

Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

June 2019

Moved by the Spirit

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 word I often reflect on is “safe.” In a sometimes crazy, chaotic, and stressful world, many of us desire to feel safe. Safety is a basic human yearning.

For some of us a song or hymn makes us feel safe. I love the hymn “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love.” When this hymn is sung in worship, I feel safe. The hymn brings me back to my childhood. I imagine my mother and father with me. I imagine them telling me that life is okay and God is fully present.

Others of us feel safe when we enter sacred space. Sacred space is a setting or place in which we feel peacefully and fully present with God. Sacred space might be the sanctuary on Sunday, a spot in the woods, or the local coffee shop or restaurant. I love an empty golf course early in the morning before anyone is out.

I think it is good to feel safe. We need to be reminded of the goodness of this world and feel God’s love in a full and complete way. At the same time, we can’t stay in a place of safety forever. At some point, we have to move out into the community and the world. Dag Hammarskjöld, former Secretary-General of the United Nations, once said, “It is when we all play safe that we create a world of utmost insecurity.”

Jesus took time to ponder and reflect on his relationship with God, the Father. Jesus sought out those safe places to pray and meditate, yet Jesus never lived a safe life. Every day in his short ministry he taught, preached, and healed. He had a lot to do in a limited amount of time. He constantly shared the importance of leaving a safe place and living a life of faithfulness and service in the present moment. The message Jesus gave was to expand our circles of spirituality, care, and concern in all we do.

This month we will celebrate Pentecost Sunday in the life of the church. In Acts 2:1-2, we read, “When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.” (NIV) Pentecost reminds us of the power of the Holy Spirit to make a difference in the world. We frequently need a nudge or push to get out there and make a difference. The Holy Spirit does this.

Ultimately, I believe we need some balance. We need those “safe” times when all is well. We also need those times of aggressively doing something “new” that impacts our life as well as the lives of those around us. Let us keep moving forward as a people of faith . . . and the Spirit! *A Thousand Blessings! Scott*

Calendar of Events — June 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		CCM = Care Center Ministry CWM = Children's Weekday Ministries UMW = United Methodist Women	ILF = International Ladies Fellowship WOF = Women Of Faith WWW = Wednesday Women & The Word			1 Lawn fertilization
2 Communion (Summer worship hours thru 9/1: One all-together service @ 9:30 AM!) 10:30 am Capital Campaign: Next Step info. meeting 1-5 pm Boy Scouts merit badge event	3 9 am Prayer Shawl 5:15 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm CE mtg. 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	4	5 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 9:30 am Mom's Club 1:30 pm Staff mtg.	6 5:30 pm Yoga	7	8
9 Pentecost	10 10 am Happy Endings 5:15 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	11 6:30 pm Mental Health Support Grp.	12 11:30 am WWW Lunch (offsite) 1:30 pm Staff brief prayer time 6-7 pm Youth Night	13 7:30 am Leadership Mtg. (offsite) 5:30 pm Yoga 6-8 pm UMW Salad Potluck & Program	14	15 8 am Men's Breakfast 9 am-1:30 pm ILF
16 Father's Day / Celebration of Men of Faith	17 5:15 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	18 (NO June JFON) 5:30 pm "Growing Thru Grief..." Grp.	19 1:30 pm Staff mtg.	20 4 pm Hospitality 5:30 pm Yoga 6:45 pm Trustees 7 pm Committees 7:50 pm Ad Council	21	22
23 2nd Sunday After Pentecost 10:30 am Summer Brunch 3 pm Reagan Linder Senior Music Recital	24 9 am Prayer Shawl 5:15 pm Tai Chi	25 7 pm SPPRC	26 1:30 pm Staff brief prayer time	27 5:30 pm Yoga	28	29 10 am-1 pm K. Thomas baby shower
30 3rd Sunday After Pentecost						

YOGA CLASS on Thursdays at 5:30 PM is starting a series in June focusing on our Chakras (energy channels). It will be a lot of fun! If you haven't been to yoga class in awhile, this would be a great place to start again! The classes are slower, focus on one area of the body at a time, making it simpler to move in between poses. If you have any questions, contact Leslie Neugebauer (allredla13@gmail.com).

<p>HAPPY ENDINGS</p> <p>Happy Endings, the book discussion group, will meet on Monday, June 10th, at 10:00 AM in the church library. The book we will discuss is "She Was The Quiet One" by Michelle Campbell. Judy McDowell will be our discussion leader. The book to read for our July 8th meeting is "The Ultimate Gift" by Jim Stovall.</p>	<p>Reagan Linder</p> <p>SENIOR MUSIC RECITAL</p> <p>Viola / Piano</p> <p>Sunday, June 23rd, at 3 PM</p> <p>LLUMC Sanctuary</p> <p><i>Reception following in Fellowship Hall</i></p>
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WORSHIP IN JUNE

June 2: Communion Sunday—One summer service @ 9:30 AM / Pastor Jenny / Scripture: John 4:1-6/ Sermon: “Living Water: The Woman at the Well” / New members joining on this date!

June 9: Pentecost—One summer service @ 9:30 AM / Guest preacher—Rev. Wyatt Dagit, Unity Point-St. Luke’s Chaplain / Scripture: Acts 2:1-21 / Sermon: “Breath of God”
(Pastor Scott & Pastor Jenny are at the Iowa Annual Conference in Des Moines June 7-11)

June 16: Father’s Day—One summer service @ 9:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Sirach 44:1-15/ Sermon: “A Few Good Men”

June 23: 2nd Sunday After Pentecost—One summer service @ 9:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Mark 2:1-12 / Sermon: “True Friends” / **Join us after worship for a Summer Brunch in Fellowship Hall!!!**

June 30: 3rd Sunday After Pentecost—One summer service @ 9:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: 2 Kings 2:1-12, 6-14 / Sermon: “Passing the Torch”

DAILY BLOG DEVOTIONAL: THE DENTED FENDER MINISTRY

Pastor Jenny has been writing for The Dented Fender Ministry for the past few months. She is one of seven writers who each get a weekly blog posted. You can subscribe, via email, to the daily Blog ministry by going to the following link: <https://thedentedfender.com/winds-of-change/>. Here you will see one of the recent blogs from Pastor Jenny.

Mission u Event to Empower Us to Be Radical Disciples of Jesus Christ

The United Methodist Women (UMW) Mission u summer and fall events are wonderful opportunities to study current issues impacting society based on recent mission study topics. Whether you are young or old, laity or clergy, a UMW member or not, a first timer or attend every year, you are invited.

Summer Mission u (Children & youth at this event only) July 21-23, 2019, Marshalltown, IA

4:00 PM Sunday through 3:30 PM Tuesday; Registration begins at 2:30 PM on Sunday

Fall Mission u October 18-20, 2019, Marshalltown, IA

4:00 PM Friday through 3:30 PM Sunday; Registration begins at 2:30 PM on Friday

ALL ADULTS PARTICIPATE —

Spiritual Growth Study-Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship. This study explores what it means to live a life of radical discipleship today, using the Gospel of Mark as the foundation. We explore the timeless issues of poverty, gender, justice, liberation, equality, and others, using Mark as a guide. The stories of the women in Mark are a particular focus in this study and how, although often unnamed, they are prominent among Jesus’ followers and in Mark’s recounting of the gospel story.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN’S STUDIES —

Who Do You Say That I Am? Meeting Jesus Through the Eyes of Mark: A Youth Study. This study guides youth through the Gospel of Mark, helping them to define who Jesus is to them, who he says he is in scripture, and how this impacts how we live our lives. The goal of this study is to help youth explore scripture in new ways so they can develop their own faith and put it into action. This is the mark of a true disciple.

Marked: A Mission Journey with Jesus in the Gospel of Mark: A Study for Children. Children will learn that time and again Jesus demonstrates the power of God in amazing ways. Jesus appears primarily as healer, but also as a wise teacher. Mark depicts Jesus as the ruler over nature and the Gospel vividly shows the many ways Jesus confronts evil. This mission study focuses on interactive learning that allows children to use their senses.

REGISTRATION

Registration forms may be found online at www.iaumc.org/missionuformerlysocm OR pick up a brochure on the table by the office. Scholarships are available—contact Cheryl Murphy @ 377-6205. Registrations are accepted up to the time of the event but appreciated ASAP. Registration costs include all meals except breakfast.

Life Between Sundays: Women on a Mission

Advocates.... Justice-focused.... Action-takers..... Radical Disciples....These are just a few words describing the women I encountered a few weeks ago at the United Methodist Women (UMW) Mission u training in St. Louis. I will be leading the youth section on the Book of Mark at Mission u in Marshalltown in July. I am excited to be a part of some amazing teaching by amazing women. I was skeptical at first, not knowing what UMW was really about. What I learned, though, is that this organization is making an impact globally and nationally to effect positive changes in policy and practice in order to benefit women, children and youth.

There are 4 focus areas that women (and men) in the local churches are called to direct attention and energy on:

Climate Justice: Just Energy for All- being stewards of God’s creation by working toward clean renewable energy for all.

Criminalization of Communities of Color and Mass Incarceration: Interrupt the School-to-Prison Pipeline- Move local decision makers to address criminalization of children and youth of color.

Economic Inequality: A Living Wage for All- Advocate for municipal and state legislation that builds the base for a living wage for everyone.

Maternal and Child Health: End Maternal Mortality- Call on health care workers and lawmakers to implement best practices for maternal health.

(From www.unitedmethodistwomen.org)

I am passionate about working with people, women and men, children and youth, who desire to make the world a better place. It starts in our own homes and in the local church. YOU can make a positive difference in the lives of those living on the margins of society. Check out the display in the Narthex that deals with one-use items that are negatively impacting the environment and are posing health risks to the poor. YOU can make just one change to impact the world. How about you write to your congress women and men to work for legislation that provides education, wages, and opportunities for all. Check out the information poster in the Narthex that gives websites to address the four areas of focus found above.

Jesus calls us all to radical discipleship by putting others first over our own needs. Mark 10: 43-45 states: “*Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*” What will you do to be radical in your call to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? Let’s all be radical in our discipleship and not settle for the status quo, but instead follow Jesus and make a difference for ALL people, especially those living on the margins.

It is a blessing to be in ministry with you all! I invite you to join me at the Mission u event in July or October. You will find more info. on p. 3 or pick up a paper flier on the table by the office. *Blessings in Christ, Pastor Jenny*

Growing Through Grief and Loss Group—June 18th @ 5:30 PM (moving to 3rd Tues. of the month)

Pastor Jenny leads a group for those experiencing loss and/or grief called Growing Through Grief and Loss. The group is open to anyone to come whenever it feels right to attend. The group will **meet monthly at 5:30 pm** in the Library (note change of venue) in order to share with one another about our grief. The next gathering is on Tuesday, **June 18th**. Feel free to come as you are able. Each time the group gathers, Pastor Jenny will share tangible ways to address grief, AND the group will have time for open sharing.



Does grief permeate your days? Do many days leave you feeling blue? Have you lost a significant loved one? Have there been other losses in your life that weigh you down? Would it be helpful to gather with others who have experienced loss? Contact Pastor Jenny for more information on the group.

Remembering with love:

James Larison.....2017

Presence: Worship Attendance

<u>5/5</u>	<u>5/12</u>	<u>5/19</u>	<u>5/26</u> (1st summer service)
269	270	230	145

April Financial Totals

Cash inflow—mo. of April	\$ 49,812
Cash inflow—YTD	\$184,443
Budget need/month	\$ 49,732
Cash outflow—mo. of April	\$ 44,005
Cash outflow—YTD	\$169,769
Unpaid apportionments	\$ 30,208

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

On Thursday, June 13th, at 6 PM, we will meet for a salad potluck dinner and program*. Each person is asked to bring a salad to share and their own table service; beverages will be provided. Jayne Woodson will be our coordinator and hostess. (*See the article below.)

We invite all women of Lovely Lane to share this meal and time of fellowship with us!

UMW TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The UMW Bible Study will not meet during the summer months. On Tuesday, September 10th, we will resume meeting on Tuesdays from 9:30-11:15 AM in Fireside. We invite you to join with us in the fall as we continue our study of the book of ACTS. 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. If you have any questions call Cheryl Murphy (377-6205).

An Invitation from the LISBON UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

We've been invited to join with the Lisbon UMW on Thurs., June 20th, at 1:30 PM to hear Pastor Karen Nelson speak on simplicity and how it affects our daily lives. They feel honored to hear her speak as she'll be leaving at the end of June to work at the University of Dubuque Seminary.

Pastor Karen Nelson has been in ministry her entire adult life and has served as a pastor in the United Methodist Church for the last 23 years. She is currently the Pastor of Lisbon UMC. She is also a trained Spiritual Director and offers Spiritual Direction to pastors and lay people alike. Karen's passion is helping Christians experience the peace and presence of God in their lives.

It is difficult to know how to hear from God with all the noise and clutter in our world and in our lives. Would you like to learn how to eliminate some of that clutter? Pastor Karen will share with us the spiritual practice of Simplicity. Please bring 1 item to help de-clutter your life!

WE NEED TO RESERVE OUR SPOTS BY REPLYING TO WENDY JOHNSON BY JUNE 14 WITH THE NO. ATTENDING. For more information and to reserve your spot, contact Cheryl Murphy @ 377-6205. (The church's address is 200 East Market Street, Lisbon, IA.)

TAKE A HIKE TO MT. EVEREST

No oxygen needed!

Join Lisa Nelson (Jayne Woodson's daughter) as she hikes to the Base Camp of Mt. Everest.

Her program is part of the UMW salad potluck on Thursday, June 13th.

The salad potluck starts at 6 PM and her presentation will start about 6:45 PM.

All men and women are welcome to attend!!!

MISSING - a light tan men's (size L) jacket. The owner would love for you to bring it back to the church office. (There's a green jacket here that may have been inadvertently switched after worship or another church event.)

If you are missing something—like maybe a glove, shoe, water bottle, coffee mug, jacket, etc.—please take a look in the black crate by the coat racks to claim your item(s)! You should ask in the church office about smaller items (an earring, ring, etc.). Thank you!!!

HELP FILL THE KENNEDY PANTRY!

Kennedy High School is working with HACAP to support students. You can help by donating nonperishable food items and toiletries to be placed in the tub(s) in our church narthex. These items will be delivered to Kennedy to help students in need. The Pantry gets used all summer long! Those using the Pantry will have to fill out a brief form in order to receive items.

Thanks for your support!

SUMMER YOUTH MINISTRY

Regular youth group meetings take the summer off, but that doesn't mean we don't gather! Once per month there will be a youth night for games and fellowship. In addition, youth are invited to join the TRANSFORM WEEK mission work at Matthew 25 Ministry Hub—see below for details.

Monthly Gatherings for Youth Grades 6-12, 6:00-7:00 PM

June 12 Meet at the church, walk to Parlor City for a treat (bring money for your treat), return to the church and play games (if time)

July 24 TBD

Aug. 7 or 14 TBD

Mission Trips/Service Work

June 24-28 TRANSFORM Week at Matthew 25 Ministry Hub, 8 am to 3:30 pm, Lunch included, no cost. Sign up at www.hub25.org/housing-neighborhoods/transform-week/

July 7-14 Service work in Creston, IA, July 7-10; Attend Youth 2019 July 11-14. For more info., contact Pastor Jenny @ the church. Adults welcome too! Cost is \$519. Scholarships available.



TRANSFORM WEEK: Transform a home. Transform a life.

Volunteer a day or a week, solo or as a team.

Matthew 25 is looking for volunteers to help with 22 homes and community projects during their annual Transform Week—this year **June 24-28**. Volunteers will help with a variety of projects, such as painting or siding the outside of a home, light construction or repairs on the inside of a home, building handicap accessible ramps, cleaning debris from a home, planting trees or flowers in public areas, painting or fixing up a playground or public space. All skill levels are welcome! If you have any special skills, please indicate so on the volunteer registration form. We match you in advance with a project that requires your skills.

Sign up at www.hub25.org/event/transform-2019. Note that registration will be closed if they hit their maximum of 400 volunteers.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

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WEDNESDAY WOMEN OF THE WORD SUMMER LUNCHES

During the summer, women are invited to attend a monthly lunch, fellowship, and devotion time. The group will welcome new folks, check in with one another, and share in a short devotional time. This is a great opportunity to check out this group that meets Wednesdays at noon during the school year. For questions or to RSVP, please contact Pastor Jenny at the church (393-6674 or jennys@lovelylane.org).

June 12, 11:30 am: The Farmer's Daughter Market, 495 Miller Rd., Hiawatha; phone: (319) 294-7069

July 24, 11:30 am: Location TBD

August 28, 11:30 am: Location TBD

Concerns & Celebrations

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- *Death of Helen Hansen, a long-time Lovely Lane member
- *Sympathy to Brent Schenk & family on the death of his father
- *Darla Reed-Tinderholt—death of a colleague
- *Judy McDowell's friend, Ron—recovering from surgery
- *Carla Jesse's father—recovering from hip replacement surgery
- *Julie Meyer & Melissa Beaström's grt. niece—bad head injury
- *Kay Oloff—health matter
- *Betty VanFossen—health set-back
- *Donna Houts—seeing a hand specialist for her hand pain
- *Marti Bowman's friend Isaac—stage 4 colon cancer
- *Jayne Woodson's nephew, Dave—cancer
- *Sherry Minor's friend, Barb—breast cancer
- *Judy Keele's son-in-law, Pastor Scott Kober—had heart attack
- *Vicki Cangemi's friend—breast cancer
- *Waylon Stepp's mother—health matter
- *Lyn Lewis's nephew, Jacob
- *Dean & Dorris Lanning's son-in-law
- *Judicial Ruling on the General Conference Traditional Plan—making some things more punitive for our LGBTQIA brothers & sisters, and for clergy
- *Boys who died after highway accident on I-80
- *Persons impacted by flooding locally and elsewhere, including Skiatook, Oklahoma (hometown of Leslie Neugebauer)

JOYS:

- *Celebrating the 2019 Confirmation Class: Mallory Engelmann, Kaitlyn Haines, Abigail Hume, Alexander Hume, Ethan McCord, Carly Pulju (also baptized), Luke Steffen, Ryan Stumpf, and Seth Woods
- *Congratulations to our Class of 2019 high school graduates: Christopher Hauser, Blake Helle, Hannah Herold, Madison LaGrange, Reagan Linder, McKenna Maus, and Nathan Wylie
- *College graduation celebrations
- *Mother's Day celebrations, incl. carnations given in worship
- *Remembering those who faithfully served our country
- *Great Mental Health First Aid class on 5/4; thanks to Health & Wholeness for sponsoring it & providing great food & beverages
- *Successful Blood Drive @ LL on 4/27
- *Thanks to our Mission Team for helping the Kennedy HS staff Celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week!
- *LL Middle School Youth group gathering at the Rupes' house
- *Celebrating the musical gifts of John Schultz & the wonderful local musical he was in: "The Hunchback of Notre Dame!"
- *Joy & Kent Jackson have a new granddaughter named Isla
- *Jerry Lauritsen invited to be in a youth leadership academy
- *Carol Sundberg – attended the graduation at Wayne State College of a Nigerian student she helped support
- *Dean & Dorris Lanning—birth of a new great grandchild
- *Millie Corbett's niece—found her true sister

THANK YOU NOTES

THANK YOU to this year's mentors for confirmation youth: Dave Blankenship, Dena Dillon, David Fisher, J.R. Grawe, Joe Helle, Jeff Linder, Julie Meyer, Ron Nelson, Harry Rupe, & Cindy Schile.

- *Pastor Jenny*

THANK YOU to the Lovely Lane Backpack Ministry members for their hard work. This ministry of 10-12 volunteers: *Has assembled 40-45 backpacks this year *Serves neighborhood children *Has volunteers who pick up food donations from HACAP and Quaker Oats, pack the backpacks, and deliver them to Piece Elementary School

*Is rewarded by the joy the backpacks bring to deserving children - *Maryann Stewart, facilitator*

THANK YOU to the Lovely Lane pastors, staff, and Care & Concern Committee for your words of support at this time of loss of our mother. - *Pam Nixon, Marvin & Myrna Ladwig family*

A THANK YOU from Women at the Well UMC: We received your organization's contribution of \$320.00 to Women at the Well UMC. We are humbled by the generous support of organizations like yours who give to keep this ministry going. We are a mission congregation. The women inside the prison will never be able to fund the costs of this ministry. With less than 35% of our annual budget being supported by various grants, many of which are diminishing during these difficult economic times, we depend on organizations like yours to make this ministry possible. Thank you so very much! *Sincerely, Lee A. Schott, Pastor Women at the Well UMC*

[To learn more about their ministry, go to www.WomenattheWellUMC.org.]

THANK YOU for your continued faithful giving over the summer to Lovely Lane, both for our capital campaign and as part of your pledge for our general budget.

