

Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

November 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.



Living our Vows

"... an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God." (Phil. 4:18, NIV)

As members of Lovely Lane United Methodist Church, we support our church with our "Presence, Prayers, Gifts, Service, and Witness." A renewed attention to these historic vows can make a difference.

We start with "Presence." Presence means that we choose to be at church on Sunday morning and throughout the week as we need to be. We may not always feel up to it, but we realize our presence inspires others.

Next, we speak about "Prayers." We need to keep praying for the church and its ministries. We need to pray for those in our congregation. We need to pray for those in our community and our world. We pray expecting change will come.

Following prayer, we come to "Gifts." Gifts are the financial gifts or money we give to God and the church. Sixteen of Jesus's 38 recorded parables deal with our attitudes toward money. In his sermon, "The Use of Money," John Wesley says that we are to, "Gain all we can, save all we can, give all we can." Our possessions do not belong to us. We are to give some of what we have away.

After a focus on gifts, we need a renewed emphasis on "Service." Service is sharing our talents with others. The musician, Arthur Rubenstein, was asked why he practiced the piano so much. He replied, "If I don't practice one day, I know it; if I don't practice two days, the critics know it; and if I don't practice three days, everybody knows it." A great talent must be practiced, used, and employed.

The final vow is "Witness." We speak the faith with our actions and words. I still love the old line from St. Francis of Assisi, "Preach the gospel at all times, if necessary, use words." We are often most effective with our actions, but the words we speak matter a great deal too.

Throughout the month we will be looking at these historic vows during worship services. This focus connects with our stewardship campaign. Our specific Commitment Sunday is November 18. We will begin collecting pledge cards on that day for your planned giving for 2019. Please prayerfully reflect on your commitments this month . . . and the year to come!

A Thousand Blessings to each of You! Scott

Calendar of Events — November 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	1 6:15 pm Handbells	2 1-2 pm All Saints Sunday preparation	3 SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK & ENJOY AN EXTRA HOUR OF SLEEP!
4 <i>All Saints Sunday (Day-light Saving Time ends)</i> 9 am Chancel Choir 6-8 pm H.S. Youth Group	5 5:30 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm CE mtg.	6 6 am-9 pm LL is Election site 6:45 pm WOF	7 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 9:30 am Mom's Club 12 noon WWW 1:30 pm Staff brief prayer time 4:30 pm MS mission project 5:30 pm Family Meal 6-7:30 pm Kid's Club 6 pm Adult Explo	8 7 am Leadership Mtg. (@ Panera's) 1:00 pm UMW mtg. 5:30 pm Yoga 6:30 pm Missions 6:30 pm Health & Wholeness	9	10 9 am-1:30 pm ILF
11 <i>Communion Sunday</i> 9 am Chancel Choir 6-8 pm H.S. Youth Group	12 10 am Happy Endings 5:30 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 6:30—9 pm CWM Board mtg.	13 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 10:30 am-5 pm JFON Office Hours 3 pm Shepherdess/ Shepherd Coffee 5-8 pm JFON Clinic 6:30 pm Mental Health Support Grp. 6:45 pm WOF	14 12 noon WWW 1:30 pm Staff mtg. 5:30 pm Family Meal 6-7:30 pm Kid's Club & M.S. Youth Group/Confirmation 6 pm Adult Explo	15 4 pm Hospitality 5:30 pm Yoga 6 pm Committee Meetings 7 pm CHURCH CONFERENCE	16 12 noon Friendly Fellowship	17 8:30 am Men's Breakfast 10 am-4 pm Project Linus
18 <i>Commitment Sunday & Thanksgiving Sunday</i> 9 am Chancel Choir 9-11:45 am UMW Bake Sale 6-8 pm H.S. Yth. Grp.	19 9 am-Noon CWM Preschl. Thanksgiving Feast 10:15 am Lexington E. Good Neighbor Coffee 5:30 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	20 9 am-Noon CWM Preschl. Thanksgiving Feast 6:45 pm WOF	21 1:30 pm Staff brief prayer time NO Weds. night activities	22 <i>Happy Thanksgiving (church & office closed)</i>	23 <i>(church & office closed day after Thanksgiving as well)</i>	24
25 <i>Nonagenarian Sunday</i> 9 am Chancel Choir 11:45 am Potluck / Decorating the Church for Advent & Christmas	26 9 am Prayer Shawl Grp. 5:30 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	27 6:45 pm WOF	28 12 noon WWW 1:30 pm Staff mtg.	29 7 pm Stride group	30	

MEN'S BREAKFAST—SAT., NOV. 17TH, 8:30 AM

Join Pastor Scott in the Fellowship Hall for some breakfast treats plus a special guest: Jeff Linder, LLUMC member and a sportswriter for the Gazette, who will speak to our group. Hope to see you there!!!

ADULT EXPLO

Pastor Scott will continue to lead this group with an Advent study starting Weds., Nov. 14, @ 6 PM. Focus will be on the book "The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem" by Adam Hamilton. Join us!

CHURCH CONFERENCE: All are welcome to the annual **Church Conference, November 15th, @ 7:00 PM.** Rev. John Louk is the Presiding Elder. Action will include final acceptance of the vote from an All-Church Meeting on October 28th. The vote was for approval to move forward with the work outlined in the Facilities Assessment and Master Plan. 104 votes were cast. "Yes" votes were 92. "No" votes were 12.

Lovely Lane Worship, et al.

Worship in November

Nov. 4th: **All Saints Sunday**—3 services: 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM / Pastor Jenny
Scripture: Hebrews 11:39-12:3
Sermon: "Remembering the Faithful" - Living our Vows, Part 1

Nov. 11th: **Communion Sunday**—3 services: 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott
Scripture: Luke 10:38-42
Sermon: "The Power of Presence and Prayers" - Living our Vows, Part 2

Nov. 18th: **Commitment Sunday & Thanksgiving Sunday**—3 services: 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / 2019 pledge cards will be collected in worship
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:6-12
Sermon: "The Power of Gifts and Service" - Living our Vows, Part 3

Nov. 25th: **Nonagenarian* Sunday**—3 services: 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott
Scripture: Matthew 5:13-16
Sermon: "The Power of Witness" - Living our Vows, Part 4 (*honoring members 90+)

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOV. 4TH

All Saints Sunday will be observed at Lovely Lane on Nov. 4th 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).



Sunday, November 25, 11:45 am

Advent is just around the corner, with the first Sunday on December 4th. On the prior Sunday, November 25, we'll decorate the sanctuary and church for Christmas following 10:30 am worship. We'll start with a Potluck at 11:45 am, followed by church decorating. You are invited to bring a dish to share; the church will provide beverages and table service. We hope you'll join us as we kick off the Advent Season at the church!!

2018 Advent Offering Recipients

Our Missions Committee has selected the following to be the recipients of our 2018 Advent Offering:

- 1) Helping Hands Ministry** serves people with limited material assistance on an emergency basis, helping with rent, utilities, and/or supportive services and advocacy. Staff and volunteers help the client to prioritize needs and work with community agencies and funding sources to meet those needs. HHM offers someone to talk to and share concerns with, and to receive encouragement from in reaching goals—rejoicing in those accomplishments when goals are met.
- 2) Catherine McAuley Center** offers hope and opportunity thru educational and supportive services that promote stability, skill-building, and connection. Catherine McAuley believed that education was the ultimate answer to the struggles of the poor. CMC continues to share mercy, bringing light and life to where there was little or none.
- 3) Pierce Backpack Ministry** is one of the most important programs we've supported and continue to support. In East Central Iowa, 1 in 7 children are at risk for hunger or food insecurity. By addressing this concern, this ministry provides needy students with nutritious, easy to prepare food when other food resources may not be available, specifically on weekends and during school vacations.
- 4) Argentina 47** supports the Rev. Doug Williams, a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of the UMC, and pastor relating to the Iowa Annual Conference. Doug serves as pastor and Volunteer-In-Mission promoter of the Evangelical Methodist Church of Argentina. Commissioned in 2015, he is specifically pastor of the Mendoza and San Juan Churches in Argentina, as well as an elementary school chaplain, and host for VIM teams.

Advent Offering cards will be available soon to let us know how to split your Advent Offering donation(s).

CHILDREN & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Sunday School: Children's classes are held during the 9:15 and 10:30 AM services. Adults and Middle Schoolers meet only during the 9:15 hour. Completed Sunday School and/or Kid's Club (Pre-schl.-5th gr. & MS) registration forms can be placed in the Sunday School container in the narthex.

During our 9:15 & 10:30 AM Sunday services, we are using the Sparkhouse rotation curriculum where kids can enjoy classes in science, art, cooking, stories, games, and drama.

Sunday School children's fall mission project is collecting canned goods for a food pantry Nov. 11 & 18.

Kid's Club: All Preschool-5th graders are invited to attend Kid's Club! A family meal takes place at 5:30 PM with Kid's Club starting at 6 PM. **Kid's Club will sing during the 10:30 service Nov. 11th.**

OUR CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ("Sharing the Light of Christ: a Christmas Story") will be Dec. 16th during the 9:15 service. Dress rehearsal will be Sat., Dec. 15th, 9-11AM.

Contact Mrs. G (Barb) at christianedu@lovelylane.org or 393-6674 with questions about Sunday School; contact Julie Meyer at juliem@lovelylane.org or 393-6674 with questions on Kid's Club.

Middle School Youth Group (gr. 6-8): Youth group and confirmation on Weds. nights is well under way. We're getting more familiar with the Bible, learning how we're called to care for the environment, and painting the youth room (not quite finished but looking good!). Thanks to the MS youth!! As we head into Nov., we'll do some lawn work for church folks, and learn more about God's creation.

November Schedule 5:30-7:15 pm (unless otherwise noted)

- Nov. 7 Mission Night: Raking leaves for folks in the neighborhood, **4:30 pm (all MS youth).** Meet at church. Snacks provided with supper after raking.
- Nov. 14 Gr. 6-7: Youth Group activities; Gr. 8-9: Confirmation Activities.
- Nov. 21 NO Youth Group .
- Nov. 28 Gr. 6-7: Youth Group activities; Gr. 8-9: Confirmation Activities.
- Nov. 30 Confirmation Class visits the Agudas Aquim Synagogue, **6:00 pm.**

High School Youth Group (gr. 9-12): The High School youth have met for a couple of months and are getting into a good groove. Thanks to the HS youth for helping us get the youth room almost done! In the next month, we'll finish up the space, adding some fun and faith-filled design elements. Please take note of time changes below.

November Schedule 6:00 -7:45 pm (unless otherwise noted)

- Nov. 4 Mission Night: Raking leaves for folks in the neighborhood, **5:00-7:30 pm.** Pizza and hot chocolate after raking, back at the church. Meet at church. (If it rains, we will have our regular youth night.)
- Nov. 11 Youth Group 6:00-7:45 pm at the church. (Rain date for Nov. 4-see schedule above.)
- Nov. 18 Pizza Supper and Marshmallow Battles; College youth invited!
- Nov. 25 Youth Group is invited to help with the Hanging of the Greens potluck after worship, **11:45 am.** NO regular youth time in the eve. due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Waylon & Shawn Stepp 5788 Oakwood Ave. NE, Unit #3 CR, IA 52402 (ph: 319-899-3220)	Bradd & Janan Brown 17748 E. Silver Sage Ln. Rio Verde, AZ 85263	Erin Camp 5 Pacella Park Dr., Apt. 2203 Randolph, MA 02368	Barb Weber 1300 13th St. NW, #B300 CR, IA 52405	
Hannah Martin 1916 Prospect Ave., #7 Aberdeen, SD 57401	Steve & Becky Rindfleisch 827 NE Redwood Blvd.* Waukee, IA 50263 (*temp. till 6/19)	John & Nancy Hinkel 114 Crandall Ct. NE CR, IA 52402	Tracy Christensen 1227 Crossings Ct. NE CR, IA 52402	Matt & Prairie Seivert 4586 Willow St. Palo, IA 52324

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S MEETING FOR NOVEMBER

We will meet on Nov. 8th at 1 PM in Lovely Lane's Fellowship Hall. Cindy Sale, our Treasurer, will present a short pledge service and then we'll hold a session to plan the 2019 UMW programs and special events. We'll also put finishing touches on December's Annual Advent Coffee and Ornament Exchange Dinner. All UMW members and all interested women of Lovely Lane are encouraged to join us for this planning session. We need your help, **so please come** with your ideas and input about the programs/events you'd like us to sponsor. We'd also like to enlarge our circle of UMW friends to include working women and younger women, possibly by forming new circles. These circles may vary from traditional to non-traditional; from social action groups to social groups; from meeting to study the Bible to meeting due to a shared love of quilting, knitting or cooking - or just to enjoy coffee and conversation. We'd like to provide the women of Lovely Lane 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 of interest and benefit to Lovely Lane women!

Since our meeting will include our annual pledge service, members are invited to **bring their UMW pledges and World Thank Offerings** so our Treasurer, Cindy Sale, can collect them. We invite all Lovely Lane women to come and share this time of fellowship with us!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S BAKE SALE

Our annual fall bake sale is on Sunday, Nov. 18th, between worship services. Donations of breads, rolls, pies, cakes, cookies, and candies will be greatly appreciated. Please bring priced items to the narthex. Sale proceeds will be used to help support a mission project.

This will be a good time to pick up some delicious baked goods! We appreciate your help in making this sale a success!!

UMW BIBLE STUDY

The UMW Tuesday Morning Bible Study will continue its study of the Gospel of John. This group meets Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:15 AM in Fireside. We'll continue to meet thru Nov. 13th and then take a break for Advent and Christmas before returning to our studies on Jan. 8 '19. 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 available Tuesday AMs to join with us for fellowship and study. **We've decided to not only lug our mugs, but also to fill them at home; so bring your favorite beverage and your Bible!**

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 Saturday, Dec. 1, (with entertainment by "Young at Harp") AND our annual Dinner & Ornament Exchange (TBA).**

FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP

Friendly Fellowship will meet on Friday, Nov. 16th, at noon for a potluck luncheon. There is no need to bring dessert as Joel and Marilyn Goodman will provide dessert in honor of their 50th anniversary; they will also be our host and cohostess.

Kay Graber, JFON coordinator for Lovely Lane, will speak. The program should be educational and informative as she shares how JFON helps people with the process of becoming citizens.

HAPPY ENDINGS

Happy Endings, the book discussion club, will meet on Monday, Nov. 12th, at 10 AM in the church library. The book we will discuss is *Behold The Dreamers* by Imbolo Mbue. Linda Eggleston will be our discussion leader. For the following month, we'll meet for lunch on Dec. 10th at Emil's Hideaway at 11:30 AM.

*Remembering with love:
Rick Taylor.....2017*

Our Ministry Teams at Work

Presence: Worship Attendance

<u>10/7</u>	<u>10/14</u>	<u>10/21</u>	<u>10/28</u>
233	254	237	224

Sept. Financial Totals

Cash inflow—mo. of Sept.	\$ 49,590
Cash inflow—YTD	\$390,307
Budget need/month	\$ 47,794
Cash outflow—mo. of Sept.	\$ 43,361
Cash outflow—YTD	\$404,061
Unpaid bills	\$ 19,098

C.E. Committee

- ◆ Christmas Program—12/16 @ 9:15 AM
- ◆ New tv in Drama Room—Internet use
- ◆ M.S. Sunday School—New curriculum “Submerge” from Cokesbury

Health & Wholeness

- ◆ Old Creamery Theatre in Amana—12/2 @ 2 PM
- ◆ Grief Service: Blue Christmas 12/16
- ◆ Meal for Wed. night Kid’s Club—11/14

Hospitality

- ◆ Kitchen clean-up—11/1, 12:30 PM
- ◆ Meal for Kid’s Club—11/7
- ◆ Decorating the Church Advent Potluck—11/25

Living Life Between Sundays

It was an amazing experience to travel to England and learn about the Wesleys and the early Methodist movement. I could bore you with a travel log article, but that’s not generally my style. So instead, I will seek to share the impact the trip had on my heart, my ministry, and my grief.

For those that don’t know, my husband unexpectedly passed away Sept. 16, 2017. It was a shock to our family, and it has been the lens in which I now see my world. It was by looking through the grief optic that England was revealed to me. I was confronted by old structures, chapels, and cathedrals at every turn. It wasn’t so much the age of the buildings that drew me in, but the stamp of those who built on the foundation and those expanded century after century. Devotion was visible in the design and the attention to detail. Away from the city, dotting the countryside, were homes and hedgerows from a bygone era. Nameless people who built structures that have withstood decay, weather, and war fill every vantage point. It’s overwhelming to comprehend a civilization dating back to the time of the early apostles.

The picture of the cathedral is St. Michael’s in Coventry, UK — built in the 14th century and destroyed during WWII. The legacy of the cathedral is that the old bombed out structure remains in its place and is bound to the new building. The new cathedral was designed to send a message of reconciliation to Germany by looking forward in hope and wisdom, while still remembering the past. Christ of the past is present in the current worshipping body, and hopefully will continue to be among the people of St. Michael’s and the community there for always.



For those who have lost a loved one, I invite you to look at the life around you and notice the legacy in which your loved ones have left behind. For me and my grief, I have come to a place where the light permeates more often than the darkness. It illuminates the qualities of my husband in my children, and the workmanship in the woodworking projects that sit in every room in my home and office. I have not completed my grieving, but I have come to a place where I am beginning to build upon my sorrow to embrace this new life after death, both my heart’s death and my husband’s. The healing power of the Christ, and the physical remembrances help me thru this process. There are wood crafts that also sit in former churches and in parishioners’ homes. I can’t help but wonder what folks see when they gaze upon his creations.

As a church we have been able to worship amid the love and hard work of the generations who have come before us. They have cared for and expanded upon the ministries and the physical space of Lovely Lane Church. What will we leave for future generations? How will Christ be revealed to a future of believers in this community? *Blessings in Christ, Pastor Jenny*

Concerns & Celebrations

Prayer concerns:

- *Cathy Weber & Carla Levi—death of their mother on 10/24; her funeral will be in AZ
- *Carla Jesse & family—19-yr.-old nephew's sudden death
- *Darla Carter & family—on the death of her sister's husband
- *Terry Hingtgen—death of his grandmother
- *Maggie Thomas—on the passing of a good friend
- *Tom Mercer—recovering from bypass surgery
- *Karen Wardenburg—in St. Luke's after having a stroke
- *Marge Morris—at Hiawatha Care Ctr., after having surgery for a broken femur
- *Chuck Sitter—recovering at home after hospitalization
- *June Sackett—had a series of mohs face surgeries
- *Carly Pulju—has a condition involving a tangle of veins
- *Jan Culbertson—injured her knee but is healing
- *Ron Nelson's friend, John—has leukemia
- *Katie Romig's brother & sister-in-law—2nd child expected in Feb. has a heart issue needing to be addressed when born
- *Sharilyn Forcht—concern over a family member
- *Lucy Tabelisma—concern over a family member
- *Curtis & Maggie Thomas's family friend—has cancer
- *MaryAnn Stewart's sister's family—dealing w/family issues
- *Dulcie Lauritsen's friend Cliff—having serious surgery
- *Julie Meyer's friend (70+)—recovering from heart surgery
- *Sue Moss's son-in-law's father, Jay—at U of IA Hosps., recovering from surgeries for 2 brain aneurysms
- *Carolyn Barnes' gr'son in CO—influenza, pneumonia & RSV
- *Judy McDowell's bro.-in-law, B.D.—stem cell transplant in '19
- *Lisa Pakkebie's friend—had a mass removed
- *Krista Wylie's friend—having family problems
- *Trinity Lane students & families
- *All those affected by Hurricane Michael's devastation
- *Pray for our country—divided on so many things

Joys:

- *Advance gifts for the capital campaign
- *Church group built a handicap ramp needed by a member
- *Marcie Wittles—doing better after a health scare
- *Leslie Allred/Neugebauer—10/20 wedding at LL & new job
- *Wear family—birth of another grandchild
- *Max & Jean Fitz—welcomed new great grandson, Sam
- *5K walkers in the "Race Against Breast Cancer"
- *10 confirmation youth & 7 adults walked in the CROP Walk; thanks to all who supported them with gifts totaling \$714!
- *Mark & Marilyn Beebe—celebrated their 48th anniversary
- *Duane & Mary Abbey—celebrated their 46th anniversary
- *Don & Wanda Whitford & family—celebrated his 89th b-day

Congregational Care

Pastor Scott and Pastor Jenny make every effort to visit folks when they are in the hospital or having a challenging surgery. They are most successful with these visits when they know about them ahead of time. Please contact the church office to share that information. There are other ministries in place that are successful because they have dedicated lay people serving. It's thru you, the people of the church, that we can have the greatest impact on caring for one another.

Shepherdess/Shepherd Ministry: Women and men serving in this ministry seek ways to provide care to those in the congregation. Ideally, there is a visit or phone call once per month. The visits/calls are 30 mins. or less and are intended to see how the person(s) is/are doing, and if they need anything from the church. When visiting, one may ask if there are any prayer requests. Also, if they like to play cards or board games, this might be a way to connect with them (still keeping the time short). After the visit, the shepherdess/shepherd fills out a form and gives it to Pastor Jenny for any follow-up needed.

If you are interested in serving in this ministry, or know someone who might need a shepherdess/shepherd, please contact Pastor Jenny.

Current Shepherdesses/Shepherds are invited to attend a coffee on Tuesday, Nov. 13, at 3 pm at the church.

Grief Care: When someone loses a loved one, moving forward can be difficult. As a church, we want to walk alongside you as you work thru your grief. One way we do that is to provide reading materials that address grief, as well as checking in periodically with you. There are churches in the area, as well as Hospice, who provide short term support groups. Pastor Jenny can help connect you to these groups.

On Sunday, Dec. 16, @ 3 pm, we're having a "Blue Christmas Gathering." We recognize that not everyone will be able to celebrate happily this Christmas, so we're offering you the opportunity to gather and name the grief. Even in sorrow, Christ's coming at Christmas brings light to the dark places in our lives. Health & Wholeness will host.

