

Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

November 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.



Finding Hope

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness doesn’t extinguish the light” – John 1:5 (CEB)

Last year the word “existential” was the Dictionary.com Word of the Year. The word inspires us to ask big questions about “who we are” and “what our purpose is” in the face of various challenges. The word also reminds us that we can “make choices” about our lives in how we answer those questions.

Now this word spoke to events last year, *but* this word definitely speaks to events that have happened this year. This year has been unlike any year we have experienced. We have experienced incredible difficulties and challenges. These challenges can lead to anxiety and angst. This is why we sometimes speak about somebody having an “existential crisis.”

Now what is ultimately needed in the midst of an existential crisis is “hope.” Hope is defined as “a feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen.” Hope is one element of life that never be taken from us. We can always have hope. World leader Desmond Tutu once said that “hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.” The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was known to say, “We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.”

We find hope in many ways. For many of us, hope comes through our religious faith and walk with the Lord. For others of us, hope comes through the birth of a new baby or a fresh start at work. Seeing individuals assist neighbors during trying times is always a sign of hope for me.

This month Pastor Kristina and I will focus on a preaching series entitled, “Finding Hope.” We will look at various areas of life in which we find hope. We will discuss finding hope in the midst of new possibilities, community, and simplicity.

We look forward to worshipping with you this month. Let us be open to the numerous blessings that surround us!

Grace and Peace to you! Scott

Calendar of Events (subject to change) — November 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 All Saints Sunday & Communion 10:30 am—Live-stream worship only (no in-person) 12 pm—HS Youth 4-5:30 pm—MS Youth	2 7 pm—Virtual Women's Study	3	4 9:30 am & 7 pm—Online Bible Study 5:45 pm Weds. Night Meal/Kids Club 6:15-7:30 pm Confirmation	5	6	7
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29 First Sunday of Advent 10:30 am—Live-stream worship only (no in-person) 4-5:30 pm—MS Youth 6-7:30 pm—HS Youth	30 7 pm—Virtual Women's Study		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		

Wednesday Night Meals

The next date for meals will be November 4th; this will be the last one for this calendar year. We will gather in our church parking lot. A time for devotions and music will start at 5:45 pm. A boxed meal will be available to eat at 6 pm. All are welcome!

VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL IS COMING!

Virtual Sunday School for all ages is in the works.
Please stay tuned for more details!

SUNDAY ONLINE WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER

Nov. 1: All Saints Day—1 live-streamed service (no in-person worship) @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Mark 8:31-38 / Sermon: "Saints are Everywhere"

Nov. 8: 23rd Sunday after Pentecost—1 live-streamed service (no in-person worship) @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Revelation 21:1-6 / Sermon: "Finding Hope in New Possibilities"

Nov. 15: 24th Sunday after Pentecost—1 live-streamed service (no in-person worship) @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Kristina / Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46 / Sermon: "Finding Hope in Community"

Nov. 22: 25th Sunday after Pentecost—1 live-streamed service (no in-person worship) @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:6-19 / Sermon: "Finding Hope in Simplicity"

Nov. 29: First Sunday of Advent—1 live-streamed service (no in-person worship) @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Luke 1:67-79 / Sermon: "Zechariah's Song", *Songs of the Season, Part 1*

Sunday Worship at Lovely Lane

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

Zoom Study with Pastor Scott

The study continues this month that focuses on the Gospel of Mark. Zoom sessions are on Wednesdays at 9:30 am and 7 pm. Please let Scott know if you'd like to be added to the E-mail list for the Zoom link.

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

Since March when we went into this pandemic, we have had very little socialization with others as we worked from home, wore masks, socially distanced ourselves, and did not get together with friends. In the midst of all of that, many of us, if not at some point all of us, have felt lonely, isolated, and sad. Some of you live alone and others with family. I have seen a great need for staying connected in some way, which is why the Health & Wholeness committee and I have put together a virtual women's retreat on November 14th from 9:00am-2:30pm. We will have space for worship, chair yoga, art meditation, music, discussion, space for lunch and a nature walk, and closing worship with door prizes. Included in our day will be a keynote address from my good friend, Lisa Hancock, a PhD student at Southern Methodist University, studying disability theology. Lisa will particularly give an address on our theme, "Celebrating Our Imperfections." Lisa's work studies what it means to embody the broken body we all have. In her work as a theologian and researcher, Lisa has been studying the Disabled God. When Jesus was resurrected, he was resurrected with scars and wounds; he was resurrected in a broken body. God says that we are all beautiful, despite any flaws or imperfections.

What I love about disability theology is that it reclaims "body" and puts all bodies on a spectrum of disability. Disability theology rejects the "normal body" and what our bodies should look like. Disability theology reclaims our imperfections and our flaws. It reclaims our brokenness as beautiful. How many of you feel pressure from society to look a certain way, be a certain way, and portray a false image of who you are? In this retreat, we will explore celebrating our imperfections and embrace who we really are, our authentic selves.

I hope you will join us for this virtual women's retreat on November 14th, 9:00am-2:30pm, which will be held over Zoom. The cost of registration is \$20, which will cover the cost of the keynote speaker, the door prizes, and packet materials that you will receive ahead of time. We do have scholarships available if the registration is a hardship for you. If you are interested in joining, please register by November 7th by emailing me at kristina@lovelylane.org or by calling the office at 319-393-6674. *Peace, Pastor Kristina*

LOVELY LANE UMC 2021 GOALS

(approved by Ad Council and shared during Lovely Lane's
10/18/20 Charge Conference)

- 1) Remain a church focused on mission and outreach to others. We are in the midst of a pandemic and a building project. We don't want to lose focus on the need to lift up those around us. Emphasis needs to be placed on special offerings and outreach efforts. We plan at least three distinct outreach activities.
- 2) Address important social issues that need attention. The church needs to create settings in which matters like racism, white supremacy, LGBTQ acceptance, and the welcoming of refugees and immigrants can be talked about and learning and action can take place. Settings will include a preaching series and study groups with a call to action.
- 3) Continue to expand our W+2 Discipleship Pathway for all church members. We need to strive to reach out and expand our membership. Extra efforts should be placed on reaching youth, millennials, and young adults.
- 4) Continue to navigate the best path forward for our church through the continuing changes in the General Conference of The United Methodist Church.
- 5) Support our Congolese worshipping community on Sunday morning.

UMCOR is responding to storms in the Gulf and wildfires in the West—please join in giving our neighbors relief. Give to UMCOR United States Disaster Response at Advance #901670; their website is <https://advance.umcor.org>.

Meals from the Heartland Hunger Fight 2020 Looking for Help

Meals from the Heartland will be packaging meals at the DoubleTree Convention Complex on November 9-11 benefiting HACAP Food Reservoir, who will be the recipient of these meals. Their goal during this 3-day event is to package 400,000 meals, many of which will stay in the Cedar Rapids area to feed our hungry neighbors.

To ensure a successful event, Meals from the Heartland is looking for volunteers who can help in a 2-hour shift. Masks must be worn while volunteering. The 2-hour shifts are available Monday afternoon and evening; all day Tuesday; and Wednesday morning.

Contact Joel O'Dell at 515-473-9530 for more information or go to the following website to sign up: <https://mealsfromtheheartland.org>. This event is presented by HyVee, Transamerica, and Cargill.

Virtual Women's Retreat
Saturday, November 14th
9 am - 2:30 pm

Worship, yoga, keynote, crafts and music, meditation,
spiritual direction, hiking (opt.), and more!

The cost is \$20 with scholarships available if needed.

Contact Pastor Kristina at kristina@lovelylane.org
or the church office to sign up.

The deadline to sign up is November 7th.

NEW GRIEF GROUP

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4

Healing comes through sharing our grief experiences with others. Sometimes that means telling your story to a listening ear or listening to someone else share their story. This new support group is being formed for that purpose. It will be led by Sue Lovik and is open to all who have suffered any kind of loss over any time period.

For more information and to sign up for Zoom meetings, contact Sue Lovik (319-560-1063; sue.lovik@hotmail.com) or Marti Bowman (319-393-6674; martib@lovelylane.org).

UPDATES FROM THE C.R. EMMAUS COMMUNITY

Although activities have been very limited in 2020, the governing board has continued to serve the community in other ways, even without their special weekends. They have met virtually on a regular basis with a focus on 2021. Emmaus weekends have been scheduled for early Spring, with the hope that those can occur, depending on the state of the pandemic.

In expectation of running upcoming weekends, please consider making a donation thru their website, www.cedarrapidsemmaus.com, or send a check to Cedar Rapids Emmaus Community, P.O. Box 10803, Cedar Rapids, IA 52410-0803.

They also have opportunities for persons from the community to serve on the board or on a ministry team (for Walk to Emmaus or for Chrysalis). Working on a ministry team does not require attendance at monthly meetings. It is an opportunity to work directly with a weekend. If you have a passion for Walk to Emmaus or Chrysalis, please contact Pam Miller, Chairman, CR Emmaus Ministries Board of Directors, at the above P.O. address.

ZOOM ADVENT STUDY

Steve Pudinski, a retired UMC pastor now associating with Lovely Lane, will lead an Advent study via Zoom using Adam Hamilton's book, "Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas." This online class will run from Nov. 29th (First Sunday of Advent) through Jan. 3rd (1st Sunday after Christmas) and will be held during the Faith Issues Class time of 9 to 10 AM. He plans to use both the video (via YouTube) and a book for this class (cost of the book is minimal).

Contact Barb Geissinger, Christian Education Director, at christianedu@lovelylane.org or 393-6674 if you'd like to be a part of this Advent study class.

Holiday Blood Drive Tuesday, Dec. 22nd 2:30 - 6:00 pm

Yes, we're hosting another blood drive! The blood center's mobile unit will be in our parking lot on Dec. 22nd between 2:30 and 6 PM. The need for blood donations is especially great around the holidays, and schools have not been able to host blood drives during the pandemic.

Thank You

Thank you to Joel Goodman for all you have done for our adult education program! He did a great job with the Faith Journeys Class on Sundays but has decided to step away from a leadership role. *Barb Geissinger, Christian Educator*

Thanksgiving this year prompts me to express our heart-felt gratitude for our Lovely Lane community of faith. This eventful year has brought Don hospitalization for COVID in June, an uncertain diagnosis for me, quiet celebrations of our 64th wedding anniversary, Don's 91st birthday, and the Derecho. Through it all, we have been touched by Lovely Lane friends who reached out to us in many caring ways. We continue to appreciate the online worship services each Sunday and all who make it happen. *God Bless You, Don and Wanda Whitford*

September Financial Totals

Cash inflow—mo. of Sept.	\$ 44,525
Cash inflow—YTD	\$398,251
Budget need/month	\$ 46,202
Cash outflow—mo. of Sept.	\$ 35,535
Cash outflow—YTD	\$342,241
<i>Unpaid apportionments</i>	\$ 0

Remembering with love:

Rick Taylor.....2017

*Lovely Lane UMC will celebrate **All Saints Day** on Sunday, November 1st, with a special worship service, live-streamed. Please join us!*

Concerns & Celebrations

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- *Sympathy to Dale & Karen Beatty on the death of his mother, Sharon Beatty, after a long battle with kidney failure
- *Sympathy to Wayne & Catherine Erie & family on the unexpected passing of Wayne's youngest brother, Darryl in ND
- *Sympathy to Charlie Kucera & family after the passing of his father
- *Sympathy to Ryan Roth-Klinck & family after his uncle's passing
- *Sympathy to Pastor Sherrie Ilg from St. Paul's UMC after the passing of her son, Justin
- *Kent Jackson having surgery
- *Esther Noack with cataract surgery
- *Marcy Wittles with cataract surgery
- *Mike & Teresa Bailey & family with COVID
- *Steve & Kelley Pudinski's daughter, Anya, having surgery
- *Chris Budny's mother, Linda, having surgery
- *Lu Serbousek's brother-in-law after surgery
- *Greg & Susan Blum's neighbor, Jim, with a brain tumor & having surgery
- *Barb Geissinger's friend, Marilyn, with a lump in her thigh
- *Marti Bowman's friends, Chris & Greg, as Greg's cancer is spreading
- *Patty Logsdon lifts up the Wilkerson Family in Illinois; Gary has COVID & Cindy has COVID symptoms
- *Kristina & Ryan Roth-Klinck's new puppy, Oogy, with life-threatening health concerns
- *Individuals & groups impacted by COVID-19, please be safe and smart!
- *Handling continued matters related to the pandemic
- *Ongoing clean-up after the derecho storm
- *Tropical storm & hurricane activity in Louisiana
- *Persons recovering from hurricanes, tropical storms, & wildfires across the country
- *Halloween safety

JOYS:

- *Helen Anderson with successful knee surgery
- *Marti Bowman is feeling well after some health concerns & testing
- *Wedding congratulations to Nick Vorwerk & Katie Hermanson
- *Happy 91st Birthday to Don Whitford
- *Kristina & Ryan Roth-Klinck attended family wedding in Texas
- *Celebrating World Communion Sunday
- *Celebrating Feast of St. Francis, care for all of creation
- *Blessings of the Pets service
- *Matthew 25 Transform Week; thanks to those who participated & those who provided lunch
- *Patty Logsdon's relative has become a foster mother to two kids - 2 months & 15 months
- *Stewardship Sunday; thanks for your faithful giving
- *Charge Conference & setting goals for 2021
- *Lifting up achievements of our high school students in their activities
- *Continued remodeling & restoration work on our building
- *The beauty of the autumn season

FAITH ISSUES UPCOMING CLASS TOPICS

- Nov. 1st: Cheryl Murphy will lead a study, "Finding Peace in an Anxious World" based on the Serenity Prayer
- Nov. 8th: Continuation of "Finding Peace..." unless the group prefers to discuss their responses to the election
- Stay tuned for upcoming topics for this Zoom class on Sundays.

Youth Mental Health First Aid Tips to Help Navigate COVID-19

1. Have open conversations about COVID-19 with your kids.
2. Understand adolescent development & the impact COVID-19 can have on their life.
3. Recognize signs and symptoms of a developing mental health challenge.
4. Encourage self-care activities.
5. Remember that it's OK to not be OK.

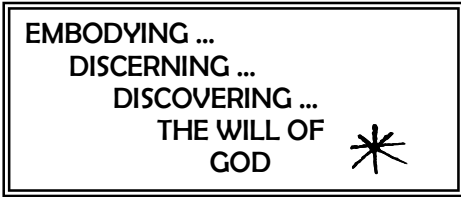
THRIVENT COMMUNITY COLLECTION OF HYGIENE PRODUCTS FOR HACAP

- Thru Nov. 10th, they are collecting: soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, and deodorant. Please bring your donations to Thrivent Mississippi Valley Associates, 3349 Southgate Ct. SW, Suite 101, CR. They are open M-F, 9-4, for safe, no-contact drop-off. Thank you for supporting your community!



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