

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of May 31, 2020

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## PRAYER CONCERNS:

- \*Family & friends of George Floyd following his death in Minneapolis
- \*Unrest in our country following the death of George Floyd
- \*Common work we need to do to address matters of race & class & white privilege
- \*Elsie Mae Hall recovering from a hospital stay
- \*Jan Peterson with health concerns
- \*Lincoln Oliver with an ear procedure on June 1
- \*Maggie Thomas's friend, Carol's son, Jacob, following a car accident
- \*Charlie Kucera's friend, Kevin Nelson, & his wife Deena, who is battling cancer
- \*Ron & Margaret Nelson's friend, Jim
- \*Patty Logsdon's friend, Angie's father, with lung cancer

## JOYS:

- \*Dorothy Speight thanks everyone for cards and prayers after breaking both wrists and having cataract surgery
- \*Thanks to Amy Perry for leading our church youth groups this past year
- \*John & June Sackett celebrate their 67th wedding anniversary
- \*Warm summer weather is here

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*Pastor Scott is a member of the Downtown Rotary Club. On Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, he gave the invocation at the beginning of the virtual meeting. The speaker for the meeting was Gary Barta, Athletic Director at the University of Iowa.*

“Our country finds itself in the middle of some difficult times. Last week we lifted up the fact that over 100,000 people have died in our country because of the Coronavirus. We also find ourselves in the midst of unrest related to the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis. During times like this, especially in regards to the unrest, I think it's important we Listen, Learn, and Love.

We need to **Listen** to the words of those who have experienced pain and hardship. We need to remain open to what others have to say. A favorite scripture reading of mine brings out the need to be ‘quick to listen.’ (James 1:19) In being quick to listen then, we **Learn** about the needs and situations of others.

Learning is a lifelong process. Leonardo da Vinci reminds us that ‘Learning never exhausts the mind.’ There is always more knowledge we can take in.

And through it all, we are to **Love**. The ancient Greeks had many words for love, such as ‘agape,’ ‘eros,’ ‘storge,’ and ‘phileo.’ We could use some phileo love in our world today. Phileo is a brotherly love. Addressing the matter of Phileo love, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, ‘Love is the one thing that can turn an enemy into a friend.’

As we move forward and navigate the times we are in, might we Listen, Learn, and Love.

**Let us pray.** Almighty and glorious God, we thank you for this day we come together as the [Downtown Rotary Club]. Help us to embrace the opportunities we are given to make a difference. Every day is a gift that needs to be honored. Might we keep working to listen, learn, and love! Might we

keep working to be the best we can be and give ourselves fully to others! Might we keep working to make a difference! Amen.”

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**ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS** are set for June 5–8. The sessions will be held online this year.

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**OUR NEW ASSOCIATE PASTOR**, the Rev. Kristina Roth-Klinck, will start serving at Lovely Lane on July 1<sup>st</sup>. In this COVID-19 time, we are looking for creative, and appropriate, ways to welcome her and her husband, Ryan.

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**ALL IN-PERSON CHURCH ACTIVITIES AT LOVELY LANE HAVE BEEN CANCELLED THROUGH MAY, AND THERE WILL BE NO IN-PERSON WORSHIP THRU AUGUST. *STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES.***

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS** have temporarily changed, due to the coronavirus pandemic. Office hours are: Mon.-Thurs., 9 AM–Noon (**ONLY**); **closed** on **Fridays**. In general, Sue will be here Mon. and Weds. AM, and Marti will be here Tues. and Thurs. AM. Thanks for your patience and understanding!  
*Pastor Scott is in his office most days.*

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**LOVELY LANE WORSHIP SERVICE BEING LIVE--STREAMED:** For the health and safety of all in these challenging times, we are live streaming a shortened service every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. We've gone to live streaming only for the health and safety of all in these challenging times.

**We will celebrate holy communion online THIS Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Please have your own bread and juice ready to go!**

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**ONLINE BIBLE STUDY:** Scott is finishing a study, via Zoom, on the biblical book of **James**. Online meeting times are 10 AM or 7 PM on Wednesdays. A new study will begin in June; stay tuned for more information.

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**FINANCIAL GIVING:** Please continue to give faithfully to Lovely Lane. Offerings can be mailed to the church or made online by going to the home page on our website ([lovelylane.org](http://lovelylane.org)) for giving options. We appreciate your continued faithfulness!!

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**DELIVERY DRIVER WANTED:** HACAP needs a volunteer on **June 9** for a 3-4 hr. round trip to help deliver Senior Totes to Central City and Tipton drop-off locations. A HACAP van will be used. If you're interested, E-mail [cackman@hacap.org](mailto:cackman@hacap.org).

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**2020 SUMMER PROGRAMS CANCELLED @ OKOBOJI & WESLEY WOODS UM CAMPS:** Though incredibly difficult, this decision was made due to the ongoing concerns of the safety and health of campers, families and staff due to COVID-19. Info. on future program offerings will be available soon.

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**A FREE MENTAL HEALTH COACHING SESSION RE COVID-19** is offered by UnityPoint Health/AbbeHealth Services. The daily stress caused by the coronavirus, social distancing, and the deep financial crisis have had a big impact on our entire community. The mental health impact of this pandemic is expected to include short term effects (anxiety, insomnia, grief, difficulty coping with day to day stresses), and longer term issues (chronic anxiety, depression). Abbe Center is offering a free Mental Health Coaching session to those who could benefit from tips on caring for their mental health during this trying time. **Visit [unitypoint.org/abbehealth](http://unitypoint.org/abbehealth) or call 398-3562 for more info.**