

# Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

November 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

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

*In a certain mountain village in Europe several centuries ago, a nobleman wondered what legacy he should leave to his townspeople. At last he decided to build them a church.*

*No one saw the complete plans for the church until it was finished. When the people gathered, they marveled at its beauty and completeness. Then someone asked, "But where are the lamps? How will it be lighted?"*

*The nobleman pointed to some brackets in the walls. Then he gave to each family a lamp which they were to bring with them each time they came to worship.*

*"Each time you are here, the area where you are seated will be lighted," the nobleman said. "Each time you are not here, that area will be dark. This is to remind you that whenever you fail to come to church, some part of God's house will be dark.*

Did you know that, on the average, less than 1/3 of our members is present each Sunday for worship. Now normally that fact would inspire a pastor to say: "Why don't you come to the church more often? You're missing so much! There's so much here for you if you'd only come!" But sometimes I think we preachers take the wrong approach. Rather than telling you how much you need us, I want you to know how every much we need you! Worship isn't the same without you: your smile, your listening ear, your handshake, just your taking the trouble to be there says something that we need to hear. You may not always feel a terrific need to go to church, but you can be sure that you are always NEEDED!

Our church is a place of healing, a place to grow, a place where we can "bear one another's burdens," a place of light. God's house isn't meant for shadows. Bring your lamp and shine with us.

*Grace & Peace, Pastor Paul*

### **WOMEN: PLAN NOW TO JOIN AN ADVENT STUDY!**

Both the WWW (Wednesday Women & the Word) and the WOF (Women Of Faith - on Tues.) groups will soon be studying *Good News for God's Creation at Advent* (starting Nov. 7th @ 6:45 PM & Nov. 8th @ Noon). Our own Iowa UM Pastor Katie Dawson is the author of this study that speaks about the good news of Jesus' birth for ALL the world – even the earth! **If you aren't already attending** either of these women's groups and want to reserve a book and join the group, contact Pastor Gayle ASAP!

## Calendar of Events — November 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 12 noon Wed. Women & the Word 4:50 pm Zamar 5:30 pm Family Meal 6 pm Kid's Club 6 pm MS Youth 6 pm Adult Explo 6:30 pm Capital Campaign Fundraising Team	<b>2</b> 5:30 pm Yoga 6:45 pm AcabeLLa	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK BEFORE GOING TO SLEEP!
<b>5 All Saints Sunday / Holy Communion (&amp; End of Daylight Saving Time)</b> 8:45 am Choir 9 am-Noon SERRV Sale 1:00-3 pm D. Randall's 80th Birthday Celebration 6 pm Sr. High Youth	<b>6</b> 5:30 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Christian Education mtg.	<b>7</b> 6 am—9 pm Election Site 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 6:45 pm Women of Faith (WOF)	<b>8</b> 12 noon Wed. Women & the Word 4:50 pm Zamar 5:30 pm Family Meal 6 pm Kid's Club 6 pm Confirmation 6 pm MS Youth 6 pm Adult Explo 7:30 pm SPPRC	<b>9</b> 7 am Leadership Breakfast (offsite) 1 pm UMW meeting 5:30 pm Yoga 6:30 pm Missions 6:45 pm AcabeLLa 7:30 pm Capital Campaign Des. Tm.	<b>10</b> 6:05 pm Confirmation meeting @ LL for Field Trip	<b>11</b> 9 am-1:30 pm International Ladies Fellowship
<b>12 ODIM Guatemala Special Offering</b> 9 am Choir 1-3:30 pm Boy Scouts Crt. of Honor 6 pm Sr. High Youth	<b>13</b> 10:00 am Happy Endings 5:30 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	<b>14</b> 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 10:30 am-5 pm JFON Office Hrs. 5-8 pm JFON Clinic 6:30 pm Mental Health Support Grp. 6:45 pm Women of Faith (WOF)	<b>15</b> 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 12 noon Wed. Women & the Word 4:50 pm Zamar 5:30 pm Family Meal 6 pm Kid's Club 6 pm MS Youth 6 pm Adult Explo	<b>16</b> 5:30 pm Yoga 6:15 pm AcabeLLa <b>Meeting Night:</b> 6:45 pm Trustees 7 pm Committees 7:50 pm Ad Council	<b>17</b> 12 noon Friendly Fellowship	<b>18</b> 8:30 am Men's Breakfast
<b>19 Thanksgiving Sunday</b> 9 am Choir 9-11:45 am UMW Bake Sale	<b>20</b> 9-Noon CWM Preschool Thanksgiving Feast 5:30 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Interfaith Service of Thanksgiving @ Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church (C Ave.)	<b>21</b> 9-Noon CWM Preschool Thanksgiving Feast 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 6:45 pm Women of Faith (WOF)	<b>22</b> <b>NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>23 Have a Blessed Thanksgiving (church &amp; office closed)</b>	<b>24 (church &amp; office closed)</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26 Christ the King Sunday</b> 9 am Choir 11:30 am Advent Decorating & Potluck 6 pm Sr. High Youth	<b>27</b> 9 am Prayer Shawl 5:30 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	<b>28</b> 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 6:45 pm Women of Faith (WOF) 7 pm CWM Board mtg.	<b>29</b> 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 12 noon Wed. Women & the Word 4:50 pm Zamar 5:30 pm Family Meal 6 pm Kid's Club 6 pm Confirmation 6 pm MS Youth 6 pm Adult Explo	<b>30</b> 5:30 pm Yoga 6:30 pm Capital Campaign Design Team 6:45 pm AcabeLLa	CCM = Care Center Ministry CWM = Children's Weekday Ministries UMW = United Methodist Women	

## Lovely Lane Worship, et al.

**Worship in November**

Nov. 5th: All Saints Sunday / Holy Communion—8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Services  
 Scripture: Hebrews 11:32-12:2  
 Sermon: "Such a Cloud of Witnesses"

Nov. 12th: 23rd Sunday in Kingdomtide—8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Services  
 Scripture: Matthew 25:1-13  
*Darwin Moore, Pastor Emeritus, preaching*

Nov. 19th: Thanksgiving Sunday—8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Services  
 Scripture: Philippians 4:4-9  
 Sermon: "A Prescription for Peace"

Nov. 26th: Christ the King Sunday—8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Services  
 Scripture: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24  
 Sermon: "Sorting Sheep"

*Please join us to decorate the church for Advent and Christmas after 10:30 worship & then stay for a Potluck: drinks will be provided; bring a dish to share and your own table service. Activities are planned for the children.*

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY** will be observed at Lovely Lane UMC on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, along with the sacrament of Holy Communion, at all 3 worship services. At this special service, we will honor those who have died in the Lord in the past year (since last All Saints Sunday). Please join us!

<b>Presence: Worship Attendance</b>				
<u>10/1</u>	<u>10/8</u>	<u>10/15</u>	<u>10/22</u>	<u>10/29</u>
242	267	257	247	244

*Remembering with love:*  
 Russ Morris.....2014  
 Phyllis Plunge.....2014

### ODIM GUATEMALA SPECIAL OFFERING

We will take a special offering on Sunday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, for ODIM Guatemala (Organization for the Development of the Indigenous Maya). Within the past few years, Lovely Laners participated in a mission trip to an area of Guatemala on the remote western shore of Lake Atitlan. The indigenous Maya in the area suffer from the basic human rights of healthcare, education, and dignity. The goal of ODIM Guatemala is "to offer Comprehensive and Competent Care for our Communities." The result sought is for these remote communities to have access to healthcare and education in this generation and in generations to come.

*Our offering will help continue to fund the important activities of this humanitarian organization.*

## Join us for "A Cup of Christmas"



### Advent Coffee

*A UMW tradition to celebrate  
 the Christmas season*

**Saturday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 9:30 AM**

Our Program this year...  
**"My Friends and Me"**

Delightful harmonies from singers:  
 Kristen Glockhoff, Barb Hall, Teresa Davis  
 and Marilyn Lodge

*Celebrate with coffee, treats,  
 fellowship, and Christmas Carols!*

## **United Methodist Women News**

**Representatives from the 9/23 Annual Mtg. of the East Central District UMW** reported that, in addition to dish soap, laundry soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, socks, and toilet paper donations for Clinton's SOS (Share Our Sandwiches) ministry, 100 or more homemade quilts and blankets were donated and taken to Dubuque's Hillcrest Children's Services, CR's Waypoint Women's Shelter, and Iowa City's Domestic Violence Intervention Program. Also, 7 handcrafted soup bowls were donated to Bidwell Riverside's Empty Bowls Soup Supper's Fundraiser in November. As always, United Methodist Women give generously with love!

### **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN GENERAL MEETING**

**Our UMW General Meeting will be on Nov. 9th @ 1 PM at Lovely Lane.** Cindy Sale will present our short pledge service after which we'll hold a planning session—for 2018 programs and special events and to put finishing touches on this Dec.'s annual Advent Coffee and Ornament Exchange. 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 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 if possible. These circles may vary from traditional to non-traditional, from study groups to social action groups to social groups; from meeting to study the Bible to shared interest groups (quilters, knitters, cooking groups, etc.). We'd really like to provide LL 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 Lovely Lane!

**Members are invited to bring their UMW pledges and World Thank Offerings** to our Nov. meeting so Treasurer Cindy Sale can collect them. We invite all women of Lovely Lane to come share this time of fellowship with us!!

### **FOOD, FAITH, CLIMATE—CONNECTING THE DOTS**

**Saturday, Nov. 11th, 9:30 - 11:30 AM**

**@ St. Paul's UMC (1340 3rd Ave. S.E., CR)**

Climate change is related to our food choices. *Food, Faith, Climate—Connecting the Dots* is a program of Iowa Interfaith Power & Light which invites us to be part of the solution. We'll look at: how our food system contributes to climate change; what our faith traditions say about sustainable food systems; how we can make more climate-friendly choices; and food practices in our households. There will be pocket guides for sustainable eating, tips and resources for making climate friendly choices, and climate-friendly snacks. Fees are waived thanks to the Iowa Conference of the UM Board of Church and Society with co-sponsors East Central District UMW, Lovely Lane UMC, & Matthew 25.

### **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S BAKE SALE**

**Sunday, Nov. 19th, is the date for our Fall Bake Sale between worship services.** Donations of pies, cakes, cookies, breads, and candies will be greatly appreciated. Please bring priced baked items to the church foyer/narthex. The proceeds of the sale will be used to help support our various mission projects.

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

### **UMW BIBLE STUDY**

The UMW Tuesday Morning Bible Study is continuing its study of the Gospel of Luke. Our group meets Tues. mornings from 9:30 to 11:15 AM in Fireside. We'll meet thru Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> and then take a break for Advent and Christmas before returning to our studies on Tues., Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>. We've found that with each study we gain new insights and understanding of the Scriptures within a loving, caring fellowship. Our studies have helped us to continue to grow spiritually and deepen our faith. We invite anyone who's free Tuesday mornings to join us for fellowship and study. **We've decided to lug our mugs and to fill them at home, so, come prepared with your favorite beverage in hand!!**

### **UPCOMING UMW EVENTS**

We invite you to join us for 2 delightful ways to celebrate the Advent Season. Mark your calendars and plan to attend our annual Advent Coffee on Dec. 2nd and our annual Dinner & Ornament Exchange on Tuesday, Dec. 12th.

## HAPPY ENDINGS



Happy Endings, the book discussion club, will meet on Monday, Nov. 13th, at 10 AM in the church library. The book we will be discussing is *Carolina's Twins* by Ronald H. Balson. We will not read a book for December but will meet at 11:30 AM at the Edgewood HyVee Metro Grille for lunch.

## FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP

Friendly Fellowship will meet on Friday, Nov. 17, for a Noon luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Our Host/Co-hostess will be Jack and Cheryl Murphy.

The program for this meeting will be Shannon Sampson from the Cedar Rapids Police Department. Her topic will be *How to Keep Senior Citizens Safe When Out in the Community as Well as in Their Homes*. Shannon will provide lots of good information that we can all benefit from.

## Our Ministry Teams at Work

### Missions

- ◆ CROP Walk in Oct. is all organized
- ◆ ODIM Guatemala—Special offering 11/12

### Christian Education

- ◆ Christmas decorating 11/26
- ◆ Advent handouts (books, calendars) 12/3
- ◆ Christmas program 12/17 @ 9:15
- ◆ April Children's Musical: *Music Machine* (@ 9:15 Service)

### Health & Wholeness

- ◆ Successful Women's Retreat 10/15
- ◆ Climate Justice Program @ St. Paul's 11/11

### September Financial Totals

Cash inflow—mo. of Sept.	\$ 59,079
Cash inflow—YTD	\$397,019
Budget need/month	\$ 46,308
Cash outflow—mo. of Sept.	\$ 50,370
Cash outflow—YTD	\$404,557
Unpaid bills	\$ 0

## CHILDREN & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

**Sunday School:** Children's classes are held during our 9:15 and 10:30 AM services. Middle Schoolers and Adults meet only at 9:15.



### J.A.M. (Jesus And Me)

#### Lovely Lane UMC Wednesday Night Kid's Club

Children preschool—5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to **Kid's Club** on Wed. evenings. Children learn about God's love for them and about the Bible, and have fun experiences with friends!

Each Wed., we start off with supper at 5:30 PM (\$2 donation suggested). At 5:55, we share joys, concerns and announcements; then, the children go to their age level groups from 6:10-7:15. There's special music time every week for each class. Kids are invited to invite friends!

Age Levels Grps.: 3-4 year olds, K-1<sup>st</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade, & 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade. **Contact Julie Meyer** ([juliem@lovelylane.org](mailto:juliem@lovelylane.org); 393-6674) for more info.; **registration forms are available @ church.**

**Senior High Youth Group** meets on Sunday nights at 6 PM. Dinner is at 6:00; the program is from 6:30-7:30 PM.

**Middle School Youth** meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM in the Youth Room. Come at 5:30 for dinner, and then stay for the program from 6:00 to 7:15 PM.

## **CHILDREN'S WEEKDAY MINISTRIES (CWM)**

**\*Lovely Lane & Trinity Lane Preschools \*Before & After School Daycare-BASE**

### **Lovely Lane Preschool**

- ◆ All preschool classes are full.
- ◆ We remain a partner with CR Comm. School District so that our 4's program is free to students.
- ◆ We are level 5 QRS; 1 classroom evaluated by ECERS—Early Childhood Rating Scale.
- ◆ Families participate in a holiday service project; collected items for Mercy Pediatric Unit this yr.
- ◆ Pastors bring *Chapel Time* to our students by visiting 1X a mo., sharing stories/lessons.
- ◆ Had our annual Open House and an academic Family Night with a Dr. Seuss theme.
- ◆ Classrooms perform a Christmas program and end of the year program.
- ◆ Lion's Club free vision screening "KidSight" is offered free of charge.
- ◆ All LL staff returned to their positions; retention has been a goal of the board for several years.

### **Trinity Lane Preschool**

- ◆ Four year old preschool is also a community partner with CR Community Schools; this year we expanded to an afternoon section + morning section.
- ◆ Cedar Rapids Library visits TL once a month and donates books to the students.
- ◆ Cargill sponsors a family supper with entertainment once every year.
- ◆ TL is also Level 5 QRS.
- ◆ Lion's Club free vision screening KidSight is offered.
- ◆ Partnered with Lovely Lane to place students on the Christmas Angel Tree.
- ◆ This is our last year to house Trinity Lane in this location.

### **BASE—Before and After School Program**

- ◆ Approx. 75 students are in the BASE roster; approx. 17% of those attend with Block Grant.
- ◆ Sets of enrichment classes are offered 3 times a year.
- ◆ Activities and field trips are planned for early dismissal and inservice days.
- ◆ A hot breakfast and snack are provided each day free of charge.
- ◆ Kindergarten students are walked to and from school each day.
- ◆ New games, toys and manipulatives are purchased each semester.
- ◆ Staff are required to attend 6 hrs. of program orientation & to wear staff shirts/sweatshirts.
- ◆ Added a new anti-bullying policy to parent handbook.

### **Church/CWM Support**

- ◆ CWM is fortunate to get support from Lovely Lane Church; we receive financial donations from their Father's Day Offering, United Methodist Women, and Endowment Committee. LL members save HyVee receipts for us and we earned \$1500 for our preschools.
- ◆ CWM helped out LL this year by replacing the carpet in the bookkeeper's office, paying for new cove molding in the 4's classroom and fellowship hall, paying 1/2 of the annual floor waxing costs, and purchasing 8 new items for the kitchen.
- ◆ LL Youth Group put out all the 280 bags of new rubber mulch for our playground.

### **Accomplishments**

- ◆ Filled our programs to capacity & expanded our TL 4's program with an afternoon session.
- ◆ Added new playground equipment & rubber mulch (to be in compliance with DHS safety rules) to LL playground.
- ◆ Trained preschool & daycare staff in Essential Training (12 hr. required training) & did staff evals.
- ◆ Welcomed 5 new board members to our CWM Board.
- ◆ Designed and executed a successful Summer Program for our families.
- ◆ One classroom at each center evaluated by ECERS.
- ◆ Re-wrote Emergency Plans for LL and TL to meet new standards.
- ◆ Purchased new lockers for 4's classroom and 3's classroom at LL.

### **Future Challenges**

- ◆ Move TL Preschool from current location to another; look into grant for cost of move.
- ◆ Apply to renew Level 5 QRS Rating.
- ◆ Examine ways to increase enrollment in Before and After School Daycare.
- ◆ Use more technology apps to increase communication with families and staff.

## Concerns & Celebrations

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

### **Prayer concerns:**

- \*Carolyn & Bob Barnes – death of his sister; funeral was 9/25 (Carolyn is our Children's Weekday Ministries Director)
- \*Stephanie & Dick Phillips – death of her mother, Marj Deal; her service was @ LL on 10/9
- \*Liz Briggman – death of her mother, Betty Jones; her funeral was on 10/2
- \*Jan & Lloyd Peterson – death of their 24 yr.-old granddaughter, Stephanie, in Minneapolis, MN
- \*Lisa Taylor's husband, Rick – moved to the Oldorf Hospice House, Hiawatha, with Stage 3 lung cancer
- \*Kay Rath – hospitalized @ St. Luke's MICU to correct a diabetic imbalance
- \*Steve Mooney (recently married to Donna) – hospitalized @ Mercy & anticipating bypass surgery in the near future
- \*Barbara Weber – recovering from a fall
- \*Betty VanFossen – hospitalized after a fall; now @ son's in MN
- \*Dorothy Speight – doctoring for multiple health concerns
- \*Jack Sackett - continues to struggle with pain
- \*Jon Lauritsen – recovering from shoulder surgery
- \*Susie Gould – fell and broke her arm
- \*Mindy Lesmeister – was hospitalized with stomach issues
- \*Gloria Jahnel, a new Lovely Lane member – broken foot
- \*Sue Moss's husband, Jim – recovering from foot surgery for skin cancer & from walking pneumonia
- \*People & animals affected by the California wildfires

### **Joys:**

- \*Melissa & Justin Davis (& son Ben) – birth of baby, Theodore William, on 10/13
- \*Tracy & Justin Gehrts – birth of Zoey Elizabeth on 10/23
- \*LL's 10/24 Charge Conference, part of a cluster, went well
- \*Marge Morris – regaining strength & getting voice back
- \*Liz Briggman's sister-in-law, Georgia – had successful open heart surgery
- \*Our Tues. Night Women's Bible Study Group has a new name – "Women Of Faith" (WOF) & is going strong!
- \*We look forward to a new pictorial directory *hopefully* before Christmas! A BIG Thank You to Susan Camp & crew!!
- \*Pastor Paul & our preschool directors meeting with Sharon UMC re locating our outpost preschool in their church
- \*Great turnout of 36 women had a wonderful time at the Women's Retreat @ Prairiewoods on 10/15

### **Thank You Notes**

**Thank you** to Pastor Gayle for the visit and the beautiful prayer shawl! I love it! Please pass my gratitude on to those in the prayer shawl ministry. *Gloria Jahnel*

**The family of Marjorie Deal would like to thank** Pastor Paul and Pastor Gayle for conducting Marge's funeral. Also, we would like to thank Sue Moss for singing *Amazing Grace* and Dennis Ramsey for playing the organ. The thoughts and prayers for Marge before and after her passing were greatly appreciated. *Dick & Stephanie Phillips*

**Thank you** for the beautiful prayer shawl. It is very soft and gives comfort. What a special ministry you share with so many. Thank you for your prayers and for thinking of me. *Julie Meyer*

**Thank you** for your support of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Through your gift (\$25), 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.

### **FOOD – FAITH – CLIMATE:**

#### **Connecting the Dots**

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- \*how our food system contributes to climate change
- \*what our faith traditions say about sustainable food systems
- \*how we can make more climate-friendly choices
- \*food practices in our own households

**Registration is required** at [www.iowaip.org](http://www.iowaip.org) (click Upcoming Events) **OR** sign up on the STUB in worship and we'll register you!

*Health & Wholeness*

