

Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

July 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

Last week I came across a piece of history: words written back in 1855 by the great, black editor and abolitionist, Frederick Douglass. They are harsh, convicting words guaranteed to put a damper on nearly anyone's Fourth of July Celebration.

"What to the American slave is your Fourth of July? I answer, a day that reveals to him more than all other days of the year the gross injustice and cruelty to which he is the constant victim. To him your celebration is a sham; your boasted liberty an unholy license; your national greatness, your sound of rejoicing are empty and heartless; your denunciation of tyrants, brass-fronted impudence; your shouts of liberty and equality, hollow mockery; your prayers and hymns, your sermons and thanksgivings, with all your religious parades and solemnity, are to him mere bombast, fraud, deception, impiety, and hypocrisy—a thin veil to cover up crimes which would disgrace a nation of savages."

As harsh as Douglass' words are, they are important for us to remember, this week in particular because they remind us that "the great American experiment", the revolution that we celebrate each July, is either a continuing proposition or it is nothing at all. Rising inequality in opportunity and income, increasing fear of terrorism and minorities, human trafficking right under our noses all challenge our resolve to continue the revolution into the future rather than simply celebrate its past. So how will we respond to that challenge? Looking forward or looking back?

*Grace & Peace,
Pastor Paul*

Calendar of Events — July 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 9 am ESL	2
3 <i>Communion Sunday</i> 10:30 am Sack-lunch packing for homeless shelters	4 <i>Happy 4th of July</i> (church & office closed)	5	6 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 6 pm Summer Games	7 5:30 pm Yoga	8 9 am ESL	9
10 10:30 am Summer Sunday Brunch 1 pm LL Bike Ride	11 9 am—5 pm ECD Office Team retreat 9:30 am ESL 10 am Happy Endings 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm VBS mtg.	12 6:30 pm MHSG	13 6 pm Summer Games	14 7 am Leadership Brkfst (@ Panera's) 1 pm UMW meeting 5:30 pm Yoga	15 9 am ESL 5:30 pm Wedding rehearsal	16 9 am—1:30 pm Internat'l Ladies Fellowship 3 pm Wedding (Oltmann)
17 10:30 am CPR/AED Training (S.H. Mission Trip 7/17-7/23)	18 9:30 am ESL 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Forté Handbell Quartet Concert	19 10:30-5 pm JFON Office Hours 5:30-8 pm JFON Clinic	20 9:30 am CCM (offsite) (NO Summer Games)	21 5:30 pm Yoga 6:45 pm Trustees 7:00 pm Committees (NO Missions, Health & Wholeness or Ad Council mtgs.)	22 9 am ESL	23 9 am-5 pm Decorating for VBS 2 pm Boy Scouts High Adventure mtg.
24 11:30 am—2 pm VBS Kickoff (meal followed by program)	25 9 am Prayer Shawl 9:30 am ESL 5:30—8 pm VBS (meal followed by program)	26 5:30—8 pm VBS (meal followed by program)	27 5:30—8 pm VBS (meal followed by program) (NO Summer Games)	28 5:30 pm Yoga 5:30—8 pm VBS (meal followed by program)	29 9 am ESL	30
31 <i>VBS Sunday</i> 10:30 am—Noon Young Families Event			ESL = English as a Second Language CCM = Care Center Ministry MHSG = Mental Health Support Group			



THE FORTÉ HANDBELL QUARTET IS COMING!! Forté is bringing their amazing music to LLUMC on Monday, July 18th, @ 7 PM. Their program is “Rethink Possible” and this young and engaging 3 men/1 woman quartet performs a broad range of musical styles including many not often performed on handbells. Get ready for a great night out! A free-will offering will be taken. Mark your calendars and invite your friends! *Visit fortehandbells.org to get a taste of what's coming our way!*



Lovely Lane Worship, et al.

Worship in July

July 3rd: **Communion Sunday**—Summer All-Together 9:30 AM Service

Scripture: Romans 13:1-7, John 18:33-38
Sermon: "The State of The Union"

July 10th: **8th Sunday after Pentecost**—Summer All-Together 9:30 AM Service

Scripture: Ephesians 16:11-16
Sermon: "A Church on the Edge"

**Join us after worship for a brunch in Fellowship Hall!
And. the 1st Annual Lovely Lane Bike Ride is from 1-4!**

July 17th: **9th Sunday after Pentecost**—Summer All-Together 9:30 AM Service

Scripture: Luke 15:1-10
Sermon: "A Burden for Souls"

July 24th: **10th Sunday after Pentecost**—Summer All-Together 9:30 AM Service

Scripture: Mark 12:28-31
Sermon: "On Your Mark, Get Set, Go!" (*Marks of a Methodist*)

July 31st: **VBS Sunday**—Summer All-Together 9:30 AM Service

Scripture: John 21:1-17
Sermon: "Breakfast on the Beach"

CPR & AED Refresher— July 17th

The Health & Wholeness Committee is sponsoring a Family CPR & AED refresher on Sun., July 17th, at 10:30 AM. The information and demonstration will be led by Rose Hedges, RN, MSN from Unity Point Health. This presentation will be a time to learn a simple and effective method to use CPR. (*It's not a certification for CPR and is not approved by the American Heart Association.*) You can sign up on the STUB in worship the first 2 Sundays of July.

If you have questions, call Nancy Miller (393-6340).

SACK LUNCH PACKING PARTY!

After worship on **Sunday, July 3rd**, we'll pack approx. 66 sack lunches for residents at the Willis Dady Shelter and both the Men's and Women's Mission of Hope Shelters. Shelter staff are excited to receive lunches from us for their clients!

Please sign up on the STUB in worship or call the church office (393-6674) to help!!

Back-to-School Shopping Spree @ Cedarwood Hills Apts. - Aug. 14th

For the next few weeks we'll be collecting school supplies for the elementary age children who live at Cedarwood Hills Apts. on Glass Rd. and attend Pierce Elementary School. Please put your donations in the bins in the narthex. After worship on Sun., Aug. 14th, we will then pack up the donated items and prepare to deliver them at 1 PM that day. We'll also bring our own games/activities to do with the children: sidewalk chalk, bubbles, jump rope, parachute, corn hole, etc. The rain date will be Aug. 21st.

We need volunteers to pack and volunteers to go with us to CWH. Please sign up on the STUB to help!

K-3rd grade supplies

1-3" ring binder (white), clear view front
Crayola Crayons, 24 count
Crayola Markers, thin or wide
Dry erase markers, 4 pack, black
Elmer's glue bottles
Eraser, pink
Folders, vinyl, 2 pocket plain with 3 prongs
Glue sticks, packs
Pencils, 24 packs of Ticonderoga brand
Scissors, Fiskars brand, rounded tip
Spiral notebooks, wide line

4th-5th grade supplies

Backpack, no wheels
Spiral notebooks, narrow line
Kleenex boxes
Pencil box (6x9)
Colored pencils
Composition books
Highlighters, yellow, pink and green
Zippered pencil pouch
Ball point pens, blue and red



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

LOVELY LANE'S UMW will hold a special summer meeting on July 14th at 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will be making final plans for hosting the East Central District UMW on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Our theme this year is "FRESH WIND BLOWING, COME SOAR WITH US."

UMW district annual meetings are filled with worship, singing, praying, eating, sharing a few laughs, and celebrating missions together. **Do mark your calendars for Sept. 17th and plan to attend to participate in the fun and to learn about the ministries and missions of United Methodist Women.**

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, Sept. 16th, to cleaning up and setting up for church after the meeting, Saturday PM; we'll also need help with hosting responsibilities on Saturday. We want to offer the women from other East Central District UMW churches a friendly welcome and warm hospitality and we are counting on many Lovely Lane members to say "YES" when we ask for help with this event. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Cheryl Murphy (377-6205) or Cindy Sale (395-0106).

UMW TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The UMW Bible Study group will NOT meet during the summer months. Beginning **Sept. 13th**, **we will resume meeting each Tuesday morning from 9:30-11:15 AM.** We invite you to join with us next fall as we resume our study of the Gospel of Matthew. **Beginning in September, we have decided to not only LUG OUR MUGS, BUT ALSO TO FILL THEM AT HOME; SO COME PREPARED WITH YOUR FAVORITE BEVERAGE IN HAND.**

IOWA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSION U

The theme this year is "A Fresh Wind Blowing--Come Soar With Us." The theme 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 & October 21-23 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 and scholarships are available. For more information and registration forms, please call Cheryl Murphy (377-6205).

Our Ministry Teams at Work

Health & Wholeness

- ◆ CPR & AED refresher after worship July 17th
- ◆ Young Family Fun Fest after worship June 26th - assist with
- ◆ Women's Retreat at Prairiewoods on Oct. 29th

Hospitality

- ◆ Brunch on July 10th
- ◆ Help with UMW District Meeting-Aug. & Sept.


SPPRC

- ◆ Interviewing choir accompanist candidate(s)
- ◆ Staff appreciation brunch on Aug. 7th
- ◆ Search for youth director-upcoming

Missions

- ◆ Making sack lunches for homeless shelters on July 3rd
- ◆ Continuing to plan for funding "Change a Child's Story" (July or Aug. newsletter)
- ◆ Plans for Back-to-School Shopping Spree in Aug.

Presence: Worship Attendance			
<u>6/5</u>	<u>6/12</u>	<u>6/19</u>	<u>6/26</u>
166	241	217	183



HAPPY ENDINGS

Happy Endings, the book discussion group, will meet at 10 AM on Monday, July 11th, in the church library. The book we will discuss is: *When Books Went to War* by Molly Guptil Manning. We will meet in Fireside this month.

On August 8th at 10 AM, we will meet at Barnes & Noble for a discussion on new books available that we might be interested in reading. After the meeting, we'll go to The Olive Garden for lunch.

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

May Financial Totals	
Cash inflow—mo. of May	\$ 48,029
Cash inflow—YTD	\$223,782
Budget need/month	\$ 46,863
Cash outflow—mo. of May	\$ 58,855
Cash outflow—YTD	\$232,750
Unpaid bills	\$ 0

Young Families

We had a GREAT first Young Families event on Sunday, June 26th, after worship! 20 adults and 19 babies, toddlers, and children gathered to eat, play games, and engage in table talk. Each child left with a craft and brand new book. The group has set Sunday, July 31st, from 10:30 AM-Noon (after 9:30 summer worship) for their next event; menu and theme TBD! Sherry & Brad Johnson are compiling a list of interested families. Please send your contact info. to Pastor Gayle @ gaylew@lovelylane.org IF you did not receive a personal invite to the June 26th event and would like to be included in the fun!



July 24th-28th (Sun.-Thurs.)

11:30 am - 2 pm Sunday
(meal followed by program)

5:30 - 8 pm Mon.-Thurs.
(meal followed by program)

Join us for **Surf Shack Vacation Bible School** where we'll learn 5 Bible lessons: *God Creates, God Helps, God Loves, God Calms, & God Sends.*

Day 1: Join us after church for registration and a family lunch about 11:30 am (1st day only, **NEW** this year). Noon-2 pm Activities will include singing, crafts, Bible lesson, science exploration, recreation, snacks, and making new friends, while learning a deeper understanding of God's Word and his Awesome Power!

Days 2-5: Meet at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall for a light supper with your child. VBS will start at 6 pm and finish at 8 pm when parents can pick up their kids.

Youth activities

July 17-23: High School Mission Trip to Tree of Life Ministry in South Dakota. If youth are interested in this trip, please contact Pastor Paul.

July 24-28: VBS (Vacation Bible School) for children preschool-5th grade. Youth in grades 6-12 **are invited to help** with this fun outreach event! Please contact Mrs. G if you have questions and/or to volunteer.



A Message from Disaster Preparedness and Response, IA Annual Conference of The UMC

June 22, 2016:

Storms swept across much of Iowa in the last week, many with strong wind and heavy rain. We have statewide reports of flash flooding, lowland flooding, trees down, and power outages.

The long range forecast predicts more and stronger storms during coming weeks. The warm and humid weather makes for a perfect environment for thunderstorms and pop-up thunderstorms, many of which could be strong to severe.

Now's a good time to take a few mins. and **get prepared**. We can't prepare for everything that could happen, but we can be ready to take care of ourselves and our families for many situations.

BE PREPARED/Have a Plan—Take a few mins. and talk with your family about what to do if a storm comes up. Where will you go, what will you do? Talk about what you'll do if you aren't at home when a storm hits. Where will you take shelter? How will you find one another? Cellphones are a blessing and can be helpful, but there are times they will not work. Take time now to learn each other's phone nos.; you may have to use someone else's phone to call. Have a plan for where you'll meet up. (*Grandma's house?*)

STAY AWARE—Pay attention to the weather and the forecast. Have a plan where you'll go if you need to take shelter. Have a few basic things in a bag/backpack in case you need to take shelter: jacket or sweatshirt, a snack, pair of shoes (*not flip-flops*), a towel, small first aid kit, etc. A weather radio is also a good investment and can be found at most hardware or sporting goods stores. They are tuned to the National Weather Service and will alert you to impending storms.

KNOW WHEN AND WHERE TO GO—A **watch** means conditions are good for a storm; keep aware. A **warning** means severe weather is here, strong winds or hail is present, or a tornado has been sighted—take cover now! Remember that **warning** has an "R" in it, which means **RUN**.

Have a "Safe Place" in your home—in the basement, bathroom, or closet. Collect some basic supplies there in case you have to take shelter: blankets, flashlight, extra batteries, battery operated radio, water and snacks, and a pair of shoes. If you have to take shelter in the night, you may be barefoot; an old pair of shoes will be good to have in your safe place.

AFTER THE STORM—If you need help, more info. or a more complete list of "Safe Place" or Go-Bag" items, contact the District Disaster Response Coordinator in your District or District Office.

Concerns & Celebrations

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

Prayer concerns:

- *Marci Wittles – death of her stepsister, Susan O’Neal, in Colorado
- *Jenny & Brian Schear family – children recovering from winter illnesses
- *Velma Rainville – recovering from surgery
- *Sharon Mooney – recovering from shingles & has begun dialysis treatment
- *Becky Wood – recovering from gallbladder surgery
- *Sharon Vavra, a soon-to-be LL member - torn meniscus
- *Marge Thornton
- *Janice Jamison (LL attender) – recovering from surgery
- *Curtis Thomas’s father moving to assisted living in CR
- *Carol Wilson’s grandson—emergency appendectomy
- *Kim Jacobson’s grandmother is in failing health
- *Orlando gay nightclub shooting victims & their loved ones

Joys:

- *Thank you to Ben Oliver, Maggie Thomas, & Marcie Stumpf for leading worship on 6/5!
- *Ben & Alisa Oliver celebrated their 10th anniversary
- *Nathan Wylie enjoyed a trip to Italy with a grandparent
- *Jenny Seylar’s new pastoral assignment at Tipton UMC
- *We welcomed 6 new members during worship on 6/12
- *Summer Games for H.S. & M.S. youth is off and running!
- *Malea Mason enjoyed a trip to England
- *Your IA UMC Camp Team says thanks to the many churches of the IA Annual Conference for their support of youth by giving \$6,742 to our IA UMC Campership Fund @ Annual Conference
- *We made 3 apportionment payments in May, catching us up – thank you for your timely giving!
- *The Family Promise Special Offering on 6/19 totaled \$896
- *Marriage of Sue Moss’s stepdaughter Ashley Moss to Jonathan Maring @ Lovely Lane on 6/21

GEAR UP FOR A LOVELY LANE BIKE RIDE: Our Summer Adventure Team has set Sun., July 10th, for a bike ride for all ages of our church family. The bike ride will follow the very safe **Cedar Valley Bike Trail**, starting at 1 PM from Sokol Park near Czech Village. We will ride south as far as 45 mins. takes us with water/rest stops @ Tait Cummings Park (2.6 mis.) & Ely Rd. Park (5.5 mis.). You’ll want to be back at Sokol Park by 2:30—when the fun, games, and cold watermelon show up! We’ll finish up by 4 PM. Sign up on the STUB in worship or contact Pastor Paul if you’re interested. Helmets required!

Thank You Notes

Thank you to Lovely Lane for all the nice cards and best wishes for my “80th” birthday—I feel blessed to have such a caring church family. *Shirley Mickelson*

Thank you for the prayer shawl, prayers, well wishes and cards I received during my hospital stay. One doesn’t know how much “little” things mean until they are on the receiving end. Thank you all again *from the bottom of my heart!* *Millie Corbett*

Thank you to the loving folks of Lovely Lane UMC for the opportunity to do ministry with the youth, children and their families at the church. You have blessed me greatly. And it was a great joy to work with such a gifted staff at the church. You will all be missed. I appreciate the going away ice cream social and the gifts of a John Wesley bobble head and Isabel Bloom figurine. I will cherish them both as I remember you all! *Jenny Seylar*

Thank you for your support of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Through your gift, you are helping to provide assistance for survivors of human trafficking, funding for health and development projects that alleviate hunger and poverty, holistic community-based health programs, and access to clean water and sanitation. This is just a sampling of the good works that gifts like yours make possible. Thank you for giving so generously. (*\$25 was given to go to Refugee Response, Advance #982540.*)

Remembering with love

Lois Tells.....2014



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Summer Worship Schedule:

9:30 AM - June, July & August
A mix of traditional & contemporary

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



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