

Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

June 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

"Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost."
Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents
than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."

- Luke 15:6-7

Evangelism. A word that strikes terror into the hearts of so many United Method-
ists. Bible-beating! Fire and brimstone! Pushy, obnoxious, impersonal, quota-
system door-knocking that repulses more people than it redeems.

I don't know where Evangelism got such a bad press with us, but let me offer another
definition: CARING. Caring enough about one person to risk sharing with him
what makes your life worth living. Numbers are really not the issue. If you are able
to draw even one person closer to Christ, you have done something that all of heav-
en rejoices in! Evangelism isn't a numbers game or an impersonal quota system; it's
one-on-one caring. Hugh Duncan makes the same point in the following story.

The Importance of One

A young man, walking along the beach at dawn, noticed an old man ahead of him
picking up starfish and flinging them into the sea. Catching up with the man, the
youth asked what he was doing. The answer was that the stranded starfish would
die if left until the morning sun.

"But the beach goes on for miles, and there are millions of starfish," countered the
young man. "How can your effort make any difference?"

The old man looked at the starfish in his hand and then threw it to safety in the
waves. "It makes a difference to this one," he said.

Maybe we can't save the world, but we can start with the one closest to us. And
that's enough.

*Grace & Peace,
Pastor Paul*

Calendar of Events — June 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 9:30 am CCM (offsite)	2 5:30 pm Yoga	3 9 am ESL	4 9 am—1:30 pm International Ladies Fellowship 4-7 pm McKenna Woods Graduation Party
5 <i>All-Together Summer Worship begins (9:30 service) & Summer Reading begins!</i> 2 pm Boy Scouts High Adventure Mtg.	6 9:30 am ESL 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm VBS mtg.	7 6 am—9:30 pm Election site	8 6 pm Summer Games 6:30-8 pm Ice Cream Social / Presentation @ 7 to honor & thank Jenny Seylar 7:15 pm SPPRC	9 7 am Leadership Brkfst. (@ Panera's) 5:30 pm Yoga 6 pm UMW salad potluck dinner	10 9 am ESL	11
12 <i>Communion Sunday</i> 10:30 am Summer Sunday Brunch	13 9:30 am ESL 10 am Happy Endings	14 6:30 pm MHSG	15 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 6 pm Summer Games	16 5:30 pm Yoga 6:45 pm Missions 6:45 pm Trustees 7:00 pm Committees 7:50 pm Ad Council	17 9 am ESL	18
19 <i>Father's Day</i>	20 9:30 am ESL 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	21 (no JFON in June)	22 6 pm Summer Games	23 9 am-5pm EC Dist. Office Trm. mtg./retreat 5:30 pm Yoga	24 9 am ESL	25
26 10:30-Noon Young Family Fun Fest	27 <i>M.S. Mission Trip 6/27-6/29</i> 9 am Prayer Shawl 9:30 am ESL	28	29 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 6 pm Summer Games 6-9 pm Condo Assoc. mtg. 6:30-9:30 pm (other) Condo Assoc. mtg.	30 5:30 pm Yoga	ESL = English as a Second Language CCM = Care Center Ministry MHSG = Mental Health Support Group	

YOGA PARTICIPANTS, UNITE! On Thursday, June 2nd, the 5-6 PM and the 6-7 PM yoga classes will combine to make one 5:30-6:30 PM class for the summer. Remember, you can use mats **OR** chairs so no one needs to feel excluded! (Pastor Gayle prefers using a chair!) So, come on back or join us for your first time - we'd love to have you!! Leslie Allred is our wonderful instructor!

Young Family Fun Fest - June 26th!

HOW DOES... BRUNCH prepared just for your family...
ADULT conversation... SUPERVISED nursery & childcare
(games & reading)... And a FREE GIFT for your child/ren ages 0-10
...**SOUND TO YOU?!**

If it sounds good, we invite you to sign up on the STUB in worship or call the church office @ 393-6674 so we can reserve a place at the table for your family! The date is June 26th, following 9:30 worship (10:30-noon). Come and let us pamper you! ~ *Lovely Lane UMC*

Lovely Lane Worship, et al.

Worship in June

June 5th: *Conference Sunday*—Summer All-Together 9:30 AM Service
Guest speaker: Ben Oliver

June 12th: *Communion Sunday*—Summer All-Together 9:30 AM Service
Scripture: Acts 2:42-47
Sermon: "They Ate Together"

June 19th: *Father's Day*—Summer All-Together 9:30 AM Service; Special offering—Family Promise of Linn Co.
Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:6-11
Sermon: "Male Spirituality"

June 26th: *6th Sunday After Pentecost*—Summer All-Together 9:30 AM Service
Scripture: John 9:13-16, 24-34
Sermon: "Overcoming the Darkness"

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY GRADUATES

On May 10, five persons completed the *Disciple Bible Study IV: Under the Tree of Life*. This study focused on shelter, security, and rest in God's love and examined: Old Testament writings; 1, 2, & 3 John; James; John; Jude; and Revelation. Steve Mooney facilitated the class and Keith and Fonda Carris, Anne Heefner, and Lyn Lewis participated. Congrats, graduates!

Ice Cream Social to Honor Jenny, LL Director of Youth

*Wed., June 8th, 6:30-8 PM

*Presentation @ 7 PM

* Ice Cream & all the sprinkles

Come and greet Jenny Seylar as she concludes her ministry here and takes her post as pastor at Tipton UMC. Jenny has loved and led our middle and high school youth and directed our Kids Club program. Mark your calendars for this celebration! **Thanks be to God for Jenny's ministry among us!**

FATHER'S DAY SPECIAL OFFERING

On Father's Day, June 19th, we will be taking a special offering in worship for Family Promise of Linn County. Family Promise of Linn County is a nonprofit and non-denominational organization for families in transition. It is one of over 163 networks across the United States. There are over 5,000 congregations and 160,000 volunteers making up these networks.

Host congregations provide overnight lodging, meals, and hospitality. Volunteers provide a variety of services - including cooking and serving meals, playing with children, helping with homework, and staying overnight at the host churches.

Since we don't have the ability to provide lodging at Lovely Lane, we have decided to become a Support Congregation. The money given during our June special offering will be given to help support costs of the program.

Tammy Stines, Vice President of FPLC, will speak on June 19th during our 9:30 AM (all-together) service to give full insight into how the program works and what it means to the community. She will also talk about how individuals may become a part of the program as a volunteer.

8:00 COMMUNION PARTNER NEEDED

We're still looking for someone to partner with Carol Wishnowski to coordinate our monthly communion for 8:00 worship. Sign up on the STUB in worship or call the church office (393-6674) if you're interested or have questions. Thanks!!

UMW ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

LOVELY LANE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

On **Thursday, June 9th at 6 PM**, we will meet for a salad potluck 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 have a "Book Swap"! Here's a chance to Swap some of your "book club" books and meet some new friends at the same time! Join us in Fellowship Hall and 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!!

Cindy Sale will be our coordinator and Marilyn Goodman or hostess.

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, Sept. 13th, we will resume meeting each Tuesday morning from 9:30 AM - 11:15 AM in Fire-side. 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!

EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

Saturday, June 11th, 10 AM - 2 PM

@ Asbury UMC, Cedar Rapids

MISSION U

The theme this year is "A Fresh Wind Blowing--Come Soar With Us". The 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 or Oct. 21-23, 2016 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, call Cheryl Murphy (377-6205).

THE EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT UMW ANNUAL MEETING @ LOVELY LANE!

Mark your calendars! Lovely Lane UMC will be hosting the East Central District United Methodist Women's annual meeting on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Lovely Lane's UMW is beginning to make plans for hosting this large event. Hosting a district wide meeting is an honor but also a big undertaking. We know we cannot do this alone; we'll need help from many members of our congregation. Think of this as a chance to be ambassadors for Lovely Lane, offering women from other East Central District UM churches a friendly welcome and warm hospitality which will show them that we live out our mission statement. We are counting on many of you to say "YES" when we ask for a helping hand!

Our Ministry Teams at Work

Health & Wholeness

- ◆ Women's Retreat—Oct. 29th @ Prairiewoods
- ◆ Family CPR & AED Refresher—in July (TBA)
- ◆ Brunch—August 14th
- ◆ Help Family Fun Fest Activities

Hospitality

- ◆ Inquirer's Class—May 22nd
- ◆ Sunday Brunch—July 10th; bring yogurt & fruit

SPPRC

- ◆ Celebrating the ministry of Jenny Seylar
- ◆ Looking for accompanist for Sunday School choirs
- ◆ Sunday brunch— June 12th (will be great)

Trustees

- ◆ Tearing up tiles in 2-year-olds room to save \$1,000
- ◆ Painting 2 more handicap spots in parking lot
- ◆ Researching replacement of air conditioning unit

WOMEN – SAVE THE DATE!! A Women's Retreat is coming on Sat., Oct. 29th, 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM @ Prairiewoods! Come for Treats & Tai Chi, Spiritual Enrichment, a Fantastic Lunch, and Zen-Doodling! More information to come!!

April Financial Totals

Cash inflow—mo. of April	\$ 39,018
Cash inflow—YTD	\$175,753
Budget need/month	\$ 46,863
Cash outflow—mo. of April	\$ 39,788
Cash outflow—YTD	\$173,895
<i>Unpaid bills</i>	<i>\$ 14,562</i>

Presence: Worship Attendance

<u>5/1</u>	<u>5/8</u>	<u>5/15</u>	<u>5/22</u>	<u>5/29</u>
253	265	256	196	

HAPPY ENDINGS

Happy Endings, the book discussion group, will meet on Mon., June 13th, at 10:00 AM in the church library. The book we will be reading and discussing is "Our Souls at Night" by Ken Haruf.

For the July 11th meeting, the book to read is "When Books Went to War" by Molly Guptil Manning. In August, we will not read a book but go to Barnes & Noble for a discussion and lunch at the Olive Garden.

If you have any questions, please call Nancy Miller.

Women, Mark Your Calendars!

Women's Tuesday 6:45 PM Study Group will meet weekly at the home of Becky Rindfleisch @ 6021 River Parkway NE during the summer months.

Women's Wednesday noon Study Group will meet monthly for lunch at 11:30 as follows:
 June 22 @ Olive Garden
 July 20 @ Edgewood HyVee Market Grille
 August 24 @ Emil's Hideaway

Zamar Youth Handbells

Zamar ('Festive Praise' in Hebrew) had a great year of ringing and whacking (boom whackers) at various worship services and special events. We would welcome new ringers next fall who:

- *Read music and play an instrument
- *Are in grades 4-8
- *Can attend weekly rehearsals Wed. 4:50-5:30
- *Can commit to playing in worship on agreed upon dates

Come join the fun! Contact Pastor Gayle @ gaylew@lovelylane.org or 393-6674.

Youth activities

June 27-29: Middle School Mission Trip to Mechanicsville, IA. If youth are interested in this trip, please contact Jenny Seylar.

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: Vacation Bible School for children preschool-5th grade. Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to help with this fun outreach event!

Summer Reading Theme: "Be a Part of the Change"

After the children's sermon during our 9:30 summer service, children (Preschool—4th grade) can choose to be read to by adults and youth in Room 103. Two volunteers will be with the children. The books read will be about how kids can make a difference in God's world.

When church is finished, parents can pick up their child(ren) from Rm. 103.

VBS HELPERS NEEDED

Please join us as we make plans for our summer Vacation Bible School (*Surf Shack - "Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love"*) on July 24-28. There are many different areas in which we'd welcome your input and expertise! The next VBS meeting is on Monday, June 6th, @ 6:30 PM. Please contact Mrs. G (Barb) @ christianedu@lovelylane.org if you have questions and/or to volunteer.



LOVELY LANE IS A FRIEND OF EDUCATION

On Thursday, May 5th, Lovely Lane received the 2016 CREA Friend of Education Award at a celebration held at the Kirkwood Hotel!

LL was recommended by Matthew Brems, a 5th grade teacher at Pierce Elementary School, for our help with backpacks, Change a Child's Story reading, summer grounds clean up, our BASE program, and other assistance. *Way to go, Lovely Lane!*

"Change a Child's Story" Makes a Difference!

Thanks to our current volunteers, we have read 216.2 hours and given away 772 books since last summer! We are making a difference and edging toward our goal to read 2,500 hrs. and give away 2,500 books! Whether you like to read to groups of kids or more one-on-one, there is a place for YOU to make a difference in the life of a child. Sign up on the STUB in worship if you want to join the fun or call the church office (393-6674)! Pastor Gayle will contact you about opportunities! (If you're already *in the program*, there's no need to sign up again.)

Youth Summer Games—Wed. beginning June 8th, 6-7 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, and many other games. Come and connect with your church friends!!

Concerns & Celebrations

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

Prayer concerns:

- *Death of Donna Karshner - funeral was 5/21 @ Cedar Memorial Jill Sanders & family – death of her mother, Ruth; her funeral was on 5/4 (Jill is a LL member & our E. Central Dist. Outreach Minister)
- *Rory Niebuhr – death of his uncle from Milwaukee
- *Dick Chelikowsky (& Jeanne) - taking chemo therapy for pancreatic/liver cancer
- *June Sackett – recovering from skin cancer surgery
- *Sharon Mooney - hospitalized for infection; ongoing health issues
- *Evan Hupp - shoulder surgery
- *Do Koudelka – hospitalized with an injured shoulder after a fall
- *Millie Corbett – complications with her gallbladder
- *Dennis Ramsey (LL organist) – medical issue
- *Shirley & Phil Martin's grandson, Isaac – possible diagnosis of Horner's Syndrome
- *Curt Pakkebie's close friend, Joe – stage 4 lung cancer

Joys:

- *Our Confirmands (plus parents & mentors) we celebrated on 5/1: CJ Currie, Alaina Mason, Emma Herold, Maria Mooney, Cailie Mumby, Madelyn O'Brien, Abby Spore, John Steffen & Wes Turner
- *LLUMC received the 2016 *Friend of Education* award on behalf of the CR Education Assoc. during the Linn Co. Educator of the Year celebration @ the Kirkwood Hotel on May 5. Matthew Brems, a Pierce 5th gr. teacher, nominated us for our volunteer work at the school: backpacks, Change a Child's Story reading program, BASE program, summer grounds clean-up, and what he called *much more*. The plaque is on display in the narthex! Praise God!!
- *Marcie Stumpf was able to fill in for Dennis, LL organist (out sick) in all 3 services on 5/1
- *Total received for UMCOR Earthquake Relief = \$1239.35
- *Ed Bents – doing well after lung cancer surgery
- ***Thanks** to Dorris & Dean Lanning who tidied and re-stocked our pews for the last few years! Well done, good and faithful servants! **Welcome** to Joy Jackson, Linda Jones, Linda Keefe, and Terrie Seibert who have taken over this important service!
- *Vano Kalembe Kiboko, brother of our E. Central District Superintendent, was released from prison in his native Democratic Republic of Congo; he was jailed for 16 mos. for being a political dissident who led a prison revival
- *Join the fun! Four people have signed up to be Sunday School teachers next Fall and 6 folks signed up as Summer VBS helpers!
- *Our special offering for CWM Preschool scholarships = \$1,255.25
- *LL Preschool celebrated graduation this week of their 4-year-olds
- *Celebrating our graduating seniors this morning
- *Sue Moss is a first-time great aunt with the birth of Mateo to her niece Megan & husband in Las Vegas, Nevada

Thank You Notes

Thank you for your prayers and kindness... also for both of the prayer shawls... they are so beautiful. *Velma & Richard Rainville*

Thank you so much for contributing 283 lbs. of food to the LC Food Bank during the first quarter of 2016. We couldn't operate our food bank without generous donor support.

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 gifts like yours make possible. Thank you for giving so generously. (*Gift received on 4/21/16 of \$1,923.25)

Justice for Our Neighbors thanks you for the recent contribution of \$25 to this ministry of the IA Annual Conference. We are grateful for your support of our work with refugees and immigrants who come to us with important questions that affect their families and their futures. You are 1 of only 6 churches that opens your doors to immigrants and refugees for JFON legal clinics. Your church has been very generous and this enables us to continue this ministry of the Iowa Annual Conference Board of Global Ministries. Without the commitment of churches like you, we couldn't do this work. It is only because of your faithful support that "welcoming the stranger" in this very necessary way can be sustained.

Remembering with love

Tom Hobson.....2014



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Summer Worship Schedule:

9:30 AM Traditional (blended* on 2nd & 4th Sundays) - June, July & August

**Blended = a mix of traditional & contemporary*

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



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