

Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

November 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

*“And it shall come to pass afterward
that I will pour out my spirit on all flesh:
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.”*

Joel 2:28

Nearly all the churches that I know of are nonprofit organizations, but did you know that there are also many churches that are “non-prophet” organizations as well? I’m talking about churches that have lost their prophetic spirit and their moral vision. They no longer “dream the dreams” of Christ’s Church. For them, Jesus’ mission to extend God’s justice and mercy to all people has taken a back seat to less important matters: *What color of carpet? How many napkins? How many attend? How much was given? Which furnace to select?* Of course, these are all important questions that make the ministry of the church possible—but, when we lose sight of Christ’s great commission “to make disciples of all nations”, then we cease to be “prophetic” to our Lord’s Kingdom.

Our church needs to take time to rekindle the spirit of Christ within us, to dream his dreams, to recapture his vision of liberation for our troubled world. Our November 13th Charge Conference will be such a time, especially if you are there—with your dreams. Come and help us, won’t you, to keep our church from becoming just another “non-prophet” organization?

Grace & Peace, Pastor Paul

Lovely Lane Charge Conference *Together We Serve* - Nov. 13th

Rev. Scott Kober from Solon UMC will lead our annual Charge Conference after a light lunch at noon on Sunday, Nov. 13th, after 10:30 worship. At the meeting, we’ll celebrate how far we’ve come with our 2016 ministry goals and announce new goals for 2017. Come to the charge conference to learn **more** about other ministry ideas that you as a congregation have suggested as areas of emphasis for Lovely Lane in 2017.

Calendar of Events — November 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 5:30 pm Library Team 6:30 pm MHSG 6:45 pm Women's Study	2 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 12 noon Women's Study 4:50 pm Youth Bells 5:30 pm Family Meal 6 pm Kid's Club 6 pm Middle School Youth Group 6 pm Adult Explo 7:15 am Kid's Club Teacher mtg.	3 5:30 pm Yoga 6:45 pm Handbells	4 (No ESL)	5 9 am—1:30 pm International Ladies Fellowship
6 <i>All Saints Sunday & Day-light Saving Time ends!!!</i> 9 am Chancel Choir 9:15 am & 11:30 am New Members Class 11:35 am SH Yth. Grp.	7 (No ESL) 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Christian Education	8 <i>Election Day</i> (NO UMW Bib. St.) 6:45 pm Women's Study	9 12 noon Women's Study 4:50 pm Youth Bells 5:30 pm Family Meal 6 pm Kid's Club 6 pm MS Youth Grp./ Confirmation 6 pm Adult Explo 7:15 pm SPPRC	10 7 am Leadership Brkfst @ Panera's 1 pm UMW meeting 5:30 pm Yoga 6:45 pm Handbells	11 (No ESL) 5:30 pm Confirmation field trip to synagogue in Coralville	12 9-11 AM "Read & Feed" - <i>wear Silly Socks!</i>
13 <i>Charge Conference Sunday & Communion</i> 9 am Chancel Choir 12 noon Charge Conference 6 pm SH Yth. Grp.	14 9:30 am ESL 10 am Happy Endings 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm CWM Board	15 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 10:30-5 pm JFON Office Hours 5-8 pm JFON Clinic 6:45 pm Women's Study	16 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 12 noon Women's Study 4:50 pm Youth Bells 5:30 pm Family Meal 6 pm Kid's Club 6 pm MS Youth Grp. 6 pm Adult Explo	17 5:30 pm Yoga 6:15 pm Handbells 6:45 pm Missions 6:45 pm Trustees 7:00 pm Committees 7:50 pm Ad Council	18 9 am ESL 12 Noon Friendly Fellowship	19
20 <i>Thanks-giving Sunday</i> 9 am Chancel Choir 9 am UMW Bake Sale 11:30 am Potluck & church decorating for Advent/Christmas 6 pm SH Yth. Grp.	21 9:30 am ESL 6:30 am Boy Scouts	22 6:45 pm Women's Study	23 12 noon Women's Study (NO Wed. evening activities)	24 <i>Thanks-giving Day (church & office closed)</i>	25 <i>(church & office closed)</i>	26
27 <i>First Sunday in Advent</i> 9 am Chancel Choir (NO Senior High Youth Group)	28 9 am Prayer Shawl Group 9 am—Noon CWM Preschl. Christmas Store 9:30 am ESL 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	29 9 am—Noon CWM Preschl. Christmas Store 5:30 pm Library Team 6:45 pm Women's Study	30 9 am—Noon CWM Preschl. Christmas Store 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 12 noon Women's Study 4:50 pm Youth Bells 5:30 pm Family Meal 6 pm Kid's Club 6 pm MS Youth Grp./ Confirmation 6 pm Adult Explo 6 pm Prayer Shawl		ESL = English as a Second Language CCM = Care Center Ministry MHSG = Mental Health Support Group	

Poinsettias for the Sanctuary

Please bring in your Christmas poinsettia for the altar any time during Advent (begins on Nov. 27th this year). You will want the perfect one to honor or remember a loved one. Be sure to write your name and name of the person to be commemorated on the poinsettia sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Our ~~Lovely Lane~~ **Angel Tree** will appear in mid-November with opportunities to support children and families at Taylor Elementary School and Trinity Lane Preschool. There will also be opportunities to support the *Change a Child's Story* initiative. Look for details in upcoming bulletin announcements and watch for the tree in the church narthex before Thanksgiving.

Lovely Lane Worship, et al.

Worship in November

Nov. 6th: All Saints Sunday/Memorial Dedication—8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Services

Scripture: Hebrews 11:32-12:2

Sermon: "Promises to Keep: Witness"

Nov. 13th: Charge Conference Sunday & Holy Communion—8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Services

Scripture: Isaiah 53:1-5

Sermon: "The Sacrificial Visitor"

Join us after the 10:30 service for a light lunch at noon followed by our annual charge conference.

Nov. 20th: Thanksgiving Sunday—8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Services

Scripture: Deuteronomy 4:9-14

Sermon: "Memories of a Pilgrim's Heart"

Join us after the 10:30 service for a potluck followed by decorating the church for Advent & Christmas.

Nov. 27th: 1st Sunday in Advent—8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Services

Scripture: Luke 2:1-7

Sermon: "God's Address: The Wrong Side of the Tracks"

Presence: Worship Attendance

10/2	10/9	10/16	10/23	10/30
275	216	222	293	263

All Saints Sunday - Nov. 6th

On Sunday, Nov. 6th, we will honor those who have died in the Lord in the past year (since last All Saints Sunday). Please join us for this very special service!

Remembering with love

Ron Rath.....2014

Russ Morris.....2014

Phyllis Plunge.....2014

Decorating the Church - Nov. 20th

Please join us after 10:30 worship on Sunday, Nov. 20th, as we decorate the church for Christmas! All ages are welcome—children, youth, and adults! While the adults and older youth decorate the inside of the church, younger children are invited to decorate outside after making strings of popcorn and cranberries, etc. for the birds. Please sign up on the STUB in worship or call the church office (393-6674) and plan to bring your own table service and a potluck dish to share!! *Come One, Come All, and Decorate the Halls!!*

Advent Offering Begins November 27th

Lovely Lane's Missions Committee has selected the following as this year's Advent Offering recipients:

- 1) **Ecumenical Center**—Current missions are: **Helping Hands Ministry** which provides problem solving, referral and emergency financial assistance to people in need; **CompuPlace**, a specialized computer-based learning center for people with disabilities; and **Agency Housing**, which houses the Green Square Meals program, among others.
- 2) **Ethiopian School Desk Project**—This project will provide at least 100 student desks and transportation to a primary school which educates 200 plus students in a remote village. Because 1 well was built to provide clean water, all children in the village now have an opportunity for an education.
- 3) **Tanager Place**—Tanager Place creates a positive impact on thousands of children and families each year who cope with mental and behavioral health challenges. Beginning in 1879 as Iowa's first children's human services agency, it has evolved to serve the needs of our community's children every day.
- 4) **International French Fellowship Ministry**—Meeting at 11:35 AM Sundays at Cedar Rapids' Asbury UMC, IFFM offers worship, Bible study, and life skills classes for immigrants from French-speaking Africa. Starting in Jan. 2014, the Fellowship has been growing in no., in Spirit, and in passion for the ministry of Jesus Christ.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

LOVELY LANE'S UNITED METHODIST WOMEN WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU....

Thanks to everyone who donated items for this year's garage sale! It was a success, making \$831.45. The proceeds will be used to support our various mission projects around the world, our state, and right here at Lovely Lane. Special thanks to everyone who helped set up, worked at the sale and/or helped with the cleanup.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN GENERAL MEETING

The UMW General Meeting will be on Thursday, Nov. 10th, at 1 PM at Lovely Lane UMC.

Cindy Sale will present our short pledge service after which we'll plan 2017 programs and special events. We'll also put the finishing touches on our annual Advent Coffee & Ornament Exchange in December. All UMW members and all interested women of Lovely Lane are encouraged to join us for this planning session. We need your help! Please come with your ideas and input about programs or events you'd like to have us sponsor. We'd also like to enlarge our circle of UMW friends to include working women and younger women of Lovely Lane by forming new circles. These circles may vary from traditional to non-traditional, from study groups to social or social action groups, from meeting to study the Bible to shared interest groups (quilters, knitting or cooking groups, or just meeting for coffee and conversation). We'd really like to provide Lovely Lane women the opportunity to grow spiritually within a loving, caring fellowship, and allow us to continue to fulfill our UMW PURPOSE. Please come and help us make plans that will be of interest and benefit to the women of LLUMC.

As this is the time of our annual pledge, members are invited to bring their UMW pledges and World Thank Offerings as our Treasurer, Cindy Sale, will collect them at this—our annual Pledge and Thank Offering Service. We invite all Lovely Lane women to share this time of fellowship with us! *REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR WORLD THANK OFFERING BOXES!!*

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S BAKE SALE

Our Fall Bake Sale will be Sunday, Nov. 20th, between worship services. Donations of pies, cakes, cookies, breads, and candies will be most appreciated; please bring priced baked items to the church foyer. Sale proceeds will be used to help support our mission projects.

This will be a good time to pick up some delicious baked goods. We hope that you help to make this sale a success!

UMW BIBLE STUDY

The UMW Tuesday Morning Bible Study will continue its study of the Gospel of Matthew and then begin looking into the Gospel of Mark. One introduction to Mark's Gospel states that it is a simple, succinct, unadorned, yet vivid account of Jesus' Ministry. The UMW Bible Study group meets on Tues. mornings from 9:30 to 11:15 AM. We'll continue to meet thru Nov. 15th and then take a break for Advent and Christmas before returning to our study on Tuesday, Jan. 10th, 2017. We've found that with each new study, we gain new insights and understanding of the Scriptures and that, within a loving, caring fellowship, our studies have helped us to continue to grow spiritually and to deepen our faith. We invite anyone who is free on Tuesday mornings to join us for fellowship and study from 9:30 to 11:15. **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!**

UPCOMING UMW EVENTS: We invite you to join us for two delightful ways to celebrate the Advent Season. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our annual *Advent Coffee* on Dec. 3rd, and our annual *Dinner & Ornament Exchange* on Tuesday, Dec. 13th.

FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP

Friendly Fellowship will meet on Thursday, Nov. 18th, at noon for a potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be a presentation by Ed and Barb Mumford on their recent trip to Cuba—it should be an enjoyable and informative topic! Come for good food and good fellowship!!

SAVE THE DATES!!

The **UMW Advent Coffee** will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. This is always an enjoyable time to celebrate the coming of the Holiday Season with good fellowship, good entertainment, and delicious refreshments!

*The annual **UMW Ornament Exchange** dinner will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 13th, at 6 PM at Vito's on 42nd St NE. There will be a chance to make a reservation by signing up on the STUB in worship a bit closer to the date; or, you can call Nancy Miller at 393-6340 to make a reservation.*

HAPPY ENDINGS

Happy Endings, the book discussion group, will meet on Monday, Nov. 14th, at 10 AM in the church library. The book we will be discussing is *The Turner House* by Angela Flourney. On Dec. 12th, we'll meet at the Metro Grill in the Edgewood Road Hy-Vee store at 11:30 AM for lunch. For January, we will read *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman.

Our Ministry Teams at Work

Health & Wholeness

- ◆ Women's Retreat—Sat., Oct. 29th, 8:30-1:30 @ Prairiewoods; 30 signed up
- ◆ Heart Healthy Brunch—Feb. 12th, 2017

Missions

- ◆ Advent Offering—recipients are scheduled
- ◆ Angel Tree
- ◆ Finalize Rainbow Covenant's format

Trustees

- ◆ Roof repair is moving along
- ◆ Looking at cost effectiveness of solar panels
- ◆ Hiring contractor to fix sidewalks & area in front of front doors

Christian Education

- ◆ Sunday School Christmas Program—Dec. 18th @ 9:15 AM
- ◆ "Read & Feed"—Nov. 12th, 9-11 AM

Hospitality

- ◆ Serving lunch for Inquirers' Class—Nov. 6th
- ◆ Serving lunch for Charge Conference—Nov. 13th
- ◆ Helping serve Church Advent/Christmas Decoration Potluck—Nov. 20th

Inter-Religious Thanksgiving Service "Healing Our Divisions"

Monday, Nov. 21st, 6:30 pm
@ the Cedar Rapids Public Library,
Whipple Auditorium

Featured speaker: Zuiko Redding,
Cedar Rapids Zen Center

September Financial Totals

Cash inflow—mo. of Sept.	\$ 46,029
Cash inflow—YTD	\$419,844
Budget need/month	\$ 46,863
Cash outflow—mo. of Sept.	\$ 44,384
Cash outflow—YTD	\$412,997
Unpaid bills	\$ 0



CWM (Children's Weekday Ministries) November Report

- * Enrichment groups have begun for Before and After School Daycare students (BASE) the 1st of November. We have 8 choices: Watercolor Wonders, Othello, Let's Build It - Knex, Newt-tonians, Pierce Gym, Creative Cupcakes; Super Suncatchers; & "We Care for Animal Friends" - (creating blankets and toys for the Animal Shelter). We appreciate Pastor Paul giving his time for the popular Newt-tonians!
- * Thanksgiving Feast will be held for preschoolers on Nov. 21st and 2nd. All students donate an item to share and create our lunch.
- * Preschool is enjoying new additions to our playground. Our chimes and drums are now installed. They were purchased with money from reaching our Level 5 QRS (Quality Rating Scale).
- * October is a great month for preschool fieldtrips. Trinity Lane 4's visited the pumpkin farm. Lovely Lane 4's visited the apple orchard and the pumpkin farm. Lovely Lane 3's visited a different pumpkin farm. The wonderful October weather that we're having made them an even better experience. The ride on the school bus was possibly the biggest hit!
- * Trinity Lane evacuated for the flood. Salem United Methodist Church was very kind to us. They opened their doors and allowed our preschool to set up in the education area. Since Trinity United Methodist Church did not get any water, preschool was able to move back in after one week. Our Trinity Lane Site Director, Dawn DuPont, did an outstanding job organizing the move. All Trinity staff worked many extra hours so that we could keep the consistency for our preschool families.



Sunday School: Children's classes are held during our 9:15 and 10:30 AM services. Adults & Middle Schoolers meet only during the 9:15 service. Kids are learning from Old Testament stories: Creation, Noah's Ark, and Jonah & the Big Fish.

Kid's Club: All Preschool-5th graders are invited to attend Kid's Club on Wednesdays: A family meal takes place at 5:30 PM and Kid's Club starts at 6 PM.

To be added to the mailing list for electronic info. about Kid's Club or if you wish to serve in the Kid's Club ministry, please contact Pastor Gayle (gaylew@lovelylane.org or 393-6674).

"Read & Feed": Another "Read & Feed" is coming up on Sat., Nov. 12th, from 9 AM-11 AM. The theme will be **Silly Socks**. This is a time for kids, Pre-K - 3rd grade, to be dropped off at Lovely Lane where adults and older youth will read to them and everyone can enjoy healthy snacks. The kids will have a great time while you have coffee/tea with a friend or shop (**Christmas isn't that far away, you know!**). Please sign up on the STUB if you plan for your child/ren to attend or if you'd like to help at the event! And **wear your Silly Socks!!**

Concerns & Celebrations

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

Prayer concerns:

- *Sharon Kouba—death of her brother
- *Marge Thornton—recovering @ Hiawatha Care Ctr.
- *Stephanie Phillips—had surgery on 10/3
- *Cindy Rupe—had emergency gallbladder surgery
- *Sue Moss, Susan & Frank Camp, & all grieving over the death of a pet
- *Curtis Thomas' father—injured his head in a fall
- *Sue Moss's dad, Herb Eckert—under hospice care but doing better
- *Kim Jacobson's sisters—medical issues
- *Pledge cards for 2017 are coming in a bit slowly; please return your card at your earliest convenience
- *Pastor Mike Townsley of Clover Ridge UMC, Walford—receiving treatment for APL leukemia
- *Pray for our country as we exercise our right and responsibility to vote wisely

Joys:

- *We celebrated World Communion Sunday on 10/2
- *All of the volunteers who helped CR & other communities prepare for the flood
- *Leo Wear—parents received comforting test results
- *The roof is fixed! Did you notice?
- *Trinity Lane Preschl. moved back to their regular site on 10/10, after moving to Salem UMC before the anticipated flood
- *Our middle schoolers raised \$700 for Crop Walk
- *New retaining wall by Pastor Paul's office has been completed as an Eagle Scout project
- *All bills paid in full as of the end of Sept. – PTL!
- *We have some new Sunday School teachers!
- *Marcie, our church treasurer, reports that an extra-large mortgage payment of \$10,483.77 was made this month – great news!
- *30+ women had an awesome time on 10/29 at the *Wild Women of Faith* Women's Retreat
- *Trunk-or-Treat donations came to \$2,894.15
- *Ike Schneider—making slow but sure progress at the On With Life rehabilitation center in Ankeny; Carla & Ike thank everyone for their continued prayers and support!

INVITATION: On Wed. afternoon, Nov. 9th, you are welcome to attend the dress rehearsal of the musical **GREASE** at Washington High School. If you'd like to attend, please meet in the hallway in front of the auditorium at 12:30 PM on that date.
Call Nancy Miller at 393-6340 with any questions.

Thank You Notes

I would like to thank everyone for all the kindness expressed to me and my family when my brother passed away. Thank you for the cards, prayers, food and love. *Sharon Kouba*

Thank You for partnering with UMCOR (the United Methodist Committee on Relief). Thru your gift (\$25), you're helping to provide humanitarian relief when war, conflict, or natural disaster disrupt life so much that communities are unable to recover on their own. This gift brings hope to those who need it most.

LLUMC Prayer Shawl Ministry: My husband recently passed into a better place of Peace. Pastor Gayle was kind to bring a beautiful prayer shawl with a wonderful message of Hope and Comfort. Many memories of Bernard are wrapped in the warmth of your message. *Ruth Switzer*

Pastors Paul & Gayle: Thanks so much for coming to my bridal shower and for the Bed, Bath & Beyond gift card from LLUMC. We bought cooking gear with it—something we enjoy doing together. *Tara & Chase Neveu (Tara is CWM's BASE Supervisor)*

UMC #Giving Tuesday-Nov. 29th

Because we have received, we

GIVE LIGHT—GIVE LOVE—GIVE LIFE

On Nov. 29th, extend the spirit of giving thanks into Advent by participating in UMC #Giving Tuesday. When you give online thru The Advance at www.umcmmission.org/give, 100% goes directly to the project of your choice.

Thru The Advance, United Methodists can give to 800+ UM-related projects worldwide. Donors can also provide support for 300+ missionaries. Projects meet needs ranging from helping survivors cope with natural or civil disasters to helping establish new faith communities, feed and educate children, and equip hospitals and clinics.

Last year, nearly 6,000 donors from 27 countries donated \$2.8 million thru The Advance to support global mission and ministries. We're thankful for your support of 770+ projects and missionaries, who received 8,757 gifts thru The Advance, the designated giving channel of The UMC. With blessings and thanks for the work that you do.

Thomas Kemper, Gen. Sec., Gen. Bd. of Global Ministries



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday Worship Schedule:
 8:00 AM Traditional
 9:15 AM Traditional
 10:30 AM Traditional with Choir (blended*
 on 2nd & 4th Sundays)
 *Blended = a mix of traditional & contemporary

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



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Lovely Lane Staff

Lead Pastor.....Paul Wilcox
 Associate Pastor.....Gayle Wilcox
 Office Manager.....Sue Moss
 Director Children’s Weekday Min.....Carolyn Barnes
 Youth Director.....NEEDED!!
 Kid’s Club Director.....NEEDED!!
 Christian Educator..... Barb Geissinger
 Choir Director.....K. Weiler
 Organist..... Dennis Ramsey
 Children’s Choirs.....Carla Jesse
 Director of Handbells.....Gayle Wilcox
 Nursery.....Shelbie Wood, Tara Weber,
 & Paige Gerjets
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