

Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

May 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

“So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”
Psalm 90:12

It was more than a decade ago since the moving van first rolled up in front of Lovely Lane to unload a bevy of books and two weary Wilcox's! A lot has happened since then! Gayle and I have been reminiscing with joyful hearts about the work of God here at our Church these last 11 years. The Psalmist encourages us to number our days, so here's Lovely Lane by the numbers—(thanks to the year-end reports to the Conference!):

454—New members

24—Different staff changes

1595—Preschool children touched and loved by our Preschools

8—Times a Rainbow Covenant Church (Over \$500,000 to missions total)

210,000—Dollars paid to replace or repair all of our 8 roofs

127—Youth confirmed

23—Mission trips by youth and adults

1—50th Anniversary observed

97—Baptisms

500,000—Mortgage dollars paid off

11—Straight years of Apportionments paid! (Approx. \$1 million total)

Numbers do not say it all, but they do speak to what happens when a Church truly trusts in God, loves Jesus, and is empowered by the Spirit to do and be infinitely more than we could ever think or imagine!

Gayle and I feel very blessed to have been your pastors these last 11 years. We have been privileged to witness God's work among you and we will never forget what a joy it has been to be in ministry together! We anticipate that the best is yet to come for you and look forward to hearing how your days will be numbered in the loving heart of God!

Calendar of Events — May 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 6:45 pm WOF	2 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 6 pm Confirmation rehearsal	3 5:30 pm Yoga	4	5
6 Confirmation & Communion Sunday 9 am Choir 10:30 am Confirmation Service	7 9 am Prayer Shawl (extra mtg.) 10 am—3 pm PEO 5:30 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm CE mtg.	8 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 6:30 pm Mental Health Support Grp. 6:45 pm WOF	9	10 7 am Leadership Meeting @ Panera's 1 pm UMW mtg. 5:30 pm Yoga 6:30 pm Missions 6:45 pm AcabeLLa	11 5:30 pm Wedding rehearsal	12 4 pm Abben/Reid Wedding
13 Mother's Day / Teacher Appreciation 9 am Choir	14 10:00 am Happy Endings 5:30 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Cap. Campaign Design Team	15 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 10:30 am -5 pm JFON Office Hours 5-8 pm JFON Clinic 6:45 pm WOF	16 4:45 pm Zamar - last practice & party	17 4:00 pm Hospitality 5:30 pm Yoga 6:45 pm Trustees 7 pm Committee Meetings 7:50 pm Ad Council	18 12 noon Friendly Fellowship	19 8:30 am Men's Breakfast 9 am-1:30 pm ILF 2-5 pm Graham Woods Graduation Party
20 Pentecost / Graduation Sunday (& last day of Sunday School) 9 am Choir 9:15 -10 & 11:30-1:30 New Member Class	21 9-noon CWM Preschl. Graduation 9 am Prayer Shawl Grp. 5:30 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	22 9-noon CWM Preschl. Graduation 7-9 pm CWM Board mtg.	23	24 5:30 pm Yoga	25	26
27 SUMMER WORK-SHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS: 1 service @ 9:30 AM	28 Memorial Day (church & office closed)	29 10 am Funeral Visitation 11 am Funeral for Eddie Anderson, Jr. 12 noon Funeral Luncheon	30 9:30 am CCM (offsite)	31 5:30 pm Yoga	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

MAY 13TH SPECIAL OFFERING FOR OPERATION BACKPACK

Lovely Lane and Pierce School have been Community Partners with the Operation Backpack Program for 7 years. It's always so rewarding to see how excited the kids get when they see us drop off the bags, knowing that they will have some extra food over the weekend! At a recent school volunteer breakfast, two teachers sat with the LL backpack team and expressed how much the kids looked forward to picking up their bags.

The investment for each distributed food bag is about \$5, or \$200 for 1 student per year. Research shows that nutrition is vital to learning and Operation Backpack helps ensure that good nutrition continues through the weekend until children are back in school.

Operation Backpack has been successful due to strong working relationships with key school staff who i.d. children with greatest need AND community partners who provide volunteer resources and necessary funding. HACAP's Operation Backpack began in 2008 with 8 schools participating. As of school year 2017-18, there are 77 participating schools each joined by a community partner, distributing 95,000+ backpacks to students within a 7-co. service area. Help our neighbors with this vital ministry and help our children keep learning by giving generously on May 13th!!

Lovely Lane Worship, et al.



Worship in May

May 6th: Confirmation Sunday @ 10:30 Service / Communion—8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM
 Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-6, 11-13
 Sermon: "Floating Our Faith"
May 13th: Mother's Day / Teacher Appreciation—8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM
 Scripture: Mark 3:31-35
 Sermon: "Motherhood in the Bible"
May 20th: Pentecost / Graduation Sunday—8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM
 Scripture: Mark 14:3-9
 Sermon: "Big Dreams, Small Deeds"
May 27th: 1st Sunday of Summer Worship—One service @ 9:30 AM
 Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 1:2-7
 Sermon: "The Power of Remembering"

LOVELY LANE UMC

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Our summer worship schedule will go into effect on **Sunday, May 27th**, 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 -Rally Sunday (the start of LL Sunday School).

SUMMER READING: "ADVENTURES IN GOD'S WORLD" - COMING SOON!

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

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 name tag or do not have one, contact the church office at 393-6674 or email Amber Mulnik at ambermulnik@hotmail.com.

CONFIRMATION 2018

On Sunday, May 6th, at 10:30 AM worship, the following youth will be confirmed in the Christian Faith as followers of Jesus, take vows of church membership, and join Lovely Lane UMC! These youth have spent 8 months studying the Christian faith, learning about John Wesley, and helping with local missions. They have done a lock-in, walked a labyrinth, worshipped at a synagogue and with African Nationals, been part of LL's youth group, written their personal statements of faith (their creeds), and attended a personal faith interview. Please pray for them as they are confirmed in the faith, join the church, and embark on a new season of faith development and serving Christ. **Following the service there will be a reception.**

Confirmand

Taylor Ciabatti
 Katie Conyers
 Leyla Grawe
 Justin Hingtgen
 Emily Kubik

Kyra LaGrange
 Jay Lauritsen
 Rachel Wylie

Parents

Kevin & Amy Ciabatti
 Matt Geissinger & Amy Conyers
 Dan & J.R. Grawe
 Terry & Heather Hingtgen
 Lesley & Jeff Vossenkemper,
 Bryan & Stephanie Kubik

Dee LaGrange & Derek LaGrange
 Jon & Dulcie Lauritsen
 Eric & Krista Wylie

Mentor

Judy McDowell
 Cathy Weber
 Barb Geissinger
 Brad Johnson
 Carmen Johnson

Anne Mason
 Ron Nelson
 Sue Moss

Joe Helle (teaching assistant) with Pastor Gayle Wilcox (teacher)

CHILDREN & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

July: VBS - *Raging River Rampage* dates will be July 8th -12th, 5 PM-8 PM (w/optional meal)

Weekly Sunday School: Children's classes are held during our 9:15 and 10:30 AM services. Middle Schoolers and Adults meet only at 9:15. The last day of Sunday School this year is May 20th. Summer Reading will begin the following Sunday, May 27th, when our Summer Worship Schedule begins with one combined service at 9:30 AM.

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

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.

A VBS COMMITTEE IS FORMING which will meet on Wednesday evenings beginning in May to plan for Summer 2018! We will check out curriculum, gather craft and science needs, and plan scenery and decorations to make it fun and engaging for kids! If you'd like to join us, contact

SAVE THE DATE!!!

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 will be sent soon.

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT!!!!



United Methodist Women News

EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT SPA DAY FOR CLERGY WOMEN

The East Central District UMW will thank and pamper clergy women in our district with the Fourth Annual Clergy Women's Spiritual Spa Day on Weds., May 9th, 9:30 AM - 2 PM, at the Lisbon United Methodist Church. The East Central District UMW is providing this day to "renew our souls and our shared journeys" for the district's clergywomen. "Nourishment for Body & Soul" will be provided by these clergy/spiritual guides: Gayle Wilcox, Sue Thomas, Sheri Delong, and Karen Nelson. This is the EC District UMW's way to celebrate the women in ministry with other women in our district.

MAY UMW MEETING

**The Ladies of Lovely Lane are cordially invited to join us
for *Coffee, Tea & Memories*
on Thursday, May 10th, @ 1 PM, in the Fellowship Hall**

This year we will be remembering our Grandparents—as special people who are part of our heritage, DNA, and hold a special place in our hearts and memories. Please bring any mementos, photos and stories of your grandparents and what you remember most about them. As we remember those special people in our lives, we will surely share a few smiles.

We'll also take time to remember "**THOSE SPECIAL WOMEN**" in our lives who have gone before us with a short memorial service. Fonda Carris and Nancy Snyder will be our hostesses. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND COME JOIN US!**"

UMW TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We are just beginning a study of the Gospel of John and will continue to meet thru **May 15th**; then on **May 22nd**, we'll meet for our annual 'wind-up' luncheon after which the group will take a break during the summer. Beginning **September 11th**, **we will continue our study of the Gospel of John when we resume meeting each Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 11:15 AM.** We invite you to join with us next fall!

IOWA CONFERENCE UMW'S MISSION U

Our theme this year is "Being Bold For Christ" and 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 Covenantal 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 will be offered at Fall Mission U, and scholarships are available. For more information and registration forms, call Cheryl Murphy (377-6205).

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S ASSEMBLY—MAY 18-20, COLUMBUS, OH

This quadrennial event will take place in Columbus, Ohio on May 18th-20th with the theme "The Power of Bold." Through moving worship, inspiring speakers, immersion experience exhibits, riveting workshops and town-hall style meetings, members will leave the Assembly with the knowledge, courage, and determination to put our Faith, Hope and Love into Action as part of a daring and compassionate 150-year-old mission organization.



HAPPY ENDINGS

Happy Endings, the book discussion group, will meet on Monday, May 14th, at 10 AM in the church library. The book we will discuss is *The Tea Planters Wife* by Dinah Jeffries, and Judy McDowell will lead the discussion. In June, we will share some information on books that we've read.

FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP

Friendly Fellowship will meet on Friday, May 18th, at noon for a luncheon potluck. The Hostesses will be Sharon Kouba and Barb Waterhouse-Miller. The program will be presented by Eric Wylie who will give an overview of the proposed Facilities Assessment and Master Plan for the changes in the church. If you do not want to come for the potluck, the program will start about 12:30. Call Nancy Miller (393-6340) with questions.

Presence: Worship Attendance

<u>4/1 (Easter)</u>	<u>4/8</u>	<u>4/15</u>	<u>4/22</u>	<u>4/29</u>
592	189	234	321	217

Our Ministry Teams at Work

Missions / Community Outreach

- ◆ Kennedy Teacher Appreciation Breakfast tentatively on May 9th (National Teachers Day)
- ◆ Trinity Lane Transition Project (planning stages)
- ◆ Planning future Special Offering recipients for the year

Health & Wholeness

- ◆ Starting to plan for Women's Retreat in September

Remembering with love:

Donna Karshner.....2016

March Financial Totals

Cash inflow—mo. of March	\$ 35,730
Cash inflow—YTD	\$129,080
Budget need/month	\$ 47,794
Cash outflow—mo. of March	\$ 40,698
Cash outflow—YTD	\$138,839
Unpaid bills	\$ 7,639

The very act of planting a seed in the earth has in it to me something beautiful. I always do it with a joy that is largely mixed with awe. Celia L. Thaxter

FILL THE TRUCK

We have a great opportunity through UMCOR's Midwest Missions Distribution Center to "Fill the Truck" at annual conference! Donations will bring basic necessities and hope to those in need! A large truck will be waiting in the parking lot at annual conference, and many churches, including ours, will donate supplies to help fill it up! Here are some donation details:

- What:** NEW, unwashed, infant receiving blankets & gowns (0-6 mos.) & cloth diapers
Financial donations, checks made payable to "MMDC"
- Where:** Drop off items to the portable crib that will be set up at church in the narthex. Monetary donations need to be in an envelope labeled "Fill the Truck" and placed in the offering plate during church
- When:** We will start collecting item donations on Monday, May 14th, in a portable crib that will be in the narthex; the collection deadline will be June 3rd.

Concerns & Celebrations

Prayer concerns:

- *Patty Logsdon & family – on the death of her dad
- *Velma & Richard Rainville & family – on the death of her sister, Norma
- *Elaine Read & family – on the death of her mother
- *Mike Wood – had 1 of 2 knee replacement surgeries
- *Carol Elliott – had 1 of 2 knee replacement surgeries
- *Donna Houts – treating for headaches/jaw pain
- *June Sackett – recovering from a fall
- *Karen Wardenburg – hospitalized with MRSA
- *Sue Moss – recovering from a bad infection
- *Kathy Potter-Stepleton – had shoulder replacement
- *Jerry Weiland's 90+ year old dad, Paul – recovering from surgery
- *Barb Vancura's Uncle Walt & Aunt Ethel - after Barb's father's recent funeral, they fell on the escalator at our local airport and Ethel broke her hip
- *Rev. Ruth Hograbe, dtr. of Harry & Gladys Hograbe (charter members of Lovely Lane) – had serious complications following a 3/26 heart valve replacement and is sedated at Hennepin Co. Medical Ctr. in Minneapolis; please also pray for her husband, Duane
- *Kim Currie's Aunt Carol – battling lung cancer which has spread (Kim's mom is Carol's caregiver)
- *Jayne Woodson's kids, Lisa & Scott – hiking Mt. Everest in Nepal
- *Margaret Nelson's brother-in-law, Dick – treating / anticipating surgery for a large benign brain cyst
- *Donna Houts' father, Gerald - hospitalized at Mercy with serious foot issues from diabetes
- *Susie Gould's brother, Chris - pneumonia
- *Joy Jackson's mother, Ruth – recovering from a fall
- *Kennedy student's family - had a devastating fire

Joys:

- *Isabel Drew – good bone marrow transplant match
- *The witness of "March for Our Lives"
- *We had nearly 600 in worship on Easter Sunday
- *Great fun at our *Bright Sunday* worship April 8th
- *Children's Weekday Ministries made \$1,188.90 by collecting HyVee receipts for the 2017-18 school yr.
- *We celebrated National Volunteer Week by thanking the MANY volunteers who help our church thrive
- *Exciting end to Kid's Club for the school year with a carnival-themed meal and fun activities
- *Abundance of giving to Lenten offering recipients

THANK YOU NOTES

UMW GARAGE SALE- HUGE SUCCESS!

Thank you, Lovely Laners, for your contributions to the UMW garage sale! We offered great items for sale and had many volunteers show up on Friday night and Saturday to help with the sale. We made over \$1000 and plan to contribute to both youth groups' mission trips this summer. A sincere **THANK YOU** to everyone involved with the sale from the UMW Executive Committee!

Thank you so much for contributing 262 lbs. of food to the Linn Community Food Bank during the first quarter of 2018. We could not operate our food bank without the generous support of donors.

Tai Chi/Qi Gong

Come join us for Tai Chi/Qi Gong (a relaxing meditative form of exercise) on Mondays at 5:30 pm in the Narthex! We are following a new DVD by Don Fiore—Easy Tai Chi/Qi Gong especially for Seniors. This one has sitting and standing, and if you have a tennis ball, bring it! Hope to see you on Mondays!!

Blue Zone Changing to Healthy Hometown

Due to cost, the City of Cedar Rapids did not renew the *Blue Zone* contract. Instead, they are joining ***Healthy Hometown*** and will be continuing the important work of improving the physical, social, and emotional well-being of the community started by *Blue Zone*. We want to continue seeking to help create happier and healthier lives.

One of the upcoming Free Events, approved by *Healthy Hometown*, is: **Meet Me At The Market** - a social walk, run, bike, dance, and yoga event that will take place on Thursdays, May through the first week of September held at NewBo City Market, 5:00-8:00 PM.

Health & Wholeness Committee



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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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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
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