

# Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

August 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 house-  
hold to servant  
leadership.



## A Big Thank You!

I want to express thanks for the wonderful welcome you have given me and my family. The first worship service and the gift of a beautiful stole were a tremendous blessing. The ice cream social was a fantastic time to get better acquainted with many of you. The renovated offices have been a marvelous bonus, too. I'm very fortunate to serve as a pastor at Lovely Lane UMC.

Now I have tried to spend my first month learning about the exciting ministries at Lovely Lane . . . and there are many! The Capital Campaign team has been working hard to move to the final stage that includes foyer and sanctuary improvements. This group is anxious to share their progress after worship on August 26. The Trinity Lane Preschool move to St. Ludmila is also well underway. The new site will be up and running this fall. I was impressed with a recent site visit to the new place. Many people have been working hard to make this transition possible. Additionally, I might lift up the completion of Vacation Bible School and the fun theme, "Rolling River Rampage." It was great to see so many people step forward and assist children in the church and community.

Moving ahead to the fall, I'm looking forward to Sunday School resuming as well as many of the study groups normally available. I am eager to lead the Adult Exploratory group on Wednesday nights with an additional time tentatively scheduled for Sunday nights. A participant could join the study on either night.

It is a great time to be in ministry at Lovely Lane. Pastor Jenny and I are filled with enthusiasm as we continue to learn about everything going on and the numerous ways we can further the great ministry taking place.

A scripture reading I have been reflecting on at this time is Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." (NIV) Relying on the Lord, I joyfully carry forward with each of you. God is so good! A Thousand Blessings to each of you! Scott

P.S. Huge **thanks** for wearing nametags on Sunday mornings - so helpful!

## Calendar of Events — August 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	ILF = International Ladies Fellowship WOF = Women Of Faith WWW = Wednesday Women & the Word	CCM = Care Center Ministry CWM = Children's Weekday Ministries UMW = United Methodist Women	<b>1</b> 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 1 pm Staff brief prayer time	<b>2</b> 5:00 pm Yoga	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <i>Communion Sunday</i>	<b>6</b> 5:30 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm CE mtg.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 1 pm Staff meeting 7:30 pm SPPRC	<b>9</b> 7 am Leadership Mtg. (@ Panera's) 5:30 pm Yoga 6:30 pm Missions	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9 am-1:30 pm ILF
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 10:30 am Happy Endings (@ Barnes & Noble) 5:30 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	<b>14</b> 6:30 pm Mental Health Support Grp.	<b>15</b> ( <i>CWM Summer Program ends</i> ) 1 pm Staff brief prayer time	<b>16</b> <b><u>ALL @ Buffalo UMC due to floor waxing @ LLUMC:</u></b> 4 pm Hospitality 5:30 pm Yoga 6:45 pm Trustees 7 pm Committee Meetings 7:50 pm Ad Council	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 10:30 Sorting of school supplies for CWA event, followed by delivery & distribution at the apts.	<b>20</b> 5:30 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	<b>21</b> 10:30 am-5 pm JFON Office Hours ( <i>if needed</i> ) 5-8 pm JFON Clinic	<b>22</b> 11:30 am WWW lunch (offsite) 1 pm Staff meeting	<b>23</b> 5:30 pm Yoga	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9 am—3 pm Boy Scouts Jr. Leadership Training
<b>26</b> 10:30 am Last Summer Brunch AND Architects' Presentation	<b>27</b> 9 am Prayer Shawl Grp. 5:30 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:30 am CCM (offsite)	<b>30</b> 5:30 pm Yoga	<b>31</b>	

### **BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING - PHASE 3: BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS PRESENTATION BY ARCHITECTS ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 26<sup>TH</sup>**

Join us in the Sanctuary following worship (and after getting a plate of food from our brunch) on Sunday, Aug. 26th, to hear from our architects and the Lovely Lane team who have been working for nearly a year on both a Facilities Assessment and a Master Plan for the Lovely Lane building, including updates for the sanctuary and foyer (narthex). This is an informational meeting to share a brief history of the building, the team's work, and an overview of the plans as they exist today. **Please join us** to get the facts about this exciting time in the Lovely Lane story! What will Our Generation's Legacy be???

[www.lblessing.org](http://www.lblessing.org)

## Lovely Lane Worship, et al.

### Worship in August

August 5th: Communion Sunday—1 combined service @ 9:30 AM / Pastor Scott

Scripture: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Sermon: "Getting Back on Track"

August 12th: 12th Sunday after Pentecost—1 combined service @ 9:30 AM / Pastor Scott

Scripture: Luke 15:11-32

Sermon: "Lost and Found Department"

August 19th: 13th Sunday after Pentecost—1 combined service @ 9:30 AM / Pastor Jenny

Scripture: Ephesians 1:15-22

Sermon: "Revival on Mission and at Home"

*Youth will share stories from the mission trip*

August 26th: 14th Sunday after Pentecost—1 combined service @ 9:30 AM / Pastor Scott

Scripture: Matthew 28:15-20

Sermon: "The Mission Ahead"

### Donations Needed for School Shopping Spree - Aug. 19th @ Cedarwood Hills Apts.

Please place donations of the following in one of the bins located in the narthex:

- \*1" 3-ring white binder, clear view front
- \*Backpacks, no wheels
- \*Crayola crayons, 24 ct.
- \*Crayola markers, 1 thin & 1 wide
- \*Dry erase markers, black
- \*Colored pencils
- \*Elmer's glue bottle
- \*Glue sticks
- \*Erasers, pink
- \*Pencils, Ticonderoga brand, 24
- \*Scissors, Fiskars brand – 1 round tip & 1 pointed tip
- \*Spiral notebooks, wide line
- \*Loose-leaf paper packet, wide line
- \*Highlighters – 2 yellow, 1 pink, 1 green
- \*Kleenex boxes
- \*Pencil box / zipper pouches
- \*Ballpoint pens – 1 blue, 1 red
- \*Vinyl folders, 2 pocket, plain with 3 prong
- \*Composition books – wide line

Thank you for your generosity in providing these school supplies to CWAH kids!!!

### Lovely Lane Women's Retreat



#### "Healing Waters"

This year's Women's Retreat is set for Saturday, Sept. 22nd, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm at Prairiewoods Retreat Center in Hiawatha. A healthy lunch will be included. We are excited to have Pastor Arnette Pint as our speaker and to have Pastor Jenny Seylar lend her creativity to our retreat planning! *Sponsored by Health & Wholeness*

### SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Summer worship at Lovely Lane continues thru the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in September (Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>). We'll return to our regular worship schedule (8, 9:15 & 10:30 AM services) on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> - Rally Sunday (the start of Sunday School).

### Lovely Lane Summer Brunch: Sunday, Aug. 26th (after 9:30 am worship)

Our final Summer Brunch will be held following worship on Sunday, August 26th. Health & Wholeness will provide cakes, muffins, breads, etc.; Missions will provide juice & milk and help clean up; and Hospitality will provide fruit &/or yogurt.

*Hope to see you there!!!*

## CHILDREN & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

**Sunday School:** The 2018-19 school year begins soon and Sunday School is not far behind. Rally Sunday is September 9th with children's classes beginning during 9:15 and 10:30 AM services. Adults and Middle Schoolers will also meet but only during the 9:15 hour. Registration forms for Sunday School and Kid's Club for your children (Preschool-5th grade & Middle School) can be placed in the Sunday School container in the narthex.

Volunteers are invited to work with the children on Sunday mornings in our 9:15 and 10:30 services. We'll be using the Sparkhouse rotation curriculum again this year. If you like to work with science, art, cooking, stories, games, or drama, there is a Sunday for you!

**3rd Grade Bibles:** Students entering 3rd grade this fall will be presented with a *Hand's On Bible* on Sept. 9th. If you have a child going into 3rd grade, please contact Mrs. G (Barb) @ christianedu@lovelylane.org or 393-6674 to be sure a Bible is reserved for him or her.

**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 Wednesday, Sept. 12th. A family meal takes place at 5:30 with Kid's Club starting at 6 PM. Stay tuned for more information via E-mail and Facebook!



### TEACHERS NEEDED FOR THE FALL

Share your time and talents with our Lovely Lane children! *Please* prayerfully consider being a teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. Bible-based curriculum is provided that has kept our children engrossed in the stories. Lessons include Art, Cooking, Science, Bible Stories, and Games; which one interests you the most? Choose Sunday mornings for Sunday School OR Wednesday evening Kid's Club to work with Lovely Lane's children.

Contact Mrs. G (christianedu@lovelylane.org or 393-6674) with questions or to volunteer.



### BLOOD DRIVE COMING TO LOVELY LANE UMC!

We are sponsoring a Blood Drive through the Mississippi Valley Blood Center here at Lovely Lane on Saturday, Sept. 8th, from 9 AM to 12 noon. Blood is especially needed this time of year and we are excited to be able to bring this important opportunity back to Lovely Lane! Look for sign-up information soon.

Sponsored by Health & Wholeness

## **United Methodist Women News**

### **EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT UMW MISSION STUDY DAY**

**Tuesday, August 28th**

**9 am - 2:30 pm**

**Asbury UM Church**

**350 27th Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids**

The theme for this workshop is: **"WHAT ABOUT OUR MONEY? A FAITH RESPONSE."** This study, which had been presented at Mission U, will be led by Mission U instructor, Connie Dicks. This study explores how we understand money in context of our faith. Economic Justice is one of our four UMW Mission Priorities for this quadrennial. The focus of this study is both personal and communal. It explores our own relationship with money, money choices available to us, and how we respond to economic inequalities in light of our faith.

For this workshop, each carload of participants are invited to bring a salad to share for lunch. For more information and to make reservations, please contact Cheryl Murphy (377-6205).

**LOVELY LANE'S UMW** is not meeting during the summer. We invite all women of our church to join us on **Thursday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm** when we'll resume meeting for the fall. We plan to watch a movie at our 1st meeting, the topic of which will be announced in the September newsletter.

We'd like to provide the women of Lovely Lane the opportunity to grow spiritually within a loving, caring fellowship, and we welcome all women to join with us! Please help yourself to a 2018 program book, have a good rest of the summer, and we look forward to seeing you this fall!

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

In May, we had just started to look into the Gospel of John. Due to our taking a summer break, **we don't meet again until Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>**, when we'll continue our study and again meet weekly Tuesdays from 9:30 - 11:15 AM. Our group meets in Fireside, except on the third Tuesday of the month when we move to the Library (due to Justice For Our Neighbors needing Fireside that day). We invite you to join with us next fall! **We now not only LUG OUR MUGS, BUT ALSO FILL THEM AT HOME; SO, DO COME PREPARED WITH YOUR FAVORITE BEVERAGE IN HAND.** If you have any questions, call Cheryl Murphy (377-6205).

## HAPPY ENDINGS

Happy Endings, the book discussion group, is going to Barnes & Noble on Monday, Aug. 13th, at 10:30 AM for a presentation by Diane, the store manager, who will give us information on the new books she thinks we might be interested in reading. We'll go to Olive Garden for lunch following this discussion. Please note that we're meeting at 10:30 AM. Hope to see everyone there!

## All I Really Need To Know I Learned In Kindergarten

by Robert Fulghum

Most of what I really need  
To know about how to live  
And what to do and how to be  
I learned in kindergarten.  
Wisdom was not at the top  
Of the graduate school mountain,  
But there in the sandpile at Sunday school.

**These are the things I learned:**  
Share everything.  
Play fair.  
Don't hit people.  
Put things back where you found them.  
Clean up your own mess.  
Don't take things that aren't yours.  
Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.  
Wash your hands before you eat.  
Flush.  
Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.  
Live a balanced life -  
Learn some and think some  
And draw and paint and sing and dance  
And play and work everyday some.  
Take a nap every afternoon.  
When you go out into the world,  
Watch out for traffic,  
Hold hands and stick together.  
Be aware of wonder.

## Our Ministry Teams at Work

### Missions / Community Outreach

- ◆ Dispersing the Back to School Shopping Spree items @ Cedarwood Hills Apts. on Sunday, 8/19
- ◆ Summer Brunch on 8/26—Missions furnishing juice & milk, helping to clean up

### Health & Wholeness

- ◆ Donate Life Iowa—organ & tissue donation information available after 7/29 service
- ◆ Blood Drive on 9/8
- ◆ Women's Retreat on 9/22

### Trustees

- ◆ New refrigerator in youth kitchen
- ◆ Carpet cleaned/tile cleaning—end of Aug.
- ◆ Remember—all "job" cards need to be completed by the end of August!

### June Financial Totals

Cash inflow—mo. of June	\$ 33,979
Cash inflow—YTD	\$259,789
Budget need/month	\$ 47,794
Cash outflow—mo. of June	\$ 34,068
Cash outflow—YTD	\$272,362
Unpaid bills	\$ 7,639

### Remembering with love:

Chris Burr.....2015

Alice Tiffin.....2016

### Presence: Worship Attendance

<u>7/1</u>	<u>7/8</u>	<u>7/15</u>	<u>7/22</u>	<u>7/29</u>
199	231	273	160	183

## REMINDER TO SNOWBIRDS

If you are a snowbird or a college student, and we do not yet have an alternate address for you, please contact Sue in the church office at your earliest convenience (suem@lovelylane.org or 319-393-6674). We also need the approximate dates that you will be at the alternate address.

*MANY THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!!*

## Concerns & Celebrations

### Prayer concerns:

- \*Phil & Shirley Martin—death of his brother-in-law
- \*Stephanie French—father-in-law's death & nephew's heart transplant
- \*Ken & Judy Robertson—death of their oldest granddtr., Nikki
- \*Lloyd & Jan Peterson—he's in hospice care @ home
- \*Lisa Taylor—mom, Carol, is under hospice care @ home for late-stage dementia
- \*Jean Fitz—hospitalized due to fluid in lungs
- \*Rod Reid—recovering from arm surgery on 7/11
- \*Patti Sorsby—in St. Luke's rehab after breaking a hip
- \*Don Sparrow—rehab from injuries due to a fall
- \*Kathy Potter-Stepleton—shoulder replacement surgery
- \*Ashlenn Tanner—3-yr. anniversary of her mother's death
- \*Lu Serbousek—Daughter Erica's 3-mo. cancer check up
- \*Kim Jacobson – funds needed for some dental work
- \*Kay Oloff—father-in-law has systemic infection, cardiac issues
- \*Pam Morris' sister, Penne—treatment for pancreatic cancer
- \*Marci Wittles' dtr. & family—in a car accident but okay
- \*Carol Wilson—relative Brian with health concerns
- \*Jack & Cheryl Murphy's grndsn.—struggles w/drug addiction
- \*Jessica Hinke's parents – 4-yrs. to adopt 3 Haitian children
- \*Linda Carollo's neighbor, Ann—injured by boat propeller
- \*LL youth & leaders—their mission trip to TX
- \*Young people going to college (& for their parents!)
- \*Rescued Thailand boys & leader, & the Navy seal who died
- \*Tornado relief efforts in Marshalltown, Pella, et al.
- \*Duck boat accident in MO – for victims & families
- \*Heavy rain in Virginia & elsewhere
- \*Wildfires out west

### Joys:

- \*Celebration of Ministry & Farewell for Pastors Paul & Gayle on 6/24; Welcome Service for new pastors on 7/1
- \*Starmer family—birth on 7/7 of twin boys: Reid & Keaton
- \*Trinity Lane moved into St. Ludmila's; thanks, volunteers!
- \*VBS was awesome, with great attendance!
- \*LL window washing party on 7/14 – thanks!!!
- \*Marci Wittles—was a leader @ Camp Hope
- \*Fun ice cream social @ Noelridge Park on 7/15
- \*Karon & Rory Niebuhr—son Alex here for the summer
- \*Dale & Nancy Snyder—63 yr. wedding anniversary
- \*Lloyd & Jan Peterson—63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary 7/30
- \*Melissa & Justin Davis—son's successful ear tube surgery
- \*Denise Ferdig—found a new job
- \*Millie Corbett—celebrated her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday

## THANK YOU NOTES

**THANK YOU** to everyone who has welcomed me back to Lovely Lane UMC. The opening worship service was very meaningful, and the scapular is beautiful. It is a joy to be able to serve with Scott as your pastors. *Pastor Jenny*

**THANK YOU** for your generous donation (credenza w/ chair, 2 office chairs, teacher's desk & end table)! Your help and support is appreciated! Our business thrives on donated goods. Your donation helps us build homes for those in need!

*Please also keep us in mind when you clean out your garage, remodel or downsize. We pick up (319-294-1500). Call us today! Cedar valley Habitat for Humanity ReStore*

## PRAYING OUR WAY FORWARD

On February 23-26, the General Conference Special Session will vote on how our United Methodist denomination will go forward on the issues of LGTBQ church weddings and ordinations. The Council of Bishops has proposed a way that allows for individual churches and pastors to make their own choices while remaining a connected denomination.

Bishop Laurie asks that we *pray our way forward* so we might be One in Christ.

To honor her request, **please PAUSE AND PRAY** daily till Feb. 26 for our church's mission and way forward. **Pray between 2:23-2:26 AM or PM, OR at another time.** You might spend 1 minute praying in each category: #1 Adoration of God, #2 Thanksgiving, #3 Confession, and #4 Asking for the Holy Spirit's Guidance.

**THANK YOU FOR JOINING IN PRAYER!**

**Summer Worship (5/27-9/2)**  
9:30 AM One All-together Worship Service -  
mostly traditional; no choir in the summer

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



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**Lovely Lane Staff**

- Lead Pastor.....Dr. Scott Meador
- Associate Pastor.....Rev. Jenny Seylar
- Office Manager.....Sue Moss
- Director Children’s Weekday Min.....Carolyn Barnes
- Youth Director.....Jenny Seylar
- Kid’s Club Director.....Julie Meyer
- Christian Educator..... Barb Geissing
- Choir Director.....K. Weiler
- Choir Assistant/Accompanist.....
- Organist.....Dennis Ramsey
- Children’s Choirs.....Carla Jesse
- Director of Handbells.....
- Nursery.....Shelbie Wood, Tara Neveu,  
Paige Gerjets, & Claire Van Erde-Wyk
- Wedding Coordinator.....Becky Wood
- Custodians.....Rex, Rhonda & Jessica Heasty
- Audio/Visual Coordinator.....Eric Wylie
- Treasurer.....Marcie Stumpf
- Finance Secretary.....Vicki Cangemi
- Webmaster.....Shelly Turner



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