

Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

November 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 Next 60 Years

Our church celebrated our 60th anniversary in August. It was wonderful to gather with former members and pastors to recall the events that have taken place at Lovely Lane since 1962. Our church has been a shining light in this corner of Cedar Rapids for so many years. We celebrate this. Yet, we also see the need to move forward. We look ahead to the next sixty years.

One way of moving forward is to return to our discipleship pathway and see what needs to be tweaked and reexamined. A few of us at church recently came together and realized that a missing piece with our discipleship pathway, "Worship + 2," was fellowship. With our current pathway, we encourage participation in worship, as well as two groups in the church. One group is in place to deepen our spiritual life. The other group involves service to others.

The recent development was the importance of fellowship. The word is derived from the Greek word, "koinonia." Koinonia is often understood as "holding something in common." Koinonia describes the presence of the Spirit that comes when we gather in meaningful ways. Specific fellowship events help to nurture this presence of the Spirit. With fellowship events in place, all parts of discipleship function well together.

The visual image we will soon display in worship services is a bicycle. As we move into the future, we travel on a bicycle. The seat of the bicycle might be viewed as worship and the two wheels on the bike represent both parts of the "plus two." To make everything come together though, we need a bicycle chain that is oiled and working effectively. This extra piece makes everything come together. In like manner, fellowship activities need to undergird every part of our pathway.

Our fall stewardship campaign will take place during worship services on November 6 and 13. We will focus on our discipleship pathway with the extra focus on fellowship. Might we consider how our faithful giving can enable our church to move forward as we make disciples in the years to come!

Blessings to you, Scott

| Calendar of Events (subject to change) — November 2022 | | | | | | |
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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
| | | 1 9:30-11:15 am -UWF Bible Study | 2 9:30 am Zoom study 5:30 pm Family Meal 4:15-6:30 pm LL Youth Group 6 pm Kids Club 6 pm Confirmation 6 pm Pastor's Study Group 7:15 pm Bell Choir | 3 | 4 5 pm Wedding Rehearsal | 5 3 pm Holm/Dow wedding |
| 6 All Saints Sunday 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 2-3:30 pm Youth Co-op: Labyrinth Walk (offsite) 4 pm New Member Class | 7 7:30 am Nourished Nature Hiike (@ Indian Creek Nature Ctr.) 6:30 pm Boy Scouts | 8 6 am-9 pm LL as an Election Site 9:30-11:15 am -UWF Bible Study | 9 9:30 am Zoom study 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 | 10 8 am Leadership Team (offsite) 1 pm UWF mtg. 6 pm Nourished Thursday Centering (@ Pastor Kristina's) | 11 | 12 9 am-12:30 pm Blood Drive (in LL's parking lot with mobile unit) |
| 13 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 2-4pm Youth Co-op: Leaf & Yard Clean-up (offsite) 4 pm New Member Class | 14 7:30 am Nourished Nature Hiike (@ Indian Creek Nature Ctr.) 10 am Happy Endings 6:30 pm Boy Scouts | 15 9:30-11:15 am -UWF Bible Study 10 am-4 pm Iowa MMJ 6:30 pm SPPRC | 16 9:30 am Zoom study 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 | 17 5:15-6:30 pm Confirmation field trip (to St. Ludmila) 6 pm Health & Wholeness 7 pm Ad Council | 18 6-8 pm Nourished Fork n' Folk (@ Pastor Kristina's) | 19 8:30 am Men's Breakfast Grp. |
| 20 Stewardship Sunday 8:30 am In-person Worship 9 am Choir Rehearsal 9:30 am Sunday School for all ages 9:30-10:30 am UWF Bake Sale 10:30 am In-person & live-strm. worship 12-2 pm Congolese 2-3 pm Youth Co-op: Naps.... & 3-6 pm D&D, board games | 21 7:30 am Nourished Nature Hiike (@ Indian Creek Nature Ctr.) 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Inter-Religious Council's Thanksgiving Service (@ First Lutheran Church) | 22 9:30-11:15 am UWF Bible Study 6-8 pm Nourished Friendsgiving (@ Pastor Kristina's) | 23 | 24 Thanksgiving (church & office closed) | 25 Day after Thanksgiving (church & office closed) | 26 |
| 27 First Sunday of Advent 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 | 28 7:30 am Nourished Nature Hiike (@ Indian Creek Nature Ctr.) 9 am Prayer Shawl 6:30 pm Boy Scouts | 29 9:30-11:15 am UWF Bible Study | 30 9:30 am Zoom study 5:30 pm Family Meal 6 pm Kids Club 6 pm Confirmation 6 pm Pastor's Study Group 7:15 pm Bell Choir | CCM = Care Center Ministry CWM = Children's Weekday Ministries | MMJ = Migrant Movement for Justice UWF = United Women in Faith (f/k/a UMW) | |

Happy Endings, book discussion group, will meet on Monday, Nov. 14th, at 10 AM in the church library. We'll finish the discussion of *Undaunted Courage* by Stephen F. Ambrose. Judy McDowell will also share photos of her bus trip in August that followed the Lewis and Clark expedition route. Anyone interested in this topic is welcome to join us! We'll meet on Dec. 12th for lunch.

WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER

- Nov. 6: **All Saints Sunday**; in-person service @ 8:30 AM; in-person & live-stream service @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Luke 6:20-31 / Sermon: "Faithful Living, Faithful Saints"
- Nov. 13: **23rd Sunday after Pentecost**; in-person service @ 8:30 AM; in-person & live-stream service @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Kristina / Scripture: John 4:7-26 / Sermon: "Worship" *Disciple Living*
- Nov. 20: **Stewardship Sunday**; in-person service @ 8:30 AM; in-person & live-stream service @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34 / Sermon: "Plus 2" *Disciple Living*
- Nov. 27: **First Sunday of Advent**; in-person service @ 8:30 AM; in-person & live-stream service @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Matthew 1:1-17 / Sermon: "There's Room for Every Story" *From Generation to Generation*

Pastor Scott's Study Group

A new study will begin on Wednesday, November 9th. The morning and evenings groups will focus on the life of John the Baptist as Christmas approaches. The study book is "Prepare the Way for the Lord," by Adam Hamilton. The morning groups meet via Zoom at 9:30 am. The evening groups meet in the library at 6:00 pm. All are welcome!

New Member Class

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



This fall I've found myself drawn to the trees and their gorgeous show of color. In many instances, I can't keep my eyes off them as I walk in my neighborhood, hike in the woods, look out my window, or simply drive around town. When we moved back to Iowa in 2020, we were still in a global wide pandemic, so I never fully appreciated this season of change. And last year at this time, Ryan and I were losing hope as we approached yet another month without getting pregnant. This year is different, and I've been caught by the colors, almost as if I'm looking at a burning bush, burning bushes that are everywhere I look.

As I've been drawn to these trees, I've found myself reflecting on the passage of Moses and the burning bush found in the book of Exodus. The angel of the Lord appeared to Moses in the flames of fire from within a bush. The colors of the trees really match the colors of fire- orange, red, and yellow. They are always present. All throughout the summer, those pigments are there, but we can't see them because of the overwhelming amount of chlorophyll, giving it a green appearance. Once trees detect a reduction in the amount of daylight, the trees will reduce the amount of chlorophyll, ultimately allowing those other pigments to be seen. Thus, the trees end up looking like a burning bush. As I've been so drawn to these trees, I've wondered what God is trying to say to me. Has God been trying to get my attention all along, quite like for Moses in the book of Exodus? After all, those colors are always present in the trees!

Is there an area in your life where God is trying to get your attention? What's your burning bush? How might you respond when you find it? Identifying your bushing bush is one thing. The real work begins in discerning what it actually means. A spiritual director can help you discern its meaning. We have a few spiritual directors in our congregation, and one of them is our Director of Youth Ministries- Ryan Roth-Klinck, and he'd love to connect with you to help you discern. If you are interested in seeking spiritual direction with Ryan or someone else, you can email me or him at kristina@lovelylane.org or ryan@lovelylane.org. Pastor Kristina

Fall Gatherings

Wrestling with Bedtime Bible
Stories

Thursday Centering

November 10th

6pm at Pastor Kristina's Home

3000 Carroll Drive SE

Cedar Rapids, IA

Friendsgiving

Tuesday, November 22nd

6pm-8pm

3000 Carroll Drive SE

Cedar Rapids

Nature Walks

Mondays at 7:30am at
Indian Creek Nature Center

Nourished Bakery

Available at Nature's Noel

Saturday, December 3rd

9am-1pm

Indian Creek Nature Center

5300 Otis Rd SE

Cedar Rapids, IA 52403



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Men's Breakfast

The next men's breakfast is on Saturday, Nov. 19th, at 8:30 AM. Ron Puettmann, DNR Park Manager at Lake Macbride State Park in Solon, will speak. Everyone is welcome!

Remembering with love:

Rick Taylor.....2017

Donna Lewis.....2020

Sept. Financial Totals

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| Cash inflow—mo. of Sept.. | \$ 38,637 |
| Cash inflow—YTD | \$419,292 |
| Budget need/month | \$ 50,132 |
| Cash outflow—mo. of Sept. | \$ 43,159 |
| Cash outflow—YTD | \$394,050 |
| Unpaid apportionments | \$ 0 |

UWF/UMW NEWS

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UNITED METHODIST WOMEN) GENERAL MEETING

We will meet on November 10th at 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall at Lovely Lane UMC.

November is a month for remembering and giving thanks. We give thanks for the saints who have gone before us on Nov. 1st. Then on Nov. 11th, we give thanks to all the men and women who have served in our armed forces and fought for our country to protect our freedom. Then, of course, on Nov. 24th, we give thanks for being able to live in our bountiful country. Therefore, it's fitting that we take time now to give a world thank offering. United Women in Faith (United Methodist Women) have given out of their abundance to the World Thank Offering to make support possible for the work needed to meet the physical and social needs of women, children and youth in our neighborhood and around the world. Cheryl Murphy will present our program about the World Thank Offering. This year's program is about Life-Giving Creation and Transformation.

We would also like to enlarge our circle of UWF/UMW friends to include working women and younger women of Lovely Lane by forming new circles if possible. These circles may vary from traditional to non-traditional; from study groups to social action groups to social groups; from meeting to study the Bible to shared interest groups (quilters, knitting, or cooking groups or just meeting for coffee and conversation). We'd really like to provide the women of Lovely Lane the opportunity to grow spiritually within a loving, caring fellowship, and allow us to continue to fulfill our UWF/UMW PURPOSE. Please come and help us make plans that will be of interest and benefit to the women of Lovely Lane.

We invite all women of Lovely Lane to come share this time of fellowship with us. **AND. PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR WORLD THANK OFFERING!**

UWF'S/UMW'S BAKE SALE

Sunday, November 20th, is the date for our fall bake sale between worship services.

Donations of pies, cakes, cookies, breads, and candies will be greatly appreciated. Please bring priced baked items to the church foyer/narthex. Sale proceeds will be used to help support our various mission projects.

This will be a good time to pick up some delicious baked goods. We hope that you will help to make this sale a success.

UWF/UMW BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible study meets on Tuesdays, from 9:30-11:15 AM in the church library. We are currently studying Paul's letters to the Corinthians and invite anyone who's available Tuesday mornings to join us. **We've decided to not only LUG OUR MUGS, BUT ALSO TO FILL THEM AT HOME; SO, BRING YOUR FAVORITE BEVERAGE WITH YOU.**

UPCOMING UWF/UMW EVENTS:

Our annual ADVENT COFFEE this year will be held on Saturday, December 10th, from 9:30-11 AM. So, MARK your calendars now and plan to attend as our Advent Coffee is a delightful way to celebrate the ADVENT SEASON!!

YOU ARE INVITED TO HOPE UCC'S ANNUAL BEEF DINNER on Sunday, Nov. 6th, 3:30-6:30 PM—carry out only. The cost is \$14 for age 12 & up; a donation for under 12. Enjoy Ruzicka's roast beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, coleslaw, bread, and dessert.

YOUTH GROUP IN NOVEMBER

11/2 - Service: Cook Dinner for Kid's Club @ Lovely Lane, 4:15-6:30 PM

11/6 - Learning & Spiritual Practice: Labyrinth Walk @ Marion Patterson's home, 2 to 3:30pm

11/13 - Service: Leaf & Yard Clean-up Project, 2 to 4 PM

11/20 - Spiritual Practice: Naps as a Spiritual Practice, 2-3 PM; come take a nap! Literally. Bring comfy clothes, some blankets and pillows

11/20 - D&D Round 2 AND Board Games, 3 to 6 PM; continue a practice of rest by hanging out! D&D group will start our adventure and there will be board games for anyone else who wants to hang out!

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



Blood Drive @ Lovely Lane Saturday, Nov. 12th, 9 AM-12:30 PM with ImPactLife Donor Bus

You can be a part of something amazing! Did you know that *all* blood products transfused in our local hospitals come from donors like YOU? Every donation is split into different components and transfused to up to FOUR different patients. **When you donate blood you literally give the gift of life!**

Donating takes about one hour (with only 10 minutes spent on the donor bed), and gives the precious gift of time – every donation ensures that families will be able to spend more time with their loved ones in need.

All donors will also get an awesome gift -*their choice of a metal "camper" style blood type mug OR a \$10 gift card!*

You can sign up at www.bloodcenter.org or contact Sue Moss at suem@lovelylane.org or Joy Jackson at joydjackson@gmail.com.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, on behalf of the Board of Directors and Staff at Green Square Meals, for your ongoing support and generous donation of \$1,940 on 5/26/22. The number of people we serve is constantly rising. Our expenses continue to increase. It is because of your generosity and the kindness and support of many in our community that we are able to continue our mission to serve those in need. With a grateful heart and on behalf of those we serve, we thank you!

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 sign-up links for both the 8:30 and 10:30 AM services listed in the website under *Worship Servant Signup*. Please check your calendar and choose a date(s) to serve!

Concerns & Celebrations

JOYS:

- *Fall worship schedule in full swing at church
- *World Communion Sunday across the globe
- *Welcome back Pastor Kristina after maternity leave
- *Linda Henecke celebrates news of wedding with son, Austin, & fiancé, Beauty
- *Nice fall weather to enjoy outdoor activities
- *Especially for You Race supporting breast cancer research / Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- *Strong preschool program at Lovely Lane
- **Nourished* Community with success selling gluten-free bakery items, & hiring a baker (Betsy)
- *Steve & Carol Strong returning to LL to visit
- *Len Hadley back in worship following some health challenges
- *Happy 93rd Birthday to Don Whitford
- *Happy Birthday to Regina Culbertson
- *Happy 40th Anniversary to Mark & Julie Miller
- *Harry Widmer & family watching online services from South Carolina
- *Mike & Pam Morris share news of new grandson, Everett Michael
- *Happy 52nd anniversary to Mark & Marilyn Beebe
- *Phil & Shirley Martin celebrate having their daughter & son-in-law in worship / they also celebrate their grandson's induction into his college's hall of fame for basketball
- *Well-attended Women's Retreat on 10/22, organized by Health & Wholeness, with Rev. Rose Blank speaking
- *Great turnout for Nourished's Fork n' Folk in Oct.
- *June Sackett's 90th Birthday on 10/24
- *Margaret Nelson's two friends in Ukraine- update on their safety & the wonderful work they are doing
- *Lifting up our two Afghan Refugees
- *Jan Culbertson celebrated a birthday
- *Lifting up the joy of our church family & all it means for each of us
- *Susan Camp lifted up the joy & concern of their son Ted in Korea to accompany other adoptees / he is safe following concerning events there
- *Fun Trunk or Treat event at the church on 10/29
- *3rd & 4th graders received their Bibles on 10/30
- *Halloween happenings on 10/31
- *Welcoming Linda Bayliss as our new choir accompanist
- *Chuck Sitter celebrates granddaughter's 1st birthday
- *Bob Hoover celebrates family time together
- *Pastor Scott's brother, Todd, engaged to be married

CONCERNS:

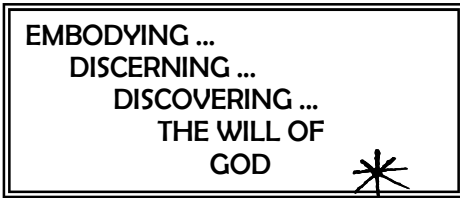
- *Family of Jeanne Chelikowsky after memorial service on 10/1
- *Sympathy to the Meiborg family after family losses
- *Sympathy to Lisa Taylor after the passing of her father, Lee
- *Gloria Jahnel lifts up the death of her friend Loretta
- *Carla Jesse lifts up the Halverson family during a time of loss and grief
- *Cedar Rapids Community School District after the passing of the district superintendent
- *Rory Niebuhr with thyroid surgery on Nov. 2
- *Carol Wilson with health concerns
- *Mary Ann Root hospitalized after a fall
- *Patty Logsdon with visit to see her neurologist
- *Anita DeVriese after a fall and surgery on her leg
- *Len Handley with health concerns
- *Lyn Lewis's husband, Mike, with health challenges (prayers for patience)
- *Annie Walker's husband's grandfather with health concerns
- *Annie Walker's cousin, Erica, losing husband to depression
- *Rose Blank's daughter, Sarah, in Des Moines, with job transition
- *Ryan Roth-Klinck's, uncle, Mike, with cancer concerns
- *Joy Jackson's sister, Bonnie, with health concerns
- *Alfred Zigbuo's family members w/health concerns
- *Tracy Ashmore's grandpa with health concerns
- *Carla Jesse's great nephew, Briar, w/football injury
- *Carla Jesse's friend, Pam, receiving hospice care
- *Dave Keefe's cousin, Brenda, in hospice care
- *Henry Mills' friend with an injury from soccer
- *Continued prayers for Joan Roscovius's friend, Tarrack, with pancreatic cancer
- *Rita McCord lifts up student with family & personal challenges
- *Jessica Hinke with a family from school experiencing tough times
- *Those with mental health & addiction concerns
- *Communities impacted by Hurricane Ian (special offering taken for UMCOR)
- *Our country in our upcoming elections
- *National & global concerns
- *Great Britain in resignation of their prime minister
- *Iran & the women of Iran
- *Our world & climate change
- *People of South Korea after Halloween tragedy
- *People of Ukraine



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