

Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

September 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.



Celebrating Sixty Years

In June, 1962, Dr. H. Hughes Dill, a retired member of the North Iowa Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, was appointed to serve as pastor of a new congregation in northeast Cedar Rapids. Following this appointment, worship services took place in the Chapel of Memories at Cedar Memorial Park. As the weeks progressed, the folks who worshipped together discussed a name for this fledgling congregation. Many suggestions were lifted up. Suggestions included Grace, St. John's, St. Timothy's, Knollwood, Cedar Lane, Praying Hands, Matthew, Upper Room, Oak Street, and Lockwood.

Ultimately, Dr. Dill mentioned the name "Lovely Lane," and this name was chosen. The name connected with the early beginnings of Methodists in the United States. It was at Lovely Lane Chapel in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1784, that our denomination began just after the American Revolution. The event was the Christmas Conference. On September 4, 1962 then, Lovely Lane Methodist Church in Cedar Rapids was officially organized. At this time, thirty-nine members were listed on the membership rolls.

From this point on, Lovely Lane began a remarkable sixty year journey that brings us to our current times. Over the years, this church has had eight senior pastors, several building projects, and numerous mission trips. Additionally, the church has started a preschool on church grounds and birthed another preschool that is missional in nature. This preschool is currently meeting at Asbury United Methodist Church. As much as anything, this church has brought hope to so many people with the Gospel message. And through it all, we have been so proud to call ourselves "Lovely Laners."

This month we celebrate sixty years as a congregation. Each Sunday this month we will have a special celebration time. On September 4th, our focus will be our history. We will lift up mission activity on September 11th. We will welcome back some former pastors on the 18th. The final Sunday in September, the 25th, we will look to the future.

Come and join us this month. All are welcome! Blessings to you, Scott

Calendar of Events (subject to change) – September 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		CCM = Care Center Ministry CWM = Children's Weekday Ministries	MMJ = Migrant Movement for Justice	1 10 am CWM Preschl. Orientation	2	3 11 am Richard Ramsey funeral
4 1st Sunday of 60th Anniversary Celebration / Communion 9:30 am In-person & Live-stream worship 12-2pm Congolese 6 pm Youth Council	5 Labor Day (church & office closed)	6	7 6-6:30 pm Confirmants & Parents mtg. 7 pm Bell Choir	8 8 am Leadership Team (offsite) 6 pm Missions mtg. & cookout (@ Les Minor's house) 6 pm <i>Nourished</i> Thursday Centering (@ Groundswell Café)	9	10
11 2nd Sunday of 60th Anniversary Celebration 8:30 am Choir 9:30 am In-person & Live-strm. worship 12-2pm Congolese 5-6:30 pm Youth Co-op (@ Ryan's house)	12 10 am Happy Endings 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	13 10 am-4 pm Iowa MMJ	14 6-7:15 pm Confirmation class 7 pm Bell Choir	15 5:45 pm Trustees 6 pm Health & Wholeness 7 pm Ad Council	16 6-8 pm Nourished Fork n' Folk (offsite, in Marion)	17 8:30 am Men's Breakfast Grp.
18 3rd Sunday of 60th Anniversary Celebration 8:30 am Choir 9:30 am In-person & Live-strm. worship 10:30 am Celebration Brunch Potluck 12-2pm Congolese 5-6:30 pm Youth Co-op (@ LL)	19 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	20	21 9:30 am Zoom study 6 pm Study group 6-7:15 pm Confirmation class 7 pm Bell Choir	22 6 pm <i>Nourished</i> Thursday Centering (@ Groundswell Café) 4-8 pm <i>Nourished</i> @ Mega Market (@ Cultivate Hope Urban Farm)	23	24
25 4th Sunday of 60th Anniversary Celebration 8:30 am Choir 9:30 am In-person & Live-strm. worship 12-2pm Congolese 5-6:30 pm Youth Co-op (@ LL)	26 9 am Prayer Shawl 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	27 6:30 pm SPPRC	28 9:30 am Zoom study 6 pm Study group 6-7:15 pm Confirmation class 7 pm Bell Choir	29	30	

Pastor Scott's Study Group

Study groups will start again on **Wednesday, September 21st**. We will have a Zoom gathering in the morning at 9:30 AM. The evening group will meet in the Library at 6 PM. Meetings will continue on Wednesdays moving forward. The study book is "Signs and Wonders" by Amy-Jill Levine. The book takes a closer look at the miracles of Jesus in the historical and theological context. All are welcome!

Bell Choir, AcabeLLa, will begin rehearsals on Weds., Sept. 7th, at 7 PM. Before Covid, there were 2 bell choirs: Zamar and AcabeLLa. If there is sufficient interest, the second bell choir could be restarted. If you are new to ringing and wish to learn, here is your chance.

Anyone interested in playing hand bells is encouraged to contact the bell choir director, Charlie Kucera (319-389-0877 or Charlie.Kucera@yahoo.com). Thanks!

WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

Sept. 4: 1st Sunday of 60th Anniversary Celebration / Communion; in-person & live-stream service @ 9:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Psalm 77:1-20 / Sermon: "Our History" *Celebrating Sixty*

Sept. 11: 2nd Sunday of 60th Anniversary Celebration; in-person & live-stream service @ 9:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Matthew 9:35-38 / Sermon: "Our Mission" *Celebrating Sixty*

Sept. 18: Main Celebration Sunday, 60th Anniversary; in-person & live-stream service @ 9:30 AM / Rev. Brian Milford preaching

Sept. 25: 4th Sunday of 60th Anniversary Celebration; in-person & live-stream service @ 9:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Jeremiah 29:10-14 / Sermon: "Our Future" *Celebrating Sixty*

LOVELY LANE'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY IN SEPTEMBER

Join in the celebration of Lovely Lane's 60th anniversary as a United Methodist congregation on these Sundays in the month of September:

Sept. 4th: Worship @ 9:30 AM will lift up our church's Early History (LL was officially organized on 9/4/62). Our special guest is Anne Harris Carter; the Harris family played a role in our church's history.

Sept. 11th: Worship @ 9:30 AM will lift up our church's Mission Activity thru the years.

Sept. 18th-SPECIAL DAY OF CELEBRATION: Worship @ 9:30 AM will lift up our church's previous Pastors (with several helping lead the service!), followed by a Potluck Brunch for all.

Sept. 25th: Worship @ 9:30 AM will lift up our church's future. PLUS we will celebrate Dennis Ramsey's 25th anniversary as organist @ Lovely Lane!

We are excited to welcome back many of our previous pastors, along with some other special guests, on these September Sundays! Please plan now to join us!!

Hi! My name is Annie Walker and I am your new Director of Family Ministries. A little bit about me. I grew up north of Marion and went to Linn-Mar from K-12th grade. I then matriculated to Kirkwood and earned an Associates Degree in Education, after which I continued my education at UNI, majoring in History. After college, I entered the corporate world working for Transamerica and then Tata Consultancy Service. I love to travel, both with my family and for work throughout the US and abroad. I have been to India, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar. This fall I will be taking a Viking cruise with my mother-in-law down the Danube, so will be adding more stamps to my passport.

My husband Tyler and I have been married for 8 years and we have 3 black and white cats: Sylvester, Samantha (who we call Sister), and Petey.

As part of my role as Director of Family Ministries, I will be directing both Kids Club and Sunday School programs as well as working in the before and after school program thru Children Weekday Ministries.

At my home church of Viola UMC, I was active in Bible studies, VBS (both teaching and learning) Sunday School (both teaching and learning) and was active in youth group at Prairie Chapel UMC. In 2014, my husband and I were married and have had quite the windy, curvy road that has lead us to where we are. Tyler began his career in teaching high school. In 2017, we really felt a call to do more in ministry so we entered the School for Lay Ministry. This was a 3-year program, taking 4 classes a year where we learned about different paths for ministry as a lay person. After taking these classes, however, my husband felt a call to full-time ministry and is now in seminary at the University of Dubuque and is the pastor at Palo UMC. I am now following my call to a more active role in ministry by serving the community and church family of Lovely Lane UMC. My prayer for these programs is to welcome all and that everyone feels they have a home and place or role to play in all of these programs. Please do not ever hesitate to reach out to me with any and all ideas you have, so we can collaborate together and really grow the kingdom of God on earth at Lovely Lane UMC.

FORK 'N' FOLK

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH
6PM - 8PM

5765 Hamm Drive
Marion, IA 52302

Bring a dish to share,
a lawn chair, and
your instruments!

September: What a Wonderful Month

It's time for cooler temperatures, back to school, autumn colors, harvest of summer labors, and football. September is a time for welcoming and considering change—a time for releasing the old and focusing on the new. It's also Healthy Aging Month, a time to focus on inner energy and growing older—no matter what life stage you're in. It's never too early or too late to develop a more positive attitude or embrace a new passion—perhaps a new hobby, volunteer opportunity, or career change.

Healthy Aging magazine tips to age in a healthy way:

1. Don't act your age! Promote positive thinking.
2. Be positive in conversation & action, don't complain.
3. Distance yourself from negative people, smile often.
4. Walk like a vibrant person, look up.
5. Stand up straight.
6. Smile.
7. End loneliness—volunteer, take a class, attend coffee time.
8. Walk for health—great for physical & emotional well-being, & a chance to talk to neighbors.
9. Take care of health—have health screenings.
10. Find inner peace thru music or hobbies.

Have a Peaceful & Healthy September!

Nourished Regularly Scheduled Gatherings

Thursday Centering—A place to explore our faith & spirituality in community together; held on the 2nd & 4th Thursday at 6pm at Groundswell Café (201 Third Ave. SW, CR).

Fork 'n' Folk—A quirky gathering for good food & folk music, takes place the 3rd Friday from 6-8pm, usually at 3000 Carroll Drive SE, CR.

NOTE: This month Fork 'n' Folk is on Sept. 16, from 6-8pm, at 5765 Hamm Dr., Marion.

Nourished's mailing address is 201 3rd Ave. SW
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404-5716

Spiritual Cultivator: Kristina Roth-Klinck
kristina@nourishedcr.org

Wake Up And Get Angry



**Thursday
Centering
in
September**

What pisses you off? What are you willing to do with it?

Join community member Jonathan Heifner as he leads us in this two-part series, "Wake Up And Get Angry." Together we'll explore the rise of mysticism and activism, putting our anger into action.

Remembering with love:

Betty Widmer.....2017

Bill Travis.....2017

Betty Van Fossen...2019

Max Fitz.....2021

July Financial Totals

Cash inflow—mo. of July	\$ 33,515
Cash inflow—YTD	\$278,212
Budget need/month	\$ 50,132
Cash outflow—mo. of July	\$ 38,164
Cash outflow—YTD	\$262,396
Unpaid apportionments	\$ 0

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (LOVELY LANE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN)

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Our UMW Tuesday AM Bible Study group resumes meeting on **October 11th**. We had previously just begun looking at Paul's letters to the Corinthians, and will now start at First Corinthians Chapter 7. Please join us on Tuesday mornings beginning **Oct. 11th from 9:30-11:15 AM** in the library for fellowship and study. Call Cheryl Murphy (377-6205) for more information.

LOVELY LANE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (LOVELY LANE UMW) GENERAL MEETING

We will resume meeting on October 13th at 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

PICTURED ROCKS DISTRICT UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH ANNUAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 24 @ THE WEST UNION METHODIST CHURCH

Theme for the day is "Who Can We Be Together?"

District Annual meetings are interesting and fun. Contact Cheryl Murphy (319 377-6205) for more info.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

In March 1869, the Women's Foreign Missionary Society was founded. In March 2019, United Methodist Women turned 150 years old. In March 2022, United Methodist Women became United Women in Faith—a new name to better reflect how we answer our calling today. We remain women united by God's love in our mission to support women, children and youth, and commit to an even greater inclusivity, action and impact. The Women's Division had been on the cutting edge of ministries to women and children as an integral part of our history. Nearly 90 national mission institutions across the U.S. still empower women, care for children, educate youth, house the neglected, advocate for social justice, create economic opportunities, and change neighborhoods. Our international work empowers women and youth to find local solutions and make positive, measurable change in their communities.

Lovely Lane 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!!!"

Men's Breakfast—Saturday, Sept. 17th, at 8:30 AM

Everyone is welcome for food and fellowship at this men's breakfast gathering.

HAPPY ENDINGS

Happy Endings, the book discussion group, will meet on Monday, Sept. 12th, at 10 AM in the church library. The book we'll discuss is *Summer Wives* by Beatrix Williams. The book we will read for Oct. 10th is *Undaunted Courage* by Stephan E. Ambrose. It's about the Lewis and Clark expedition and is large, so readers should allow extra time to get it read.

Call Nancy Miller @ 319-393-6340 with questions.

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SERVANT
SIGN UP**

Go to the church's website (www.lovelylane.org) to sign up as a Worship Volunteer Servant: greeter, usher, lector, &/or communion server. You'll find the sign-up link for the 9:30 AM service (thru September) listed in the website under *Worship Servant Signup*. Please check your calendar and choose a date(s) to serve!

YOUTH GROUP CO-OP

We recently announced that we were forming a youth co-op with Peoples Church, but you may be wondering, "What does this mean and how will the Youth Co-op work?"

In the co-op, we are going to focus on two types of gatherings:

1. Experience and Exploration Based; and
2. Faith Formation Based

Experience and Exploration: During the experience based gatherings, we will combine all of the youth together in the co-op.

This will be a weekly event on Sundays in either the afternoon or evening, and will be an hour and a half to two hours in time.

When we gather as a whole co-op, the youth will have four kinds of experiences that are meant to help them explore their own faith. These are:

1. A Sunday of Play - relationships and friendship happen during times of play together, so these Sundays simply focus on doing something fun together.
2. Learning Adventure - there are many fascinating people and organizations in our city, so these Sundays we will host a speaker or go to an organization to learn about what they do.
3. Spiritual Practice - part of exploration is trying new things, so on these Sundays we will tryout a spiritual practice together and reflect on our experience with it.
4. Service & Justice - to offer acts of care helps us learn how we are connected to others and our world, so on these Sundays we will do service activities or something to try and make the world just a bit better.

Faith Formation: During faith formation based gatherings, youth will learn about their specific faith tradition. These gatherings will be offered at the youth's church of origin and at a different time than the combined gathering on Sundays. Peoples Church youth will meet on Sunday mornings to dive deeper into the Unitarian Universalist tradition. Lovely Lane Youth will meet on Wednesday evenings to learn about Methodism and the larger Christian tradition. This way youth from both churches truly get the opportunity to learn more about the tradition they come from.

Youth Co-op starts up on Sept. 11th—mark your calendars!! We will gather together from 5 to 6:30 PM at Ryan's house (3000 Carroll Dr. SE, CR) for pizza and smores over a bonfire.

Because we are in the process of combining youth groups, we are working on settling on times and locations. More info. and an official schedule will be available on the 11th.

Also, if any youth are interested in being part of a monthly Dungeons & Dragons Group, please let Ryan know by Sept. 11th.

If you have questions about how we are going about the youth group, please reach out to me! Youth Director - Ryan Roth-

Klinck, ryan@lovelylane.org; (940) 390-7437

ADULT YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

With a larger group of youth on Sundays, and with Kristina needing to stay home to take care of Audrey, we will need more adult volunteers for our Sunday gatherings. **We will need at least one woman and one other man for the gathering to be considered a safe gathering space.**

Please prayerfully consider giving one of your Sundays during the fall OR one Sunday a month to spend with the youth! It's never too late to sign up, but **if we could have volunteers already signed up by Sept. 18th**, that would be amazing!

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JOIN YOUTH COUNCIL

Our first Youth Council session will meet on Sept. 4th at 6pm! We will be planning the first part of the fall events together, so bring your creative caps!

We could use one other ADULT to be on the youth council!! We will meet three times in the fall and three times in the spring. If you are interested or would like to know more, reach out to Ryan.

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Text Thread: Would you like to be kept up to date on what all we are up to via text? Then join our text thread. Simply send your phone number to Ryan at (940) 390-7437 or send to his email: ryan@lovelylane.org. This thread is open to youth and parents.

Confirmation Class

All 8th grade students are invited to participate in confirmation classes. Sessions start this month.

The Rev. Steve Pudinski will lead the group while Pastor Kristina is on maternity leave.

Concerns & Celebrations

JOYS:

- *Celebrating the arrival of Audrey Louise Roth-Klinck; Pastor Kristina & Ryan enjoying time with her
- *Appreciation to Barb Geissinger for her service as Children's Education Director
- ***Welcome to new staff members:** Annie Walker (Director of Family Ministries), Marcie Stumpf (Choir Accompanist), Tammy Martin (Financial Secretary), & Pam Nixon (CWM Treasurer)
- *Blessings for a wonderful school year
- *Lovely Lane Preschool starting
- *Safety team is in place for Sunday mornings
- *Upcoming 60th anniversary celebrations at church
- *Friends from Afghanistan are employed & beginning to work
- *Church golf outing at Lake MacBride Golf Course in Solon
- *Rebekah Simon-Peter speaking event at the church
- *Fun ice cream social at church
- *Summer travel with family members
- *Mike & Pam Morris celebrate new grandchild, Everett Michael
- *Marci Wittles happy that home floors are renovated (following derecho)
- *Happy 55th Anniversary for Dave & Nancy Wittenburg
- *Nancy Wittenburg's mother with her 95th birthday
- *Jane Schildroth celebrates news about family farm recognition

Cedar Rapids Emmaus Ministries
Fall 2022 Events
Men's Walk 185, Oct. 13-16
Women's Walk 186, Oct. 27-30
Held at beautiful Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

- These are the first Walk to Emmaus weekends since 2019. There are 20 pilgrim spots open, so register early. The cost is \$125 for the weekend.
 Registration is open for applications; those and sponsor forms are on the website. Good sponsorship is the foundation for a healthy, effective Emmaus Movement that is fulfilling its purpose: the development of Christian leaders and the renewal of the church in ministry.
 If you've been to a Walk, there are many ways you can serve—before, during and after the walk.
 Go to www.cedarrapidsemmaus.com for more information or visit their Facebook page.

CONCERNS:

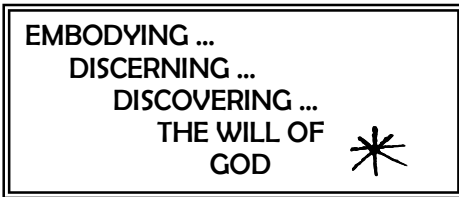
- *Sympathy to Dennis Ramsey after the passing of his father, Richard (funeral service at Lovely Lane on September 3)
- *Sympathy to Lu Serbousek & family after her cousin's passing
- *Sympathy to Teri Krumm & family after her uncle's passing
- *Rory & Karon Niebuhr with health concerns
- *Patty Logsdon with Huntington's Disease
- *Jeannie Chelikowsky with health concerns
- *Carol Wilson with health concerns
- *Frances Roland with surgical procedure
- *Maryann Stewart doing well after medical procedure
- *Dulcie Lauritsen recovering after medical procedure
- *June Sackett is recovering @ Hiawatha Care Center after suffering a fall
- *Carla Jesse with frustrations after stolen wallet & need to trust others
- *Linda Mooney helping with UMCOR in Illinois
- *Melanie Decker's father, Gary, with difficult health news
- *Stephanie French's sister, Wendy, w/health concerns
- *Leisa Rosche's sister with health concerns
- *Rose Blank's brother, Keith, with healing after back surgery
- *Ryan Roth-Klinck's Uncle Mike with stage 4 bladder cancer
- *Alfred Zigbuo's sister-in-law & father-in-law with health concerns
- *Marci Wittles' brother-in-law, Scott, with cancer concerns
- *Barb Waterhouse-Miller's cousin's wife with health concerns
- *Sharon Vavra's neighbor, Allison, studying in Ireland
- *Joan Roscovius's friend with pancreatic cancer
- *Karon Niebuhr's friend, Shari, & Shari's father w/ Alzheimer's
- *Barb Waterhouse-Miller's friend Carol
- *Two year anniversary of the derecho; blessings to those still needing help
- *Ongoing Covid-19 concerns
- *Safety concerns as the school year begins
- *Country of Ukraine
- *Conflict & fighting in the Middle East
- *All persons with mental health challenges
- *National & international concerns



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