

# Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

June 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

*"Finally Brothers and Sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is anything of excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think on these things."*

(Philippians 4:8)

In Meredith Wilson's musical, *The Music Man*, bogus band leader Harold Hill sells a small Iowa town on a youth marching band, complete with instruments and uniforms. When actually called upon to teach the kids how to play the instruments, Hill proposes the "think method." "Just think the tune," he tells the kids, "and then make your instrument play it." Hill's music lessons had very mixed results, as you can imagine, but when it comes to forming character, the "think method" can be very effective. As Paul reminds us in Philippians 4, what we put into our minds deeply affects who we become.

This summer I have resolved to be a little fussy about what I let pass into my cerebral cortex. I'm not just talking about saying no to "R" rated movies and nasty Reality TV (whose reality? not mine!), but to actually seek out glimpses and experiences and witnesses of honor, justice, purity, kindness, grace, and love.

I need such food for mind and soul. I need to think on those things.

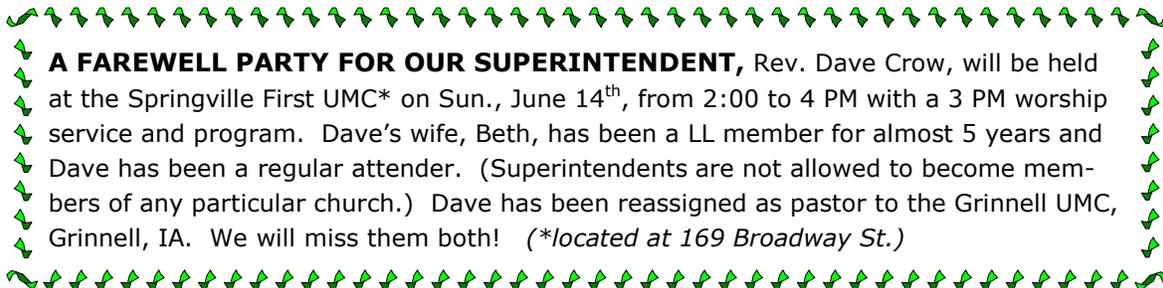
How about less time with the news and more time with the good news? How about more time with a book on the back deck and less in the basement on the computer? How about more time spent with folks you admire and less with folks you pity? How about more time fully present with the ones you love and less time double tasking?

How about you? If we are what we eat, how much more do we become what we think?

*In Him, Pastor Paul*

## Calendar of Events — June 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> 9 am ESL 6:30 pm C.E. mtg. 6:45 pm Boy Scouts	<b>2</b> 5:30 pm Library Tm.	<b>3</b> 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 6:30 pm VBS Plan- ning mtg.	<b>4</b> 6 pm CWM BASE Staff Summer Inservice	<b>5</b> 9 am ESL	<b>6</b> ( <i>IA Annual Conference 6/6-6/9</i> ) 9 am International Ladies Fellowship
<b>7</b> <i>First Summer Worship Sunday: ONE service @ 9:30</i> 3 pm BSA Trp. 766 High Adventure mtg.	<b>8</b> 9 am ESL 10 am Happy Endings 6:15 pm Boy Scouts	<b>9</b> 10 am—7 pm JFON Office Hours 6:30 pm MHSG	<b>10</b> 6 pm Summer Games (youth) 7:30 pm SPPRC	<b>11</b> 7 am Leadership Breakfast (@ Panera's) 6 pm UMW Salad Potluck 7 pm Building Re- newal Team (BRT)	<b>12</b> 9 am ESL 6 pm Young Family Fellowship	<b>13</b> (Sr. High Mission Trip: 6/13-6/20)
<b>14</b> <i>Blue Zone Sunday / Com- munion Sunday (Ribbon cutting during worship; Brunch @ 10:30)</i>	<b>15</b> 9 am ESL 6:45 pm Boy Scouts	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 6 pm Summer Games (youth) 6:30 pm VBS Plan- ning Committee	<b>18</b> 6:45 pm Missions 6:45 pm Trustees 7:00 pm Committees 7:50 pm Ad Council	<b>19</b> 9 am ESL	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <i>Father's Day (&amp; Special Offering)</i>	<b>22</b> 9 am ESL	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6 pm Summer Games (youth) 6 pm Prayer Shawl	<b>25</b> 7 pm BRT	<b>26</b> 9 am ESL 6 pm St. Paul, MN youth group staying overnight	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <i>Cedarwood Hills Food &amp; Fun Day</i>	<b>29</b> 9 am ESL 9 am Prayer Shawl 6:45 pm Boy Scouts	<b>30</b> 5:30 pm Library Tm.		ESL = English as a Second Language CCM = Care Center Ministry MHSG = Mental Health Support Group		



**A FAREWELL PARTY FOR OUR SUPERINTENDENT**, Rev. Dave Crow, will be held at the Springville First UMC\* on Sun., June 14<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 to 4 PM with a 3 PM worship service and program. Dave's wife, Beth, has been a LL member for almost 5 years and Dave has been a regular attender. (Superintendents are not allowed to become members of any particular church.) Dave has been reassigned as pastor to the Grinnell UMC, Grinnell, IA. We will miss them both! (\*located at 169 Broadway St.)

# Lovely Lane Worship, et al.

## Worship in June

June 7: **Second Sunday after Pentecost—**  
9:30 am service (One, All-Together Service  
during the summer!!)

Scripture: Mark 3:19b-21, 31-35

Sermon: "Our Lovely Lane Family"  
(Preacher: Myrna Loehrlein)

June 14th: **Blue Zone Sunday / Communion—**  
9:30 am service

Scripture: 1 Kings 19:4-10

Sermon: "What Are You Doing Here?"

June 21st: **Father's Day—**9:30 am service

Scripture: Mark 1:9-11

Sermon: "A Father's Best Gift"  
*Father's Day Special Offering*

June 28th: **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost—**  
9:30 am service

Scripture: Mark 1:14-20

Sermon: "The Life that Truly is Life"

Coffee Time every Sunday @ 8:45 AM

## WEAR BLUE FOR BLUE ZONE SUNDAY—JUNE 14TH!

On Sunday, June 14th, we will have an official Blue Zone **ribbon cutting** for Lovely Lane. We have fulfilled all of the criteria to be a Blue Zone institution and will celebrate with a brief ceremony in worship followed by a healthy **brunch** and "give aways"! Summer Reading kids will receive t-shirts!

Please plan to stay and mark this honor with your entire LL family!!

## Father's Day Special Offering

On Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, we'll receive a special offering to purchase bus tickets that are shared with persons through Helping Hands. Each month Helping Hands orders 300 bus tickets for a cost of \$225. They get the tickets at half price (0.75) and give out 6 tickets to each person *once every other month* unless there is proof of a special need. Why not honor that special father (dad, father-in-law, mentor) in your life by giving to this special offering? How many years did 'Good ol' Dad' drive you around town to appointments, games, lessons, and more? Give a gift on Father's Day that honors God and Dad - where the 'rubber meets the road'!!

## Cedarwood Hills Food & Fun Day

On Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, during fellowship time, we'll be making 55 sack lunches to take to Cedarwood Hills Apts. about 11 AM to share with the kids. We'll need sandwich makers along with folks to pack chips, cookies, apples, and drink boxes. We will also bring activities to do with the kids: bubbles, parachute games, stories, and relay races. We'll return to church by noon or so. Please mark your calendars and come help pack, transport, serve, and play!

*Jesus said,  
"Love your neighbor as yourself."  
(Matt. 22:39)*

## **SUMMER MISSION TRIPS**

**Senior High—Henderson Settlement in Kentucky, June 13-20:** 14 youth and 4 adults will be traveling to Kentucky to do home repairs for 2 families. It should be a rewarding experience of getting to know the family, learning some construction skills, and getting to know other youth from across the country. Thank you to the congregation for your generous support of the youth and this trip. We look forward to sharing about the trip when we return!

**Middle School—Cedar Rapids Matthew 25 Ministry Hub and Mission of Hope, July 6-8:** Middle school youth and adults will be serving in Cedar Rapids this year (and staying at a church out of town). We will work 2 days at Matthew 25 helping in the Urban Farm and doing some minor home repairs. After that we will prepare and serve lunch at Mission of Hope. The youth will also help finish an Eagle Scout Project of painting a shed at the Bertram UMC. This trip should be a great opportunity to serve in and near Cedar Rapids.

***We look forward to sharing about both trips later in the summer.***

## **YOUTH** activities

### **YOUTH SUMMER GAMES** **Wednesdays beginning June 10,** **6:00-7 pm**

Summer Games are back again on Wednesday evenings during the summer! Youth grades 6-12 (going into and out of) are invited to come play fun games at the church—including, but not limited to, kickball, 4 square, bowling (yep, one night we'll go bowling), and many other games. Come and connect with your church friends, and bring some other friends, too!

**If you would like more information  
about our Middle School  
and/or Senior High Youth Groups,  
please contact Jenny Seylar,  
Youth Director  
(jennys@lovelylane.org).**

*Thank you for allowing me the time of spiritual renewal leave that I've now completed. It is an interesting experience to go through. I must say that I slept extremely well, sometimes 9-11 hours per night. I studied, worked in my garden, and spent time with family and friends. While in New Hampshire with my sister, I found God in the White Mountains, waking up each day to an incredible view. I am back now, and raring to go into summer mission trips and youth summer games.*

- Jenny Seylar, Director of Youth Ministries and Kid's Club Coordinator

## Small Group News, et al.



### HAPPY ENDINGS

Happy Endings, the book discussion group, will meet on June 8th at 10 AM in the church library. We will be discussing *One Flew Over The Cuckoo Nest* by Ken Kersey. The book we will read for July 13th is *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

This month's get-together is on Fri., June 12th, at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare will be provided. We'll have pizza and you can bring a dish to share. You are also invited to bring a game you'd like to play that night.

#### April financial totals

Cash inflow, April 2015	\$ 43,614
Cash inflow, year-to-date	\$166,116
Budget need, April 2015	\$ 46,650
Cash outflow (pd. bills), April '15	\$ 39,610
Cash outflow, year-to-date	\$166,158
Unpaid bills	\$ 15,468

#### Remember to Save the Date...

for the **Women's Afternoon Out** on Sun., Oct. 11th. We'll attend the matinee at the Old Creamery Theatre in Amana to see *The Church Basement Ladies: The Last (Potluck) Supper*. The cost will be \$26.00 for the play after which we plan to eat at an Amana restaurant. Health & Wholeness Committee members will be taking reservations in September for those women planning to go.

## Our Ministry Teams at Work

### Christian Education

- ♦ VBS meeting on May 20th, 6:30 pm—Come help with the planning for our "Everest" VBS
- ♦ Sign up on the STUB to help with Summer Reading during 9:30 service (theme is "Journey to Justice & Joy")
- ♦ Camperships available for summer church camp—sign up now!!

### Missions

- ♦ Special Offering for Father's Day, June 21st—Bus tickets for Helping Hands
- ♦ CROP Walk—Sunday, Oct. 11th

### Library

- ♦ A Library Open House is planned for Sunday, August 2nd, which will include a book signing by our guest author who writes *Stormin' Norman* children's books



### Congratulations to Lovely Lane's CWM Preschool & Staff

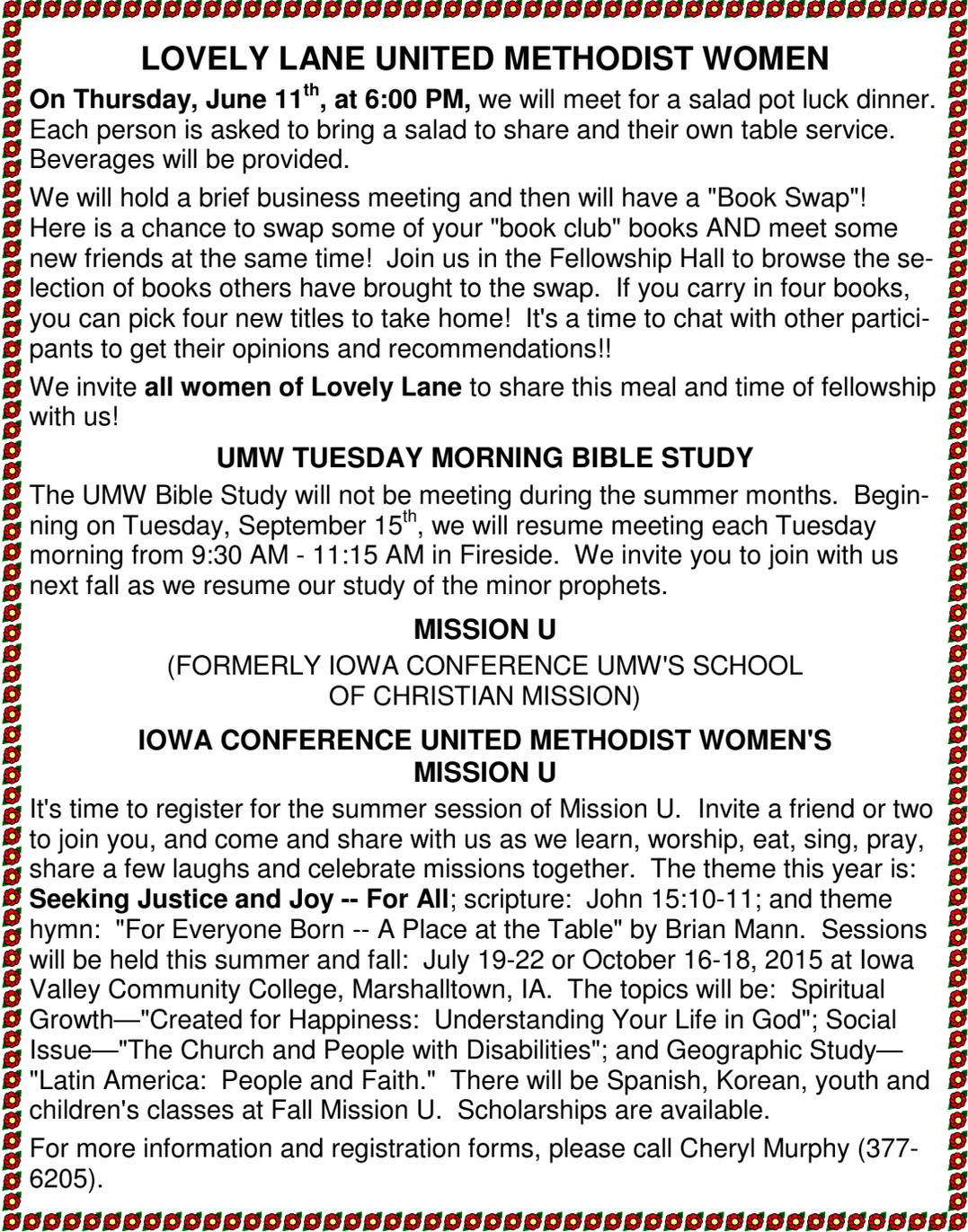
Lovely Lane's preschool has achieved a 5 star rating in the Iowa Quality Rating System. This is the highest rating possible in the state of Iowa. A certificate is on display in the narthex. Special thanks to our director, Carolyn Barnes. Job well done!!

### Remembering with love

Tom Hobson.....2014

#### Presence: Worship Attendance

5/3	5/10	5/17	5/24	5/31
299	290	256	187	



## LOVELY LANE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

On Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM, we will meet for a salad pot luck dinner. Each person is asked to bring a salad to share and their own table service. Beverages will be provided.

We will hold a brief business meeting and then will have a "Book Swap"! Here is a chance to swap some of your "book club" books AND meet some new friends at the same time! Join us in the Fellowship Hall to browse the selection of books others have brought to the swap. If you carry in four books, you can pick four new titles to take home! It's a time to chat with other participants to get their opinions and recommendations!!

We invite **all women of Lovely Lane** to share this meal and time of fellowship with us!

### UMW TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The UMW Bible Study will not be meeting during the summer months. Beginning on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, we will resume meeting each Tuesday morning from 9:30 AM - 11:15 AM in Fireside. We invite you to join with us next fall as we resume our study of the minor prophets.

### MISSION U

(FORMERLY IOWA CONFERENCE UMW'S SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION)

### IOWA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSION U

It's time to register 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; and 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, IA. The topics will be: Spiritual Growth—"Created for Happiness: Understanding Your Life in God"; Social Issue—"The Church and People with Disabilities"; and Geographic Study—"Latin America: People and Faith." There will be Spanish, Korean, youth and children's classes at Fall Mission U. Scholarships are available.

For more information and registration forms, please call Cheryl Murphy (377-6205).

## Concerns & Celebrations

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

### **Prayer concerns:**

- \*Pastor Paul & Gayle's nephew & wife – death of their 7-week old baby, Asher
- \*Sharon Mooney – recovering @ home after hospitalization
- \*Jill Sanders – being treated for loss of sight in her left eye due to an inflamed optic nerve
- \*Carol Fletcher – ongoing health problems
- \*Michelle Wasta – recovering from 2 shoulder surgeries
- \*Gene and Bev Kadlec's son-in-law, Jerry Walker [Susan's husband] – suffered a mild stroke
- \*Beth Crow's brother-in-law – recovering from surgery for a brain tumor
- \*April Drew's father and cousin – health issues
- \*Sue Moss's brother-in-law, Chris (in group home) – recovering from dental surgery
- \*People dealing with storms and flooding

### **Celebrations:**

- \*Kid's Club had an awesome year-end celebration on 4/29 with parents and siblings joining the kids for supper, a closing ceremony, and dessert
- \*Eight 8<sup>th</sup> graders were confirmed @ LL on 5/3
- \*Five new members joined LL on 5/10
- \*LL celebrated our graduating seniors on 5/17
- \*Marci Wittles completed Licensing School for Lay Ministry in May
- \*Jason & Gina Fisher (and son Weston) welcomed baby Adaline on 5/13
- \*Birth of Michael Joseph Speer – grandson of Bev Speer
- \*Rachel (Vorwerk) & Carson Lauf were married @ LL 5/23
- \*The CWM Preschool Scholarship Offering on Mother's Day was \$1,839.25
- \*The HS youth had a great time clearing tables and hosting at the Marion Pizza Ranch on 5/19; they raised \$198 in tips and 10% of the evening receipts. It was great to have so many LL folks there!
- \*Wonderful LYRA concert on 5/22 preceded by a great potluck hosted by the Chancel Choir and Hospitality
- \*The Rain Garden received a lot of needed attention on 5/22 – thank you to those who helped!

### **Thank You Notes**

**Thank You** for the lovely flowers and all your cards and prayers. The family of Evelyn Camp Phillips acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expressions of sympathy.

*Frank E. Camp*

**Thank You** for partnering with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Through your gift, you are helping to provide humanitarian relief when war, conflict, or natural disaster disrupts life to an extent that communities are unable to recover on their own. 100% of your gift through The Advance, the designated giving channel of the United Methodist Church, will go directly to the people who need it most. Thank you for giving so generously. [\$97.10 given to Disaster Response—International; \$500.00 given to National Justice for Our Neighbors]

**A Big Thanks goes out to you!** The staff of the Ecumenical Community Center thanks you for your generous donation. Together we can make a difference in our community.

**In this spring season, we want to thank all of you** for your support that helps pave the way for all that will happen through Matthew 25 in the coming months. Your gift (in the amount of \$3,186.76) is a very tangible way that you have chosen to be a partner in this work. Thank you! *Wow! Outstanding giving by one of my very favorite congregations.*  
*Blessings, Clint Twedt-Ball*



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**Summer Worship Schedule:** 9:30 AM  
- One Service Only!  
Summer Reading for kids during worship begins June 14  
Early Coffee Time before 9:30 service  
Fellowship and Activities after 9:30 service

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DISCOVERING ...  
THE WILL OF GOD



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