

Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

May 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

“Doing Small Things With Great Love” - that is the wise motto of one of my Colleagues in Ministry and a good friend. Although we'd rather be doing “the big stuff”, small things done with great love and an even greater God do not remain small for very long.

In Elmer Bendiner's book, *The Fall of Fortresses*, he describes one bombing run over the German city of Kassel: Our B-17 (“The Tondelayo”) was bar-raged by flack from Nazi anti-aircraft guns. That was not unusual, but on this particular occasion our gas tanks were hit. Later, as I reflected on the miracle of a twenty-millimeter shell piercing the fuel tank without touching off an explosion, our pilot, Bohn Fawkes, told me it was not quite that simple.

On the morning following the raid, Bohn had gone down to ask our crew chief for that shell as a souvenir of unbelievable luck. The crew chief told Bohn that not just one shell but eleven had been found in the gas tanks—eleven unexploded shells where only one was sufficient to blast us out of the sky. It was as if the sea had been parted for us. Even after thirty-five years, so awesome an event leaves me shaken, especially after I heard the rest of the story from Bohn.

He was told that the shells had been sent to the armorers to be defused. The armorers told him that Intelligence had picked them up. They could not say why at the time, but Bohn eventually sought out the answer. Apparently when the armorers opened each of those shells, they found no explosive charge. They were as clean as a whistle and just as harmless. Empty? Not all of them.

One contained a carefully rolled piece of paper. On it was a scrawl in Czech. The Intelligence people scoured our base for a man who could read Czech. Eventually, they found one to decipher the note. It set us marveling. Translated, the note read: “This is all we can do for you now.”

“Let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart. So then as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.”

Keep the Faith, Pastor Paul

Calendar of Events — May 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm C.E. mtg.	2 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 6:45 pm Women's Study	3 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 12 noon Women's Study 4:50 pm Youth Bells 6 pm Confirmation rehearsal	4 5:30 pm Yoga 6:45 pm Handbells	5 Happy Birthday, Pastor Paul!	6
7 Confirmation Sunday / Holy Communion / UMCOR Offering 9 am Chancel Choir 6 pm Sr. High Youth Group (@ Linders')	8 10:00 am Happy Endings 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	9 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 6:30 pm MHSG 6:45 pm Women's Study	10 12 noon Women's Study 4:50 pm Youth Bells 7:30 pm SPPRC	11 7 am Leadership Brkfst (@ Panera's) 12 Noon UMW mtg. 5:30 pm Yoga 6:30 pm Missions NO Handbells	12	13
14 Mother's Day / Bake Sale Fundraiser 9 am Chancel Choir	15 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	16 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 10:30 am-5 pm JFON Office Hours 5-8 pm JFON Clinic 6:45 pm Women's Study	17 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 12 noon Women's Study	18 5:30 pm Yoga 6:15 pm Handbells 6:45 pm Trustees 7:00 pm Committees 7:50 pm Ad Council	19 12 Noon Friendly Fellowship	20 12-4 pm Bridal Shower
21 Graduation Sunday / Teacher Appreciation Sunday / Last Day of Sunday School 9 am Chancel Choir	22 5:15 pm Tai Chi Class 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	23 1 pm UMW Bible Study lunch (offsite)	24	25 5:30 pm Yoga	26	27 9 am-1:30 pm International Ladies Fellowship
28 Mental Health Awareness Sunday 9 am Chancel Choir 1 pm N. O'Brien's HS Graduation Party	29 Memorial Day (church & office closed)	30	31 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 6 pm Prayer Shawl	CCM = Care Center Ministry MHSG = Mental Health Support Group		

A BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER FOR ISABEL DREW—MAY 14TH

Help us support the Drew family as they journey through Isabel's cancer diagnosis and ongoing treatment. We will be holding a sale on Mother's Day, May 14th, with a variety of treats baked by several of Lovely Lane's own professional bakers. We're also welcoming donations of baked goods or crafts from our talented congregation. If you're interested in donating either, please sign up on the STUB in worship or contact Anne or Heather (see below) so we may contact you with set-up, time, and pricing.

The May 14th sale will begin following the 8:00 service and continue until after the 10:30 service.

If you have questions or wish to make a donation, please contact Anne Mason (319-210-3861) or Heather Hingtgen (319-360-0126). Save yourself a trip to the bakery and pick up dessert for mom while you're at church!

Lovely Lane Worship, et al.

Worship in May

May 7th: *Confirmation Sunday / Holy Communion / UMCOR Special Offering*—8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Services

Scripture: Jonah 1:1-17

Sermon: "In the Belly of God's Call"

Special Offering: United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR)

May 14th: *Mother's Day*—8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Services

Scripture: Luke 2:33-35

Sermon: "You Can Do It"

Special Bake/Craft Sale for Isabel Drew

May 21st: *Graduation Sunday / Teacher Appreciation Sunday*—8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Services

Scripture: John 14:1-6

Sermon: "I Am the Way, The Truth, The Life"

May 28th: *Mental Health Awareness Sunday*—8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM services

Special Presentation by Dr. Ron Nelson, Karon Niebuhr, and Sue Moss

UMCOR SPECIAL OFFERING SUNDAY, MAY 7TH

The United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR) is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to alleviating human suffering around the globe. Their work includes programs and projects in disaster response, health, sustainable agriculture, food security, relief supplies, and more.

UMCOR's goal is to assist the most vulnerable persons affected by crisis or chronic need without regard to their race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. We believe all people have God-given worth and dignity.

UMCOR's work reaches people in more than 80 countries, including the U.S. They provide humanitarian relief when war, conflict, or natural disaster disrupt life to such an extent that communities are unable to recover on their own. They provide these survivors not only temporary relief but long-term education, training, and support.

Please prayerfully consider a donation to UMCOR on May 7th! Any amount is valuable and appreciated! Thanks in advance for you support!

CONFIRMATION 2017

On Sunday, May 7th, at 10:30 AM worship, the following youth will be confirmed in the Christian Faith as followers of Jesus, take vows of church membership, and join Lovely Lane UMC! These youth have spent 8 months studying the Christian faith, learning about John Wesley, writing worship reviews, and assisting with three local missions. They have done a lock-in, walked a labyrinth, worshipped at a synagogue and an African American church, been part of LL's youth group, and written their personal statements of faith (their creeds), and attended a personal faith interview. Please pray for them as they are confirmed in the faith, join the church, and embark on a new season of faith development and service. *Following the service there will be a reception.*

Confirmand

Gabriella Christine Dupont

Lindsay Marie Lesmeister

Reid Curtiss Pakkebier

Olivia Jesse Schneider

Grace Elizabeth Techau

Jacey Christine Wall

Parents

Chris and Dawn Dupont

Pat and Mindy Lesmeister

Curtiss and Lisa Pakkebier

Ike and Carla Jesse Schneider

Kevin and Stephanie Techau

Chad and Julie Wall

Mentor

Judy McDowell

Cathy Weber

Justin Gehrts

Julie Meyer

Linda Keefe

Anne Heefner

Joe Helle (teaching assistant) with Pastor Gayle Wilcox (teacher)

UMW NEWS

LOVELY LANE UMW'S MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 11, @ 12 NOON In the Fellowship Hall

Ladies of Lovely Lane: We invite you to come and share some delicious food and fond memories. This year, we're going to gather around the table to remember our loved ones by sharing their special recipes. This will be a special potluck luncheon, so please bring a dish to share of a favorite family recipe and your own table service. Beverages will be provided. We will reminisce about family traditions and favorite foods, so please bring your recipe and memories with you.

We will also take time to remember **"THOSE SPECIAL WOMEN"** who have gone before us—perhaps with memories of their special recipes from former Lovely Lane members. Fonda Caris and Cheryl Murphy will be our hostesses. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS & COME JOIN US!**

THIRD ANNUAL EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN CLERGY WOMEN SERVING IN OUR DISTRICT; SPA DAY

**Tuesday, May 16, 2017
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**West Branch United Methodist Church
203 N. Downy, West Branch (319 643-5489)**

A special invitation for UMW units whose churches are served by Women Clergy. As a way to honor the women who serve our churches, we have been asked to bring our Clergy Woman to experience a day of pampering! (Salad luncheon; hand/foot massages; facial scrub project; Fair Trade Gifts for sale; Clergy only sharing and reflection time with Pastor Karen Nelson, and much more.)

UMW BIBLE STUDY

We are finishing our study of the Gospel of Mark and will begin to look at Luke's Gospel before this session ends. We'll continue to meet through May 16th and then on **May 23rd**, we will meet for our annual *wind-up* luncheon after which the group will take a break during the summer. Beginning on **September 12th**, **we'll resume meeting each Tuesday morning from 9:30 - 11:15 AM.** We invite you to join with us next fall!

IOWA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSION U

Sessions will be held this summer and fall: **July 16-18 or October 20-22**, at Iowa Valley Community College, Marshalltown, IA. The topics will be: Spiritual Growth: "Living as a Covenant Community"; Social Issue: "Climate Justice: A Call to Hope and Action"; and Geographic Study: "Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States." Spanish, Korean, Youth and Children's classes will be part of the Fall Mission U! Scholarships are available. For more information and registration forms, call Cheryl Murphy (377-6205).

! Come join us! Our beginning **Tai Chi/Qi Chong class** is set for Monday, May 22nd, in Fireside !
! from 5:15 to 6:15 PM. Childcare will not be available. Call/message Linda Keefe with any questions !
! (319-551-7783). !

FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP

FF will meet on Friday, May 19th, at Noon for a luncheon potluck. Our host and co-hostess are Phil and Shirley Martin, and our speaker will be a representative from AARP presenting information about Fraud Prevention for Senior Citizens. We are encouraging people to come and bring their friends with them to this meeting.

GRADUATION SUNDAY - MAY 21st

On Sunday, May 21st, we will honor our 2017 high school graduates at all three worship services. Please pray for these young people as they wrap up high school and prepare for their next chapter in life! Plan to be present to congratulate our seniors as they continue in their journey of faith and education:

Brant Barnhart, Hunter Barnhart,
Kyree Bell, Elena Burrier,
Claire Hauser, Christopher Haring,
Malea Mason, Austin Maus,
Noelle O'Brien, Cade Schoenauer,
& Logan Taylor

Remembering with love:

Gladys Hograbe.....2013
Preston Cole.....2014
Donna Karshner.....2016

Presence: Worship Attendance

<u>4/2</u>	<u>4/9</u>	<u>4/16</u>	<u>4/23</u>
297	297	569	249

Our Ministry Teams at Work

Health & Wholeness

- ◆ Family CPR/AED Refresher this summer
- ◆ Ronald McDonald Dinner—May 17th
- ◆ Tai Chi—starting on May 22nd @ 6:30 PM

Missions

- ◆ Community involvement—current focus:
 - Habitat for Humanity
 - Kennedy High School / student needs we can address
- ◆ Church newsletter needs article on the Preschool Scholarships (*see below*)

Hospitality

- ◆ Confirmation Reception—May 7th
- ◆ Summer Brunch Schedule—4th Sunday

SPECIAL PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP OFFERING ON FATHER'S DAY, JUNE 18TH

We will receive a special offering on June 18th that is near and dear to a every parent's heart: Scholarships to Preschool for 2 & 3 year olds. Every year Lovely Lane and Trinity Lane Preschools extend learning, nurture, and love to the very children who most need it and can least afford it. Let's help them touch a life!

HAPPY ENDINGS

Happy Endings, the book discussion group, will meet on Monday, May 8th, at 10 AM in the church library. We will not be discussing any particular book, but instead we are asking you to bring the title and description of any book or books you've read that might be enjoyed by the group in the future. Our selection for June is *Hillbilly Elegy* by JD Vance and for July it's *The Whole Town's Talking* by Fanny Flagg.

Come join us for good fellowship AND to help choose future reading! Call Nancy Miller (393-6340) with any questions.

Youth activities

Teacher Appreciation: Our last day of Sunday School for this year will be May 21st; be here to see what the children have done!

Summer Reading – begins June 4th. Children may choose to participate in Summer Reading after the Moment for Young Disciples in worship. This year's theme is "Celebrate the Beauty of God's Earth"; books read will relate to this theme. Parents can pick up their children after church from room 104 (basement – a.k.a. 3 yr old Preschool). A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex with summer dates for any readers who wish to help read. Per our policy of Safe Sanctuaries, we ask that two individuals sign up for each date. Thanks!

Don't forget to register for **Summer Camp** – information is available in the Narthex. Scholarships are also available.

Vacation Bible School: Remember you can register now for "**HERO CENTRAL – Discover Your Strength in God!**" at www.Eventrite.com OR find a registration form in the Lovely Lane Narthex. There will also soon be a sign up sheet for items needed for VBS – your donations are appreciated!

Our Fall 2017 Sunday School Rally will be September 10th!



MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

1 out of 5 adults, or roughly 600,000 Iowans, live with some form of mental illness. About 37,000 grapple with serious mental illness daily. It's time to provide support, educate our peers, and end the stigma of living with a mental illness. (NAMI Iowa)

Top signs of mental illness in Adults, Young Adults and Adolescents:

Confused thinking Prolonged depression (sadness or irritability)
Feelings of extreme highs & lows Excessive fears, worries & anxieties
Social withdrawal Dramatic changes in eating or sleeping habits
Strong feelings of anger Strange thoughts (delusions)
Seeing or hearing things that aren't there (hallucinations)
Growing inability to cope with daily problems & activities Suicidal thoughts
Numerous unexplained physical ailments Substance use

Information can be found at 800-950-NAMI & info@nami.org M-F, 9 am –5 pm CT

24 hour help lines: National Suicide Prevention Line 1-800-273-TALK(8255);
Foundation 2 Crisis Center 319-362-2174 or 1-800-332-4224;
Abbe Center 319-398-3562; OR Text: NAMI to 741741

SEEKING HELP IS NOT A SIGN OF WEAKNESS! YOU ARE NOT ALONE!!!!

Concerns & Celebrations

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

Prayer concerns:

- *Susan Staed – stillborn granddaughter
- *Kevin Wittles – on the death of his mother
- *Becky Wood – great nephew's suicide
- *Wilcoxes – tragic death of nephew
- *Tom Rimmer – ongoing cancer/COPD struggles
- *Steve Mooney – cancer treatments
- *Sharon Vavra (new member) – carpal tunnel surgery
- *Mara Budny, daughter of Chris & Jeff (regular attenders) – recovering from a concussion
- *Dana Renken—skin cancer surgery
- *Kristin Carollo—surgery
- *Hayden Mulnik—recovering from 2nd surgery for arteriovenous brain fistula
- *New member Maryann Ellis – mother, Darlene Carlson, had hip surgery
- *Amber Mulnik - mom, Dawn, cancer
- *The chemical attack in Syria causing many deaths
- *The school shooting in California, and violence in general in this country and around the world
- *Wildfires in Florida
- *Bishop Oliveto & UM connection

Joys:

- *Thank you to Pastor Paul for making beautiful new wooden candle lighters for our acolytes to use!
- *Plans made for LL youth's Colorado summer mission trip
- *Energy & celebration on Palm/Passion Sunday
- *Isabel Drew home briefly from the U of I Children's Hospital before a 2nd round of chemo
- *Our Seder Meal for Maundy Thursday was very well received – thank you to all who helped before, during & after the event!
- *Our Easter Egg Hunt was a big success! THANKS to all who provided candy/trinkets/coins, as well as those who helped set up, helped with crafts, hid eggs, or monitored eggs and/or children; your time spent was greatly appreciated!
- *Easter Sunday services were very well attended
- *Awesome youth-led program at 9:15 service on Easter; many thanks to all who participated, and to Pastor Paul for his leadership!
- *Kid's Club enjoyed an end-of-year picnic and celebration on Wed., April 26th
- *Landen Boyse Wear—baptized Sunday, April 23rd

Thank You Note

A **BIG** Thank You to the following for covering the church office while I was on vacation with family in AZ: Anne Heefner, Linda Keefe, Sharon Kouba, Linda Carollo, Susan Camp, and Fonda Carris. Great job, ladies—I really appreciate it!!! *Sue Moss*

HOUSE OF HOPE'S SUMMER CLASSES:

- 1) *Present Over Perfect*—Spend your life present instead of striving for perfection (book study by Shauna Niequist); begins Thursday, May 18th
- 2) *Nine Keys to Contentment*—Learn to practice contentment in a Bible study on Philippians; begins Tuesday, May 30th
- 3) *Be Free: An Emotional Release Workshop*—Let go of hurt and trauma to live freely; held on June 24th

House of Hope
1744 2nd Ave. SE, CR 52403
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www.houseofhopecr.org

"Encouraging, equipping and empowering women and their families to live well."

WELCOME TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF OUR LOVELY LANE FAMILY (joined in worship on 4/2):

Jennifer Dickens Dave & Maryann Ellis
Barbara Weber Donna Plocher
Bri Wolfs

Please talk to Pastor Gayle if you are interested in joining or have questions and have not indicated your interest on the STUB in worship.

March Financial Totals

Cash inflow—mo. of March	\$ 39,269
Cash inflow—YTD	\$115,229
Budget need/month	\$ 46,308
Cash outflow—mo. of March	\$ 36,179
Cash outflow—YTD	\$131,239
Unpaid bills	\$ 7,053

Sunday Worship Schedule:

8:00 AM Traditional
9:15 AM Guitar service on 1st & 3rd Sundays; Traditional on 2nd & 4th
10:30 AM Traditional 2nd & 4th Sundays; Blended* 1st & 3rd; Choir all Sundays

**Blended = a mix of traditional & contemporary*

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DISCERNING ...
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THE WILL OF GOD



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Lead Pastor.....Paul Wilcox
Associate Pastor.....Gayle Wilcox
Office Manager.....Sue Moss
Director Children’s Weekday Min.....Carolyn Barnes
Youth Director.....Paul Wilcox
Kid’s Club Director.....Julie Meyer
Christian Educator..... Barb Geissinger
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,
& Paige Gerjets
Wedding Coordinator.....Becky Wood
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