

# Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

July 2015

## 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

Can it be July already? Whatever happened to June? I thought summer was supposed to slow down, but not this year!

Our All-Together Worship services for the summer have been fun, haven't they? At times it feels like a family reunion, and I'm really enjoying the conversations, the children playing, the special events, and—of course—the donut holes! Annual Conference in early June featured three teaching sessions with the Rev. Adam Hamilton—unforgettable! Finally, our Senior High mission trip in mid-June to the Henderson Settlement in Kentucky was highly meaningful to youth and adults alike!

Now July brings a welcome to our new District Superintendent—Kiboko Kiboko. Our Building Renewal Team continues to meet with Gale Francione, a liturgical consultant. I am excited for all of you to hear more about the improvements the team will soon be proposing for our Narthex, Fireside, and Sanctuary! RAGBRAI will visit our community on the 23rd & 24th. After that, I'll be leaving on my 2-week Renewal Leave on the 27th. During this time, I'll be praying, reading, learning yoga, and climbing mountains with my dog, Kafi, and my brother, Mark.

Then in August, we'll be worshipping under the trees at Pierce Park on the 16th.

All in all, the Spirit has been moving this summer, and I hope you've been a part of it!! As it says in Hebrews 10:23-25:

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near.”

As July draws near, may we all be so provoked!

*In Christ, Pastor Paul*

## Calendar of Events — July 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 6 pm Summer Games (Youth)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> (church & office closed due to 7/4 falling on a week-end)	<b>4</b> <i>Happy 4th of July</i>
<b>5</b> <i>Communion Sunday</i>	<b>6</b> 9 am ESL 6:15 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm C.E. mtg.	<b>7</b> 10 am-5 pm JFON office hours 5-8 pm JFON Clinic	<b>8</b> 6 pm Summer Games (youth) 6:30 pm VBS planning mtg. 7:30 pm SPPRC	<b>9</b> 7 am Leadership Breakfast (@ Panera's)	<b>10</b> 9 am ESL	<b>11</b> 9 am International Ladies Fellowship
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9 am ESL 10 am Happy Endings 6:45 pm Boy Scouts	<b>14</b> 6:30 pm MHSG	<b>15</b> 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 6 pm Summer Games (youth) 6:30 pm VBS Planning Committee	<b>16</b> 6:00 pm Trustees 7:00 pm Ad Council	<b>17</b> 9 am ESL	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <i>Youth Sunday</i> 5:30 pm Family Meal 6-8 pm Vacation Bible School (VBS)	<b>20</b> 9 am ESL 5:30 pm Family Meal 6-8 pm VBS	<b>21</b> 5:30 pm Family Meal 6-8 pm VBS	<b>22</b> 5:30 pm Family Meal 6-8 pm VBS	<b>23</b> 5:30 pm Family Meal 6-8 pm VBS	<b>24</b> 9 am ESL	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <i>VBS Sunday</i>	<b>27</b> 9 am ESL 9 am Prayer Shawl 6:15 pm Boy Scouts	<b>28</b> 5:30 pm Library Trn.	<b>29</b> 6 pm Summer Games (Youth) 6 pm Prayer Shawl	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 9 am ESL	ESL = English as a Second Language CCM = Care Center Ministry MHSG = Mental Health Support Group

### NEW EAST CENTRAL SUPERINTENDENT NAMED

Rev. Kiboko I. Kiboko will be the new Conference Superintendent for the East Central District, effective July 1st. Rev. Kiboko was ordained as an Elder in the UMC in 2000; he has served as associate pastor at Mt. Pleasant, pastor at Laurel, and is currently pastor at the Norwalk UMC. He succeeds Rev. David Crow, who has served as Conference Superintendent for the East Central District since March 2009.

Bishop Julius C. Trimble describes Rev. Kiboko as “an excellent preacher and great at communicating the power and grace of the United Methodist Connection. An early adopter of the Imagine No Malaria campaign, Rev. Kiboko believes United Methodists are at our best when we encourage children and youth and speak up for the marginalized throughout the whole world.” As an example of that, Bishop Trimble notes that Rev. Kiboko “has recently been to his home country, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, to advocate on behalf of his brother Vano Kiboko, ...in prison for advocating on behalf of the marginalized.”

# Lovely Lane Worship, et al.



## Worship in July

July 5th: **Communion Sunday**— 9:30 am service (**One, All-Together Service** for summer)

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:17-19

Sermon: “HWJV—How Would Jesus Vote”

July 12th: **7th Sunday in Kingdomtide**— 9:30 am service

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:4-10

Sermon: “Where We Worship”

July 19th: **Youth Sunday**—9:30 am service

Scripture: Hebrews 13:1-8

Sermon: “Angels Unawares”

July 26th: **VBS Sunday**—9:30 am service

Scripture: Daniel 3:8-23

Sermon: “How Do I Love Thee”

**Coffee Time every Sunday @ 8:45 AM**

## JULY WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

**(Every Sunday @ 8:45 is coffee time!)**

**July 5:** 9:30 Worship; Fellowship after service with donuts & coffee PLUS a Moai Neighborhood Prayer Walk

**July 12:** 9:30 Worship; Fellowship after service with a Brunch PLUS a presentation/tour by the Building Renewal Team

**July 19:** 9:30 Worship; Fellowship after service with donuts & coffee PLUS Pierce School Clean-up

**July 26:** 9:30 Worship; Fellowship after service with donuts & coffee PLUS Games

## Building Renewal Team Kicks Off! Come July 12th!

Did you know that Lovely Lane has a Building Renewal Team? We do! YOU do! This team has been meeting since May as we prayerfully consider the needs of our building (beyond paying down our mortgage) based on the survey you completed last year. This team is working in conjunction with Shive-Hattery Architecture Engineering Consultant Firm.

Please plan to join us for a special worship service on **Sun., July 12th**, when we will celebrate “Where We Worship” and take a visual journey through the history of worship. Gale Francione, our liturgical consultant, will guide us as we enjoy an interactive look at: The Places of People, of Baptism, of Word, of Meal, of Music and we’ll learn about our Retable.

Following worship, we will enjoy brunch together and then take a ‘tour’ of our worship space/narthex where you can:

\*Share stories...I remember when we faced south-east in worship!

\*Ask questions...Why aren’t our pews secured to the floor? AND

\*Give feedback on any dreams or hopes you might have for the future physical shape of worship here at Lovely Lane.

## Lovely Lane will have a *Flood the Run* team

on August 15th! This is a family-friendly, 2.7 mile water-themed, fun run/walk that is non-competitive and not timed. Proceeds benefit [Matthew 25](#) and [The Salvation Army](#). It’ll be lots of fun for all ages!

If you’d like to be on the Lovely Lane team, please contact Shelly Turner at [shelly@turnermktng.com](mailto:shelly@turnermktng.com) before **July 15th**. (For more information, go to [http://www.crfloodtherun.com/.](http://www.crfloodtherun.com/))



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2015

The dates for Lovely Lane's summer VBS are July 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> (Sun.-Thur.). We'll begin with a family meal at 5:30 PM (optional) and move on to lots of learning, fun, and activities from 6:00 to 8 PM. Our theme is *EVEREST: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power*. Kids going into Pre-school thru 5th grade are invited (those entering 6th grade & up may sign up as helpers). There is no cost except a suggested donation of \$5/meal/person. A music CD may be purchased for \$10.00.

## Youth activities

### SUMMER GAMES

Summer Games continue on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00 PM, featuring an hour of games, snacks, and devotions for middle school and senior high youth (grades 6-12) at Lovely Lane. Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join in and get to know the older youth!

Each Wednesday night we'll play such Games as Ultimate Frisbee, 4 Square, Capture the Flag, and Zombie Tag. Our hope is to keep in touch this summer with an hour of weekly fun and fellowship! No registration required, just show up and bring a friend!

## IOWA UMC SUMMER CAMPS: BEST.WEEK.EVER.

The 2015 camping year is upon us, and there are many exciting opportunities available!

Camp is a life-changing experience where God speaks to youth in many different ways. Whether a youth chooses to attend Pictured Rocks, Okoboji, or Wesley Woods, they are sure to have an incredible adventure while making new friends in a Christian environment.

All camp events are led by qualified staff whose primary concern is to provide a safe, Christ-filled environment for all who enter—a place where your family will be encouraged to have a personal relationship with Jesus.

Camp brochures are available to browse through in the church narthex/foyer.

**CAMPERSHIPS:** To encourage more participation of LL kids and youth to attend a Christian camp, camperships are available. While we encourage the choice of a United Methodist camp, camperships may be applied to other Christian camps as well. To apply, please see Mrs. G (Barb Geissinger) or contact her @ 393-6674 or [christianedu@lovelylane.org](mailto:christianedu@lovelylane.org).

## Small Group News, et al.



### HAPPY ENDINGS

Happy Endings, the book discussion group, will meet on Monday, July 13th at 10:00 AM in the church library. We will be discussing *A Sudden Light* by Garth Stein. We will not read a book for August but plan to go to a book store where we will hear about new books we might be interested in reading. We will plan to go to lunch after that. Call Nancy Miller with any questions (393-6340).

**YOUNG FAMILY FELLOWSHIP**  
**will not meet in July. Stay tuned**  
**for information on any get-together**  
**in August or possibly not until**  
**September.**

#### May financial totals

Cash inflow, May 2015	\$ 41,523
Cash inflow, year-to-date	\$207,639
Budget need, May 2015	\$ 46,650
Cash outflow (pd. bills), May '15	\$ 41,383
Cash outflow, year-to-date	\$207,541
<i>Unpaid bills</i>	\$ 15,468

**2015 RAGBRAI RIDERS NEED HOST LOCATIONS** for Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> - anything from outdoor spaces for tent(s) to indoor bed(s) with showers available. To apply, you can download a form from [www.ragbraihiawatha.com](http://www.ragbraihiawatha.com) and click on Resident/Host Riders OR pick up a form from Hiawatha's City Hall (101 Emmons St.) or Public Library (150 West Willman St.).

## Our Ministry Teams at Work

### Christian Education / VBS Committee

- ♦ VBS—*Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power* is July 19-23; planning & requesting decorating help
- ♦ Rally Sunday will be Sept. 13—the beginning of 2015-16 Sunday School

### Missions

- ♦ Offering on Sunday, 6/21, for Helping Hands (to purchase bus tickets)
- ♦ Team for "Flood the Run" - Aug. 15
- ♦ Special Offering on 7/26 in conjunction with VBS collection/offering

### Health & Wholeness

- ♦ *Especially for You* Walk for cancer—Sun., Oct. 4
- ♦ Women's Retreat to Amana for *Church Basement Ladies—The Last Potluck*—Sun., Oct. 11
- ♦ *Walk to End Alzheimer's*—Sat., Sept. 26 (LL has a team)

### Ad Council

- ♦ Will meet in July to discuss fundraisers for capitol campaign

**SUMMER IS HERE!** Time for a change of pace—a little travel, some time off, a chance to make memories! Summer is also a time when we fall behind in our pledges to the church. Unfortunately, our bills and financial responsibilities do **not** take a vacation in the summer. So, please keep current on your pledge if at all possible. *The Finance Comm.*

### *Remembering with love*

*Lois Tells.....7/29/14*

### Presence: Worship Attendance

<u>6/7</u>	<u>6/14</u>	<u>6/21</u>	<u>6/28</u>
152	156	199	

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 \* **LOVELY LANE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** \*  
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 \* **Lovely Lane's United Methodist Women** will NOT meet in July or August. In place  
 \* of our regularly scheduled meeting, on Thursday, Sept. 10th, we will be attending the  
 \* East Central District United Methodist Women's Annual Meeting at the West Branch  
 \* UMC. It is especially important that we attend this year's annual meeting as **Lovely**  
 \* **Lane will be hosting next year's East Central District UMW Annual Meeting on**  
 \* **Sat., Sept. 17, 2016.** This is a good chance to see what UMW is all about. We will  
 \* be car pooling from Lovely Lane to attend this Sept.10th meeting. More information  
 \* about the meeting will be coming later this summer. Please give some thought to at-  
 \* tending this year's district annual meeting at West Branch and find out how you can  
 \* help Lovely Lane host next year's annual meeting.  
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 \* We would like to provide the women of Lovely Lane the opportunity to grow spiritually  
 \* within a loving, caring fellowship. We welcome all women to join with us. In order to  
 \* do this, we welcome your ideas and input about programs or events you would like to  
 \* have us sponsor; what type of circles we could form where women of shared inter-  
 \* ests, such as working women, and/or young mothers might come together in Christian  
 \* fellowship. The formats of circles may be as varied as the women participating in  
 \* them. They may range from the traditional to modern; from study groups, to social  
 \* groups--from Bible studies to other interests like cooking, quilting, or just meeting for  
 \* coffee. Please help yourself to a 2015 program book. Have a good summer and we  
 \* look forward to seeing you this fall.  
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 \* **UMW Tuesday Morning Bible Study**  
 \* The UMW Bible Study group will NOT meet during the summer months. Beginning  
 \* **September 15<sup>th</sup>, we will resume meeting each Tuesday morning from 9:30 AM—**  
 \* **11:15 AM.** We invite you to join with us next fall as we resume our study of the minor  
 \* prophets.  
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 \* *(Formerly Iowa Conference UMW's School of Christian Mission)*  
 \* **Iowa Conference United Methodist Women's Mission U**  
 \* It's time for the summer session of Mission U. Invite a friend or two to join you, and  
 \* come and share with us as we learn, worship, eat, sing, pray, share a few laughs and  
 \* celebrate missions together. The theme this year is: **Seeking Justice and Joy --**  
 \* **For All.** Scripture: John 15:10-11; theme hymn: "For Everyone Born -- A Place at  
 \* the Table" by Brian Mann. Sessions will be held this summer and fall: **July 19-22 or**  
 \* **October 16-18, 2015 at Iowa Valley Community College, Marshalltown, Iowa.**  
 \* The topics will be: Spiritual Growth—"Created for Happiness: Understanding Your  
 \* Life in God"; Social Issue—"The Church and People with Disabilities"; Geographic  
 \* study—"Latin America: People and Faith". Spanish, Korean, Youth and Children's  
 \* classes at Fall Mission U. Scholarships are available. For more information and reg-  
 \* istration forms, call Cheryl Murphy (377-6205).  
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## Concerns & Celebrations

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

### Prayer concerns:

- \*Al & Mardell Adams – death of Al's mother (105 yrs. old)
- \*Jenny Seylar & family – death of her mother-in-law, Darlene; her funeral was on 6/25 in Estherville
- \*McKenna Woods, HS junior & LL member – recovering from tracheal bronchitis
- \*Kathy Potter's special friend, Norman Stapleton – recovering from cancer surgery on his ear
- \*Sharon Kouba's brother, Jim – in final days with hospice
- \*Kristen Carollo – had an emergency appendectomy
- \*Rev. Jill Sanders' father – hospitalized after car accident
- \*Our Sr. High youth & leaders returned safely from their mission trip to Kentucky
- \*Kevin Wittles' mother, Jean - diagnosed with lung cancer while being treated for a heart attack
- \*Those affected by the shooting @ the S. Carolina church

### Celebrations:

- \*The 5/31 Youth Car Wash earned \$635.70 towards the Sr. High Kentucky mission trip
- \*Joy Jackson has a new granddaughter, Ava Joy Ealy
- \*LL delegation had a good experience @ Annual Conf.
- \*The smoothies/frappes served after worship on 6/7 were a hit; special thanks to Susan Staed!
- \*The Blue Zones 6/14 event (ribbon cutting & brunch w/BZ giveaways) was great; many thanks to Health & Wholeness for all their work and to Hospitality for helping with the *healthy & delicious* brunch
- \*15 lives were changed on the Sr. High Kentucky mission trip
- \*We raised \$832 in our special Father's Day offering to Helping Hands to help them meet the increasing need for bus tickets

### **Thank You Notes**

**To the Good People at Lovely Lane**, thank you for your best wishes as I prepare to move to a new beginning in Grinnell. The Guatemalan necklace is beautiful, as is the prayer shawl. Both will be lovely reminders of the five wonderful years shared with you.

*Sincerely, Beth Crow*

**A HUGE Thank You** to Jessica Schenk for going on the senior high youth mission trip at the last minute for me. It means a lot that the church rallied so well when my mother-in-law had a stroke. Thanks also to Ben Oliver and Pastor Paul for taking the plans for the trip and running with it! It was a bummer to miss out on the experience with the youth in Kentucky. I do know that I made the right decision, however, spending the week in prayer and visits with family as Hospice took over Darlene's care. *Blessings, Jenny Seylar*

**Thank You** for your donation of \$1,190 on April 25, 2015 to the Willis Dady Emergency Shelter. We are blessed to have friends such as you thinking about our clients. Your support makes it possible for us to provide a safe, supportive environment to those staying at the shelter and to assist other struggling households to avoid needing shelter altogether. Please know that our clients, staff, and board share my gratitude. *Also, thanks for providing a Sunday meal! The clients greatly appreciated it!*

**A VIGIL RECOGNIZING GUN VIOLENCE** is set for Sun., July 12<sup>th</sup>, with a **Walk to the Vigil @ 8:00 PM.** (NW & SW residents start in Sokol Park; NE & SE residents start at Newbo Market.) There has been a rise in the number of incidents related to gun violence in our community. According to the CR Police Department, the number of shots fired in ALL of our neighborhoods has exploded in 5 yrs. from 18 to 96. This event is a way to recognize the loss and grief caused by this violence and move toward change. Participants will walk together to an 8:30 PM inter-religious prayer vigil @ Riverside Park (1225 C St. SW; the rain location is the Czech Museum). If you'd like to walk with a group from Lovely Lane, please talk to Myrna Loehrlein.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**Summer Worship Schedule: 9:30 AM  
- One Service Only!**

Summer Reading for kids during worship  
Early Coffee Time before 9:30 service  
Fellowship and Activities after 9:30 service

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



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## Lovely Lane Staff

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Organist.....Dennis Ramsey  
Children’s Choirs.....Carla Jesse  
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