

Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

May 2022

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.



The Month of May

In 1964, the musical group *The Temptations* gave us the classic song, *My Girl*. In the song, they sang, "I've got sunshine on a cloudy day. When it's cold outside I've got the month of May." The Temptations are singing about the month of May in this musical piece that became their signature song.

The month of May is a wonderful month. During this month, we have one celebration after another. During this month we celebrate our mothers and the important women in our life on Mother's Day. We also celebrate college and high school seniors as they have their graduation ceremonies. During this month, many couples celebrate their wedding anniversaries. And of course, at the end of the month, we celebrate the start of summer with Memorial Day remembrances.

Celebrations are nice. We enjoy celebrations. But the truth is, we shouldn't have to wait for the big days to come for us to have our celebrations. We should find ways to relish every day we are given. About this, Oprah Winfrey once said, "The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate."

Allow me to suggest a few ways we can celebrate every day we have. For starters, we should "live each day as if it could be our last." Don't take your daily routine for granted. Approach every moment with enthusiasm and joy. Secondly, "focus on the good in your life." Develop an attitude of gratitude in all you do. Finally, "develop a sense of 'play' in your daily life." Be a little bit silly, take a few chances, do something that is out of character, say "yes" instead of "no" to something new. Just a few thoughts to help you celebrate each and every day.

In all this, I might remind you that Jesus took time to celebrate life. Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding at Cana in Galilee, he had lively meals with siblings Mary and Martha and Lazarus, and I'm sure he had some lighter moments with his disciples. His charisma was compelling. People wanted to follow Jesus. He was a pleasure to be around.

Might a daily discipline of celebrating the "here and now" impact the ways we live and love and serve those around us!

Grace and peace to each of you, Scott

Calendar of Events (subject to change) — May 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:30 am In-person Worship 9 am Choir practice 9:30 am Adult Sun. Schl. 10:30 am In-person & Live-stream worship / Children's Sun. Schl. 12-2 pm Congolese	2 9:15 am CWM Preschl. grad. practice 12:45-3 pm P.E.O. 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	3 9:15 am CWM Preschl. grad. practice	4 9:15 am CWM Preschl. grad. practice 9:30 am <i>Online Bible Study</i> 5:30 pm Family meal 6 pm KidsClub 6 pm Bible Study 7:15 pm Bell Choir	5 9:15 am CWM Preschl. grad. Practice	6 9:15 am CWM Preschl. grad. practice	7
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22 <i>Graduation Sunday</i> 8:30 am In-person Worship 9 am Choir practice 9:30 am Adult Sun. Schl. 10:30 am In-person & Live-stream worship / Children's Sun. Schl. 12-2pm Congolese 4 pm New Members	23 9 am Prayer Shawl 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	24 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 6:30-8pm SPPRC	25 9:30 am <i>Online Bible Study</i> 6 pm Bible Study	26 4-8 pm Mega Market (@ Cultivate Hope Urban Farm) 6 pm <i>Nourished</i> Thursday Centering (@ Cultivate Hope Urban Farm)	27 3:30-5:30 pm <i>Nourished</i> Climate Strike (@ Alliant Tower)	28
29 <i>Ascension Sunday</i> <i>(Moving to one service for summer)</i> 9:30 am In-person & Live-stream worship 12-2pm Congolese (TBD) Pre-trip mtg. for Youth Summer Trip	30 <i>Memorial Day</i>	31	MMJ = Migrant Movement for Justice UMW = United Methodist Women	CCM = Care Center Ministry CWM = Children's Weekday Ministries		

Nourished: The Missional Campus of Lovely Lane—May Events

Even the Rocks Cry Out: Conversations on Land Care & Spirituality Thursday Centering—May 12th, 6pm at Cultivate Hope Urban Farm (437 G Ave NW, CR). Bring a lawn chair!

Thursday Centering: May 26th, 6pm at Cultivate Hope Urban Farm (437 G Ave NW, CR). Bring a lawn chair!

Climate Strike with Sunrise Movement: Fridays, May 13th & 27th, 3:30-5:30pm, Alliant Tower, downtown CR.

Fork 'n' Folk Friday, May 20th, 6pm-8pm at Pastor Kristina's House (3000 Carroll Dr. SE, CR): Bring a dish to share, a lawn chair, and your favorite instrument, if you have one, for an evening of good food and good music. Weather permitting, we'll hopefully be outside for a bonfire.

Mega Market at Cultivate Hope Urban Farm (437 G Ave NW, CR): Nourished will be selling Gluten Free bakery items this summer at Matt. 25's Mega Market, the last Thurs. of the month thru the summer, 4-8 PM.

For more info. about Nourished or to receive a weekly email, email Pastor Kristina at kristina@lovelylane.org.

 facebook.com/NourishedCR

WORSHIP IN MAY

May 1: 3rd Sunday of Easter / Communion—in-person @ 8:30, in-person & live-stream service @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: John 21:1-19 / Sermon: “The Big Catch”

May 8: Mother’s Day—in-person @ 8:30, in-person & live-stream service @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Psalm 23 / Sermon: “Our Heroes Have Always Been Shepherds”

May 15: 5th Sunday of Easter—in-person @ 8:30, in-person & live-stream service @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: 1 Kings 17:17-24 & Mark 9:14-29 / Sermon: “Living with Imperfections”

May 22: Graduation Sunday—in-person @ 8:30, in-person & live-stream service @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: John 14:23-29 / Sermon: “Keep the Faith”

May 29: Ascension Sunday / Memorial Day Weekend—**moving to one service for summer**; in-person & live-stream service @ 9:30 AM / Pastor Kristina / Scripture: Acts 1:1-11 / Sermon: “Waiting with Patience”

Pastor’s Study Group

Pastor Scott’s Wednesday study groups meet at 9:30 AM on Zoom and 6 PM in person. They continue on the current study of *Eclipsing Empire*, looking at the Apostle Paul and the Roman Empire. All are welcome!

High School Graduates

High school graduates will be recognized in 10:30 AM worship on Sunday, May 22nd. Seniors are encouraged to share photos ahead of time with Shelly Turner, shelly@turnermktng.com.

New Member Classes

Please let Pastor Scott or Susan Camp, our Membership Secretary, know if you’d like to join the church. New member classes are set for 2 Sundays, May 15 & 22, @ 4 PM. All are welcome to participate!

Nourished to Launch Gluten Free Baked Goods

My husband and I have dreamed of starting up a gluten free bakery faith community ever since we started dating, well before getting married! As we move into year three with the Nourished community, we believe that starting a bakery could help the Nourished community become a self-sustaining community, in addition to generosity and giving. We are hit with the reality that younger generations are not as financially stable as others. There are numerous church plants across the country that function in this way. One such community is called Union in Dallas, TX. Union is a coffee shop church. It is a missional congregation, but the church building functions six days a week as a coffee shop. Through its coffee shop, it builds up community, is instant outreach, but also sustains the community where giving and tithing falls short.

After receiving a \$5000 grant, for the coming months ahead, Nourished is going to be present at the Mega Market at Matthew 25’s Urban Farm. The Mega Market is held on the last Thursday of the month throughout the summer. Nourished will be selling gluten free bakery items for outreach, but also as alternative revenue streams. When Thursday Centering falls on the Mega Market nights, we will worship out at the farm.

So, we invite you, we encourage you, to come out to the first **Mega Market** of the year on **Thurs., May 26th**, from **4pm-8pm** at the **Cultivate Hope Urban Farm**. Thursday Centering will be at 6pm that evening at the farm, so you might even time your trip to the farmers market to stay for our gathering together. This is our missional campus, so you’re always welcome to come out to Thursday Centering; you don’t have to be invited to come. Just come as you are—it is very casual.

Calling all bakers: We also could use any help this summer in baking the gluten free bakery items we plan to sell. If you have some spare time this summer, like to bake, want to learn more about gluten free baking, or simply want to support this community, please contact Pastor Kristina at kristina@lovelylane.org. We’ll also need help this summer at setting up and tearing down our tent and table at the market.

Until Nourished, many of this community had not been part of a faith community for a very long time. I’m excited for the future of this community as we move forward! *Peace & blessings upon you, Pastor Kristina*

United Methodist Women News

LOVELY LANE UMW GENERAL MEETING

Ladies of Lovely Lane: Since Lovely Lane United Methodist Church is celebrating 60 years in ministry, you are cordially invited to take a walk down "Memory Lane" with us as we reminisce about being part of the Lovely Lane family over coffee, tea and dessert.

Time: Thursday, May 12th, @ 1:00 PM

Place: Fellowship Hall

This year in honor of Lovely Lane UMC, we will celebrate those "Special Moments" of our lives as members of Lovely Lane. Whether long time members or having joined Lovely Lane recently, we are sure that we all experienced times in our lives as members of Lovely Lane which became those "Moments to Remember"; those memories which we will always hold dear within our hearts. Perhaps it was an especially meaningful service we attended, or our coming together to pray as we shared our grief and tears, or when we gathered just to enjoy each other's company and share a laugh or two. There are many memorable moments we have shared as a congregation from participating in one of the various missions, programs, work projects, teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir, to those special events so important in our lives and the life of our church. Please bring any mementos, photos and stories of your time as a member of the family of Lovely Lane you wish to share. As we remember those precious times of our lives and in the life of Lovely Lane, we will surely share a few smiles.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us on Thursday, June 16th, at 6:30 PM for a potluck dinner and to hear Margaret Nelson speak about the Afghan Sponsor Circle Refugee Resettlement Program.

UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

United Methodist Women is now **United Women in Faith!** The renaming is part of a refreshing of the organization that includes an array of new and improved programs to nurture current members and welcome new women to join to put their love in action on behalf of women, children, and youth.

United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence, and impact local and global communities.

The changes are designed to address the different needs and life stages of current members and new women and expand options for membership and engagement. The new name also aims to welcome current members whose local churches may choose to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church as well as women of other faith traditions who want to join.

All are welcome! "Watch for new opportunities to get involved!!"

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

Children's classes: As of March 6th, leave during 10:30 worship, after the Time for Young Disciples, and gather in the Fellowship Hall. Our theme is *Beginning to learn more about Jesus and our faith lives.*

Adult classes: Faith Issues meets in the Library and looks at contemporary topics and social issues. Myrna Loehlein is the class leader; members alternate teaching. **Faith Journeys** meets in Room 205, the first room on the left in the education part of the building. All are welcome!

**SAVE THE DATE
FOR VBS:
July 11-15**



Vacation Bible School is on this summer! It is set for the evenings of July 11th-15th at Lovely Lane, and is for grades PK-6th. There will be a meal from 5:30-6pm for children and families, and the VBS program will go from 6:00-8pm. The theme this year is *Adventure Island*. We'll learn new music, do a craft, do science experiments, play games, and learn a Bible story each evening. Sign up at <https://forms.gle/QyToms8hm2jAcsSY7>.

Thank You Notes

Many thanks, Lovely Lane family, for helping make my 90th birthday extra special. Have so enjoyed the cards & kind sentiments. P.S. The pastors & people of Lovely Lane have been the joy of my long life. *Jan Peterson*

Thank you for the prayers, cards and well wishes before and after my recent sinus surgery. I felt so many prayers surrounding me before I went into surgery, that I was relatively calm. My recovery is coming along on schedule, with only 1 follow-up appointment left to see my ENT doctor who performed the procedure. *Sue Moss*

Blood Drive Results: "I have [yesterday's] results and they look pretty darn good! 15 total registered: 13 whole blood with just one deferral = 12 units; 2 double red donations successful = 4 units. So you collected a total of 16 donations—yeah! This is more than we were hoping to collect so you absolutely nailed it. We even registered three first timers—so great! What an awesome way to start the year!...Happy Spring! Thanks again!"
Megan Dee, Donor Relations Consultant, Impact Life (blood center.org)

Afghan Sponsor Circle

The US State Department is allowing private citizens to sponsor and resettle refugees through a newly developed program called The Sponsor Circle Refugee Resettlement Program.

Friendship Force CR/IC approached Lovely Lane to see if we might partner with them sponsoring an Afghan family. LL Ad Council has voted to do so. The sponsor circle (a minimum of 5 people) will work on securing housing, registering children in school, coordinating medical appointments, helping adults find employment, providing initial income support, helping individuals learn English, signing up for government benefits, etc. We have secured \$15,000 from the CR Foundation.

After the application is processed it may be anywhere from two weeks to six months to receive a family. In the meantime we are encouraging our membership to learn about the challenges that refugees and immigrants face coming to the US ---a different culture, language, etc.---through reading books, watching movies and other resources you may find. You may do this also with your children by finding movies and books about different cultures and discuss them with your children relating especially to the refugees we will be welcoming into our community and how they might help them adjust in their schools.

"The good that we can do together surpasses the good that we can do alone." (Benjamin Franklin)

March Financial Totals

Cash inflow—mo. of March	\$ 49,169
Cash inflow—YTD	\$165,383
Budget need/month	\$ 50,132
Cash outflow—mo. of March	\$ 44,334
Cash outflow—YTD	\$139,299
Unpaid apportionments	\$ 0

Cedar Valley Habitat for Humanity and Weiss Home Improvement present a **Women Build and power tool class** on Tuesday, May 3rd, 6:00 to 7:30 PM, at 1720 Robins Rd., Suite 200, Hiawatha. There will be a DIY project: building your own planter! Participants must be 16 or older. Class fee is \$20 for one or \$30 for a pair. Fee covers one planter kit.

Full Circle of Life

As a child I failed to see
The woman right in front of me
Gave all she could...her heart and soul,
To teach me how to reach my goals.
And as I grew, my vision blurred,
Her words of wisdom were not heard.
I knew it all, she'd hear me say,
I couldn't wait to move away.
Adulthood came, I made mistakes.
She'd pick me up and soothe my aches,
And when at times, I felt alone,
I'd find myself back at her home.
Now as a parent, frequently...,
I repeat words she said to me,
I sound like her, we look the same,
I've come full circle in life's game.
Yes, through the years, her wisdom stayed,
Within my heart it did not fade.
It just grew strong, and in the end,
My mom became my own best friend.

Cheryl Kremer
Chicken Soup for the Soul
Celebrating Mothers & Daughters
from Health & Wholeness

HAPPY ENDINGS

Happy Endings, the book discussion group will meet on Monday, May 9th, at 10 AM in the church library. People will discuss good books they have read in the past year. We will make decisions on the books we will read in the coming months.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next men's gathering is Saturday, May 21, @ 8:30 AM. More information is coming about our speaker for the month. All are welcome!

DO YOU LOVE TO COOK?

CWM (Children's Weekday Ministries) is looking for a summer cook to provide breakfast and lunch to approx. 50 children. The position would be for 10 weeks, June 6-Aug. 11; it is flexible on being Monday-Thursday or Monday-Friday. Please contact Dawn DuPont @ 393-8189. Thanks!!

Youth Group: **May Gatherings**

The youth group schedule for May is as follows:

- 5/8 NO Youth Group
- 5/11 Youth Group. TV Talks @ 6 PM after the KidsClub meal
- 5/15 Last Youth Group Mtg. of the school year—end of year party @ Pastor Kristina & Ryan's house
- 5/29 Pre-Trip Mtg. for Youth Summer Trip (time TBD)

KidsClub on Wednesdays

KIDSCLUB begins every Wednesday with a family meal at 5:30 PM, followed by the program. Our theme this year is "Learning to Love Like God."

There's a registration form to fill out on the church website (www.lovelylane.org). Please fill out the form completely (it's for KidsClub & Sunday Schl.).

The SignUp Genius link is sent out weekly with the menu for the next Wednesday. We need weekly sign-ups so we know how many meals to prepare.

Masks are currently optional for the children, assistants, and for all attending. We are monitoring the CDC's recommendations as the year progresses.

Concerns & Celebrations

JOYS:

- *Living Last Supper performances & Holy Week services
- *Upcoming events & happenings with Nourished Community
- *Happy Birthday to Virginia Weiland
- *Happy Birthday to Corrine Davey
- *Jane Schildroth celebrates family birthdays & remembrances
- *Retirement blessings to Julie Hupp
- *Connor Culbertson got his permit to drive, so celebrating him & others who are now driving!
- *Nourished's Forest Bathing at the nature center
- *Matthew 25's Cultivate Hope Corner Store, the new grocery store on Ellis Blvd. opened this week
- *Historical moment this week as the country approved the first black woman to sit on the supreme court - Ketanji Brown Jackson
- *Easter worship in the sanctuary after 3-year hiatus
- *Eastside Brass Quartet playing in Easter services
- *Successful blood drive; thanks to all donors
- *Jayne Woodson celebrates son's 60th birthday
- *John Roland celebrates great uncle's full life, 104 years
- *Kathy Potter-Stepleton happy that daughter, Melissa, is able to visit
- *Joy of confirmation and our confirmands
- *Rachel & Carson Lauf had their baby on 4/22: Jace Andrew Lauf
- *Continued leadership through Margaret Nelson on our work with Friendship Force on sponsoring an Afghan refugee family
- *Deidra Benser in transition of jobs
- *Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) survey for our church
- *EcoFest held here in Cedar Rapids

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SERVANT SIGN UP

Please visit our website (www.lovelylane.org) to sign up as a Worship Volunteer Servant: greeter, usher, and/or lector. You will find the sign up link for both the 8:30 and 10:30 AM service listed in the website under "Worship Servant Signup." Please check your calendar and choose a date(s) to serve in this important ministry! Thank you!!

CONCERNS:

- *Dawn Nylin's celebration of life service on 4/23
- *Susan Blum recovering after rotator cuff surgery
- *Sue Moss recovering from sinus surgery
- *Prayers for Tom DeVriese amidst health concerns
- *Curtis Thomas's brother, Mike, with possible cancer
- *Pam Moore's sister with chemotherapy treatments
- *Karon Niebuhr's brother, Brian, with COPD, & other health concerns
- *Len Hadley's brother, Howard, with a health concern
- *Maggie Thomas' sister, Deb, with surgical removal of a tumor on the neck
- *Virginia Weiland's brother Harold with health concerns
- *Liz Briggman's nephew with health concerns
- *IA United Methodist Bishop, Laurie Haller, on medical leave
- *Families with struggles
- *All persons facing trying times
- *Continued prayers for Afghan Resettlement Program
- *School teachers with ongoing challenges
- *The shooting earlier this month in downtown Cedar Rapids, injuring many & killing two people
- *United Methodist Church with some congregations looking to form a new denomination (Lovely Lane is committed to our current denomination & welcoming all people)
- *War in Ukraine & other world concerns
- *Storms that have gone through our state & other states, & prayers for climate amidst climate change

Wondering how you can help the people of Ukraine? United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to Advance #982450, UMCOR International Disaster Response & Recovery. You can go online to www.umcmission.org/advance-project/982450, call 888-252-6174, or mail your check to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY 10087-9068. 100% of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause.

Remembering with love:

Donna Karshner.....2016

Helen Hansen.....2019

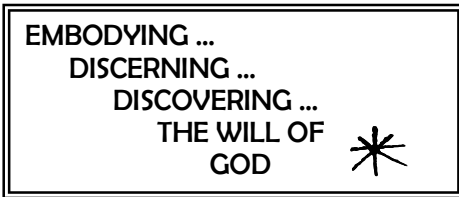
Charles Atkinson.....2020



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