

# Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

March 2018

## 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.



## **PASTORAL TRANSITION UPDATE**

On Sunday, March 4th, it was announced to the Lovely Lane congregation that Bishop Laurie Haller has appointed Dr. Scott Meador to be the next Lead Pastor of Lovely Lane United Methodist Church. He will succeed Rev. Paul Wilcox who has served the church since 2007.

Pastor Scott will assume his new position on July 1st.

As background, Dr. Meador currently serves as pastor of First United Methodist Church in Independence, Iowa, where he was appointed in 2010. Previously, he served congregations in Epworth and Solon.

Pastor Scott has degrees from Eastern Illinois University, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, and The University of Dubuque.

He is married to Heather, a Senior Public Health Nurse for Linn Co. Public Health, and father to Emma, a freshman at the University of Iowa, and Sophia, a tenth grade student.

Pastor Scott has a passion for helping persons experience the transforming power of Christ Jesus.

The SPPRC committee had the opportunity to meet Scott and Heather on Saturday evening and we were all inspired by his energy, leadership presence and ability to connect with people.

Pastor Scott and family will relocate to the Cedar Rapids area this summer.

The Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee (SPPRC) will provide additional details on the transition process, including the appointment of an associate pastor. In the meantime, please keep Pastor Scott and his family in your prayers as they prepare for their transition and also for the congregation of the Independence First United Methodist Church.

If you were unable to attend services on Sunday and would like to hear the message about the transition, please visit [www.lovelylane.org/sermons/](http://www.lovelylane.org/sermons/).

In His Service,

Matt Mulnik, Chairman, Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee



## Lovely Lane Worship, et al.

### Lenten Worship in March

#### "Return to the Lord Your God"

March 4th: **3rd Sunday in Lent & Communion**—8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM

Scriptures: Isaiah 58:1-3a; Matthew 18:1-5

Sermon: "Remember Who You Are"

- Rev. Kiboko Kiboko

March 11th: **4th Sunday in Lent**—8:00, 9:15 & 10:30

Scripture: John 3:14-21; Sermon: "The Second Birth"

March 18th: **5th Sunday in Lent**—8:00, 9:15 & 10:30

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Sermon: "Holy Amnesty"

March 25th: **Passion/Palm Sunday**—8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM

Scripture: Mark 11:1-11; Sermon: "I Am"

March 29th: **Maundy Thursday with Communion**—7:00 PM

Scripture: John 13:1-17

Sermon: "The Second Adam"

March 30th: **Good Friday**—Tenebrae (Shadows) Service @ 7 PM; Passion & Crucifixion of Jesus Christ

April 1st: **EASTER SUNDAY**—8:00 & 10:30 AM

Scripture: John 20:1-18

Sermon: "The Human Question"

9:15 Youth Service with play: *But Sunday's Coming*

**EASTER BRUNCH SERVED 9:00-10:30 am**

### LLUMC HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Passion/Palm Sunday, 3/25:** 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 am Worship services

**Maundy Thursday, 3/29:** 7:00 pm Worship service

**Good Friday, 3/30:** 7 pm Tenebrae Service

**Saturday, 3/31:** Easter Egg Hunt, 10-11:30 am; bring your kids over for this annual event (Please supply your own basket[s] if possible.)

**EASTER SUNDAY, 4/1:** 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 am worship services: 8 & 10:30 services will be traditional, with Chancel Choir & AcabeLLa providing joyous music. Our 9:15 service will feature a youth drama. *All are invited to an Easter brunch from 9-10:30 in the Fellowship Hall.*

### EASTER FLOWERS

If you'd like to order a lily or tulip for the altar on Easter Sunday in honor of or in memory of a loved one, look for the insert in Sunday worship bulletins. The last day to turn in your order is March 25th, Palm Sunday.

### Lovely Lane 2018 Lenten Offering Recipients

**Justice For Our Neighbors (JFON)** is a ministry of hospitality provided by the Iowa Annual Conference of the UMC. It provides legal services, advocates to bring change in immigration laws and public policy, and strives to educate immigrant communities to better understand their rights and the complex immigration process.

**Africa University** is the first and only fully-accredited institution of higher learning established on the African continent by action of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church and is a consequence of the growth of United Methodism in Africa. The university's goal is to foster intellectual, moral, ethical and spiritual growth in its students.

**The Abbe Center for Community Mental Health** serves the mental health needs of low income people in the Linn County area. It has a variety of programs including outreach to the homeless and the chronically mentally ill. It has served the area for over 40 years.

**Trinity Lane Playground Equipment** is needed @ at our outpost preschool's new site, St. Ludmila's Catholic School, where they will be moving this June. We need to develop an outdoor playground for preschoolers in this new location, including a fence and several new pieces of equipment. Some older equipment will also need to be removed.

*A bulk mailing went out with a Lenten letter and a card listing these 4 giving opportunities. If you didn't receive one, there are extra Lenten Offering cards located in the Sanctuary pews.*

# CHILDREN & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

## Dates for Parent Calendars:

### March:

Palm Sunday - Children will process with palms during 9:15 and 10:30 services  
Community Easter Egg Hunt at Lovely Lane UMC for Preschool to 5th graders - Saturday, March 31st, 10 am to Noon

### April:

Sunday School and Kids' Club kids will perform a Musical (*Music Machine*) on April 22nd during the 9:15 service

### July:

VBS - *Raging River Rampage* dates will be July 8th -12th

Please bring candy for eggs - may also be trinkets or coins (box in Narthex), collecting on Sundays - March 11th, 18th & 25th!

**Weekly 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 with supper at 5:30 PM (\$2 donation suggested). At 5:55, we share joys, concerns and announcements; 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 welcome to invite friends!

Age Levels Groups.: 3-4 year olds, K-1<sup>st</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade, & 4<sup>+</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade. **Please contact Julie Meyer ([juliem@lovelylane.org](mailto:juliem@lovelylane.org); 393-6674) for more information; 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.

## UNITED METHODIST CAMP NEWS



All of the Pictured Rocks staff are excited to be hosting our **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Retreats** for youth in grades 3-8:

3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grade	March 10-11	1 PM—1 PM	Cost: \$50
6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade	April 6-8	7PM—1 PM	Cost: \$75

Don't let your kids miss out on this great opportunity for **awesome faith, fun & fellowship!** Register by E-mail ([picturedrocks.camp@iaumc.org](mailto:picturedrocks.camp@iaumc.org)). You can go to [www.picturedrocks.org](http://www.picturedrocks.org) for more information or call 319-465-4194. *Blessings, Gabe - Pictured Rocks Camp Director*

**Summer camps** take place @ Lake Okoboji, Pictured Rocks, and Wesley Woods (Iowa's 3 United Methodist Camps). Go to [www.iaumc.org/camps](http://www.iaumc.org/camps) for more info., or talk to Mrs. G at Lovely Lane.

## **United Methodist Women News**

### **MISSION POTLUCK DINNER**

Lovely Lane's UMW is sponsoring a Mission Potluck Dinner & Program on **Thursday, March 8th, @ 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall**. Our mission focus will be on the Matthew 25 Ministries of Cedar Rapids. You're asked to bring your own table service along with a hot dish, salad, or dessert to share; beverages and desserts will be provided.

Our program will be presented by Clint Twedt-Ball, Matthew 25 Executive Director. If you were at Lovely Lane when Clint was our Associate Pastor, this is a chance to say hello again and to hear how Matthew 25 has evolved thru the years. If you haven't met Clint, this is a chance to hear him speak about this powerful ministry on CR's west side and how it is *Empowering People to Transform Neighborhoods*. Everyone is welcome to come and share good food, an interesting program, and warm fellowship. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend!

### **UMW TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

We continue to meet Tuesdays, 9:30-11:15 AM in Fireside. We're currently studying the Gospel of Luke. We invite you to join us for study and fellowship. **LUG YOUR MUG FOR COFFEE TIME!**

### **UMW Program Books for 2018**

Look for the 2018 booklets with bright green covers in the wall rack in the narthex; we invite all LL women to pick one up. The booklets list our programs and events, our 2018 budget, and more.

### **EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT OPPORTUNITIES FOR MARCH**

The East Central District UMW invites Lovely Lane women to some interesting programs this fall:

**Fri., March 2nd:** "World Day of Prayer USA"

**Tues., March 8th:** Iowa Conference UMW's International Ringing Bells for Women's Rights

**Sat., March 17th:** E. Central District UMW Spiritual Growth Day will be held @ the Springville UMC from 9 AM to 2 PM. Rev. Sue Ellen Sherman and Rev. Brian Sherman will present a program on *Living as a Covenant Community*. Registration will begin at 9 AM with the program starting at 9:30. Each unit attending, or car load, is asked to bring a salad for lunch; beverages and desserts will be furnished. Contact Cheryl Murphy (377-6205) for more information or to make reservations.

## **Lovely Lane UMW Garage Sale**

*Time to clean out those closets!*

**Sat., April 21**  
**8 am–12 noon**



**Drop off pre-marked items Friday night ONLY,**  
**April 20th, between 5:00 & 8:00 PM**

**Only children's clothing accepted!**

Looking for books, furniture, linens, glassware,  
kitchen items, holiday decorations!

**PLEASE HAVE ALL YOUR ITEMS PRICED AND READY**  
**TO PLACE ON DESIGNATED TABLES!**

**We don't take any items that won't be accepted by Goodwill after the sale!**

## HAPPY ENDINGS

Happy Endings, the book discussion group, will meet on Monday, March 12th, at 10 AM in the church library. The book we'll discuss is *The Gentleman From Moscow* by Amor Towle. The book to read for April is *Cooking For Picasso* by Camille Aubray. For May the book to read is *The Tea Planter's Wife* by Dinah Jeffries. In June we will not read a book but will have our annual discussion to talk about books we've read and would recommend.

## FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP

Friendly Fellowship will meet on March 16th at noon in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck luncheon. Our guest speaker will be Robert Buckley, author from Marion. Robert was at our meeting 2 years ago and now has a new book to share with us. His newest book is "I'm Lost Again". (There will be door prizes.) The Host and Hostess will be Keith and Fonda Carris. Come join us for a good lunch and an entertaining program!

### WELCOME TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF OUR LOVELY LANE FAMILY (joined in worship on 2/25):

Bertha Tribuno	Paige Swartzendruber
Lucy Tabelisma	Deb Abben & Rod Reid
Kent Jackson	Dale Beatty & Karen
Tressa Losch	Schoen

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

*Remembering with love:*  
Donna Cole.....2015

## Our Ministry Teams at Work

### Christian Education

- ♦ Easter Egg Hunt—Candy et al. needed for eggs; collecting on March 4, 11 & 18
- ♦ VBS "Rolling River Rampage"—July 8-12; supper 5:30 PM & program 6-8 PM

### Health & Wholeness

- ♦ Successful Heart Healthy Brunch Feb. 11
- ♦ Ronald McDonald meal @ St. Luke's Mar. 7

### Hospitality

- ♦ New Member Lunch—Feb. 18
- ♦ Serving Easter Brunch—April 1

### Trustees

- ♦ Painting Library bathroom
- ♦ Sewer line was blocked 80% - has been fixed. New seals put on toilets.

### Endowments

- ♦ Establishing endowment procedures & paper work
- ♦ Voted to cash in 2nd Iowa UMC Building Trust Fund \$20,000 prior to March 9—to have on hand for new pastor(s)

### Presence: Worship Attendance

2/4	2/11	2/14 (Ash W.)	2/18	2/25
224	189	124	232	311

### January Financial Totals

Cash inflow—mo. of Jan.	\$ 50,381
Cash inflow—YTD	\$ 50,381
Budget need/month	\$ 47,794
Cash outflow—mo. of Jan..	\$ 51,912
Cash outflow—YTD	\$ 51,912
Unpaid bills	\$ 0

### FUNERAL LUNCHEON HELP NEEDED

We need additional volunteers to bring a dessert and/or help serve and clean up at funeral luncheons held at Lovely Lane. If you're able to help and have **NOT** already signed up on the STUB, please call Sue in the church office (393-6674). Thanks!

## Concerns & Celebrations

### **Prayer concerns:**

- \*Family & friends of long-time LL member Kay Rath upon her passing; her funeral was @ LL on 2/17
- \*Death of Eddie Anderson on 2/26 (@ Methwick)
- \*Marge Thornton, LL member & CWM director Carolyn Barnes' mom, passed away; her service is on 3/6 @ 11 AM at Slininger-Schroeder Funeral Home in Jefferson, IA; sympathy cards may be sent to Carolyn at 6916 Kiowa Trace NE, CR 52411
- \*Death of Kevin Wittles' father, Burt, from MN
- \*Anita DeVries – her sister, Lois, passed away
- \*Barb Waterhouse-Miller – her sister, Sandy, passed away
- \*Don Sparrow – continued health issues
- \*Tom Rimmer, Kiya Hinkel's great grandpa – COPD
- \*Isabel Drew - having tests for a bump under an eye
- \*Kent Jackson – was hospitalized with pancreatitis
- \*Marcie Baugh – recovering from surgery
- \*Anne Mason – broken ankle is recovering
- \*Brenda Borden – recovering from knee replacement surgery
- \*Chris Butler & others – living through unemployment/financial stress
- \*Pam Nixon's mom – beginning chemotherapy after cancer surgery (2<sup>nd</sup> round of surgery & treatment)
- \*Denise Carnahan's stepdad
- \*Jaime Roberts-Butler's mother, Robin – struggling with infection following knee surgery
- \*Those with Influenza B & other flu/flu-type illnesses
- \*Those affected by the recent Vinton fires

### **Joys:**

- \*Super Bowl Sunday sub sandwich youth fundraiser
- \*A wonderful **Heart Healthy Brunch** on 2/11, sponsored by Health & Wholeness
- \*LL youth did great leading our 2/14 Ash Wed. service & LL men served up tasty pancakes beforehand
- \*(The last reported) update on the remaining mortgage balance: amount due is down to \$15,182.87
- \*9 new members joined Lovely Lane on 2/25
- \*Baptism of Pastor Paul's & Pastor Gayle's granddaughter, Ellie, during 10:30 worship on 2/25
- \*Our confirmation class helped with the SEMP meal @ 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church on 2/25
- \*Connor Haines' Eagle Scout Court of Honor is 3/4

## Thank You Notes

**Thank you** Lovely Lane Methodist Church friends for your prayers, calls and cards received before and after my recent back surgery. Also, thanks to Pastor Gayle for her visit and delivery of the beautiful shawl made by the Prayer Shawl Group at Lovely Lane. I am doing well, but complete recovery will take time and I have lots of "time"! *God's blessings and my love, Marcie Baugh*

**A very special thank you** for all of the prayers, thoughts, cards and the comfort of the prayer shawl, that is always near. Thank you to Pastors Gayle and Paul for your visits, comforting words and prayers as we continue on this difficult journey. *Don & Marti Sparrow*

**Acknowledging Your Faithful Support:** Our records indicate that your church paid 100% of your 2017 apportionments. Thank you for...the gifts that made this possible. Our Methodist connectional system will remain strong because of churches like yours. *Your IA Conference Treasurer, Maggie Biggs*

**Members of Lovely Lane—**Generous donors like you have helped many of our neighbors to overcome struggles with the most basic of human essentials. Their needs continue to be profound. Hundreds of people request assistance from the Ecumenical Community Center Foundation (ECCF) every month. It is your prayers, devotions, and contributions that serve these neighbors in need. We are extremely grateful for your 2017 donations totaling \$3,165.06 to ECCF.

**LLUMC members—We thank you** for your gifts to ECCF and for Maryann Stewart's service on our board. Thank you for all your help for the people who come here for assistance.

**Thank you** for your gift received on 12/20/17 of \$300 [and for your gift received on 12/18/17 of \$667.85] to the General Board of Ministry through The Advance, the designated mission giving channel of The United Methodist Church. We are pleased to share that 100% of your contribution(s) will support the missionary community in honor of Disaster Response.... Giving through The Advance enables United Methodists to partner with one another in mission and ministry around the world. Thank you for joining with us in God's mission.

