

Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

June 2021

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.



Inspiring Others

Who inspires you? Who are the mentors in your life? For me, a list of mentors begins with Jesus Christ. In the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7, Jesus models a way of life in which we go the extra mile and turn the other cheek. In Luke 19, Jesus shows love and acceptance for Zacchaeus, a despised tax collector. In Jesus, I see the need to be humble, selfless, and welcoming of all. While I often fail in these areas, Jesus inspires me.

Inspiration also comes from individuals in history. St. Francis of Assisi lived in the 13th Century. He moved from a life of wealth to a life of poverty. He was known as the patron saint of animals and the environment. Dorothy Day helped to establish the Catholic Worker Movement in the 1930's. She was a strong advocate for the homeless and those who are often overlooked in society. Both individuals inspire me to break out of my comfort zone and do what's right to further God's kingdom.

And of course, inspiration comes from loved ones I have encountered on a daily basis throughout my life. I lift up my mother and father, wife, Heather, daughters, Emma and Sophia, colleagues in ministry, and those I have had the privilege to know in the communities and churches in which I have lived and served. We all need mentors . . . and relationships are formed in different ways.

In one of the first churches I served, I taught a Bible study class. In the class there was a recently retired male schoolteacher, and a young, single mother with two children. Conventional wisdom might say these individuals would not connect together. Yet through the class, a friendship developed. The retired teacher, a widower, became a mentor to the young mother. The gentleman shared his wisdom about parenting, money management, and life skills. Over the years, I saw the young mother mature and develop into a leader in the community. I know the widower was blessed by this relationship too. It was a joy to see. Stories like this are all around us.

I strongly encourage each of you to lift up and celebrate the mentors in your life. As you do this, prayerfully seek out others you can inspire. Imagine the possibilities for our community and world!

Blessings to you! Scott

Calendar of Events (subject to change) — June 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Communion Sunday 10:30 am—In-person worship (church lawn) & Live-stream worship	7	8 10 am Coffee with Pastor Kristina	9 9:30 am & 7 pm— <i>Online Bible Study</i>	10 11:45 am UMW Lunch (@ Grounds-well Café, Matt. 25) 6:30 pm Missions	11	12
13 10:30 am—Live-stream worship only (no in-person)	14 10 am Happy Endings (@ Nancy Miller's)	15 10 am Coffee with Pastor Kristina	16 9:30 am & 7 pm— <i>Online Bible Study</i>	17	18 6-8 pm Nourished Community Bonfire @ Pastor Kristina's house	19
20 Father's Day 10:30 am—Live-stream worship only (no in-person)	21	22 10 am Coffee with Pastor Kristina	23 9:30 am & 7 pm— <i>Online Bible Study</i> 10:15 am Care Ctr. Ministry (Hiawatha CC)	24	25	26
27 8:00 am—In-person worship @ Olympic Theater (in Newbo) [reservations required] 10:30 am—Live-stream Worship	28 7 pm Summer Book Club with Pastor Kristina	29 10 am Coffee with Pastor Kristina	30 9:30 am & 7 pm— <i>Online Bible Study</i> 5:30-6:30 pm Youth Group hike (@ Mt. Trashmore)		UMW = United Methodist Women CWM = Children's Weekday Ministries	

Off-Site Worship Services

With our church under renovation, we've scheduled off-site worship services (reservations required, may be made thru our website). These services are in addition to our regular livestream services on Sundays at 10:30 AM. The remaining schedule is: **June 6**, Church lawn, 10:30 AM
June 27, Olympic Theater, 8:00 AM

Sunday Worship at Lovely Lane

Worship services continue online thru June (with the exception of 2 in-person services on 6/6 & 6/27). We continue to follow guidance from Bishop Laurie Haller and the Linn Co. Public Health Dept. as we seek to be safe and well. Please join us on our YouTube Channel on Sundays at 10:30 am!

Nourished: The Missional Campus of Lovely Lane—June Events:

Friday, June 18th, 6pm-8pm: Community Bonfire at Pastor Kristina's House. Bring your instruments for campfire folk songs, a heart for community, and a hunger for Nourishment!

Saturday, June 19th: A Community oriented event, the Nourished community will attend and support local Juneteenth events in our city. Time TBD.

Thursday, June 24th, at 5pm: Worship service at Matthew 25's Urban Farm during Transform Week

For more info. about the Nourished Community, E-mail Pastor Kristina at kristina@lovelylane.org

 facebook.com/nourishedCR

SUNDAY ONLINE (& IN-PERSON) WORSHIP IN JUNE

June 6: **Communion Sunday**—1 service, both in-person (on church lawn) & live-streamed @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Kristina / Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 / Sermon: "Like Heaven on Earth"

June 13: **3rd Sunday after Pentecost**—1 live-streamed service (no in-person worship) @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Mark 4:26-34 / Sermon: "Seeds of Faith"

June 20: **Father's Day**—1 live-streamed service (no in-person worship) @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Philippians 4:4-13 / Sermon: "At Just the Right Time"

June 27: **5th Sunday after Pentecost**—In-person worship @ Olympic Theater (in Newbo district, above Brewhemia, reservations required) @ 8:00 AM; live-streamed service @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Mark 5:21-43 / Sermon: "Looking for a Miracle"

Zoom Study Groups with Pastor Scott

The Zoom Study Groups will meet again on Wednesday, June 9th, at 9:30 am and 7 pm. The focus will be the book *Nine Essential Things I've Learned about Life* by Rabbi Harold S. Kushner. Books are available in the church office for \$10 each. All are welcome!

Coffee and Conversation with Pastor Kristina

Join Pastor Kristina on **Tuesdays at 10 am** this summer for coffee and conversation out on the church lawn. Bring your lawn chair, and coffee will be provided by the church!



Last August, Matthew 25 saw the need for two Transform weeks. There was so much damage due to the derecho, that many homeowners needed help for tree limb removal and tarping. After I toured each project site with Clint Twedt-Ball, the executive director at Matthew 25, I went back to a local trailer park to work with some volunteers. There I met a little boy, about 8 or 9 years old, and he had been loving the attention all week. He said to me, "I'm so glad you guys are here. Until now, no one has come. No one has come to help us, and you've been here all week long." This young little boy got it. He understood that his family and neighborhood had been neglected. Transform seeks to work on homes in the neighborhoods that have been traditionally neglected. They work in neighborhoods and work with people on the farthest edges of society.

You have the opportunity to volunteer for Transform Week this month, June 21st-25th. This week is a week of completing projects on homes and neighborhood buildings to help make these areas healthier, safer, and more attractive. You don't have to have many skills to help with Transform Week. While we do appreciate volunteers with knowledge of power tools and general construction, we welcome gardening, painting, hauling out debris, painting, etc. There is usually some task that you can handle. Whether you can only assist for part of a day or the entire week, we'll work you in!

If you are looking for a way to give back to the community, we invite you to consider signing up for a portion or all of Transform Week. You can sign up here: www.hub25.org/transform.

If you have any questions, comments, or wish to sign up for Transform Week, please contact Pastor Kristina at kristina@lovelylane.org or Les Minor at lminor@imonmail.com.

Blessings, Pastor Kristina

United Methodist Women (UMW) Lunch Event

You are invited to join UMW at **Groundswell Café**
(a pay-it-forward café, started by Mathew 25,
where 100% of the tips and donations
are used to provide meals for those who cannot afford to pay).

When: Thursday, June 10th, 11:45 AM

Where: Groundswell Café (201 3rd Ave. SW, CR)

If you are interested in carpooling to avoid parking issues,
please E-mail Cindy at cbrandsale@aol.com.
We will meet at the church at 11:30 AM to carpool downtown.
It will be great to gather in-person and enjoy a delicious lunch
made from organic ingredients from Cultivate Hope Urban Farm
and other local suppliers!

Backyard Camp Hosted by Hope UCC

Hope United Church of Christ has invited us to a Backyard Camp on Sunday, June 13th, from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM. This is a free program presented by St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Iowa City. The theme will be *A Woman and Her Coins* (Luke 21). There will be story time, a science experiment, an art project, games, and a snack. Children and youth are welcome to come and participate. **Please RSVP to mbhartenstein@gmail.com by June 6th.**

They're also planning to worship outdoors that day at 10 AM and invite all to join in.

Hope United Church of Christ is located at 150 9th Avenue, Hiawatha.

HELP NEEDED IN JUNE FOR MEALS ON WHEELS

As daily deliveries of Meals on Wheels returns on Tuesday, June 2nd, some temporary help is needed filling routes for the entire month of June. Currently there are 14 open routes on Thursdays and 14 open routes on Fridays in the CR area. Some new volunteers are needed to deliver meals and well checks to homebound seniors, as some previous volunteers are not ready to return.

Routes would be on Thursday or Friday, and the hot meals can be picked up from Horizons between 10:45 and 12:00 in the driver's bay. Most routes take about an hour to complete. Please contact volunteer@horizonsfamily.org or khill@horizonsfamily.org.

They appreciate your support and are looking forward to getting daily deliveries up and running!

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES—TRAVEL WITH BISHOP LAURIE IN 2022

Walking Where Jesus Walked! Bishop Laurie Haller invites clergy and laity to join her in pilgrimage to the Holy Land, February 1-11, 2022. The "[Bible Land Exploration](#)" tour is certain to impact you in very positive ways as you experience the Land of our Faith firsthand. Early registration discounts are available through August 1st. For more information, please contact Len and Diane Eberhart, Lendiane92@gmail.com or 641-990-3861 voice/text.

World Famous Passion Play: Bishop Laurie Hall is leading a group to experience the [Best of Italy & Oberammergau Passion Play](#), August 15-26, 2022. Early registration discounts are available through September 30th. For more information, please contact Len and Diane Eberhart, Lendiane92@gmail.com or 641-990-3861 voice/text.

Operation Backpack

In support of the Pierce Backpack Ministry, we will have a special offering on two Sundays: June 13th and 20th. Operation Backpack provides needy students with nutritious, easy to prepare food when other food resources may not be available, specifically on weekends and school vacations. The need for this ministry has greatly increased during the pandemic.

THANK-YOU'S

Thank you for partnering with us to meet basic needs in Linn County. Your donation of \$100 to the Ecumenical Community Center Foundation's (ECCF's) Helping Hands Ministry (HHM) makes a difference. Also, thank you for including me in Sunday lessons that are informative and also formative. It is wonderful to share with hearts so full of love in action.

Thank you for your generosity and grace. *Yours in Christ's Awesome Love, Robin Switzer Brunner, COO*

We wish to thank Lovely Lane Methodist Church so much for contributing 20 pounds of items to the Linn Community Food Bank during the first quarter of 2021. We could not operate our food bank without the generous support of donors like you and your congregation.

Thank you! The dear people you just helped with your gift (\$1,150) to UMCOR may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be—*Thank you!* Together, may we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate genuine love for our neighbors.

Thank you from Bev Kadlec for all your prayers and concerns over the past months. Bev continues to improve and welcomes visitors. She is currently at MethWick Manor and her phone number is 319-899-4701. *Sharon Kouba for Bev Kadlec*

Serenity Prayer (by Reinhold Niebuhr)

God, grant me the Serenity
to accept the things I cannot change.
The courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time,
enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace;
Taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is;
Not as I would have it;
Trusting that You will make all things right
if I surrender to Your will;

So that I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with You forever in the next. AMEN.

From your Lovely Lane Health & Wholeness Committee

VBS 2021: "To Mars and Beyond"

July 12-15, 5:30pm-8:00pm

Meal for families and youth at 5:30pm

VBS is a collaboration between Lovely Lane and Hope UCC.

This year, it'll be held at Hope UCC!

To Sign Up: <https://forms.gle/B1ssyKzSXGNDxR2y6>.



YOUTH SERVICE WEEK!

We are partnering with St. Paul's UMC youth to put on a service week for middle and high school youth,

Monday, July 19th, 2021 – Friday, July 23, 2021

We'll be doing various service opportunities around the city, such as: Matthew 25, Prairiewoods, Indian Creek Nature Center, The African American Museum, and Catherine McAuley Center, as well as a fun day at Lake McBride.

Cost for the week: \$15

To sign up: <https://www.stpaulsumc.org/youth-week-of-service-and-learning/>

Summer Book Club with Pastor Kristina

June: *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd

July: *Anxious People* by Frederick Backman

August: *The Hate You Give* by Angie Thomas

Order the book from Amazon, your local bookstore, or wherever you purchase books, read throughout the month, and join me for conversation and discussion!

Discussion Dates (at Lovely Lane):

JUNE: Monday, June 28th, 7pm

JULY: Monday, July 26th, 7pm

AUGUST: Monday, August 30th, 7pm

Email Pastor Kristina at kristina@lovelylane.org with any questions!

Save the Date!

Fall Women's Retreat: "Strong and Courageous"

October 2, 2021

at Lovely Lane United Methodist Church



Concerns & Celebrations

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- *Sympathy to the family of Jack Sackett; his service was on April 28
- *Sympathy to the family of Al Stiers; his service will be this summer
- *Sympathy to LuAnn Basemann & family following the passing of her brother-in-law, Pat
- *Sympathy to Pastor Kristina after the passing of her grandmother
- *Darlene Carlson fell & broke her leg, rehab at Hiawatha Care Center
- *Jeff & Pat Swartzendruber's daughter, Jennifer, with cancer diagnosis
- *Dave Keefe's mother & uncle, Ernie, with health concerns
- *Mari Lu Smith's brother, Gene, struggling with cancer
- *Mary Vorwerk's sister, Janice, with concerns involving her leg
- *Mary Vorwerk's sister, Janice, with leg concerns
- *Jennie Lanzo-Mineck's brother, Larry, with liver cancer
- *Susan Blum's nephew, Allen, following a farm accident & has an infection
- *Barb Olive's son-in-law's mother receiving hospice care
- *Countries of India & Brazil, & entire world, with serious ongoing Covid-19 concerns
- *Conflict & fighting in the Middle East

April Financial Totals

Cash inflow—mo. of April	-\$105,160*
(*due to creation of Reserve Fund)	
Cash inflow—YTD	\$ 65,298*
Budget need/month	\$ 45,253
Cash outflow—mo. of April	\$ 49,091
Cash outflow—YTD	\$165,227
<i>Unpaid apportionments</i>	-\$ 10,444
(We're 2 months ahead.)	

Remembering with love:

James Larison.....2017

JOYS:

- *Wedding congratulations to Jenna Price & Brad Arnold
- *Dave Keefe with good news following an MRI and scope; cancer appears to be gone
- *Bev Kadlec is at Meth-Wick & doing well; she welcomes visitors!
- *Saturday night worship we had at Cedar Memorial
- *Spring weather & outdoor yard work
- *Celebrating our mothers & the wonderful women in our lives on Mother's Day
- *Appreciation to teachers for Teacher Appreciation Week
- *Special thanks to our super Lovely Lane Preschool teachers & BASE staff
- *Celebrating our High School graduates: Gaby DuPont, Lindsay Lesmeister, Reid Pakkebier, Olivia Schneider, Jared Stumpf, & Jacey Wall
- *Congratulations to our Lovely Lane Preschool graduates
- *Congratulations to college graduates & blessings for the future
- *Pastor Scott celebrates daughter, Emma, graduating from Univ. of Iowa
- *Appreciation to the Rev. Bill Poland for preaching on May 16
- *Good progress with the building project at church
- *Women at the Well Prison Ministry celebrates 15 years of service
- *65 years with women receiving full clergy rights in the United Methodist Church

HAPPY ENDINGS

Happy Endings, book discussion group, will meet at Nancy Miller's home on Monday, June 14th, at 10:00 AM. Her address is 2827 Glen Elm Dr. NE, CR; phone no. is 393-6340.

The book we're reading for June is *Leave Only Footprints* by Conor Knighton. The book to read for July is *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins. Anyone is welcome to join in!



June Monthly Newsletter, Vol. 59, No. 6
2424 42nd Street NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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



Find out more about us:

Website: www.lovelylane.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/lovelylaneumc

Phone: 319-393-6674

Lovely Lane Staff

Lead Pastor.....Dr. Scott Meador
Associate Pastor.....Rev. Kristina Roth-Klinck
Sr. Office Manager.....Sue Moss
Office Manager.....Marti Bowman
Building Project Manager.....Amber Mulnik
Director Children's Weekday Min.....Dawn DuPont
Kid's Club Director.....Julie Meyer
Christian Educator.....Barb Geissinger
High School Youth Director.....Ryan Roth-Klinck
Choir Director.....K. Weiler
Organist.....Dennis Ramsey
Children's Choirs.....Carla Jesse
Director of Handbells.....Charlie Kucera
Nursery.....Shelbie Wood, Tara Neveu,
& Paige Gerjets
Wedding Coordinator.....Becky Wood
Custodians.....Rex, Rhonda & Jessica Heasty
Audio/Visual Coordinator.....Eric Wylie
Treasurer.....Marcie Stumpf
Finance Secretary.....Vicki Cangemi
Webmaster.....Shelly Turner