

Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

October 2019

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.



Trusting God

Philosopher Jacob Needleman writes, "There is a struggle that is more interesting than pleasure or ego satisfaction There is something far more interesting than what money can buy." The matter at hand is a movement from greed to generosity. The Bible calls greed, avarice, and relates it to materialism. We are born to be greedy. This a part of our human condition, but we don't want to remain here. We can become generous. A movement towards generosity starts with a desire for something more.

The Rich Young Ruler (Mark 10:17-27) had it all together. He was rich. He was young. He had a lot to be excited about. He came to Jesus asking about eternal life. Jesus ultimately tells him to sell his possessions and give his money to the poor. The rich young ruler could not do this. He could not turn his heart and life to God and others. He continued to live a life of greed. To become generous, we need to give our heart to God. We also need to trust that God will provide. Greed is often grounded in fear.

Salmon P. Chase was our Treasury Secretary during the Civil War. In 1861 he wrote a letter that included these words, "No nation can be strong except in the strength of God, or safe except in his defense. The trust of our people should be declared on our national coins," so originated the words, "In God We Trust." And why was that the case? Because God can do things humans cannot do. We need to trust that God will provide. We shouldn't fear.

Commitment Sunday is October 27 in the church. You will be asked to complete a Commitment Card for giving to the general fund in 2020. The tithe is the goal, but you are challenged to make an initial step to give 10% more than you currently give. If you give \$50 a week, you are challenged to move up to \$55.

Let us move to a level of generosity and trust God along the way! Our Lord is always good!

A Thousand Blessings! Scott

Calendar of Events — October 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 6:45 pm WOF	2 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 11:45 am—2 pm Building Renovation Core Tm. 12 noon WWW 1:30 pm Staff mtg. 4:45 pm Zamar bells 5:30 pm Family meal 6 pm Kid's Club / M.S. Youth 7:15 pm AcabeLLa	3 4 pm Worship & music planning 5:30 pm Yoga	4	5
6 <i>World Communion Sunday</i> 9 am Chancel Choir 6 pm Adult Explo 6 pm H.S. Youth	7 5:15 pm Tai Chi 6 pm Adult Explo 6:30 pm CE mtg. 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	8 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 1:30 pm Shepherd/ess mtg. 6:30 pm Mental Health Support Grp. 6:45 pm WOF	9 12 noon WWW 1:30 pm Staff brief prayer time 4:45 pm Zamar bells 5:30 pm Family meal 6 pm Kid's Club / M.S. Youth / Confirmation 7:15 pm AcabeLLa	10 7:30 am Leadership Team (@ Panera's) 11:30 am UMW lunch @ Matthew 25 5:30 pm Yoga 6:30 pm Missions	11	12 9 am—1:30 pm ILF
13 9 am Chancel Choir 4 pm New Member Class 6 pm Adult Explo 6 pm H.S. Youth	14 10 am Happy Endings 5:15 pm Tai Chi 6 pm Adult Explo 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	15 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 10:30 am-5 pm JFON Office Hours 5-8 pm JFON Clinic 6:45 pm WOF	16 12 noon WWW 1:30 pm Staff mtg. 4:45 pm Zamar bells 5:30 pm Family meal 6 pm Kid's Club / M.S. Youth 7:15 pm AcabeLLa	17 5:30 pm Yoga 6 pm CHARGE CONFERENCE	18 12 noon Friendly Fellowship	19 8 am Men's Breakfast 10 am-4 pm Project Linus
20 9 am Chancel Choir 4 pm New Member Class 6 pm Adult Explo 6 pm H.S. Youth	21 5:15 pm Tai Chi 6 pm Adult Explo 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	22 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 6:45 pm WOF 7 pm SPPRC	23 12 noon WWW 1:30 pm Staff brief prayer time 4:45 pm Zamar bells 5:30 pm Family meal 6 pm Kid's Club / M.S. Youth / Confirmation 7:15 pm AcabeLLa	24 5:30 pm Yoga	25 5:15--7:15 pm Mom's Club of CR <i>Trunk or Treat</i> 7 pm Health & Wholeness mtg. & set-up for Sat. event	26 8:30 am-12 noon Women's Retreat
27 <i>Commitment Sunday</i> 9 am Chancel Choir 4 pm New Member Class 6 pm Adult Explo 6 pm H.S. Youth	28 9 am Prayer Shawl 5:15 pm Tai Chi 6 pm Adult Explo 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	29 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 6:45 pm WOF	30 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 12 noon WWW 1:30 pm Staff mtg. 4:45 pm Zamar bells 5:30 pm Family meal 6 pm Kid's Club / M.S. Youth 7:15 pm AcabeLLa	31 <i>Happy Halloween!!</i> 5:30 pm Yoga	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

HAPPY ENDINGS

Happy Endings, book discussion group, will meet on Oct. 14th at 10 AM in the church library. The book we will be discussing is *Mrs. Everything* by Jennifer Weiner. The book to read for Nov. 11th is *City of Girls* by Elizabeth Gilbert. On Dec. 9th, we will plan to go out to lunch at 11:30—TBA.

Come and join us for a great discussion and fellowship!

MEN'S BREAKFAST FOR OCTOBER

All men are welcome to gather for food and conversation on Saturday, October 19, at 8 AM. Mary Wilcynski will be our guest speaker. Please join us!!!

****SIGN UP SOON****

All Women & Friends are invited to join us for this special event that includes a painting session with Deb Weiser, local artist!!



20TH ANNUAL LOVELY LANE UMC WOMEN'S RETREAT on Saturday, Oct. 26th, 8:30 AM to 12 PM, right here at Lovely Lane!!! We need your completed registration & payment of \$20 by Oct. 18th!! CHILDCARE & SCHOLARSHIPS ARE BOTH AVAILABLE, IF NEEDED

FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP

Friendly Fellowship will meet on Friday, Oct. 18th, at noon for our luncheon potluck. Our guest and presenter will be Scott Dolash. Scott lives in Cedar Rapids and is a graduate of Kennedy High School and Southern Illinois University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in painting and Bachelor of Arts in Design and Illustration. He has a studio and office in his home and works at illustrating comic books, and children's stories. He also designs coffee table books, creates portraits, marketing and advertising pieces, and teaches drawing and painting classes from his home. Scott also has a particular interest in Romania and has traveled there. He will share some of his pencil sketches with us along with some of his life experiences as a working artist.

Come join us at 12:30 PM if you'd like to attend just the program; we'll meet in the Library for Scott's presentation. Contact Nancy Miller at 393-6340 with questions.

Remembering with love:

Marjorie Deal.....2017

Don Kouba.....2015

Icyle Logan.....2015

Presence: Worship Attendance

<u>9/1</u>	<u>9/8</u>	<u>9/15</u>	<u>9/22</u>	<u>9/29</u>
189	279	285	243	252

August Financial Totals

Cash inflow—mo. of Aug.	\$ 33,085
Cash inflow—YTD	\$362,124
Budget need/month	\$ 49,732
Cash outflow—mo. of Aug.	\$ 31,864
Cash outflow—YTD	\$348,057
<i>Unpaid apportionments</i>	\$ 30,208

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)
LOVELY LANE'S UMW'S PROGRAMS & EVENTS
FOR OCTOBER 2019

We'll meet on **Thursday, Oct. 10th, at 11:30 AM for lunch at Matthew 25's Ground Swell Cafe**. We'll meet first at Lovely Lane to carpool to Matthew 25 (402 3rd Ave. SW). After enjoying one of Ground Swell's special lunches, we'll hear about Matthew 25's programs from a staff member. I am the coordinator for this event (Cheryl Murphy, 377-6205). Please let me know if you'd like to join us so we can coordinate carpooling and give the café a count.

LOVELY LANE'S UMW BIBLE STUDY

The **UMW Tuesday morning Bible study group has resumed meeting on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:15 AM in Fireside**. We're currently studying the book of Acts, and invite anyone available on Tuesday mornings to join us for study and fellowship. Since we decided to not only **LUG OUR MUGS, BUT TO FILL THEM AT HOME, PLEASE COME PREPARED WITH YOUR FAVORITE BEVERAGE IN HAND!** (For more info., contact Cheryl Murphy at 377-6205.)

IOWA CONFERENCE UMW ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, October 5, 2019

9 AM - 2:30 PM

Staves United Methodist Church

2747 E. Madison Ave., Des Moines, IA

The theme is "Continuing Our Legacy" presented by National UMW Speaker: Rev. Dionne P. Boissiere, M Div., Chaplain of the Church Center for the United Nations.

There will be a bake sale and basket silent auction to raise funds for our missions. You are invited to share your special treats for the bake sale and contribute a basket for the auction.

Another opportunity to show UMW's spirit of mission is the Ubuntu Day of Service scheduled for Oct. 4th, the day before the conference meeting. For this event, members will meet at the Staves UMC and then go to work at the Food Bank of Iowa in the AM, returning to Staves for a boxed lunch (\$10). They'll then set off for Bidwell-Riverside and Hawthorn Hill in the afternoon. If you are not up to working, another option is to share missions by making 3-4 different crafts at the Staves church; these crafts will go to missions. Contact Cheryl Murphy for more info.

IOWA CONFERENCE UMW'S MISSION U

Our theme this year is "Continuing Our Legacy: 150 Years of Serving Women, Children and Youth". The theme Scripture is I Corinthians 13:13: "Now these three things remain - faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is Love". Our theme hymn is "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" (#2241 in *The Faith We Sing*). **The Fall session will be held Friday evening, Oct. 18—Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019 at Iowa Valley Community College, Marshalltown, IA.** The topics will be Spiritual Growth—"Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship"; Social Issue—"What About Our Money? A Faith Response"; and the Special Anniversary Study—"Women United for Change: 150 Years In Mission". For more info. and registration forms, contact Cheryl Murphy (377-6205). Scholarships are available.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & STUDIES FOR ALL AGES

GOD IS GOOD! Learn from the Bible Stories—Find out at Children's Sunday School!

9:15 AM Sunday School—Classes for the following are available:

***Elementary** children PreK to 5th grade are using a multi-age format as we gather for music in Room 100. Spark House **Activate Faith** lessons for Science, Stories & Games, Art and Cooking are rotated each week. Stories used are rooted firmly in the Bible.

***Middle School** youth meet in the Youth Room (106) and use *Submerge* from *Deep Blue* – a Bible centered approach for preteens to be Creative, Connect with God, and Dive Deep!

***High School** age youth may be Sunday School volunteer helpers!

- **Adult Class** / Faith Issues meets in the Library
- **Adult Class** / Faith Journeys meets in Room 205

10:45 AM Sunday School: Classes for children (PreK – 5th grade) are located in the Fellowship Hall using Spark House's **Activate Faith rotations**. Children are dismissed from the Sanctuary after the "Time for Young Disciples" and may be picked up after the service in the Fellowship Hall.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT KID'S CLUB

I am Fearfully & Wonderfully made! The schedule for Lovely Lane UMC's Weds. Night Kid's Club is:

5:30 PM Family meal served

6:00 PM Kids go to their classrooms. **Middle Schoolers** will gather with Amy Perry in the Youth Room.

(**Confirmation Class** will gather with Pastor Scott on Wednesdays, Oct. 9 & 23, at 6 PM.)

6:05—6:20 PM 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th grade go to music

6:55—7:15 PM Preschool, Kindergarten and 1st grade go to music

7:15 PM Kids head home

Come and learn how we are fearfully and wonderfully made. For more info., contact Julie Meyer at juliem@lovelylane.org or 393-6674.

THANK YOU NOTE

THANK YOU, thank you to my dear Lovely Lane family for all your love, prayers, and support. This has been a long journey of joys and trials, as my family and I say goodbye to my precious husband, Lloyd. *Jan Peterson*

Sign Up Now for "Not Another Christmas Letter – The Musical!" showing on Sunday, Nov. 24th, at 2 pm, at Amana's Old Creamery Theatre. The cost is \$28.50 each and the sign-up sheet is in the narthex on the table by the church office, OR you can contact Linda Keefe at 319-551-7783. Carpooling from the church will be available. Please make checks payable to Linda Keefe, as she will place the ticket order. **Registration and payment must be received by Nov. 4th.** (There is an option to go to the Ronneburg Restaurant afterwards; be sure to mark on the sign-up sheet if this interests you!!)

Concerns & Celebrations

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- *Death of Betty Van Fossen, LL member, on 9/20; a celebration of her life will be held at church on Nov. 30 at 2 PM
- *Sympathy to Dick Jack following the passing of his mother
- *Death of Kent Jackson's mother, Neia Jackson, on 9/24
- *Patty Logsdon & family on the death of her Aunt Rosemary from IL
- *LuAnn Basemann's brother after passing of his wife from ALS
- *Bob Tribuno's sister in hospice
- *LuAnn Serbousek's family friend, Bobby Fulton, in hospice
- *Vicki Cangemi's college friend's mother in hospice; Vicki's friend, Amy
- *Cheryl Beachler had a nasty fall
- *Wanda & Don Whitford
- *Carly Pulju with health concerns
- *Lincoln Oliver with ear procedure
- *ReGina Culbertson with job opportunities
- *Patty Logsdon & family legal matters
- *Shirley Mickelson's dtr., Nancy Kipper, was diagnosed w/breast cancer
- *Judy McDowell's brother-in-law with stem cell replacement
- *Les Minor's mother after a fall
- *Suzanne Boyle's sister's husband, Ken
- *Gloria Jahnel's nephew, Chad, seeking treatment
- *Marge Morris's son, Dan
- *Marti Bowman's son, Adam, having hip replacement surgery on 10/2
- *Curtis Thomas's aunt & uncle with health concerns
- *Jim & Barb Vancura's sister-in-law, Sara
- *Mike Bailey's friend & her husband following an accident
- *Jared Stumpf's friends with personal concerns
- *Prayers for those impacted by the shootings in Texas
- *Bahamas recovering after Hurricane Dorian

JOYS:

- *Happy Birthday to Jayne Woodson, Bill Allison (90th), & Lincoln Oliver
- *Sean Thomas wedding, & he applied to medical school
- *Corrine Davey had successful eye surgery
- *Eric Wylie & Shelly Turner with media work at church
- *Amy Perry leading our youth groups
- *Carly Pulju is singing in the choir
- *Tyler Hupp has a new job in Chicago
- *Don Whitford thanks everyone for cards & prayers
- *Jon & Maggie Hartzler expecting a child
- *Michael Litscher's friend with new job in Boston
- *Trinity Lane Preschool offering that was taken
- *Handbell choirs & chancel choir starting again
- *Third grade students received Bibles in worship on 9/8
- *Rally Sunday at church on 9/8 and the start of Sunday School
- *Fall ministries underway at Lovely Lane
- *Joe Helle lifts up meaningful Honor flights
- *Potential additional grant from Google helping NewBoCo assist incarcerated individuals
- *NAACP fundraising dinner

Ministry Teams @ Work

HEALTH & WHOLENESS

- *Weds. Night Kid's Club meal—Oct. 2nd
- *Women's Retreat—Saturday, Oct. 26th, 8:30 AM—12 Noon
- *Old Creamery Theatre Show—Sunday, Nov. 24th, @ 2 PM (with optional dinner @ Amana's Ronneburg Restaurant)

MISSIONS / COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- *Lovely Lane t-shirts—develop a plan for rollout to congregation
- *Beginning to identify Advent Offering recipients
- *Continue leaving bins for Kennedy food pantry items in narthex; food need is always present

SaveAroundtheCity coupon book sales are in progress for our CWM (Children's Weekday Ministries) preschool. The books are again \$25 each, and you get your money back even if you only use a couple of coupons from the book. Preschool gets to keep half of the money from the sales, so it really helps us purchase things for our classrooms! **This sale comes to a close on Friday, Oct. 4th.**

Coupon books are available in the church office, or stop by the CWM director's office. Thanks!!

Sunday Worship Schedule
 Worship services @
 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM

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



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 Organist.....Dennis Ramsey
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 Nursery.....Shelbie Wood, Tara Neveu,
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