

Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

August 2020

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.



Managing our Fears

Fear is all around us! And yes, some fear can be good. Fear is a vital response to physical and emotional danger. If we didn't feel some fear from time to time, we couldn't protect ourselves from legitimate threats. I am grateful for tornado watches and warnings. I am appreciative we have a terror alert warning system and medical leaders who tell us what we need to do to stay healthy.

Without some fear in place, we would naively come and go in our daily lives. So it's true that some fear can be good.

Also, true, however, is that fear can be bad. In fact, it can be damaging and harmful. Real or imagined, it can be our greatest enemy. Fear has the capacity to haunt both our conscious and unconscious states. We fear loss, neglect, failure, unpopularity, even our own mortality.

Now there is a common misperception the opposite of fear is courage. This is certainly understandable, and some will make a good case this is true. A better opposite to focus on is love. In 1 John 4:18 we read, "There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear . . . the one who fears is not made perfect in love." (NIV)

When we make it clear that love of God and neighbor is what life is all about, we make a huge statement that strikes at the heart of fear. To love God is to focus on Deuteronomy 6:5 which says, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." To love our neighbor brings us to readings in Leviticus 19 that instruct us to "live generously towards the poor and alien" and to avoid "stealing, deception, hate and revenge."

To love our neighbor, to avoid fear, is to also engage in justice. We have many leaders to turn to for inspiration. While we lift up people like Nelson Mandela and Mahatma Gandhi, we can also lift up individuals like Chief Joseph. In the late 1800's, Chief Joseph was a strong leader in his tribe and an articulate public advocate, speaking out against injustices and unconstitutional policies of the United States toward his people. We have tremendous models of those who chose not to live in fear, but to love, and ultimately to bring justice.

We need to be reminded of this. Yes, courage is important, but love needs to have the final word in all we do. Blessings to you! Scott

Calendar of Events (subject to change) — August 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		CCM = Care Center Ministry CWM = Children's Weekday Ministries JFON = Justice For Our Neighbors ILF = International Ladies Fellowship	UMW = United Methodist Women WOF = Women Of Faith WWW = Wednesday Women & The Word			1
2 Communion Sunday 10:30 am—Live-stream worship only (no in-person)	3	4	5 9:30 am & 7 pm— Online Bible Study	6	7	8
9 10:30 am—Live-stream worship only (no in-person)	10	11	12 9:30 am & 7 pm— Online Bible Study	13	14	15
16 10:30 am—Live-stream worship only (no in-person)	17	18	19 9:30 am & 7 pm— Online Bible Study	20	21	22
23 10:30 am—Live-stream worship (no in-person) 2-4 pm Blessing of Backpacks (drive-thru) 4 pm Confirmation service & pictures	24	25	26 9:30 am & 7 pm— Online Bible Study	27	28	29 9 am –12:30 pm BLOOD DRIVE (Mobile Unit in our parking lot)
30 10:30 am—Live-stream worship only (no in-person)	31					

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SUNDAY ONLINE WORSHIP IN AUGUST

August 2: Communion Sunday—1 live-streamed service (no in-person worship) @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Habakkuk 1:1-11 / Sermon: "Asking Big Questions" - *Finding Faith in Challenging Times, Part 1*

August 9: 10th Sunday After Pentecost—1 live-streamed service (no in-person worship) @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Habakkuk 1:12-2:1 / Sermon: "How Can This Be?" - *Finding Faith in Challenging Times, Part 2*

August 16: 11th Sunday After Pentecost—1 live-streamed service (no in-person worship) @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Kristina / Scripture: Habakkuk 2:2-20 / Sermon: "Answering the Questions" - *Finding Faith in Challenging Times, Part 3*

August 23: 12th Sunday After Pentecost—1 live-streamed service (no in-person worship) @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Habakkuk 3:1-19 / Sermon: "Trusting in the Lord" - *Finding Faith in Challenging Times, Part 4*

August 30: 13th Sunday After Pentecost—1 live-streamed service (no in-person worship) @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Matthew 16:21-28 / Sermon: "Full-Time Disciples"

Sunday Worship at Lovely Lane

Worship services will remain online at least thru the end of September. We are following guidance from Bishop Laurie Haller and the Linn County Public Health Dept. as we seek to be safe and well. Join us on our YouTube Channel on Sundays at 10:30 am!

Zoom Study Group with Pastor Scott

A Zoom Study Group on the Old Testament prophet, Habakkuk, will start on Wednesday, August 5, at 9:30 am and 7:00 pm. The group will meet for four weeks. Please let Scott know if you want to be added to the mailing list.

From Our New Associate Pastor, Rev. Kristina Roth-Klinck

A few weekends ago in that big windstorm, we had a large tree limb come down, thankfully not on our cars! Ryan and I do not have any materials to clean up a large tree limb and did not know where to begin in terms of getting it cleaned up. After coming home from the church one Sunday morning, I found that our neighbor had already come over with his chainsaw and chopped the tree limb up, coming back later in the afternoon to help Ryan clean up the rest. This is what it means to be a good neighbor!

We've been enjoying meeting our neighbors around our house. Some have brought us fresh chicken eggs, some have invited us to kayak, and one woman has promised us her bicycle in her front yard. She reminds us frequently, "Y'all come over anytime to get that bicycle!"

I've led a church community through a training program called, "The Good Neighbor Experiment." This training tool is for churches to learn how to neighbor in their community, doing asset-based community development. For the next several newsletter's, I will be highlighting things I'm learning about my neighbors, as well as a neighboring tip for you to begin to get to know your neighbors.

The first neighboring tip is really simple. This month get to know the names of the four closest neighbors to you and be sure to write them down. You might even learn something about who they are, so be sure to write that down as well. When you see them again, use their name, and ask them about something that you learned! I look forward to hearing about all the connections and relationships you'll make with your neighbors!

Blessings, Pastor Kristina

June Financial Totals	
Cash inflow—mo. of June	\$ 39,163
Cash inflow—YTD	\$279,459
Budget need/month	\$ 46,202
Cash outflow—mo. of June	\$ 24,395
Cash outflow—YTD	\$230,041
Unpaid apportionments	\$ 0

COVID Recovery Iowa assistance is for you
 Anxiety. Loneliness. Anger. Sense of loss. All of these feelings are normal. And the pandemic does not affect everyone the same way. That's why COVID Recovery Iowa offers a listening ear. Call 1-844-775-WARM. (Also look for COVID Recovery Iowa on Facebook, Instagram & Twitter.)

Children's Weekday Ministries (CWM) News

And the challenges just keep coming! The virus, the renovations to Lovely Lane, our brand new-going-to-be beautiful parking lot. So much that makes it necessary to be in community in innovative ways.

Children's Weekday Ministries mission is more needed than ever. Quality child care has always been hard to find in Iowa. Iowa lost 40% of its child care businesses in the last 5 years and nearly 1000 more due to the pandemic. Many essential workers are in the low-income category. They must find child care or they are at risk of losing their jobs, but their income makes child care costs beyond reach. Child care workers lose their jobs when centers close or are asked to take on this high-risk work for very low pay. Lovely Lane has been ministering to childcare teachers, children and their families, both middle income and low income, for over 50 years.

This year, all of us at LLUMC are working hard to find safe space for this ministry as we move ahead with much-needed building renovations. This summer our partnership with St. Ludmila's has "saved the day," but as we move into fall, we need to find a way to use both our St. Ludmila's and Lovely Lane locations. We appreciate the flexibility and faith so many have shown as we work every day to find ways to bring loving, quality care to the children and families in our community. *Myrna Loehrlein, Chair, CWM Board*

Thank You's

Thank you all for the dozens and dozens of Birthday Greetings. Truly you are family - and are loved and appreciated. *Dawn Nylín*

Thank you for your commitment to supporting Mission of Hope financially. Our records indicate we received the following: June 2020, \$2,453.41. These have been interesting if not difficult days for all of us, but we have been so blessed. God is good, always. It is a thrill to serve Him here and see His marvelous works first-hand. We wouldn't be able to serve without your financial support, so please know we are grateful for you. *Blessings, Kim Reem, Executive Director*

SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION TO TEACHERS with #Give UMC! "Teachers encourage minds to think, hands to create and hearts to love." #IGiveUMC wants to inspire you to support local United Methodist churches by donating in honor of influential teachers *to continue the act of kindness*. Starting **August 1 until August 15**, United Methodists are being asked to honor teachers who have made an impact in their life. You're invited to give to a local UM church and share a special message about how a teacher has shaped your life. You can pay tribute to these amazing role models and mentors, along with posting about their gift on social media and challenging others to do the same! "Train children in the way they should go; when they grow old, they won't depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6, CEB) Indeed, it takes a village to raise a child. Teachers can be schoolteachers, Sunday school teachers, clergy or parents stepping into the roles of professional teachers.

Have a teacher in mind? Sow a seed in a local church, just as your teachers have sown in you. Together, we can continue to support our church's mission and celebrate our teachers by giving to local churches.



Blessing of Backpacks Drive-Thru

These truly are difficult times we are in, and there is a lot of uncertainty, fear, and grief about the school year. We want to send you to school with a blessing and treats in a drive-thru blessing of backpacks.

When: **Sunday, August 23rd** from **2pm-4pm**

Where: **Lovely Lane UMC parking lot**

Please email Pastor Kristina at kristina@lovelylane.org to sign up.



Attention 8th Graders!

Pastor Kristina will be leading confirmation this year. There will be a parent(s) and confirmand meeting on:

**Wednesday, September 9th at 7:00 pm
over Zoom**

Be on the lookout for an email/ mailing from Pastor Kristina with further details for this year's confirmation!

NEW CWM OFFICE ASSISTANT: KIM MEYER WILHELM



Welcome Kim Meyer Wilhelm to Lovely Lane. Kim is the new Office Assistant for CWM. She is married with a three-year-old daughter whom she is super excited to get into Lovely Lane Preschool next year. Kim was previously working at Linn Mar School District as an Educational Assistant. You may also recognize her as one of the radio personalities from KZIA.

Confirmation Sunday for the Current Group

Confirmation Sunday for incoming ninth grade students will be Sunday, August 23, at 4:00 pm. The service will be taped for viewing at a later date. Pictures with the confirmands and families will occur in the parking lot at 4:45.

Golf Outing with Pastor Scott

An informal nine hole golf outing with Pastor Scott is planned for Sunday PM, Aug. 30, at Lake MacBride Golf Course in Solon. All are welcome. Let Scott know if you're interested.

BLOOD DRIVE

Blood Donations Needed – Sign Up Today!

Lovely Lane United Methodist Church Blood Drive

Saturday, August 29

9:00 am – 12:30 pm

MVRBC Donor Bus – Parking Lot

Sign up online at www.bloodcenter.org or with Lisa Taylor at lisataylor52402@gmail.com or Sue Moss at suem@lovelylane.org.
APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED.

All blood types are needed!

Sign up today to ensure our hospital shelves remain full!

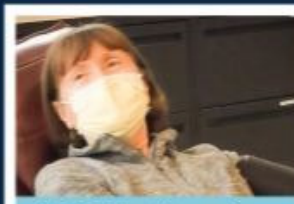
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Concerns & Celebrations

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- *Sympathy to Missy Wiegley following the loss of her mother
- *Gene Kadlec moving to Cottage Grove Place full-time care facility
- *Don Whitford with health concerns
- *Jan Robinson back in CO after hospitalization for partially blocked small intestine
- *Marti Bowman following hospitalization
- *Dave Keefe starting radiation & chemo for rectal cancer
- *Norman Stepleton after hospitalization (doing better)
- *Al Stiers in medical rehab in Marion
- *Dean Lanning hospitalized in Iowa City
- *Rae Keegan with a fracture in her lower back
- *Leisa Rosche's daughter, Melody, hospitalized
- *Jean Bunney's daughter with employment situation
- *Ron Nelson's brother's family experiencing COVID-19 in Arizona
- *Helen Anderson's grandson, Jeffrey, with mental health concerns
- *Eric Wylie's uncle, Doug, with treatment for prostate cancer
- *Krista Wylie's co-worker, Corey, diagnosed with parathyroid cancer
- *Ron & Margaret Nelson's daughter-in-law's friend, Jessa, with liver cancer
- *Margaret Nelson's friend, Carole, with upcoming surgery
- *Maggie Thomas's friend, Carol, & son, Jacob, following burn injury with Jacob
- *Rita Stewart's son's girlfriend, Jessica, is doing better following COVID-19
- *Sue Moss's friend, Bobbie, after passing of her 9 year old grandchild
- *All persons and families impacted by COVID-19
- *Larry & Jane Kies, missionaries from African Univ., not able to itinerate this year
- *School leaders, teachers, students, parents, with back-to-school plans
- *Communities impacted by Hurricanes Hanna and Douglas

JOYS:

- *Welcoming Pastor Kristina & Ryan to Lovely Lane; Pastor Kristina is our new Associate Pastor
- *Welcoming Kim Meyer Wilhelm as the new office assistant for Children's Weekday Ministries
- *New member class had eleven participants (see p. 2 of newsletter)
- *Rachel Wylie is doing well after wisdom teeth came out
- *Frank & Susan Camp celebrate family visiting, and good health news for Ted
- *Eric & Krista Wylie celebrate 22nd anniversary
- *Happy birthday to Dawn Nylin
- *Happy 65th anniversary to Dale & Nancy Snyder
- *Happy 23rd anniversary to Scott & Heather Meador
- *Jan & Lloyd Peterson would have been married 65 years on 7/30
- *Jack & Cheryl Murphy celebrate grandson, Brian, home from Peru
- *Pastor Jenny Seylar recognized as Associate Member at ordination service
- *Church parking lot project is coming along well
- *Our nation celebrating the Fourth of July
- *Remembering the life of civil rights leader, John Lewis
- *Gratitude for parks, trails, & outside areas for recreation

Remembering with love:

Chris Burr.....2015
Alice Tiffin.....2016
Lloyd Peterson.....2019

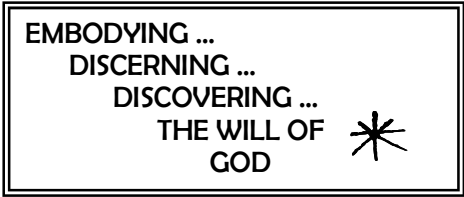
HACAP NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

HACAP Food Reservoir is looking for help during the first week of August to pack food boxes (both AM & PM shifts). Please send an E-mail to: volunteer@hacap.org. Thank you!



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Director Children’s Weekday Min.....Dawn DuPont
Director of Youth Ministries.....Amy Perry
Kid’s Club Director.....Julie Meyer
Christian Educator..... Barb Geissing
Choir Director.....K. Weiler
Organist.....Dennis Ramsey
Children’s Choirs.....Carla Jesse
Director of Handbells.....Charlie Kucera
Nursery.....Shelbie Wood, Tara Neveu,
& Paige Gerjets
Wedding Coordinator.....Becky Wood
Custodians.....Rex, Rhonda & Jessica Heasty
Audio/Visual Coordinator.....Eric Wylie
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Webmaster.....Shelly Turner

