

Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

June 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.



NOTE FROM HOME

*I thank God for you whenever I think of you.
My constant prayers for you are a real joy,
for they bring back to my mind how we have worked together
for the Gospel from the first. I feel sure that the one
who has begun his good work in you will go on developing it
until the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:3-4*

It's been 11 years since the moving van first arrived at the Wilcox home in Cedar Rapids. You welcomed us with open arms and made a place for us where ministry could flourish. That was quite an amazing thing, given how beloved Pastor Brian and Clint had been for 14 years before us! Your spirit of welcome and your openness to new leadership has made all the difference in the life and health of our Church. Both Gayle and I have been richly blessed to be your pastors! But we would never have had that chance without your openness to a new and different future!

Now, once again, change has come to Lovely Lane! On July 1st Gayle and I will no longer be your pastors; we'll be **your friends!** Rev. Scott Meador and Rev. Jenny Seylar will be your new pastors and **they will need your welcome and support to succeed**—just as we did 11 years ago. Because Gayle and I don't want to undermine that success, we will need to practice our ministry elsewhere. So you need to know that we will not return to Lovely Lane to perform weddings or funerals or any other acts of ministry among you. That's not because we don't care, but because we do care about you and the ministry that will serve you, your family, and the Lovely Lane Community long into the future!

We have cherished the time that we've been your pastors! And we look forward to the day when we can reconnect with Lovely Lane as friends.

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus!

Gayle & Paul Wilcox

Calendar of Events — June 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		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		1	2 10 am-5 pm (actual event is 1-4) Bri Wolfs Graduation Party
3 (One All-together Service @ 9:30 thru the summer) Mortgage Burning & Brunch	4 Summer Day-care begins 5:30 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm CE mtg.	5 6 am-9 pm LL is election site 11 am Shepherds/esses mtg.	6 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 5:30 pm VBS Planning Committee mtg.	7 5:30 pm Yoga	8	9 9 am-1:30 pm ILF
10 Conference Sunday	11 10:00 am Happy Endings 5:30 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	12 6:30 pm Mental Health Support Grp.	13	14 7 am Leadership Meeting @ Panera's 5:30 pm Yoga 6 pm UMW Salad Potluck & Program 6:30 pm Missions (@ Minors')	15	16 8:30 am Men's Breakfast
17 Father's Day / Special Offering-School Supplies for Kennedy H.S.	18 10:15 am Lexington East Community Gathering 5:30 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	19 10:30 am-5 pm JFON Office Hours 5-8 pm JFON Clinic	20 5:30 pm VBS Planning Committee mtg. 6:45 pm AcabeLLa	21 4:00 pm Hospitality 6:45 pm Trustees 7 pm Committee Meetings 7:50 pm Ad Council	22 10 am-9 pm Set up for 6/24 event	23 9 am-Noon Set up for 6/24 event
24 FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR OUR PASTORS—9:30 AM Worship with Communion, followed by a catered meal	25 9 am Prayer Shawl Grp. 5:30 pm Tai Chi	26	27 11:30 am WWW lunch (offsite)	28 5:30 pm Yoga	29	30

**PLEASE JOIN US ON JUNE 24TH
FOR A VERY SPECIAL DAY!!!**



Please join us on Sunday, June 24th, at 9:30 AM for a farewell worship and communion service honoring our pastors, Paul and Gayle Wilcox.

A catered brunch will follow from 11 AM to 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall. A formal invitation with specific details was sent out previously; if you did not receive one, we would still love to have you join us! Simply RSVP to the church office (393-6674 or suem@lovelylane.org). Thanks!

PLEASE MAKE A POINT TO BE WITH US ON SUNDAY, JUNE 24TH!

Lovely Lane Worship, et al.



Worship in June

June 3rd: ***Mortgage Burning!***—1 combined service @ 9:30 AM / Brunch after worship

Scripture: Matthew 26:6-13

Sermon: "Honoring God"

June 10th: ***Conference Sunday***—1 combined service @ 9:30 AM with guest preacher

Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6

Sermon: "When God Asks Dumb Questions"

June 17th: ***Father's Day / Special Offering for Kennedy H.S. School Supplies***—1 combined service @ 9:30 AM

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-5

Sermon: "On the Road, Again"

June 24th: ***Farewell Celebration for our Pastors (w/Communion)***—1 worship service @ 9:30 AM, followed by a catered lunch in the Fellowship Hall (***RSVP's to the church office requested: 393-6674 or suem@lovelylane.org***)

Scripture: TBD

Sermon: TBD

JUNE 17TH SPECIAL OFFERING



We are taking a special offering on Father's Day, Sunday, June 17th, for students in need at Kennedy H.S. The monetary donations will go towards purchasing school supplies: back packs, spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, folders, pens and pencils. The supplies will be provided to the Kennedy counselors who will distribute them to students who don't have the necessary resources at the beginning of the school year as well as those having a need throughout the school year.

Your support will make a difference to every student receiving these necessary items! *Thank you in advance for your generosity!!*

SUMMER READING: "ADVENTURES IN GOD'S WORLD"

- * Pick your dates to read now
- * Sign up on the sheet in the narthex
- * Use your books or books from the LL Library

LOVELY LANE UMC SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Our summer worship schedule went into effect on **Sunday, May 27th**, switching to **one all-together service at 9:30 AM**. Our summer schedule continues through the months of June, July, August, and also 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).

Hello! My Name Is.... In preparation for welcoming our new pastors, we want to make sure all members have name tags. If you need a new member name tag, please contact the church office at 393-6674 or E-mail Amber Mulnik at amber-mulnik@hotmail.com. Thanks!!

"Save The Date"

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

Sponsored by Health & Wholeness Committee

CHILDREN & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Summer Reading: *Adventures with God* will be for Pre-school to 5th grade children. They will 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 will pick children up from the double room downstairs.

We still need readers to sign up – we must have 2 for every Sunday this summer. (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:

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!

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'll also
need to buy a CR pool
pass.

Please call Mrs. Barnes @ 393-8189 for more information. Activities will 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!



TEACHERS NEEDED FOR THE FALL

Share your time and talents with our LL 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 Kid's Club to work with Lovely Lane's children.

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

United Methodist Women News

LOVELY LANE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Thursday, June 14th, at 6 PM, we will meet for a salad potluck dinner. Each person is asked to bring a salad to share and their own table service; beverages will be provided.

Our program will be Lisa Nelson talking about her travels. Lisa has gone on many exciting trips, and is a very interesting speaker; you will not want to miss her presentation! Mark your calendar and plan to come and hear her tell about her travels.

Judy McDowell will give our Meditation and Jayne Woodson and Judy McDowell will be our hostesses.

We invite all women of Lovely Lane to share this meal and time of fellowship with us.

UMW TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The UMW Bible Study will not be meeting during the summer months. Beginning on Tuesday, September 11th, we will resume meeting each Tuesday morning from 9:30 - 11:15 AM in Fire-side. We invite you to join with us next fall as we continue our study of the Gospel of John. 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!

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 is "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" (#2153 FWS). Sessions will be held this summer and fall: July 15-17 or 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 Geographic Study - "The Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States." Spanish, Korean, Youth and Children's classes will be offered at Fall Mission U. Scholarships are available. For more info. and registration forms, call Cheryl Murphy (377-6205).

Thank you for being a Children's Ministry volunteer! You are planting seeds of the gospel in the hearts and minds of children with every song you sing, game you play, and snack you give. Every gospel-centered conversation you have with a little one is bursting with opportunity to be used by God in the life of a child. Your ministry to children in this church is so very important. This church could not fulfill its mission and vision without your sacrificial and loving ministry to children and families.



Isaiah 6:8 "and I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said, 'Here I am! Send me.'"



HAPPY ENDINGS

Happy Endings, the book discussion group, will meet on Monday, June 11th, at 10:00 AM in the church library. We will have a discussion with the members of the group sharing information about a book or books they have read. We will decide at this meeting the books we read for the next three months.

FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP

Friendly Fellowship will not meet in June, July or August. We will have our first meeting in the fall on Friday, September 21st.

Remembering with love:

James Larison.....2017

Presence: Worship Attendance

<u>5/6</u>	<u>5/13</u>	<u>5/20</u>	<u>5/27</u>
307	247	274	195

Our Ministry Teams at Work

Missions / Community Outreach

- ♦ Trinity Lane move in progress
- ♦ Kennedy School Supplies Special Offering on Father's Day—Lisa P. is coordinating
- ♦ Looking for a new CROP Walk coordinator for the fall Walk

Health & Wholeness

- ♦ Habitat for Humanity meal on 5/24/18
- ♦ Planning for Women's Retreat to be held on Sat., 9/22/18, @ Prairiewoods, from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM, with lunch provided. More info. to come.

Trustees

- ♦ "Work" cards will be coming!
- ♦ New flooring in the kitchen

April Financial Totals

Cash inflow—mo. of April	\$ 47,349
Cash inflow—YTD	\$176,428
Budget need/month	\$ 47,794
Cash outflow—mo. of April	\$ 55,148
Cash outflow—YTD	\$193,987
Unpaid bills	\$ 0

Lovely Lane Summer Brunches (to be held after 9:30 am worship)

Sunday, June 24th	Catered meal for Pastors Paul & Gayle; Trustees will help with clean up
Sunday, July 8th	Welcome for Pastor Scott & family and for Pastor Jenny & family; Ad Council to provide cakes, muffins, breads, etc.); Hospitality to provide cheese & cracker tray; Finance to provide juice & milk, and help clean up; UMW to provide fruit &/or yogurt
Sunday, Aug. 26th	Health & Wholeness to provide cakes, muffins, breads, etc.; Missions to provide juice & milk and help clean up; Hospitality to provide fruit &/or yogurt

Concerns & Celebrations

Prayer concerns:

- *Michelle Hotchkiss – on the 5/17 death of her stepdad, Bill
- *Julie Meyer & Melissa Beaström's daughter, Allison – traveling in China
- *Carol Wilson & Kay Oloff – back problems
- *Jan Peterson – recovering from surgery
- *Isabel Drew – recovering from bone marrow transplant
- *Chris Tanner – recovering from major surgery
- *Carla Morris – recovering from heart procedure
- *Kevin Wittles – recovering from a foot injury
- *Wisdom for our international leaders and our President

Joys:

- *Eight youth confirmed in the Christian faith on 5/6
- *Lovely Lane has received two certificates of recognition:
 - 1) East Central District Asking (money requested from local churches to help support E. Central District ministries); and
 - 2) 100% support in 2017 of General Church Apportioned Funds, Conference Ministries and Conference Missions.
- *Thank you to teachers and volunteers who help youth grow in their knowledge of God @ Lovely Lane
- *A great Teacher Appreciation Breakfast at Kennedy High School on 5/9! Thanks to our Mission Team for loving our kids and teachers!
- *Our 2018 Confirmands did an **excellent** job at 10:30 worship on 5/6
- *Susie Gould's brother, Chris Gould – after being diagnosed with lung cancer, further tests showed NO cancer at all
- *Health & Wholeness ladies did a great job providing lunch to Habitat for Humanity workers at on 5/24
- *Wonderful piano duet performed in worship on 5/27 by Marge Morris & Pastor Gayle
- *Start of Summer Worship on 5/27 with one All-Together Service at 9:30 AM

THANK YOU NOTE

THANK YOU so much for taking the time to think about Kennedy High School!!!! I appreciated all the food you (LL Missions Committee) brought over to us for Teacher Appreciation Week as well as your kindness for writing each of us a nice Thank you card for all that we do at Kennedy!

INFORMATION NEEDED: If you are in the military service or in college, or if you have a close family member who is, the church would like that information for its records.

Please contact Sue in the church office (393-6674 or suem@lovelyLane.org) at your earliest convenience.

Thank you in advance for any help you can give us!

Lovely Lane's 2018 High School Graduates



On Sunday, May 20th, we celebrated with and recognized the following high school graduates in and after worship:

Kyler Bell	Jonah Beman
Abigail Blum	Drew Christensen
Jacob Ciabatti	Blake Esker
Connor Haines	Luke Martin
*Cassidy Mumby	Carson Wheat
Bri Wolfs	Graham Woods

(*mistakenly listed previously as Cailie)

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL
AND PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES
FOR A VERY BRIGHT FUTURE!!!



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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

9:30 AM One All-together Worship Service
- Traditional on 2nd & 4th Sundays; Blended/
Guitar Service on 1st & 3rd Sundays; No
choir in the summer

**Blended = a mix of traditional & contemporary*

EMBODYING ...
DISCERNING ...
DISCOVERING ...
THE WILL OF GOD



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Lovely Lane Staff

Lead Pastor.....Paul Wilcox
Associate Pastor.....Gayle Wilcox
Office Manager.....Sue Moss
Director Children's Weekday Min.....Carolyn Barnes
Youth Director.....
Kid's Club Director.....Julie Meyer
Christian Educator..... Barb Geissinger
Choir Director.....K. Weiler
Choir Assistant/Accompanist.....Reagan Linder
Organist.....Dennis Ramsey
Children's Choirs.....Carla Jesse
Director of Handbells.....Gayle Wilcox
Nursery.....Shelbie Wood, Tara Neveu,
Paige Gerjets, & Claire Van Erde-Wyk
Wedding Coordinator.....Becky Wood
Custodians.....Rex, Rhonda & Jessica Heasty
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