

Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

October 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.



Prayer Time

As I write this column, Hurricane Ian is preparing to hit the west coast of Florida. My heart is already going out to the good folks who will need to pick up the pieces after the destruction and start over again. As a friend of mine recently said, "there is nothing more upsetting to the human soul than the suggestion the natural world cannot be trusted!"

Following natural disasters, we wonder what we can do. We know donations can be given to relief agencies like UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) and we will take an offering this month. We also know work teams can assist when the timing is right. We also know we can pray. In fact, this is the basic action we can take. And yes, prayer makes a difference!

Prayer is simultaneously the most under-utilized power on earth and the greatest power we have. Prayer is a "God-extender." We have been blessed with the tremendous privilege of channeling some of our Lord's power to needed places, people, and situations. Prayer is not so much persuading God to do something as it is making a direct connection with our Creator's willingness.

In his book, "Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home," Richard J. Foster divides prayer into movements that are inward, upward, and outward. Of particular note during these trying times is outward movements to God. A specific prayer in this grouping is intercessory prayer.

Intercessory prayer is prayer for the needs and concerns of others. This type of prayer is selfless and self-giving. The offering of such prayers was one of the duties of Old Testament priests, judges, and prophets. In 1 Samuel 7:5, the judge says, "Assemble all Israel at Mizpah. I will pray to the Lord for you." (CEB)

Like those in the Old Testament times, we need to intercede for others. With a simple prayer, we hope that God's power and presence might make a difference. We also pray the appropriate parties will feel moved to make decisions that improve their situations and status. Prayer can move all of us to take the right actions!

Yes, prayer makes a difference. We need to do our part! Blessings to you,
Scott

Calendar of Events (subject to change) — October 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		CCM = Care Center Ministry CWM = Children's Weekday Ministries	MMJ = Migrant Movement for Justice UWF = United Women in Faith (f/k/a UMW)			1 9:30 am Visitation 11 am Funeral for Jeannie Chelikowsky 12 pm Funeral Luncheon
2 <i>World Communion Sunday</i> 8:30 am In-person Worship 9 am Choir Rehearsal 9:30 am Sunday School for all ages 10:30 am In-person & live-strm. worship 12-2 pm Congolese 3-4 pm Youth Council mtg. @ High Tea 4:30-6 pm Youth Co-op (hiking @ Indian Crk.)	3 7:30 am—12 pm CWM Preschl. Staff Training 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	4 5:30-6:30 pm <i>Nourished</i> Animal Blessing (@ K9 Acres Dog Park, Marion)	5 9:30 am <i>Zoom study</i> 5:30 pm Family Meal 6 pm Kids Club 6 pm LL Youth Grp. 6 pm Confirmation 6 pm Pastor's Study Group 7:15 pm Bell Choir	6 6 pm Trustees	7	8 6-8 pm LL Family Outing: Hayrack & Bonfire (@ Allen's Orchard, Marion)
9 [<i>Winter Warm-up Drive begins!</i>] 8:30 am In-person Worship 9 am Choir Rehearsal 9:30 am Sunday School for all ages 10:30 am In-person & live-strm. worship 12-2 pm Congolese 12:30-2pm Youth Co-op (@ NewBo) 2-4 pm Youth D&D Grp. (@ Newbo)	10 10 am Happy Endings 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	11 9:30-11:15 am -UWF Bible Study	12 9:30 am <i>Zoom study</i> 5:30 pm Family Meal 6 pm Kids Club 6 pm LL Youth Grp. 6 pm Confirmation 6 pm Pastor's Study Group 7:15 pm Bell Choir	13 8 am Leadership Team (offsite) 6 pm Health & Wholeness 6 pm <i>Nourished</i> Thursday Centering (@ Groundswell Café) 7 pm UWF mtg.	14	15 8:30 am Men's Breakfast Grp.
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WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

Oct. 2: **World Communion Sunday**; in-person service @ 8:30 AM; in-person & live-stream service @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Luke 22:14-23 / Sermon: "Coming Together"

Oct. 9: **18th Sunday after Pentecost**; in-person service @ 8:30 AM; in-person & live-stream service @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Luke 17:11-19 / Sermon: "Ten Lepers," *Ultimate Care Package, Part 1*

Oct. 16: **19th Sunday after Pentecost**; in-person service @ 8:30 AM; in-person & live-stream service @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Luke 18:1-8 / Sermon: "The Persistent Widow," *Ultimate Care Package, Part 2*

Oct. 23: **20th Sunday after Pentecost**; in-person service @ 8:30 AM; in-person & live-stream service @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Kristina / Scripture: Genesis 6:11-22, 17-24 / Sermon: "Wrestling with Childhood Bible Stories"

Oct. 30: **21st Sunday after Pentecost**; in-person service @ 8:30 AM; in-person & live-stream service @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Luke 19:1-10 / Sermon: "The Man in the Tree," *Ultimate Care Package, Part 3*

[Sunday, Nov. 6th, will be All Saints Sunday at Lovely Lane.]

Pastor Scott's Study Group

Groups are studying the book "Signs and Wonders" by Amy-Jill Levine. Groups are meeting on Wednesday mornings, via Zoom at 9:30 am, and Wednesday evenings in the library, at 6:00 pm.

New Member Class

The next New Member Class will take place on Sundays, November 6 and 13, at 4 PM. The class will meet in the library. Please let Pastor Scott (scottm@lovelylane.org) or Susan Camp (membershipsecretary@lovelylane.org) know if you are interested in joining the church.

While I'm looking forward to returning to ministry, I'm so grateful to have had the opportunity to spend these past 8 weeks home with Audrey. She's just such a beautiful baby, and she's changed so much these past 8 weeks. She's now cooing, giggling, and smiling at us as she learns to play and explore the world around her. And our dog Macrina? She just loves her so much, and she shows her love by licking Audrey's toes! Every day I'm amazed at all that Audrey is learning and discovering, and I look forward to seeing who she becomes!

I'm so thankful to you Lovely Lane for this gift of time to recover and heal and to soak in those cuddles with our sweet girl. Many other moms don't have this gift and must go back to work so quickly because their job isn't protected; they'll lose it if they take time off, or maybe because they can't afford to not be paid even if they can take time off. It's really a shame that so many women don't have the gift that I've had, and then there's the problem that the partner often doesn't have any time off at all. This time has meant the world to me and to us as a family. It truly has opened my eyes to this injustice about the lack of universal family leave. How can we as a church community advocate for families in our community, new parents, and moms without a support person? How can our ministry to new parents reflect the love of Christ? Maybe it starts with reaching out to those in our midst and advocating on behalf of those who aren't able to have the gift of leave.

While I'm grieving the reality that Audrey is now just about 2 months old and my days with her will look different, I'm excited to join back in ministry with each of you. Again, I thank all of you and the United Methodist Church for this incredible gift of time to be with Audrey these past two months. She's a gift!

Pastor Kristina



Blessing of the Animals

Tuesday, October 4th
K9 Acres Dog Park in Marion
5:30pm-6:30pm

In honor of St. Francis, the patron saint of animals, drop by for an animal blessing, treats for your pet, and a time for play!



Wrestling with Bedtime Bible Stories

Thursday Centering
October 13th, 27th, and November 10th
6pm Groundswell Cafe



For many of us, we likely grew up hearing bedtime Bible stories, and while many of them were heart-warming and comforting, some of them may have left us puzzling, particularly as we got older. How was it possible that a man was swallowed by a whale and survived? How do we make sense of a God that destroyed all of creation with a flood that lasted for 40 days and 40 nights? How do we understand a family that sold their own brother into slavery?

For the next series, we'll wrestle with bedtime Bible stories together, re-evaluating the Bible stories we learned in our childhood. We'll also see the return of Kristina and Ryan from family leave after the birth of their daughter, Audrey.

Thursday Centering 6pm at Groundswell Café
October 13th & 27th, November 10th

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.

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

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



Fall Fork 'n' Folk

Join us for a bonfire, s'mores, a potluck meal, and singing around the campfire!

Friday, October 21st
6pm-8pm

3000 Carroll Drive SE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52403



Men's Breakfast Saturday, Oct. 15th at 8:30 AM

All are welcome for food and fellowship!

Remembering with love:

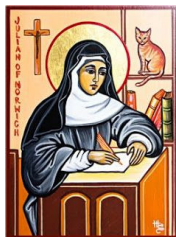
Marjorie Deal.....2017

Gwen Bray.....2019

Aug. Financial Totals

Cash inflow—mo. of Aug.	\$ 62,822
Cash inflow—YTD	\$380,655
Budget need/month	\$ 50,132
Cash outflow—mo. of Aug.	\$ 39,690
Cash outflow—YTD	\$350,891
Unpaid apportionments	\$ 0

Give yourself some **Self-Love**:
Attend Lovely Lane's
Annual Fall Women's Retreat



- Where:** Lovely Lane UMC (2424 – 42nd St. NE, CR)
When: **Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 8:30 AM–2 PM**, with a light lunch provided (registration @ 8:30)
Keynote speaker: Rev. Rose Blank, sharing about Julian of Norwich, a 14th century English mystic who understood about **love** (& was patron saint of cats)
Registration fee: \$20, with scholarships available on request
Reg. deadline: Sunday, Oct. 16th, by signing up on our website (www.lovelylane.org) or by contacting Sue Moss (suem@lovelylane.org; 319-393-6674) or Joy Jackson (joydjackson@gmail.com; 319-377-7443)

*****Bring new or clean, gently-used winter coats, scarves, hats, mittens, gloves, snow pants & boots for the organization Together We Achieve*****

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (LOVELY LANE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN)

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study resumes on **Tuesday, Oct. 11th**. We meet **Tuesdays, from 9:30-11:15 AM in the library**. We had previously just begun to take a look at Paul's letters to the Corinthians, and we'll now start at First Corinthians, Chapter 7. We've found that our studies have helped us gain new insights and understanding of the Scriptures, continue to grow spiritually, and deepen our faith within a loving, caring fellowship. We invite anyone free Tuesday mornings to join with us for fellowship and study. **We've decided to not only lug our mugs, but also to fill them at home; so, bring along your favorite beverage.** Call Cheryl Murphy (319-377-6205) with questions.

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

We'll resume meeting on Thursday, October 13th, at 7 PM in Fellowship Hall. This will be a chance to hear about the 20th Quadrennial Assembly--the first under the new name, a new look, as we seek to expand our sisterhood, a celebration of women who continue to put their faith, hope and love into action. Through splits, mergers and uncertainty in our church and world, we're still an organization of women of the church offering hope and help to many. Please join us and hear about "United Women In Faith" and their special mission. Our Quadrennial Assemblies are special gatherings of thousands of women from all over the country and world, who get together to worship, learn, connect, and get inspiration to continue to serve God by serving the neediest of his children. Kate Buroker, the President of our Pictured Rocks District, will come and share what she saw first hand about this truly special Assembly.

IOWA CONFERENCE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UMW) ANNUAL MEETING, OCT. 1ST

This year members will be able to attend in person at Ogden, IA, OR via Zoom. The theme for this meeting is *Transformative Community: Who Can We Be Together?* Our speaker will be Irene DeMaris, Order of Deaconess & Home Missioner, IA Interfaith Power and Light. For more info., contact Cheryl Murphy (319- 377-6205).

FALL MISSION U AT IOWA VALLEY COMM. COLLEGE, MARSHALLTOWN, OCT. 14-16

YOUTH GROUP IN OCTOBER

10/2 - Youth Council Meeting @ High Tea—3-4pm. Youth Council will grab some boba tea together, work to plan out the rest of the semester, and hear about a summer leadership opportunity.

10/2 - Spiritual Practice: Hiking @ Indian Creek - 4:30 to 6pm. We will practice connecting with nature through a hike at Indian Creek and reflecting on how time in nature is good for the soul.

10/5 - Wednesday Night Faith Formation 6 to 7:15pm: Spooky & Strange Scriptures

10/9 - Learning Adventure: NewBo City Market - 12:30 to 2pm. Come grab some lunch after church (please bring \$15 to buy something for yourself) and then we will meet with Sarah Blais at 1pm to learn more about NewBo and how they support business startups.

10/9 - D&D Group @ Newbo - 2 to 4pm. Our new Dungeons & Dragons group will meet up for our first hangout after our learning adventure. We will stay at Newbo, be-gin making characters, and plan out our next session together.

10/12 - Wednesday Night Faith Formation 6 to 7:15pm: Spooky & Strange Scriptures

10/16 - Service: Landcare @ Prairiewoods - 1 to 3pm. We will meet with August, the landcare coordinator at Prairiewoods, who will lead us in a land restoration project.

10/19 - Wednesday Night Faith Formation 6 to 7:15pm: Spooky & Strange Scriptures

10/23 - Learning Adventure: Speaker from Willis Dady @ People's Church (Time TBD). We will meet Marin Noska who will come to speak with us about her work at Willis Dady in the rehousing program.

10/26 - Wednesday Night Faith Formation 6 to 7:15pm: Spooky & Strange Scriptures

10/30 - Play: Murder Mystery Party @ Lovely Lane 4 to 7pm. Come solve the mysterious murder for our Halloween party!

Have questions about Youth Group? Contact
Ryan Roth-Klinck, Youth Director,
at ryan@lovelylane.org or (940)390-7437

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School for all ages starts on October 2, 9:30 am. Adult classes will meet in the education wing. Children can gather in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

Lovely Lane Fall Family Outing

*@ Allen's Orchard
5801 N. 10th St., Marion*

**Hayrack & Bonfire
Saturday, Oct. 8
6pm – 8pm**

All are welcome, whether you are a family of 1 or a family of 100!! Please bring a salty snack to share around the campfire.

****Please also email Annie (anniew@lovelylane.org) with RSVP of your anticipated attendance****

Trunk or Treat

**Saturday, Oct. 29th
4pm-5pm in the church parking lot**

Are you competitive? Do you like to win prizes? Are your children excited for Halloween?

Then find the perfect costumes, decorate the trunk of your car, load up on candy, and come on out to the parking lot for Trunk or Treat.

PRIZES will be awarded for the best trunk and for the best costume!

Please Email Pastor Kristina (kristina@lovelylane.org) to sign up your trunk.

Concerns & Celebrations

JOYS:

- *Celebrating 60 years as the people of Lovely Lane
- *Thanks to Anne Harris Carter & Frank Camp for sharing our church's history in 9/4 worship
- *Welcoming Annie Walker as our new Director of Family Ministries
- *Abdullah & Idris passed their driver's tests
- *Jan Peterson shares wonderful memories at church
- *Frances Roland doing well after surgical procedure
- *Celebrating mission activity at LL over the years
- *Appreciation to former pastor, Rev. Clint Twedt-Ball, for sharing in worship
- *Enjoying tambourines in worship
- *Welcoming Tammy Martin as our new Financial Secretary
- *Happy 9th birthday to Annabelle Roland
- *Paul & Cindy Sale doing mission work in Lubbock, Texas
- *Carla Jesse expresses thanks for the church for help over the years
- *Jerry & Virginia Weiland celebrate a new grandchild
- *Deb Streff promoting School for Lay Ministry
- *Thanks to many former pastors for joining us in Sept. worship, including Rev. Brian Milford who shared a wonderful sermon on 9/18
- *Welcoming back former members Don & Jan Rankin, and Steve & Leah Nelson
- *Appreciation to everyone who helped with our potluck luncheon on 9/18
- *Celebrating Dennis Ramsey's 25 years of music ministry @ Lovely Lane on 9/25
- *Celebrating Pastor Jenny Seylar's return to Lovely Lane for 9/25 service
- *Dulcie Lauritsen thanks LL folk for prayers
- *Pastor Kristina is returning from maternity leave
- *Sunday School for all ages starts Oct. 2nd

HAPPY ENDINGS

Happy Endings, the book discussion group, will meet to discuss the first part of the book *Undaunted Courage*, by Stephen E. Ambrose, on Monday, Oct. 10th, at 10 AM in the church library. In November, we'll meet on Monday, Nov. 14th, at 10 AM to finish the discussion of *Undaunted Courage*. We'll also hear about Judy McDowell's recent bus tour of the route Lewis and Clark took on their expedition to discover the Pacific Ocean. Anyone interested in this topic is welcome to join us in November!

CONCERNS:

- *Sympathy to the family of Jeannie Chelikowsky (memorial service @ LL on 10/1)
- *Sympathy to Dennis Ramsey after passing of his father (service was 9/3)
- *Len Hadley recovering after a hospital stay
- *Carol Wilson with health concerns
- *Rory & Karon Niebuhr thank everyone for their thoughts & prayers re their health concerns
- *Baloch family with personal concerns
- *Curtis Thomas's sister, Janice, with health concerns
- *Jerry & Virginia Weiland's grandson, Eric, with health concerns
- *Eric Stumpf's mother recovering from surgery
- *Sue Moss's sister Judy & husband John, & his sister Sharon during a time of grieving after the passing of Sharon's husband
- *Mari Lu Smith's sister-in-law and neighbor (both have health challenges)
- *Jan Culbertson's friend, Sheila, with health issues
- *Judy McDowell's family friend, Jason, with Covid and other challenges
- *Carla Jesse's friend, Pam, with health challenges
- *Carol Wishnowski's friend, Karen, with health concerns
- *Cheryl Schultz's friend, Kristen, & Kristen's family, during a time of grief
- *Michael Fisher shares news about a woman he encountered after a serious fall
- *Those struggling with mental health issues
- *Communities recovering from Hurricane Fiona
- *Communities recovering from Hurricane Ian
- *Remembering the life of Queen Elizabeth II
- *9/11 remembrances in our country
- *National & international concerns



LL'S HEALTH & WHOLENESS IS SPONSORING A WINTER WARM-UP DRIVE FOR "TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE"

from Oct. 9th thru Oct. 22nd (date of the Fall Women's Retreat). TWA is looking for new or clean, gently-used coats, scarves, hats, gloves, mittens, boots, and snow pants for kids and adults. Be on the lookout for signage and a collection spot in the narthex for your donations. Thank you in advance for your generosity!!



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