Lovely Lane *network*United Methodist Church

April 2018

<u>Vision</u> 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.



NOTE FROM HOME

"But the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'Because you did not trust in me, to show my holiness before the eyes of the Israelites, therefore you shall not bring the assembly into the land that I have given them." (Numbers 20:12)

Not being a lover of math, "Numbers" has never been my favorite book of the Bible. Still, the story of Moses at Meribah peaks my curiosity, because it doesn't quite add up. The people of Israel have begun their 40th year of wandering in the wilderness. They are nearly to the Promised Land. The older generation has almost entirely died off through sinful rebellion or just natural attrition. Only their 3 great leaders, Miriam, Aaron and Moses remain. Now Miriam has died and Aaron is soon to follow. But surely Moses, that courageous and long-suffering man of God, will see the mission thru! Nope. Moses too dies just on the cusp of his people entering the Promised Land. He is not permitted by God to complete his mission because of his sin at Meribah. Was it because he struck the rock? Was it because he used Aaron's staff as if it were his own? Was it because he was too impatient with the people, too prideful, too angry? I'm not sure.

But, as your pastor—a pastor who is **moving** this summer, I can sympathize with Moses. Like him, sometimes Christians are called to end our mission, ready or not! Like Moses, I wonder whether some of those things I will leave undone at Lovely Lane might have been accomplished if I had been more focused, less selfish, more prayerful, less ... sinful.

I take comfort in the story of Moses' last day (Deut. 34). God leads him up Mt. Pisgah and shows him the Promised Land -- not just the Jordan River valley, but the whole thing, all the way to the Mediterranean Sea! Moses didn't get to go there, but he caught a glimpse -- a vision really -- that was 300 years ahead of its time. Not a bad way to finish!

Prayer: Gracious God, open my eyes to your God-sized dream for your people. It is so much bigger, broader, richer, deeper than I had ever imagined. I offer my small part and thank you, Glorious Lord, for calling me to belong to something so much bigger than myself or my plans. In Jesus' name, Amen. Pastor Paul

Calendar of Events — April 2018

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|--|---|---|--|--|
| 1 EASTER Sunday 7:30 am Choir 8:00 am Worship 9-10:30 am Easter Brunch 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am Worship | 2 5:30 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm Boy Scouts | 3 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 6:45 pm WOF | 4 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 12 noon WWW 4:50 pm Zamar 5:30 pm Family Meal 6 pm Kid's Club 6 pm MS Youth 6 pm Adult Explo | 5 6:45 pm AcabeLLa | 6 | 7 (Lawn fertilization, or will be 4/14 in case of rain) |
| 8 Communion Sunday 9 am Choir 6 pm Sr. High Youth | 9 10 am Happy End- ings 5:30 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm Boy Scouts | 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 6:45 pm WOF | 11 12 noon WWW 4:50 pm Zamar 5:30 pm Family Meal 6 pm Kid's Club 6 pm MS Youth 6 pm Adult Explo | 12 7 am Leadership Brkfst. (@ Panera's) 1 pm UMW mtg. 5:30 pm Yoga 6:45 pm AcabeLLa | 13 | 14 8:30 am Men's Breakfast |
| 9 am Choir 6 pm Sr. High Youth | 16 5:30 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm Boy Scouts | 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 5:30 pm CWM Pre- schl. Family Night 6:30 pm Mental Health Support Grp. 6:45 pm WOF | 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 12 noon WWW 4:50 pm Zamar 5:30 pm Family Meal 6 pm Kid's Club 6 pm MS Youth 6 pm Adult Explo | 4:00 pm Hospitality 5:30 pm Yoga 6:15 pm AcabeLLa 6:45 pm Trustees 7 pm Committee Meetings 7:50 pm Ad Council | 20 12 noon Friendly Fellowship 5-8 pm Garage Sale Set-up | 21 8 am-Noon UMW Garage Sale 9 am-1:30 pm ILF |
| 9 am Choir 9:15 am "Music Machine" Musical presented by kids during service 12 pm Gill Court of Honor 6 pm Sr. High Yth. | 23 5:30 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm PEO mtg. 6:30 pm Boy Scouts | 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 10:30 am -5 pm JFON Office Hours 5-8 pm JFON Clinic 5:30 pm Library Tm. 6:45 pm WOF 7-9 pm CWM Brd. | | 26 5:30 pm Yoga 6:45 pm AcabeLLa | 27 | 28 |
| 29 9 am Choir 6 pm Sr. High Yth. | 9 am Prayer Shawl Grp. 5:30 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm Boy Scouts | | CCM = Care Center Ministry CWM = Children's Weekday Ministries UMW = United Methodist Women | ILF = International Ladies Fellowship WOF = Women Of Faith WWW = Wednesday Women & the Word | | |

ASSOCIATE PASTOR TRANSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

On Sunday, March 25th, it was announced to the Lovely Lane congregation that Bishop Laurie Haller has appointed Jennifer Seylar to be the next Associate Pastor of Lovely Lane UMC. She will succeed Rev. Gayle Wilcox who has served the church since 2007.

Pastor Jenny will assume her new position on July 1st.

As background, Jenny currently serves as pastor of First United Methodist Church in Tipton, Iowa, where she was appointed in 2015. Previously, she pastored congregations in Coralville and Bertram and Buffalo in Cedar Rapids, and was a Director of Youth @ LLUMC.

Jenny and her husband Dale were married for 28 years until his unexpected passing in 2017. She is mother to Ethan, a high school senior in Iowa City; Callie, a senior at Simpson College in Indianola; and Andy, wife Stephanie, and baby daughter Emmalyn, who live in Coralville.

The SPPRC committee had the opportunity to meet with Jenny recently and we all rejoiced to be reconnected!

The Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee (SPPRC) will provide additional details on the transition process, including special events this summer. In the meantime, please keep Pastor Jenny and her family in your prayers as they prepare for her transition and for the congregation of the Tipton First United Methodist Church.

Lovely Lane Worship, et al.

Worship in April

April 1st: EASTER Sunday—8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM

Scripture: Mark 16:1-8, John 20:24-29

Sermon: "The Power of Scars"

April 8th: 2nd Sunday of Easter/Holy Communion/

Hymn Sing—8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

April 15th: UMCOR Sunday (Special Offering)—

8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 Scripture: Acts 3:1-10

Sermon: "The Church at Work"

April 22nd: 4th Sunday of Easter—8:00, 9:15 (see

below) & 10:30 AM Scripture: John 12:20-26 Sermon: "Death and New Life"

At the 9:15 service, our Elementary youth will present

"The Music Machine"!

<u>April 29th</u>: **5th Sunday of Easter**—8:00, 9:15 & 10:30

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Scripture: Acts 8:26-40 Sermon: "Holy Hunches"

District Conference - 2 PM @ Living Water UMC,

Marion

LOVELY LANE UMC SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Our summer worship schedule will go into effect on **Sunday, May 27**th, when we'll switch to **one all**-**together service at 9:30 AM**. Our summer schedule will continue through June, July, August, and the 1st Sunday in September (Sept. 2nd). We will return to our regular worship schedule (8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 services) on Sept. 9th which is Rally Sunday (the start of Sunday School at Lovely Lane).

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A UNIQUE MINIS-

TRY that only requires a few minutes per week? Our altar candles and acolyte candle lighters burn liquid paraffin, and need to be replenished weekly. If you are interested in keeping our lamps burning brightly, please sign up on the STUB in worship or contact Anne Heefner (319-550-2546 or amheefner@mchsi.com).

LAITY DAY WITH BISHOP LAURIE

Saturday, April 14th, 9 AM – 3 PM @ Aldersgate UMC 3600 75th St., Urbandale, IA

Starting at 9:00, enjoy coffee and treats, fellowship, pick up materials for the day and check the displays. The program begins at 9:45 AM and includes worship, missional presentations, a networking lunch, and two presentations with Bishop Laurie, one being an extensive Q & A session! A communion service will conclude Laity Day.

Bishop Laurie's provocative title is "Running Away with Jonah" and will be preceded by scripture presented in a reader's theater format.

The two Missional Presentations will be of great interest because of their applicability to work in our local churches and communities. One, *How Welcoming is Your Church? (How Unintended Bias Can Sabotage Good Intentions)*, will provide helpful insight into how newcomers experience us. The second, *Child Abuse in Iowa: What We Can Do*, will educate and equip about a problem far greater than usually recognized.

This is a FREE event by the Iowa Conference of The United Methodist Church and advanced registration is not required; however, it would help for planning purposes. Please call Barb Mann at the Conference Center (515-974-8905) or Margaret Borgen, Lay Leader (515-490-9328).

* Aldersgate United Methodist Church is totally accessible and easy to find. From Douglas Avenue, a * primary east/west street, just go south on 75th Street.

CHILDREN & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Dates for Parent Calendars:

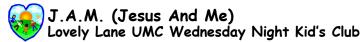
April:

Sunday School and Kids' Club kids will perform a Musical (<u>Music Machine</u>) on April 22nd during the 9:15 service

July:

VBS - Raging River Rampage dates will be July 8th -12th

<u>Weekly Sunday School</u>: Children's classes are held during our 9:15 and 10:30 AM services. Middle Schoolers and Adults meet only at 9:15.



Children preschool—5th grade are invited to **Kid's Club** on Wed. evenings. Children learn about God's love for them and about the Bible, and have fun experiences with friends! Each Wed., we start with supper at 5:30 PM (\$2 donation suggested). At 5:55, we share joys, concerns and announcements; the children go to their age level groups from 6:10-7:15. There's special music time every week for each class. Kids are welcome to invite friends! Age Levels Groups: 3-4 year olds, K-1st grade, 2nd-3rd grade, & 4^t-5th grade. Please contact Julie Meyer (juliem@lovelylane.org; 393-6674) for more information; registration forms are available © church.

Senior High Youth Group meets on Sunday nights at 6 PM. Dinner is at 6:00; the program is from 6:30-7:30 PM.

Middle School Youth meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM in the Youth Room. Come at 5:30 for dinner, and then stay for the program from 6:00 to 7:15 PM.

Summer camps take place @ Lake Okoboji, Pictured Rocks, and Wesley Woods (Iowa's 3 United Methodist Camps). Go to www.iaumc.org/camps for more info., or talk to Mrs. G at Lovely Lane.

Looking for Summer Childcare?



Lovely Lane Summer Registration has begun!

Where: Lovely Lane UMC When: 6:30 am - 5:45 pm

Mon.-Fri.

Cost: \$190/wk. You will also need to buy a CR pool pass.



Please call Mrs. Barnes @ 393-8189 for more information. Activities include swimming, skating, golfing, fishing, gymnastics, bowling, a carnival, and a Talent Show. We will have visits from a storyteller, the Grout Museum, the Blank Park Zoo, a clown, a juggler, a cake decorator, and more!

THE MUSIC MACHINE MUSICAL



Performed by Lovely Lane's Sunday School & Kid's Club Kids on Sunday, April 22nd, 9:15 AM service

Our LL kids and our children's music director, Carla Jesse, have been working hard to prepare for this special event. We've had just a taste in several recent Sunday worship services of some of the fun songs included! Be sure to invite your family and friends to see *Music Machine*!

APRIL UMW MEETING

The Lovely Lane UMW will be meeting April 12th at 1:00 in Fellowship Hall. We will be creating cards for all occasions to provide a card supply in the Narthex. Church members will then be able to purchase the cards for \$1 each. All supplies will be furnished at the meeting for making the cards. Come join us, and have fun getting creative for this UMW card ministry. Cindy Sale will be our Coordinator and will share a meditation.

UMW GARAGE SALE

Lovely Lane's UMW will be holding a Garage Sale on Saturday, April 21st, 8 AM - 12:00 Noon. Set-up for the sale will be on Friday, April 20th, 5:00 - 8 PM. (See article below.)

UMW TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We are continuing our study of the Gospel of Luke. We meet Tuesday mornings, 9:30 to 11:15 AM, in Fireside. We invite you to join us for study and fellowship. We've decided to not only <u>LUG OUR MUGS</u>, <u>BUT ALSO TO FILL THEM AT HOME</u>; <u>SO COME PREPARED WITH YOUR FAVORITE BEVERAGE IN HAND</u>. Call Cheryl Murphy (377-6205) with any questions.

IOWA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN Sat., April 14th - Laity Day with Bishop Laurie Haller

EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT UMW SPA DAY

A Spa Day is set for Saturday, April 28th, 9 AM - 2 PM, at the Grand View UMC in Dubuque. The district ladies are planning a wonderful day to come and pamper yourself at the UMW Spa Day. Be ready to rejuvenate your body, mind and soul!

IOWA CONFERENCE UMW'S MISSION U

This year's theme is *Being Bold For Christ*; the Scripture is II Timothy 1:7 (NRSV): "God does not want us to be shy with His gifts, but bold and loving and sensible." Our theme hymn is *I'm Going to Live so God Can Use Me* (#2153 *The Faith We Sing*). Sessions will be held this summer and fall: July 15-17 or Oct. 19-21 at Iowa Valley Community College, Marshalltown, IA. The topics will be: Spiritual Growth - *Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Convenantal Living*; Social Issue - *What About Our Money? A Faith Response*; and Geographic Study - *The Missionary Conference of The United Methodist Church in the United States*. Spanish, Korean, youth and children's classes are available at Fall Mission U; scholarships are also available. For more info. and registration forms, call Cheryl Murphy (377-6205).

Lovely Lane UMW Garage Sale

Time to clean out those closets!

Sat., April 21 8 am-12 noon



<u>Drop off pre-marked items Friday night ONLY,</u> April 20th, between 5:00 & 8:00 PM

Only children's clothing accepted!

Looking for books, furniture, linens, glassware, kitchen items, holiday decorations!

PLEASE HAVE ALL YOUR ITEMS PRICED AND READY TO PLACE ON DESIGNATED TABLES!

We don't take any items that won't be accepted by Goodwill after the sale!



HAPPY FNDINGS

Happy Endings, the book discussion group, will meet on, Monday April 9th, at 10 AM in the church library. The book we'll be reading and discussing is *Cooking for Picasso* by Camille Aubrary; the discussion leader is Nancy Miller. The book to read for May is *The Tea Planters Wife* by Dinah Jefferies; our discussion leader will be Judy McDowell. In June we'll share books we've read that others might be interested in reading.

FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP

Friendly Fellowship will meet on Fri., April 20th, at noon for a luncheon potluck in Fellowship Hall. The Host and Co-hostess will be Phil and Shirley Martin. The program will be Master Gardeners from the lowa Extension Service talking about *Container Gardening*. This is a very timely topic because we're all thinking of spring and gardening!

Join us for good food, good fellowship and interesting and informative program.

Remembering with love:

Henry Hall.....2015 Gary Davis.....2016

Our Ministry Teams at Work

SPPRC (Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee)

- Thank you to all the members who provided feedback on the pastor transition process
- Prayers are asked for the committee doing this important time in Lovely Lane's history

Trustee

- Purchasing a new freezer
- Painted Library bathroom

WE ARE SEEKING A PERSON TO E-MAIL RE-

MINDERS to our Sunday worship volunteers. Names and assignments will be provided to you, and E-mails can be sent from your home computer. After prayerful consideration and/or to receive more information, please sign up on the STUB in worship or contact Anne Heefner (319-550-2546 or amheefner@mchsi.com).

Presence: Worship Attendance

3/4 3/11 3/18 3/25 3/29 (M.Th.) 3/30 (G.Fri.) 251 212 247 292 66

| February Financial Totals | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|--------|--|--|--|
| Cash inflow—mo. of Feb. | \$ 42,968 | ا [| | | |
| Cash inflow—YTD | \$ 93,350 | ĺ | | | |
| Budget need/month | \$ 47,794 | [| | | |
| Cash outflow—mo. of Feb. | \$ 46,228 | [| | | |
| Cash outflow—YTD | \$ 98,141 | [| | | |
| Unpaid bills | \$ 0 | [] | | | |

COMING SOON FOR YOU (Sponsored by The Academy for Spiritual Formation): A 3-Day Retreat, Living as Vessels of Compassion: A Faithful Response in Troubling Times on Sept. 24th-27th (Mon.-Th.) @ Wesley Woods Camp & Retreat Ctr. (Indianola). Come away to empty your mind and fill your soul, experience God and be transformed! The presenter will be Dr. Frank Rogers, Jr., Professor of Spiritual Formation & Narrative Pedagogy and Co-Dir. of the Ctr. for Engaged Compassion at Claremont School of Theology. Come enjoy prayer, worship, reflection, time in nature, community sharing, good meals, and powerful teaching.

Brochures are available on the table by the church office. Early bird registration ends Aug. 15th. Some of our own Lovely Lane folk will serve as leaders for this event: retired Rev. Rose Blank and Pastor Gayle Wilcox - along with Rev. Jerry Oakland (St. Paul's UMC) and Karlene Neal (Trinity UMC, Waverly).

Concerns & Celebrations

Prayer concerns:

- *Barb Vancura & family—death of her dad, Dick Talbott; his funeral was 3/24 @ Salem UMC
- *Isabel Drew, dtr. of Brandon & April to have a bone marrow transplant due to cancer return; send cards & notes to her in Rm. 1114, U of I Stead Family Children's Hospital, 200 Hawkins Dr., Iowa City, IA 52242
- *Lloyd Peterson pain from 6 compressed vertebrae
- *Donna Houts treating for headaches
- *Hyde Anderson, Joan Locke's uncle & a Lutheran pastor in South Dakota is battling lung cancer
- *Dennis Ramsey & family his niece, Anna, was briefly hospitalized w/breathing problems & internal bleeding
- *Cathy Weber & Carla Levi's mom suffered a stroke
- *Brent Blank, son of Jeff who is married to Rose (new LL member/retired UM pastor & DS) recovering from surgery
- *Benjamin Davis, young son of Justin & Melissa was briefly hospitalized w/breathing difficulties
- *Lu Serbousek's sister Susan complications following emergency surgery for a major infection from a PICC line that's in due to complications from breast cancer
- *Jerry Weiland's 90+ year-old dad, Paul recovering from surgery
- *Velma Rainville's sister, Norma
- *Barb Vancura's Uncle Walt & Aunt Ethel after Barb's father's recent funeral, they tumbled down the escalator at our local airport and Ethel broke her hip; they're considering recovery options & returning home to OR *Rev. Ruth Hograbe, dtr. of Harry & Gladys Hograbe, LLUMC charter members had serious complications after a heart valve replacement on 3/26 and is sedated at Hennepin Co. Med. Ctr. in Minneapolis; pray for her husband, Duane, as well. *Cards can be sent to: Ruth Hograbe, HCMC, 701 Park Ave., S, Minneapolis, MN 55415.*

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- *Birth of Emry Marie Carter dtr. of Suzanne Carter

 *Health & Wholeness had a successful meal @ St. Luke
- *Health & Wholeness had a successful meal @ St. Luke's Ronald Macdonald House on 3/7
- *Birth of Madeline Christine Hinke on 3/12, weighing 8 lbs., 10 oz. Jan (& Jim) Robinson's 1st great grandchild *Our mortgage is now TOTALLY paid off!
- *Family Fellowship had an enjoyable visit by local author Robert Buckley at their 3/16 potluck event
- *The witness of "March for Our Lives"

Thank You Notes

Thank you to the Lovely Lane congregation, Pastor Paul, Pastor Gayle, and all the preschool/daycare staff for your care, concern, prayers, and love during my mother's recent illness and passing. My mother was very fond of her church family and was always happy to have Pastor Paul, Pastor Gayle, or Marilyn Goodman visit. Carolyn Barnes, CWM Director

Thank you to the Lovely Lane congregation for your gifts to the Ecumenical Community Center Foundation (ECCF) and for Maryann Stewart's service on our board. Thank you for all your help for the people who come here for assistance.

The JSA (Johnson Steam Academy) community is so appreciative for the giving spirit, community commitment to Cedar Rapids, and servant heart of the Lovely Lane members that answered the call for donations towards the Johnson and Taylor School families impacted by total loss fires this winter. We know the items and gifts were so appreciated. We're blessed to call you neighbors!

Thank you for your donations of \$2,738.75 on January 31, 2018, to Willis Dady Homeless Services! Your generosity makes it possible for us to continue our vital work: providing shelter to single men and families; intervening when people are on the brink of crisis with homeless prevention services; and giving temporary overflow shelter at an alternative location to keep people safe on the coldest nights of winter. We are so humbled and grateful for this amazing gift of support. It was a pleasure to be at your church in December, regardless of any gift. Your generous support truly makes an impact. Thank you!

Water @ Work received your donation last month. Thank you so much for making our ministry part of your December Advent offering. We'll put the funds to use bringing clean water and the gospel of Jesus Christ to the people of the Dominican Republic.

If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome. ~Anne Bradstreet

Sunday Worship:

8:00 AM Traditional

9:15 AM Guitar service on 1st & 3rd Sundays; Traditional on 2nd & 4th

10:30 AM Traditional 2nd & 4th Sundays; Blended* 1st & 3rd; Choir all

Sundays

*Blended = a mix of traditional & contemporary

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| Christian Educator | Barb Geissinger |
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| Organist | |
| Children's Choirs | |
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| Paige Gerjets, | & Claire Van Erde-Wyk |
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