Engelmann**, 2020

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## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DESIGN TEAM

Kevin Ciabatti, chair Pastor Paul Wilcox  
Erv Mussman  
Duane Abbey  
Bev Kadlec  
Myrna Loehrlein  
Curtis Thomas  
Kim Hammer  
Susan Camp  
Margaret Nelson  
**Megan Schmitt**  
**Carrie Steffen**

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL TEAM

Eric Wylie, chair Pastor Paul Wilcox  
Shelly Turner  
Frank Camp  
Becky Wood

## CHILDREN'S WEEKDAY MINISTRIES BOARD

**Myrna Loehrlein**, President  
Carolyn Barnes, Director  
Dawn DuPont, Trinity Lane Site Director  
Paul Wilcox, Pastor, Lovely Lane UMC  
Carol Sundberg, Pastor, Trinity UMC  
Gina Fisher Cindy Rupe  
Kathy Gilbert Steve Goodanew  
Kay Rath Christa Douglas  
Amber Mulnik Ashley Barry

**LIBRARY MINISTRY TEAM**

Kathy Gilbert, Contact    Gayle Wilcox, Assoc. Pstr.  
 Linda Carollo  
**Patti Sorsby**  
 Suzanne Carter  
 Mary Abbey  
 Sue Moss

**MISSION MINISTRIES**

Les Minor, Chair    Paul Wilcox, Pastor  
 Maryann Stewart, Ron Nelson  
 Dana Ranken, Lisa Pakkebieer  
 Glenn & Kim Hammer  
 Cindy Linder, Sherry Minor  
**Kent Jackson**

**MEMORIALS TEAM**

Bev Kadlec, Chair    Gayle Wilcox, Assoc. Pastor  
 Sharon Kouba  
 Mary Abbey

**MUSIC MINISTRIES**

Kris Weiler, Chancel Choir Director  
 Dennis Ramsey, Organist  
 Reagan Linder, Pianist  
 Carla Jesse, Director of Children's Choir  
 Jared Stumpf, Accompanist for Children's choir  
 Gayle Wilcox, Director of Handbells  
 Paul Wilcox, Pastor

**OLDER ADULT COUNCIL**

Joy Jackson, Cathy Weber, Myrna Loehrlein,  
**Rose Blank**—Nursing Home Ministry  
 Nancy Miller—Friendly Fellowship  
 Gayle Wilcox—Shepherds

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Sharon Kouba

**STAFF/PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS TEAM**

Matt Mulnik, Chair  
 Susan Camp, Lay Member to Annual Conf. 2017  
 Madeline O'Brien, Youth Rep. 2019  
 Jeff Linder, 2018  
 John Schultz, 2019  
 John Hinkel, 2019  
 Scott Hauser 2019  
**Pat Swartzendruber 2020**  
**Darla Carter 2020**  
 Paul Wilcox, Pastor & Gayle Wilcox, Assoc. Pastor

**STEWARDSHIP TEAM**

Cathy Weber, Chair    Paul Wilcox, Pastor  
 Susan Camp  
 Guy Locke  
 Erv Mussman  
 Justin Gehrts

**TRUSTEES**

Becky Wood, Chair 2018  
 Craig Nixon, 2018  
 John Hill, 2018  
 Scott Hauser, 2019  
 Chad Wheeler, 2019  
 Tom Haring, 2019  
**Brandon Neugebauer, 2020**  
**Andy Vorwerk, 2020**  
**Jeff Swartzendruber, 2020**  
**Mark Fischer, 2020**  
**Guy Locke, 2020**  
 Marcie Stumpf, Treasurer, ex. Off  
 David Fisher, Risk Manager

**Kitchen Team:**

Lyn Lewis  
 Anne Mason  
 Mary Vorwerk

**WORSHIP TEAM**

Marlo Jack—Christmas/Easter Flowers  
 Linda Eggleston—Lent & Easter Greenery  
**Sharon Vavra & Donna Mooney—Paraments**  
 Anne Heefner—Candles  
 Kathy Gilbert—8:00 Worship Volunteer Coord.  
 Marci Wittles—9:15 Worship Volunteer Coord.  
 Barb Mussman—10:30 Worship Vol. Coord.  
 Linda Jones, Linda Keefe, Joy Jackson,  
 & Terrie Seibert—Sanctuary Resuppliers  
 Wilma Parsons—Communion Steward  
 (8:00 & 9:15)  
 Carol Wishnowski—Communion Steward  
 (9:15 & 10:30)  
 Diana Rettig coordinator—Baptismal Banners  
 Brad & Sherry Johnson—Christmas Decorating  
 Gayle Wilcox, Associate Pastor

**Altar Guild (Retable):**

Gayle Wilcox, Associate Pastor  
**Mary Vorwerk, Rose Blank**  
**Pam Morris, Dianna Rettig**

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

Cheryl Murphy, President  
 Nancy Miller, Vice President  
 Fonda Carris, Secretary  
 Cindy Sale, Treasurer

**Prayer Chain:**

Fonda Carris, Chair  
 Marge Morris, Cheryl Murphy, Nancy Snyder

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MaryAnn Stewart

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 Paul Wilcox, Pastor

**EC DISTRICT BOARD OF ORDAINED MINISTRY**

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 Gayle Wilcox, Associate Pastor

**EC DISTRICT PARISH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Paul Wilcox, Hispanic Chair

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**Bill Grabe**  
**Amy Ciabatti**  
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Pam Nixon, Pam Morris, Mary Vorwerk

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Sharon Kouba, Heather Hingtgen,

**BAPTISMAL BANNERS** Diana Rettig

