

Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

July 2018

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 house-
hold to servant
leadership.



New Beginnings

It is with great excitement and enthusiasm that I come to you as lead pastor of Lovely Lane United Methodist Church. Since 1962, this congregation has been a beacon of light and hope for the community of Cedar Rapids. You have been a welcoming congregation that truly embraces the language that "all means all." I look forward to working with the Rev. Jenny Seylar to help this church continue to live out its calling "to go and make disciples." (Matthew 28:19, NIV)

Now while I have had the opportunity to meet some of you, I look forward to spending time with all of you in the months to come. I want to spend a lot of time listening to your individual stories as well as your connections to this wonderful congregation. I truly believe we are all on a faith journey. God is moving us forward as we move into the image our good Lord has for each of us.

Personally, I might share a bit about myself. I am originally from the Chicago suburb of Naperville. I have degrees from Eastern Illinois University, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, and the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. I have been a pastor in Iowa for 24 years, serving congregations in Epworth, Solon, and Independence. I have also been an adjunct professor at Kirkwood Community College in Iowa City teaching world religions the last few years.

I am married to Heather and have two daughters, Emma and Sophia. Heather is a public health nurse at Linn County Public Health. Emma just completed her freshman year at the University of Iowa. Sophia will be a junior at Kennedy High School this fall.

Regarding hobbies, I love sports and movies. I like to play golf every chance I can. While my knees don't allow me to play basketball anymore, this sport was a big part of my life growing up. I also begin each day with a run or workout at the gym. Furthermore, I relish the opportunity to see a good movie at the theater.

Finally, I want to thank the Reverends Paul and Gayle Wilcox for the great ministry they have done the last eleven years. They have been excellent pastors and shepherds at Lovely Lane. I am humbled and blessed to follow them as a church leader. I look forward to meeting each of you! Scott

Calendar of Events — July 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>Celebration of Appointment / Introduction of our New Pastors</i>	2 5:30 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm CE mtg.	3 <i>(church office closed in PM)</i>	4 <i>Happy 4th of July (church & office closed)</i>	5 5:30 pm Yoga	6	7 9 am-12 Noon Decorate for VBS
8 <i>Pastor Scott's 1st Sunday Preaching / Welcome Brunch after Worship / VBS Week</i> 5:30 pm Light supper 6-8 pm VBS program	9 10 am Happy Endings 5:30 pm Light supper 6-8 pm VBS program	10 5:30 pm Light supper 6-8 pm VBS program	11 5:30 pm Light supper 6-8 pm VBS program	12 7 am Leadership Mtg. (@ Panera's) 5:30 pm Light supper 6-8 pm VBS program	13	14 9 am-1:30 pm ILF
15 <i>Pastor Jenny's 1st Sunday Preaching / Ice Cream Social @ 6 PM @ Noelridge Park Pavilion</i>	16 5:30 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 6:45-8:30 pm Boy Scouts Trp. 560 mtg.	17 10:30 am-5 pm JFON Office Hours (if needed) (<u>NO</u> JFON Clinic)	18	19 5:30 pm Yoga 6:45 pm Trustees 7 pm Committee Meetings 7:50 pm Ad Council	20	21 8:30 am Men's Breakfast
22 <i>9th Sunday after Pentecost / Special Offering for Habitat for Humanity</i>	23 5:30 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	24	25 11:30 am WWW lunch (offsite)	26 5:30 pm Yoga	27	28
29 <i>10th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	30 9 am Prayer Shawl Grp. 5:30 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	31	ILF = International Ladies Fellowship WOF = Women Of Faith WWW = Wednesday Women & the Word	CCM = Care Center Ministry CWM = Children's Weekday Ministries UMW = United Methodist Women		

NOTE FROM PASTOR JENNY: I am excited to be back at LLUMC in a pastoral capacity. A lot has happened since I left LLUMC in June of 2016. My daughter graduated from college in April, my youngest son graduated from high school in May, my oldest son and his wife made me a grandma last August, and my husband passed away last September. I have been surrounded by family, friends, and colleagues in ministry who have journeyed with me through some dark days. As I arrive at Lovely Lane, I do so with a grieving heart AND with a heart that seeks to find joy everyday. It is that joy that sustains me and drives my passion for ministry. I look forward to reconnecting with the youth AND seeing where God will use my gifts as we do ministry together in other areas. I pray God will bless us all as we seek to bless others.

- In Christ's Love and Grace, Jenny Seylar

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Lovely Lane Worship, et al.



Worship in July

July 1st: **6th Sunday after Pentecost / Introduction of our new pastors**—1 combined service @ 9:30 AM with guest preacher, Rose Blank

Scripture: Mark 5:21-43

Sermon: "On the Road Again - Part 2"

July 8th: **7th Sunday after Pentecost**—1 combined service @ 9:30 AM / Pastor Scott's 1st Sunday preaching

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Sermon: "On a Journey"

Please join us for a Welcome Brunch/Reception after worship in the Fellowship Hall!!!

July 15th: **8th Sunday after Pentecost**—1 combined service @ 9:30 AM / Pastor Jenny's 1st Sunday preaching

Scripture: 1 Peter 5: 1-11

Sermon: "Handle with Care"

Please join us later in the day for an Ice Cream Social: 6:00 PM @ Noelridge Park Pavilion!!!

July 22nd: **9th Sunday after Pentecost / Special Offering for Habitat for Humanity**—1 combined service @ 9:30 AM / Pastor Scott

Scripture: Psalm 23

Sermon: "A Shepherd for All of Us"

July 29th: **10th Sunday after Pentecost**—1 combined service @ 9:30 AM / Pastor Scott

Scripture: John 6:1-21

Sermon: "Magnificent Meal"

"Save The Date"

This year's Women's Retreat is scheduled for Sat., Sept. 22nd, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm at Prairiewoods Retreat Center in Hiawatha. Lunch will be included. We are excited to have Pastor Arnette Pint as our speaker! Stay tuned for more information!

Sponsored by Health & Wholeness Committee

Special Offering on July 22nd - Cedar Valley Habitat for Humanity

Cedar Valley Habitat for Humanity has been and continues to be a leader in bringing our community back from the devastating flood of 2008.

Cedar Valley Habitat offers a hand up to area families in need of safe, decent and affordable housing. The use of volunteer labor and zero-interest mortgages, allows Habitat to serve first-time homeowners who wouldn't typically qualify for conventional financing. Qualified applicants become full partners in the work of building or rehabilitating their future homes with Habitat sponsors, volunteers and other community stakeholders!

Habitat for Humanity has shown that the building of homes does much more than put a roof over a families' head:

- * It provides stability for children;
- * Families enjoy improved health, physical safety, and security;
- * They enjoy increased educational and job prospects; and
- * They are more engaged in their communities.

Through the work of Habitat, thousands of low-income families have found new hope in the form of affordable housing. Churches, community groups and others have all joined together to successfully tackle a significant social problem – decent housing for all.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Our summer worship schedule continues thru the 1st Sunday in September (Sept. 2nd). We'll return to our regular worship schedule (8, 9:15 & 10:30 AM services) on Sept. 9th— Rally Sunday (start of Sunday School).

CHILDREN & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Summer Reading: *Adventures with God* is for Pre-school to 5th grade children. They have the option after the Children's Moment during our 9:30 AM summer worship service to go with the Readers to Room 103/104 (downstairs). After worship, parents pick their children up from the double room downstairs.

More readers are needed for the rest of the summer – we must have 2 for every Sunday. (See the sign-up sheet in the narthex.)

Vacation Bible School: *Rolling River Rampage* begins on Sunday, July 8th, at 5:30 PM with a light supper. The VBS program begins at 6 PM and lasts until 8 PM. Our five-day VBS concludes on Thursday, July 12th.

VBS registration is now open on our Lovely Lane website: www.lovelylane.org.

Spread the news, bring a friend – *Rolling River Rampage* will be awesome! Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God!

Sunday School resumes September 9th, 2018.

Stay tuned for more information!



TEACHERS NEEDED FOR THE FALL

Share your time and talents with our Lovely Lane children! *Please* prayerfully consider being a teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. Bible-based curriculum is provided that has kept our children engrossed in the stories. Lessons include Art, Cooking, Science, Bible Stories, and Games; which one interests you the most? Choose Sunday mornings for Sunday School OR Wednesday evening Kid's Club to work with Lovely Lane's children.

Contact Mrs. G (christianedu@lovelylane.org or 393-6674) with questions or to volunteer.

JOIN IN A TRIP TO ENGLAND IN SEPTEMBER; DON'T DELAY!

An invitation from Pastor Jenny Seylar

I wanted to offer this up to you as time is running short to register!

We leave on this amazing week-long trip to JOHN WESLEY'S England on Friday, Sept. 28th. We will arrive home on Saturday, Oct. 6 (OR continue for an extension to Ireland). Some have made alternate travel plans - leaving early or staying later, etc., or using different airports.

We're departing from Cedar Rapids. Paul Wood and his wife are traveling with us; Paul is native to England which will make our trip even more rewarding.

In order to prepare for the trip, we'll study together *REVIVAL* by Adam Hamilton (for those interested).

Educational Opportunities sponsors this United Methodist tour: www.EO.travel/mytrip - Tour HE18 Code D ID 28297.

United Methodist Women News

Lovely Lane's UMW will not meet in July or August. This fall, all women of Lovely Lane are invited to join us on Sept. 13th at 6:30 pm for "Movie, Popcorn & Chat"; the topic of the movie will be announced in August.

We'd like to provide the women of Lovely Lane the opportunity to grow spiritually within a loving, caring fellowship. We welcome all women to join with us. In order to do this, we welcome your ideas and input about programs and events you'd like us to sponsor, and about what type of circles we could form. Circles could include women of shared interests—such as working women, and/or young mothers, coming together in Christian Fellowship. Formats of circles may be as varied as the women participating in them. They may range from traditional to modern, from study groups to social groups—from Bible studies to other interests such as cooking, crafts, or just meeting for coffee. Please help yourself to one of our 2018 program books. Have a good summer and we look forward to seeing you in the fall!

UMW TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We have begun to study the Gospel of John, but we will not meet in July and August. Beginning Sept. 11th, we will continue our study of the Gospel of John, meeting each Tuesday morning from 9:30 a.m. --11:15 a.m. in Fireside lounge. We invite you to join with us next fall. We have decided to not only LUG OUR MUGS, BUT ALSO TO FILL THEM AT HOME. SO, COME PREPARED WITH YOUR FAVORITE BEVERAGE IN HAND.

IOWA CONFERENCE UMW MISSION U

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

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES – STAY CONNECTED!

The Nick & Megan Schmitt family moved in May to:

2100 Wycliffe Court, Cedar Rapids 52404

Anne & Duane Heefner moved June 11th to:

130 Fire Thorn Lane, Pooler, GA 31322

Email address is changed to amheefner@gmail.com

The Brandon and April Drew family have moved to:

1009 – 1st St., Center Point, IA 52213

Deb & Randy Noecker have moved to:

866 Wabedo Springs Rd. NE, Longville, MN 56655

OTHER:

Paul & Gayle Wilcox

205 N. Highland Dr.

Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Paul's new office no.: 319-268-7502

Gayle's cell ph.: 1-651-220-4268



HAPPY ENDINGS

Happy Endings, the book discussion club, meets on Monday, July 9th, at 10 AM. The book we'll discuss is *The Woman in the Window* by A.J. Finn; Nancy Miller will lead the discussion.

On Monday, Aug. 13th, we will meet at Barnes & Noble Bookseller at 10:30 AM for Diane to talk about the newest books. After her presentation, we'll decide what books we want to read for the next few months. We'll go to lunch at The Olive Garden following our meeting at B & N. ***Please note the time we are meeting is 10:30 AM.***

If you have questions, call Nancy Miller at 393-6340.

Presence: Worship Attendance

<u>6/3</u>	<u>6/10</u>	<u>6/17</u>	<u>6/24</u>
186	156	268	351

May Financial Totals

Cash inflow—mo. of May	\$ 49,383
Cash inflow—YTD	\$225,810
Budget need/month	\$ 47,794
Cash outflow—mo. of May	\$ 44,308
Cash outflow—YTD	\$238,294
Unpaid bills	\$ 0

Our Ministry Teams at Work

Missions / Community Outreach

- ◆ Special Offering being organized in July for Habitat for Humanity
- ◆ Back-to-School Shopping Spree will be our project in August
- ◆ A CROP Walk coordinator is still needed; will discuss this with new pastors

Health & Wholeness

- ◆ Providing a VBS meal on July 8th
- ◆ Possible stem cell donating/testing educational session—July 29th?
- ◆ AED training—August 19th

Trustees

- ◆ New linoleum
- ◆ New paint & carpet in the office area

Christian Education

- ◆ July 8-12 VBS; 5:30 meal & 6-8 pm program
- ◆ Summer Reading is going well
- ◆ Sunday School begins Sept. 9th with theme of "Adventures with God" for the children

Hospitality

- ◆ Served JFON dinner—June 19
- ◆ Hostesses for June 24 brunch; help with July 8 brunch
- ◆ Help w/VBS supper—July 10
- ◆ Clean kitchen on Aug. 16 @ 1 PM

Remembering with love:

Betty Larison.....2015
Dick Chelikowsky.....2016
Sharon Mooney.....2016

Lovely Lane Summer Brunches for July & August (held after 9:30 am worship)

Sunday, July 8th

Welcome for Pastor Scott, Pastor Jenny, and their families; Ad Council providing cakes, muffins, breads, etc.; Hospitality providing cheese & cracker tray; Finance providing juice & milk, and helping clean up; UMW providing fruit &/or yogurt

Sunday, Aug. 26th

Health & Wholeness providing cakes, muffins, breads, etc.; Missions providing juice & milk and helping clean up; Hospitality providing fruit &/or yogurt

Concerns & Celebrations

Prayer concerns:

- *Carolyn Barnes' husband Bob's 10-yr.-old granddaughter from Hilton Head Island, SC, was struck and killed by a car in mid to late June
- *Lloyd & Jan Peterson—he is under hospice care; she was having problems with A-fib
- *Richard Rainville—had surgery
- *Trish Palmer—had a heart procedure
- *Rod Abben—upcoming arm surgery
- *Teddy Davis, infant son of Justin & Melissa—has an ongoing ear infection
- *Carla Levi's & Cathy Weber's mom—hospice care
- *Heather Hingtgen's mother, Loretta—was hospitalized with c. diff
- *Shelly Turner's mom—home (with some home health services) after being hospitalized with a kidney infection, bronchitis, and other issues
- *Mari Lu Smith's daughter, Melanie Sebbby—has neck and back injuries from a car accident
- *Mari Lu Smith's sister-in-law, June Smith—multiple myeloma is back after 7 years of remission
- *Sue Moss's husband Jim—cellulitis on leg
- *Our political leaders—for wisdom & compassionate hearts as they welcome immigrants
- *Immigrants & family separations

Joys:

- *On June 3rd, we officially celebrated that our church mortgage **"is toast"**!!
- *Lovely Lane members who planned and led worship on 6/10—Conference Sunday (along w/our special guest speaker)
- *Marge Morris—had successful aneurysm surgery
- *The church offices have been *refreshed* with new paint and carpet (stop in & take a look!!); THANK YOU to everyone who helped!!!!
- *June & Jack Sackett celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary
- *Wonderful celebration on 6/24 for Pastors Paul & Gayle Wilcox as they departed from Lovely Lane
- *Installation ceremony of Pastor Scott Meador & Pastor Jenny Seylar on 7/1 (new LL pastors), with Rev. Rose Blank leading worship & preaching

THANK YOU NOTE

A Letter to the Lovely Laners... "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you..." (Phil.1:3-4)

We couldn't say it better than the Apostle Paul! We, too, thank God for you, LLUMC, and for our shared ministry over the past 11 years!

The farewell worship was outstanding and meaningful, the music was more than uplifting, the screen presentation was fun as well as moving, and the celebration brunch was delicious! The coordinators of our last Sunday went above and beyond the call of duty! And we couldn't believe the number of you who turned out to wish us well! Your gift of the stunning music quilt and the soft (yeah, purple!) prayer shawl will be displayed and used in our new home, and we will forever carry your hand and heart prints on our lives! The eloquent and finely crafted watch for Paul (maybe a year or two late if you're looking for a shorter sermon!) and the lovely journal and note cards & seals for Gayle, showed how well you know each of us to be able to choose such personal and thoughtful gifts. We will treasure them as we treasure our connection as brothers and sisters in Christ.

As we make our way through your greeting cards, we have had to limit ourselves to reading only 8-10 cards at a time. If we didn't, we'd be blubbering to the point of incapacitation and we'd never get our packing done!! Your thoughtful, memorable, and personal messages have captured our hearts and reminded us of our journey together to live out the great commandment – to love God first and our neighbors as ourselves.

LL's mission statement ends with a favorite phrase of ours, that "We will never stop trying..." to be light and love to the world...and we pray it may be so. May the Spirit of God be with you as you carry on as strong servants and proclaimers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

With our love, Pastors Gayle & Paul Wilcox,
Fellow Disciples of Jesus

A **THANK YOU** note was received from the Abbe Center for Community Mental Health for donations of \$2,600.13 and \$50.00. They write "Generous donations such as yours help us to ensure that individuals get the treatment and care that they need, and go on to live productive healthy lives. THANK YOU again for your donation to the Abbe Center!"

Summer Worship (5/27-9/2):

9:30 AM One All-together Worship Service
- Traditional, except for several guitar services
during the summer; no choir in the summer

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Office Manager.....Sue Moss
Director Children's Weekday Min.....Carolyn Barnes
Youth Director.....
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Christian Educator..... Barb Geissinger
Choir Director.....K. Weiler
Choir Assistant/Accompanist.....
Organist.....Dennis Ramsey
Children's Choirs.....Carla Jesse
Director of Handbells.....
Nursery.....Shelbie Wood, Tara Neveu,
Paige Gerjets, & Claire Van Erde-Wyk
Wedding Coordinator.....Becky Wood
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