

# Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

July 2017

## 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

The month of July brings some exciting opportunities to Lovely Lane! Our Capital Campaign has been taking large “bites” out of our 55-year-old mortgage. I think we have a good chance to retire our mortgage by the end of the year as more and more folks accelerate their giving. Our design team is meeting with an architect preparing for the Capital Campaign’s 3rd and Final Step: The renovation of our Sanctuary, Narthex, and Fireside room.

On a more personal note, July 1st marks the completion of 10 years for Gayle and me as your pastors at Lovely Lane! It also marks my 35th year in ministry in the United Methodist Church. What a blessing and a joy it has been to know you and to work together in the name of Jesus Christ! We are both grateful to be appointed for an 11th year at Lovely Lane!

On an even more personal note, Gayle and I will be gone much of July to Washington State, where our daughter Emily will be laboring to make Grandparents of us! Please pray for her and her baby! God has such a persistent and wonderful way of moving our lives from one adventure to another. I can hardly wait to see what God will do with this new, extraordinary month, new conference year, and new decade in ministry together.

“Fear not, for I am with you,  
be not dismayed,  
for I am your God.”

- Isaiah 41:10

*Grace & Peace,*

*Pastor Paul*

## Calendar of Events — July 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b>
<b>2 Independence Day Sunday / Communion</b> 9:30 am Worship	<b>3</b> 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	<b>4 Happy 4th of July!</b> (church & office closed)	<b>5</b> 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 6 pm Summer Games 7 pm M.S. Youth-Parent Meeting	<b>6</b> 5:30 pm Yoga 6-8 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Men's Group Rehearsal	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 8:30 am LL Men's Group
<b>9</b> 9:30 am Worship	<b>10</b> 10:00 am Happy Endings 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Boy Scouts (Stumps)	<b>11</b> (MHSG moved to 7/18)	<b>12</b> 6 pm Summer Games 6:30 pm SPPRC	<b>13</b> 5:30 pm Yoga 6:30 pm Missions	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Decorating/set-up for Vacation Bible School
<b>16</b> 9:30 am Worship <b>VBS:</b> 11 AM meal & Noon-2 pm Program	<b>17</b> <b>VBS:</b> 5:30 meal & 6-8 pm Program	<b>18</b> <b>VBS:</b> 5:30 meal & 6-8 pm Program 6:30 pm MHSG	<b>19</b> 9:30 am CCM (offsite) <b>VBS:</b> 5:30 meal & 6-8 pm Program	<b>20</b> <b>VBS:</b> 5:30 meal & 6-8 pm Program	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23 VBS Sunday</b> 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Summer Brunch	<b>24</b> 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	<b>25</b> 10:30 am-5 pm JFON Office Hours 5-8 pm JFON Clinic	<b>26</b> 6 pm Summer Games	<b>27</b> 5:30 pm Yoga	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 1-3 pm Betty Van Fossen's 90th Birthday Party
<b>30</b> 9:30 am Worship	<b>31</b> 9 am Prayer Shawl 6:30 pm Boy Scouts		CCM = Care Center Ministry MHSG = Mental Health Support Group			

### May Financial Totals

Cash inflow—mo. of May	\$ 47,180
Cash inflow—YTD	\$213,005
Budget need/month	\$ 46,308
Cash outflow—mo. of May	\$ 43,361
Cash outflow—YTD	\$228,115
Unpaid bills	\$ 0

### Capital Campaign Update

Pledges—total	\$377,230.00
Pledged amts. given to date	\$241,382.55
Non-pledged given to date	\$ 11,743.00
Total given to date	\$253,125.55

# Lovely Lane Worship, et al.

## Worship in July

- ★ July 2nd: Independence Day Sunday / Communion Sunday—9:30 AM All-Together Summer Service
- ★ Scripture: Matthew 1:18-23
- ★ Sermon: "What's in a Name" - Part II
- ★ July 9th: 5th Sunday after Pentecost—9:30 AM All-Together Summer Service
- ★ Scripture: Mark 9:14-29
- ★ Sermon: "What Do We Really Believe?"
- ★ July 16th: 6th Sunday after Pentecost—9:30 AM All-Together Summer Service
- ★ Guest Speaker: Tim Preston - The Message in Music
- ★ July 23rd: VBS Sunday / 7th Sunday after Pentecost—9:30 AM All-Together Summer Service
- ★ Guest Speaker John Schultz - A Sermon in Song
- ★ Fourth Sunday Summer Brunch after worship —hosted by Ad Council, Finance, & the UMW
- ★ July 30th: 8th Sunday after Pentecost—9:30 AM All-Together Summer Service
- ★ Scripture: Psalm 8

## SUMMER BRUNCHES 2017: 4TH SUNDAYS AFTER WORSHIP

Our Summer Brunches will be simple continental style with rolls, coffee cakes, breads, yogurt or fresh fruit, coffee, juice, and milk. The dates and the committees/groups serving as hosts for the remaining brunches are:

**July 23rd**—Ad Council (cakes, muffins, breads, etc.), Finance (juice & milk, help clean up), UMW (fruit or yogurt)

**August 27th**—Health & Wholeness (cakes, muffins, breads, etc.), Missions (juice & milk, help clean up), Hospitality (fruit or yogurt)

*A Big Thank You in advance to these committees/groups for providing tasty food and beverages, and for providing the hands necessary to work at each brunch!!*

## Back-to-School Shopping Spree @ Cedarwood Hills Apts. - Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>

For the next few weeks, we will collect school supplies for the elementary-age children attending Pierce Elem. School who live @ Cedarwood Hills Apts. on Glass Rd. Please place your donations in the bins in the narthex on or before Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>. After worship on Sun., Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>, we'll pack up donated items and deliver them @ 1 PM. We'll need volunteers to pack and volunteers to go with us to CWH. Sign up on the STUB in worship or call the office if you're interested in helping.

### REQUIRED BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES (WATCH FOR SALES) FOR EACH CHILD:

- 1—3 ring binder (white), clear view front
- 1—Back pack, no wheels
- 2 pks.—Crayola crayons, 24 count
- 1 pk.—Crayola markers, thin
- 1 pk.—Crayola markers, wide
- 1 pk. of 12—Crayola colored pencils
- 1—Elmer's glue bottle
- 1—Eraser, pink
- 2—Vinyl folders, 2 pocket, plain
- 2—Vinyl folders with 3 prongs
- 2—Glue sticks
- 24—Pencils of Ticonderoga brand (total of 24 pencils)
- 1—Pencil box (6x9) for kids K–2<sup>nd</sup>
- 1—Zippered pencil pouch for kids 3<sup>rd</sup>–5<sup>th</sup>
- 1 pr.—Scissors, Fiskars brand, (rounded tip) for kids K-1<sup>st</sup>
- 1 pr.—Scissors, Fiskars brand, (pointed tip) for kids 2<sup>nd</sup>–5<sup>th</sup>
- 2—Spiral notebooks, wide line
- 2—Composition books
- 4—Highlighters: 2 yellow; 1 pink; 1 green
- 1 box—Kleenex

**Thank you in advance for your generosity!**

### Presence: Worship Attendance

6/4	6/11	6/18	6/25
220	146	203	185

## 2017 IOWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATES

**Mission of the IAC:** Inspire, equip and connect communities of faith to cultivate world-changing disciples of Jesus Christ.

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**Wildly Important Goal (WIG):** Each church will establish a WIG for "intentionally forming disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by the year 2020."

Pastor Paul shared that one memorable moment came during the Service of Ordering of Ministry, when Bishop Laurie Haller got down on her hands and knees and washed the feet of those who had just been commissioned, ordained or recognized. It truly exemplified: *A person never stands so tall as when they stoop to serve!*

Pastor Gayle brought back information on how the Peacemaking Circle Process can help us develop actions/plans for navigating conflict in our denomination.

Your Lay Members, Frank and Susan Camp, attended teaching sessions on Tiny Houses and Immigration & Refugees. They kept LL connected with conference updates via Facebook, E-mails and texts.

The theme of this year's Iowa Annual Conference was "Creating Difference Makers!" and the theme song was "Go Make a Difference!" with the following words:

*(Chorus)* Go make a difference, we can make a difference  
Go make a difference in the world *(repeat both lines)*

We are the salt of the earth, called to let the people see  
The love of God in you and me  
We are the light of the world, not to be hidden, but be seen  
Go make a difference in the world *(Chorus)*

We are the hands of Christ, reaching out to those in need  
The face of God for all to see  
We are the spirit of hope, we are the voice of peace  
Go make a difference in the world *(Chorus)*

So let your love shine on, let it shine for all to see  
Go make a difference in the world  
And the spirit of Christ will be with us as we go  
Go make a difference in the world *(Chorus)*

### **Basic and Advanced Lay Servant Training - Sept. 1 & 2 @ Anamosa, First UMC**

Classes will be held at Anamosa, First UMC on Friday, Sept. 1st, 6:30 PM—9 PM and on Saturday, Sept. 2nd, 9 AM—3 PM. The cost is the purchase of the book and a donation for the noon meal to be collected at the church on Saturday. Lodging and other meals are on your own. To register, go to <http://eastcentral.iaumc.org> and click on the applicable training under the District Calendar (towards the upper right).

## HAPPY ENDINGS

Happy Endings, the book discussion group, will meet on July 10th at 10 AM in the church library. We will discuss *The Whole Town is Talking* by Fanny Flagg. On Aug. 14th, we'll go to Barnes & Noble for a presentation by Diane, store manager, about new books available this fall. We'll meet at the store at 11 AM and then go to Olive Garden for lunch. **(Note that the August mtg. time is an hour later than usual!!)**

## Our Ministry Teams at Work

### Christian Education

- ♦ Summer Reading—going well, need more Readers to sign up
- ♦ VBS—working on schedule, etc.
- ♦ Fall Sunday School—begins Sept. 10th

### Trustees

- ♦ Bush removal on south side of building
- ♦ New exterior paneling

## United Methodist Women News

### UMW TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The UMW Bible Study will NOT meet during the summer months. Beginning on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, we will resume meeting each Tuesday morning from 9:30-11:15 AM in Fireside. We invite you to join with us next fall as we continue the study we began in May of the Gospel of Luke. 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!***

### MISSION U

This year's Mission U theme is *WE ARE CALLED*, the Scripture lesson is from Micah 6:8, and the theme hymn is *We are Called* (#2172 in the *Faith We Sing* hymnals). Sessions will be held this summer and fall: July 16-18 or Oct. 20-22, at Iowa Valley Community College, Marshalltown, IA. Topics will be: Spiritual Growth—*Living as a Covenant Community*; Social Action—*Climate Justice: Call for Hope and Action*; and Geographic Study—*Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States*. Spanish, Korean, youth and children's classes are available at Fall Mission U. Scholarships are also available. Call Cheryl Murphy @ 377-6205 for more info. and registration forms.



## TIME TO UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY PHOTO???

Then mark your calendar!

New photos will be taken September 26th—October 1st.

Scheduling for appointments will begin in August.

Stay tuned for more details!!!

## CHILDREN & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- \* **Summer Reading:** Our theme is *Celebrate the Beauty of God's Earth*; please sign up in the narthex to read to children during the summer during our 9:30 AM church service.
- \* **Summer Camp:** Please see the information available in the narthex; scholarships are available—contact Mrs. G @ christianedu@lovelylane.org or 393-6674.
- \* **Vacation Bible School:** Online registration is available thru our website ([www.lovelylane.org](http://www.lovelylane.org)), at [www.Eventrite.com](http://www.Eventrite.com), or you can pick up a registration form in the narthex. This year's VBS, "HERO CENTRAL—Discover Your Strength in God!", runs from Sun., July 16th (after church), to Thurs., July 20th, starting at 6 PM (following a Family Meal at 5:30). There will soon be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for needed VBS items—your donations will be appreciated.
- \* **Sunday School:** Our Rally Sunday (start of Sunday School) this Fall will be September 10th.

## CHANGE A CHILD'S STORY (CACS) UPDATE

At the 2015 Iowa Annual Conference (IAC), Bishop Trimble gave the CACS Initiative and charged Iowa United Methodists to:

- \*Give 1 million books to children in poverty
- \*Read 1 million hours to children in poverty

It was a BIG challenge! During the 2017 IAC, we celebrated that our conference had:

- \*Given 91,744 books to children in poverty
- \*Read 32,362 hours to children in poverty

*Patty Link, Advocate for CACS, said,  
"The kids we got to interact with made our lives richer."*

Thanks to all of YOU who read and gave books, time, and love to children through our BASE and Pre-school Programs, our Sunday School, at Pierce, Johnson, other schools and other mentoring programs, and our backpack ministry.

Although the Initiative has officially concluded, our love for kids and reading has not! Please continue to "**Be a Difference Maker**" (Bishop Laurie Haller's Call to Action) by reading to children!

We will continue to read to our summer day care children and give away hundreds of books at our Cedarwood Hills Back to School Shopping Spree in August (sponsored by LLUMC Missions Team) and via our elementary schools this coming year.

## Lovely Lane Men's Group Saturday, July 8th, 8:30 AM

**MEN:** Please join us on Saturday, July 8th, for Breakfast at Lovely Lane, 8:30-10 AM. We plan to meet once a month for a light breakfast, devotions, plenty of laughter and a discussion topic! On July 8<sup>th</sup>, we will discuss memories of our fathers.

## Concerns & Celebrations

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

### **Prayer concerns:**

- \*Ashlenn Tanner (step-dtr. of new LL member Carmen Johnson) – sustained numerous injuries from a serious fall and is recovering from surgery at the U of IA Hosps.; she & her father, Chris Tanner, were to go on the LL youth CO trip (Chris as a counselor)
- \*Youth & counselors (Paul, Mark & Amy) – now on HS Adventure Trip in CO
- \*Isabel Drew – back at UI Hospital, Rm. 1113
- \*Judy McDowell's mother, Virginia – recovering from a TIA
- \*Dale Peterson, Lloyd & Jan's son – has a serious eye infection and needs to travel to Iowa City daily for treatments
- \*Patty Logsdon's father – fall and complications
- \*Carol Wilson – Liz & baby Maddy

### **Joys:**

- \*Bev & Gene Kadlec—65<sup>th</sup> wedd. anniversary 6/14
- \*Jerry Weiland—back in church
- \*Our summer campers (Kyla & Leah Mulnik, Carly Pulju, Mara Budny, Connor Culbertson, and Jaiana Renken) & LL youth on their CO trip
- \*Mental Health Sunday (May 28<sup>th</sup>) was well received, with many people expressing gratitude, especially for the sharing of personal stories
- \*All-together 9:30 Summer Services going well
- \*Worship leaders did a **great** job on June 11th (Conference Sun.); special thanks to Marci Wittles for writing the skit she & Cathy Weber presented
- \*Updates from the Iowa Annual Conference: **Mission of the IAC**—Inspire, equip and connect communities of faith to cultivate world-changing disciples of Jesus Christ. **Vision of the IAC**—God's hope for the world made real through faithful leaders, fruitful communities, and fire-filled people. **Wildly Important Goal (WIG)**—Each church will establish a WIG for *intentionally forming disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world (by 2020)*.
- \*Wonderful congregational response to our request for someone to deliver donated food from LL to the Linn Community Food Bank!
- \*A celebration of Rev. Dr. Jill Sanders' ministry and *farewell* party was held at Lovely Lane on 6/25
- \*\$1575.50 was given for Preschool Scholarships

### **Thank You Notes**

**Just a thank you** for the Prayer Shawl that was delivered by Pastor Gayle. This means a lot to me. Thank you again to whoever made it. *Jerry Weiland*

**THANK YOU, HARRY WIDMER!** For the past 18+ yrs., Harry has delivered Lovely Lane Food Basket items to the Linn Community Food Bank at 1st Presbyterian Church (downtown CR). Now he's moving on to new things! Thank you, Harry, for your faithful ministry, and Best Wishes on your new adventures!!

**THANK YOU** to all those who signed up to provide special music this summer during worship! We have been and will continue to be treated to music by some of our talented youth and adults—whether through singing or playing an instrument such as the piano, trumpet, flute, violin, or viola. On VBS Sunday, July 23rd, VBS kids will share songs learned during the previous week.

### *Remembering with love:*

*Lois Fells.....2014*

*Betty Larison.....2015*

*Dick Chelickowsky.....2016*

*Sharon Mooney.....2016*

### **FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP- SAVE THE DATE: OCT. 10TH**

Friendly Fellowship is planning an outing to Boone, IA, on Tuesday, Oct. 10th. The trip will include bus transportation from the church by Woosley Travel leaving at 6:30 AM. We will stop at the Reiman Gardens, Butterfly Gardens and gift shop, and then continue to Boone for a 1 1/2 hr. ride on the Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad Train, also visiting the Train Museum. Dinner on the way home will be at the Hickory House in Ames. Cost is \$91 per person. We'll arrive home at about 8 PM. We are encouraging anyone from Lovely Lane to come with us! There will be an opportunity to sign up on the STUB in church in July and August. Our deadline to have reservations and money turned in is Sept. 3rd. You can also call Nancy Miller at 393-6340 to reserve a spot(s).

The first regular meeting of Friendly Fellowship this fall will be Sept. 15th at noon. At that meeting, we're asking that you bring simple picnic food for an indoor picnic and the program will be sharing *What I Did This Summer*.

**Summer Sunday Worship:**

9:30 AM Traditional 2nd & 4th Sundays;  
Blended\* 1st & 3rd

*\*Blended = a mix of traditional & contemporary*

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



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Youth Director.....Paul Wilcox  
Kid’s Club Director.....Julie Meyer  
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Choir Director.....K. Weiler  
Choir Assistant/Accompanist.....Reagan Linder  
Organist..... Dennis Ramsey  
Children’s Choirs.....Carla Jesse  
Director of Handbells.....Gayle Wilcox  
Nursery.....Shelbie Wood, Tara Weber,  
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