

Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

September 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

John Wesley, Methodism's founder, was quite an educated man. Home schooled in the classics, educated at Oxford, author of books on Greek grammar and logic, Wesley's wide reading and breadth of knowledge was astounding. He is, to this day, often pictured on horseback with a book in his hand. A man of much learning and many books, and yet Wesley writes about the Bible: "O give me that book! At any price give me the book of God! I have it: here is knowledge enough for me. Let me be a man of one book."

For all his wide reading, Wesley was a man of one book because only one book transformed his life; only one book reads the reader; only one book takes hold of one who holds it!

It is a shame that so many of us who call ourselves Methodist know so little about the Book that gave birth to our church. But rather than lamenting the fact, let's do something about it. How about we start studying the Bible together this year? Maybe Tuesdays at 9 AM or 6:45 PM, or Wednesdays at noon or 6 PM? Or, how about on Sundays at 9:15 AM?

What are your ideas and interests? Let me know and we'll get started on being a people "of one Book"!

*Grace & Peace,
Pastor Paul*

Calendar of Events — September 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		ESL = English as a Second Language CCM = Care Center Ministry MHSG = Mental Health Support Group		1 8:30 am CWM Pre-school "Meet & Greet" 12:30 pm CWM Pre-school "Meet & Greet" 5:30 pm Yoga 6:45 pm Handbells	2 9 am ESL (offsite)	3
4 Communion Sunday (<i>& service times back to 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM</i>)	5 Labor Day (<i>church & office closed</i>)	6 12 noon Stewardship mtg. 6:30 pm Girl Scouts Leaders' mtg. 6:45 pm Women's Study	7 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 12 noon Women's Study 5:30 pm Confirmation	8 7 am Leadership Brkfst (@ Panera's) 1 pm UMW meeting 5:30 pm Yoga 6:45 pm Handbells	9 9 am ESL (offsite?)	10 9 am—1:30 pm International Ladies Fellowship
11 Rally Sunday (<i>Start of Sunday School for all ages</i>) 9 am Chancel Choir 6 pm Senior High Youth Group	12 9:30 am ESL 10 am Happy Endings 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	13 9:30 AM UMW Bible Study 6:30 pm MHSG 6:45 pm Women's Study	14 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 / Confirmation 7:15 pm SPPRC	15 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	16 9 am ESL (offsite?) 12 noon Friendly Fellowship 4:30 pm Set-up for East Central District UMW Annual Mtg.	17 9 am—3 pm East Central District UMW Annual Meeting
18 9 am Chancel Choir 12 noon Young Families Fun Time 6 pm Senior High Youth Group	19 (<i>roof repair begins</i>) 9:30 am ESL 6:30 am Boy Scouts	20 9:30 AM UMW Bible Study 10:30-5 pm JFON Office Hours 5-8 pm JFON Clinic 6:45 pm Women's Study	21 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 11:30 am Simpson Youth Academy 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.	22 5:30 pm Yoga 6:45 pm Handbells	23 9 am ESL (offsite?)	24
25 Hispanic Ministry Special Offering 9 am Chancel Choir 6 pm Senior High Youth Group	26 9 am Prayer Shawl Group 9:30 am ESL 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	27 9:30 AM UMW Bible Study 5:30 pm Library Team 6:45 pm Women's Study	28 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 Prayer Shawl Group	29 5:30 pm Yoga 6:45 pm Handbells	30 9 am ESL (offsite?)	

9:15 ADULT SUN. SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER!

Faith Journeys – Starts 9/11: You are invited to attend this lively and friendly Bible-based adult class on Sunday AM's in Rm. 205. No prep required. Just come to soak in and share God's word via DVD, scripture reflection, and sharing. FJ will begin their season of study using the book of Romans, facilitated by Jane Nesmith and Joel Goodman. Sign up on the STUB.

Faith Issues – Starts 9/11: Once again, this class will meet in the Library and rotate leadership as they explore circumstances and situations that impact our daily lives as persons of faith. If you're looking to apply and engage your mind and your faith, this class is for you! Sign up on the STUB.

Women's Study Groups – Starts 9/6 or 9/7: *Listen, Praying in a Noisy World* by Bishop Rueben Job – the title says it all! Choose Tues. @ 6:45 PM or Wed. @ noon in the Library. Books for this 6-wk. study are \$10 each. Come be enriched in heart and mind thru this thought-provoking study. Sign up on the STUB.

Wednesday Night classes?? TBA ☺

Lovely Lane Worship, et al.

Worship in September

Sept. 4th: **Communion Sunday**—8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Services

Scripture: John 14:1-7

Sermon: "The Terminal Generation"

Sept. 11th: **Rally Sunday**—8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Services

Scripture: Mark 6:30-32

Sermon: "Coming Apart: Integrity of the Soul"

Sept. 18th: **18th Sunday after Pentecost**—8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Services

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-5

Sermon: "Coming Apart: The Untied Methodist Church"

Sept. 25th: **19th Sunday after Pentecost / Hispanic Ministry Special Offering**—8, 9:15 & 10:30 AM Servs.

Scripture: I Corinthians 13:1-13

Sermon: "Coming Apart: The Political Divide"

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR EC DISTRICT'S HISPANIC MINISTRY—SUNDAY, SEPT. 25

Our district's Hispanic minister, Omar Paz, currently conducts an Hispanic worship service Sunday AM's at First United Methodist Church in North Liberty. Sunday School for all ages is offered, as well as classes to learn English during the week. Omar and the rest of the Hispanic Ministry Team continue to work on developing a ministry presence in Cedar Rapids as well. *Please give generously to this Special Offering to help support a new community of faith!*

NEW CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation begins on Wed., Sept. 7th, @ 5:30 PM. Current 8th graders are invited to attend. Confirmation is a great time to explore: God, the Bible, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, life's purpose, prayer, the church's mission, and more! Students will also experience mission opportunities, field trips, a Fall lock-in, and work with a personal faith mentor.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Gayle (gaylew@lovelylane.org).

PRESENTATION OF 3RD GRADE BIBLES

The Bible is a VERY special book. It's old, precious, filled with amazing and even funny stories, and introduces us to God and ourselves! It teaches us about the Spirit and tells the stories of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. On **Rally Sunday, Sept. 11th**, our 3rd graders will be presented with their very own Bibles at our 8:00, 9:15, and 10:30 worship services! Please contact Mrs. G (christianedu@lovelylane.org) to confirm that your 3rd grader is on our list!

Presence: Worship Attendance

<u>8/7</u>	<u>8/14</u>	<u>8/21</u>	<u>8/28</u>
174	179	161	179

Lovely Lane Women Welcome!

You are invited to come together for a fabulous time of retreat!

When? Sat. Oct. 29 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Where? Prairiewoods Retreat Center on Boyson Road

Why? To relax and restore your soul

What? Yummy Food, Tai Chi, Zen-Doodling, and *Wild Women of Faith* program, focusing on the courage, vision, wonder, gratitude, stillness, balance and energy that women bring to our world. We will 'meet' Mary Oliver, Jean Shinoda Bolen, Judy Cannator, Annie Dillard, Sue Monk Kidd, Barbara Brown Taylor, and others who will inspire our hearts and souls! Laura Weber, Spiritual Director @ Prairiewoods, will be our guide. The cost is \$35; scholarships are available.

Sign up in church on the bulletin STUB or contact Nancy Miller (393-6340; vmnpmiller@aol.com).

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

LOVELY LANE'S UMW TO MEET ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2016

Lovely Lane's UMW will meet on Thursday, September 8th, at 1 PM to make final preparations for hosting the East Central District UMW Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 17th. We could use your input and your help, so come and join us as we make our plans to host this district wide meeting.

At our meeting on Sept. 8th, we also will write notes on cards of encouragement for the women who reside at Shesler Hall. Shesler Hall is 1 of 3 "Iowa Projects" supported by United Methodist Women. Shesler Hall is located in Sioux City and is a home that has helped and continues to help countless numbers of women get back on their feet by providing a safe, caring environment.

The district sent out a note asking women in the East Central District UMW to bring a card of encouragement or thinking of you for the residents of Shesler Hall to the District Annual Meeting at Lovely Lane on September 17th. These cards will be sent back to Shesler Hall to be distributed among the residents in care of Judith Wanned, President of the Board of Shesler Hall, and the Guest Speaker at the District Annual Meeting. The money from the silent auction baskets will be donated to Shesler Hall this year.

UMW TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The UMW Bible Study group will resume meeting on **Tuesday, Sept. 13th.**

We meet in Fireside on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 AM - 11:15 AM. We invite you to join with us as we continue 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!

IOWA CONFERENCE UMW'S MISSION U

The theme this year is *A Fresh Wind Blowing--Come Soar With Us*. Scripture: John 3:8; theme hymn: *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, at Iowa Valley Community College, Marshalltown, Iowa. 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 take place at Fall Mission U. There is still time to register for the fall session; scholarships are available. For more information and registration forms, call Cheryl Murphy (377-6205).

FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP

FF will meet on Friday, Sept. 16th, at noon for their potluck luncheon. The program will be a presentation by Julie Popelka, a firefighter/paramedic and public education coordinator for the CR Fire Department. She presents a program entitled *Remembering When* developed by the National Fire Protection Association and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention designed to help seniors live safely in their homes for as long as possible by focusing on both fire and fall prevention.

WOMEN'S STUDY GROUPS

These groups begin *officially* meeting again on Tuesday, Sept. 6th, at 6:45 PM and on Wed., Sept. 7th, at Noon. Both groups meet in the LL Library. We'll be using "Listen: Praying in a Noisy World" by Rueben Job. Cost of books: \$10 each. Please join us!!

HAPPY ENDINGS

Happy Endings, the book discussion group, will meet on Monday, Sept. 12th, at 10 AM in the church library. The book to read for September is *Lifeboat* by Charlotte Rogan. The books to read for the next 3 months are: Oct. 10th—*The Dinner* by Herman Koch; Nov. 14th—*The Turner House* by Angela Flournoy; and Jan. 9th—*A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman. In December we won't read a book but will eat out on Dec. 12th.

Come join us for any of the meeting times for a good discussion of an interesting book and good fellowship. If you have any questions, contact Nancy Miller at 393-6340.

July Financial Totals

Cash inflow—mo. of July	\$ 39,560
Cash inflow—YTD	\$313,846
Budget need/month	\$ 46,863
Cash outflow—mo. of July	\$ 44,253
Cash outflow—YTD	\$312,944
Unpaid bills	\$ 14,562

LOVELY LANE TO HOST THE ANNUAL MEETING OF EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN Saturday, September 17, 2016, 9 AM

Mark your calendars for Sept. 17th when our meeting theme will be ***Fresh Wind Blowing, Come Soar With Us***. Our annual meetings are joyful celebrations of the missions and ministries of United Methodist Women. The featured speaker for this meeting is Judith Wannan from Shesler Hall in Sioux City, IA. There will be music and laughter, a basket auction, a quilt display, communion, and so much more.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND WE HAVE A PROUD HERITAGE OF WORKING FOR MISSIONS, or as we say *turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world*.

Registration and lunch is FREE to all LL members; we'd love to have lots of members join us! **Please register with Cindy Sale (395-0106; cbrandsale@aol.com) by Sept. 12th.**

Hosting this district wide meeting is an honor and a big undertaking. We want to offer the women from other East Central District UM churches a friendly welcome and warm hospitality. We will need help from church members on Fri., Sept. 16th, for set up. We could use some extra help on Sat. with hosting responsibilities, clean up and setting up for church after the meeting. **We are counting on many LL members to say YES when we ask for help with this event.** For more info. or to volunteer, contact Cheryl Murphy (377-6205) or Cindy Sale (395-0106).

**CWM - Lovely Lane Preschool
Trinity Lane Preschool
BASE (Before & After School Daycare)**

It's a great time to be enrolled in Lovely Lane or Trinity Lane Preschool. Classes this year will begin on Sept. 6th. The rooms look very bright and inviting thanks to hard working and dedicated teachers and our custodians, Rex and Rhonda. Teachers did home visits the week of August 22nd and "Meet & Greet" was held at both LL and TL on Aug. 31st and Sept. 1st. All classes are full and we have long waiting lists which I believe is an indication of the quality of preschool we have.

We welcome Monica Soloman as our new 2's associate at Trinity Lane; she has been a wonderful sub for our preschool for a few years. Her daughter, Sophia, attended the 2's, 3's and 4's preschool at Lovely Lane. Her son, Jett, has also attended the 2's and 3's classes at Lovely Lane and this year he's enrolled in the 4's morning class.

Before & After School Daycare only has 2 open spots. Our enrollment was less for the last 2 yrs. so we're happy to see more families again. Tara Weber continues as BASE supervisor.

This year CWM will be doing the same two fundraisers as we have the last couple of years.

We will continue to collect HyVee receipts (also HyVee Drug and Gas) and we will also be selling our "Enjoy the City" coupon books between Sept. 19 and Oct. 7. Thank you for supporting our projects!



Sunday School

The 2016-17 school year has begun and Sunday School is not far behind. Rally Sunday is September 11th with Children's classes beginning during 9:15 AM and 10:30 AM services. Adults and Middle Schoolers will also meet but only during the 9:15 AM hour. Registration forms for Sunday School and Kid's Club for your children (Preschool—5th grade and Middle School) can be placed in the SS container in the Narthex. To begin the year, children will be learning from Old Testament stories like Creation, Noah's Ark, and Jonah & the Big Fish.

3rd Grade Bibles

Students who are entering 3rd grade this fall will be presented with a *Hand's On Bible* on September 11th. If parents have not received a letter regarding this event, contact Mrs. G ASAP.

Kid's Club

As summer transitions to fall, you can look forward to fun and fellowship at Kid's Club! All Preschool-5th graders are invited to attend the start to Kid's Club on **Wed., Sept. 14th**. A family meal takes place at 5:30 PM with Kid's Club starting at 6 PM. *More info. to follow via email & Facebook.*

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"

Our first "Read & Feed" will be Sat., Oct. 22nd, from 10 AM to Noon. What is a "read and feed" you ask? It's a time for children who are Preschool to 3rd grade to be dropped off at Lovely Lane where adults and teens will read books to them and offer healthy snacks. Let them wear their comfy pj's while you shop or have coffee with a friend, before returning at Noon to pick them up.

Concerns & Celebrations

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

Prayer concerns:

*Alice Tiffin – passed away on 8/19; private service & burial at Cedar Memorial Funeral Home (no visitation)

*Ike Schneider, husband of LL staff member Carla Jesse – making slow progress in the U of IA Hospitals neurological ICU after suffering a massive stroke. Please pray for their entire family including their children, Isaac & Olivia.

*Owen Preston, our guitarist Tim Preston's son – facing a long recovery from extensive oral surgery and bone grafting (*Cards may be sent to: 6810 Spring Cove Court NE, CR 52402*)

*Michelle Hotchkiss' son, Tyler – entered the National Guard

*Katrina Thomas – her good friend, Taylor Gould, lost her mother; Katrina's mom, Maggie, & Taylor's mother were also friends

Joys:

*Our Sr. High Youth Group made a \$5,000 donation to Tree of Life Ministries in South Dakota

*The Preschool bought 2 new griddles for our kitchen

*Children's Weekday Ministries' Summer Daycare had a great season!

*Delicious and well-attended brunch on 8/7 hosted by SPPRC for LL staff appreciation

*Lots of school supplies donated for our give-away event @ Cedarwood Hills Apartments on 8/14, and the event was a huge success!

*Our Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, hallways, and all non-carpeted rooms downstairs have been stripped, waxed, and are ready to go!

*LL's lay leaders and others who will step in to lead worship

*Young Families had a good turnout at their event last Sunday (but wasn't warm enough for the splash pad!)

*Movie Night on Friday was lots of fun! Besides watching "Babe", we decorated and ate "pig" and "sheep" cookies, and made pig masks. (*We're thinking of taking this entire event to the kids at Cedarwood Hills Apts. next spring or summer!*)

Remembering with love

Chris Burr.....2015 (omitted in Aug.)

Thank You Notes

Thank you (Lovely Lane) for hosting a reception in honor of Sharon Mooney.

Steve Mooney Family

Thank you for partnering with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

Through your gift (\$1,214.35), you're helping to provide humanitarian relief when war, conflict, or natural disaster disrupt life to such an extent that communities are unable to recover on their own.

Thank you so much for contributing 73 lbs. of food to the Linn Community Food Bank during the second quarter of 2016.

Our Ministry Teams at Work

Missions

- ◆ Special offering for Hispanic Ministries-Sept.
- ◆ Crop Walk—Oct. 2nd

Health & Wholeness

- ◆ Will take registrations for Breast Cancer Walk
- ◆ Women's Retreat—Oct. 29 @ Prairiewoods

Trustees

- ◆ Replacing ceiling tiles
- ◆ Beginning discussion on landscaping—where to plant trees to replace those cut down for construction

Staff Pastor Parish Relations (SPPRC)

- ◆ Preparing for fall evaluations
- ◆ Looking to fill open positions

SAVE THE DATE—OCTOBER 9th

The Health & Wholeness Committee will be accepting application forms for the Annual *Especially For You* Breast Cancer Walk on Sunday, Oct. 9th, at 8 AM. The cost is \$30 each for applications turned in before September 15th and \$35 if turned in after that date. Applications will be available at LL after Sept. 1.

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*

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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.....
Kid’s Club.....
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,
Holly Hasenbank, & Paige Gerjets
Wedding Coordinator.....Becky Wood
Custodians.....Rex, Rhonda & Jessica Heasty
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