

Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

October 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.



Civil Conversations

I recently attended two local presentations that connected with the theme of civility. One presentation took place in August at the Cedar Rapids Public Library. The Ray Center at Drake University put on this event. The presenter shared the need to understand the viewpoints of others before we can expect others to understand our own particular viewpoints. The speaker said we often prepare a rebuttal instead of really listening to those around us. Another insight was the importance of attacking the issues of the day and not the people connected to the issues. We should care more to get it right than to be right.

The other presentation, at Theatre Cedar Rapids in September, was the Iowa Ideas Conference sponsored by the Cedar Rapids Gazette. This presentation addressed the importance of finding ways to collaborate in the polarized times we live in. One of the session speakers was former Iowa Supreme Court Justice David Baker. He shared that most people want a fair resolution in the matters of the day, but no one wants to be seen as weak. For many, compromise is seen as being weak. Folks want to win. Baker mentioned that few people know how to pick up the phone and speak to one another.

For me, these presentations brought out the need to work harder at getting along. We live in a difficult world today and times will only get tougher unless we learn to find common ground, respect the viewpoints of others, and express a willingness to compromise when the timing is right.

A scripture reading I reflected on after the presentations was Matthew 18: 15-17. In this passage, Jesus talks about conflict. He says that parties need to put in the hard work. Jesus says that if a person bothers you, you should come to this individual one-on-one. If this doesn't work, then it is acceptable to bring in one or two others. Extra efforts are needed to find common ground. I hope we make those efforts.

I've been reflecting lately about ways we might get along in our world today. Might we all do what we can to make a difference!

A Thousand Blessings to each of You! Scott

Calendar of Events — October 2018

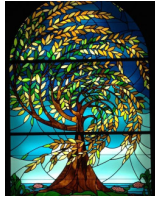
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 5:30 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm CE mtg.	2 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 6:45 pm WOF	3 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 9:30 am Mom's Club 12 noon WWW 1:30 pm Staff Mtg. 5:30 pm Family Meal 6-7:30 pm Kid's Club & M.S. Youth Group/Confirmation 6 pm Adult Explo	4 5:30 pm Yoga 6:15 pm Handbells	5	6
7 <i>World Communion Sunday</i> 4 pm New Members Class 6-8 pm H.S. Youth Group	8 10 am Happy Endings 5:30 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	9 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 6:30 pm Mental Health Support Grp. 6:45 pm WOF	10 12 noon WWW 1:30 pm Staff brief prayer time 5:30 pm Family Meal 6-7:30 pm Kid's Club & M.S. Youth Group/Confirmation 6 pm Adult Explo	11 7 am Leadership Mtg. (@ Panera's) 1:00 pm UMW mtg. 5:30 pm Yoga	12	13 9 am-1:30 pm ILF
14 <i>1 pm CROP Walk (@ Thomas Park)</i> 4 pm New Members Class 6-8 pm H.S. Youth Group	15 5:30 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	16 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 10:30 am-5 pm JFON Office Hours 5-8 pm JFON Clinic 6:45 pm WOF	17 12 noon WWW 1:30 pm Staff mtg. 5:30 pm Family Meal 6-7:30 pm Kid's Club & M.S. Youth Group/Confirmation 6 pm Adult Explo	18 4 pm Hospitality 5:30 pm Yoga 6:15 pm Handbells 6:45 pm Trustees Meetings 7 pm Committee Meetings 7:50 pm Ad Council	19 12 noon Friendly Fellowship 4:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal	20 8:30 am Men's Breakfast 4:30 pm Allred/Neugebauer Wedding
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28 6-8 pm H.S. Youth Group (mission project—offsite)	29 9 am Prayer Shawl Grp. 5:30 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	30 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 6:45 pm WOF	31 Happy Halloween! 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 12 noon WWW 1:30 pm Staff lunch NO WEDS. EVENING ACTIVITIES		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

Away in a Basement: A Church Basement Ladies Christmas is showing at Amana's Old Creamery Theatre on Sunday, Dec. 2nd, at 2 PM. If you'd like to join us, we have a limited no. of tickets available; they are \$27 each and on a first come, first serve basis. If you're interested in going to the Ronneburg Restaurant in Amana for dinner afterwards, or if you'd like to carpool, let us know. We'll leave about 1 PM from the church.

Checks need to be made out to **Jayne Woodson**. There is an envelope on the table by the office for checks or you can give them to Sue in the office. The deadline is Sunday, Nov. 2nd.

Contact Linda Keefe if you're interested (319-743-0591 or davlinke@msn.com). Health & Wholeness

Lovely Lane Worship, et al.



Worship in October

Oct. 7th: **World Communion Sunday**—3 services: 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Sermon: "Searching for Peace"

Oct. 14th: **21st Sunday after Pentecost**—3 services: 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott

Scripture: Romans 12:1-8
Sermon: "Slow Down" - Wholeness Living, Part 1

Oct. 21st: **22nd Sunday after Pentecost**—3 services: 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM / Pastor Jenny

Scripture: Luke 5:1-11
Sermon: "Journeying with Jesus" - Wholeness Living, Part 2

Oct. 28th: **23rd Sunday after Pentecost**—3 services: 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott

Scripture: 2 Kings 17:35-39
Sermon: "Worship + 2" - Wholeness Living, Part 3

FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP

Friendly Fellowship will meet on Friday, Oct. 19, at noon in the Fellowship Hall for our luncheon potluck. Phil and Shirley Martin are our host and hostess. Mark Stoffer-Hunter from the Cedar Rapids History Center will present our program. He'll bring us the latest news on the upcoming opening of the new CR History Center, along with an interesting topic regarding some CR history. He always has lots of interesting facts regarding our community!

Everyone is welcome! If you can't attend the potluck, please come at 12:30 and enjoy Mark's presentation. Call Nancy Miller (393-6340) with any questions.

ADULT EXPLO

Pastor Scott is excited to lead the **Adult Explo Group!** The group meets Wednesdays (began 9/19) @ 6 PM. If there's enough interest, another meeting night will be on Sundays @ 6 PM—start date TBD. The book focus is *A New Reformation* by Rob Fuquay; it looks at Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation that took place over 500 years ago and the lessons we learn today. **All are welcome!**

LOVELY LANE UMC NEW MEMBER CLASSES OCT. 7, 14 & 21 @ 4 PM

Pastor Scott and Pastor Jenny will lead the classes. Please contact one of them if you have any questions or if you'd like to attend and haven't already indicated your interest.

WWW: Wednesday Women of the Word is Meeting Wednesdays at Noon

All women are invited to this study placed during the lunch hour. **IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN IN!** If you can schedule your work day once a week to join us, please do. For those coming over the noon hour, feel free to bring your lunch to eat during the study; food, faith and fellowship are a great combination!

The group is reading and discussing *Boundless Compassion*, written by Joyce Rupp. In a world where compassion is NOT the norm, Joyce Rupp provides practical, real-life situations to move the reader to *develop a compassionate consciousness and find the behaviors that embody it*. It was love that motivated Jesus to act in his ministry and mission. Come join the conversation toward a more compassionate lifestyle.

There is minimal reading between meeting times. The book is divided into 6 sessions, but we are breaking it down even more to go up to 12 weeks.

The book costs \$15 and can be picked up in the office. For more information, contact Pastor Jenny at 319-393-6674 or jennys@lovelylane.org.

CHILDREN & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Sunday School: Sunday School is in full swing! Children's classes are held during the 9:15 and 10:30 AM services. Adults and Middle Schoolers also meet but only during the 9:15 hour. Completed registration forms for children to be in Sunday School and/or Kid's Club (Preschool-5th grade & Middle School) can be placed in the Sunday School container in the narthex.

During our 9:15 & 10:30 AM Sunday services, we're using the Sparkhouse rotation curriculum again this year. Kids can enjoy classes in science, art, cooking, stories, games, and drama.

Kid's Club: Kid's Club is also in full swing! All Preschool-5th graders are invited to attend! A family meal takes place at 5:30 with Kid's Club starting at 6 PM.

Contact Mrs. G (Barb) at christianedu@lovelylane.org or 393-6674 with questions about Sunday School; contact Julie Meyer at juliem@lovelylane.org or 393-6674 with questions on Kid's Club.

Senior High Youth Group, Grades 9-12, meets on **Sundays** at the church. Things will look a bit different this Fall, however:

We start at 6 PM with Supper and conclude at 7:45 PM, which is a bit later than last year. **NEW** this fall: **pizza almost every week!** We'll have a standing pizza order that will be delivered and served. (I hope by parents that sign up.) **Two times per month** we'll start youth group with 30 mins. of worship—this will include 2-3 praise songs, a short scripture reading, and a sharing of highs and lows. Then, we will have a time for small group discussion around the theme of the worship. There will NOT be preaching, just a focus on worship. **One time per month** we will do games ...sometimes at the church and sometimes off-site. On those nights, supper will be BFD-Breakfast For Dinner, and youth will cook! Pancakes, French toast, eggs, etc. **One time per month** we will do some sort of mission project, both at the church and off-site. Pizza will be served on these nights as well.

October Schedule 6:00-7:45 PM:

- Oct. 7 Pizza Supper, Worship, and small group fun
- Oct. 14 Games and Youth cook supper - BFD (Breakfast for Dinner)
- Oct. 21 Pizza Supper, Worship, and small group fun
- Oct. 28 Mission Project Off-site: Raking for folks

For more information, contact Pastor Jenny @ 319-393-6674 or jennys@lovelylane.org.

Middle School Youth Group, Grades 6-8, meets at the church on **Wednesdays!**

Every week: All youth grades 6-8 will gather. **Two Times per month:** Confirmation youth (8th graders) will attend classes with Pastor Jenny to have the deeper conversations of faith. The 6-7th graders will continue to meet in youth group.

Schedule: We will eat together at the family meal at 5:30 PM and have classes and/or youth group from 6:00-7:15 PM.

There will be opportunities for service, games, and faith formation.

October Schedule 5:30-7:15 PM:

- Oct. 3 6-8th Grade Youth Group Session
- Oct. 10 6-7th Grade Youth Group Session; 8th Grade Confirmation Class
- Oct. 14 CROP Walk for Hunger Activity - 1 PM at Thomas Park in Marion
- Oct. 17 6-8th Grade Youth Group Session
- Oct. 24 6-8th Grade Youth prepare Wed. night meal; 8th Grade Confirmation Class
- Oct. 31 Halloween! No Youth Group or other Wed. Night Activities.

For more information, contact Pastor Jenny @ 319-393-6674 or jennys@lovelylane.org.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

LOVELY LANE'S UMW'S PROGRAMS & EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

We will meet on **Thursday, Oct. 11th**, at **1 PM in the Fellowship Hall**. Our program will be *Lessons From Life* by Dr. Scott Meador. We're happy that Pastor Scott will be our guest speaker! This would be a good chance to meet with Pastor Scott within a small group setting. Do plan to join us for an interesting program and good fellowship! Nancy Snyder and Fonda Carris will be our hostesses.

LOVELY LANE'S UMW BIBLE STUDY

The **UMW Bible Study Group** has resumed meeting on **Tuesdays from 9:30-11:15 AM in Fireside**. We're currently studying the Gospel of John and invite anyone available on Tuesday AM's to join us for study and fellowship. **Since we decided to not only lug our mugs but to fill them at home, please come prepared with your favorite beverage in hand!** Call Cheryl Murphy (377-6205) for more info.

IOWA CONFERENCE UMW ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, Oct. 6, 9 AM - 2:30 PM

First United Methodist Church

313 E. Montgomery St., Knoxville, IA

The Keynote speaker will be Rev. Harlan Gillespie, Assistant to the Bishop of the Iowa Conference.

IOWA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSION U

This year's theme 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 in *The Faith We Sing*). The fall session is **Oct. 19-21** at Iowa Valley Community College, Marshalltown, IA. The topics are: Spiritual Growth: "Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living"; Social Issue: "What About Our Money? A Faith Response"; Geographic study: "The Missionary Conference of The United Methodist Church in the United States." Spanish, Korean, youth and children's classes are offered and scholarships are available. For more information and registration forms, call Cheryl Murphy (377-6205).

CWM- Children's Weekday Ministries

***Lovely Lane Preschool *Trinity Lane Preschool *BASE - Before & After School Daycare**



CWM always enjoys *fall*! We *fall* into our school routines and *fall* in love with the children as we plan instruction for almost 80 students at Lovely Lane and 80 at Trinity Lane. No one *falls* through the cracks. We welcome each and every one. Daycare *falls* in line with nearly 80 students as well. Not everyone is full-time, but the families depend on us to be here every day with our talented and reliable staff that does not *fall* short in their ability to care for the students in a nurturing and safe environment.

We never *fall* off the wagon for doing God's work or *fall* prey to any philosophy besides our mission of blessing our children and their families with the presence of God's love. We want our families to *fall* head over heels in love with our program. We cannot *fall* asleep at the wheel, and we always *fall* back on the gifts God has given our teachers—so patient and loving.

Since Trinity Lane is in a new home, teachers are letting old ways *fall* by the wayside as they embrace challenges of a new environment. We don't want to *fall* behind on installing the playground; Sept. 27th is the set date. Site preparation was done by a company for no charge.

As the curtain *falls* on the month of September, preschool is busy with school pictures, field-trips, KidSight, DHS visits, a fundraiser and Open House. Let the leaves *fall* where they may. We're grateful for our preschool and daycare families and the churches housing our programs.

Happy Fall Y'All



CROP Walk for Hunger, Sunday, October 14

We walk because they walk! In October in the state of Iowa, hundreds of CROP Walkers for hunger will walk miles to raise money to support hunger relief programs of Church World Service AND for local hunger agencies.

The Cedar Rapids/Marion CROP Hunger Walk is on Sunday, Oct. 14 at Thomas Park in Marion. Registration is at 1:00 pm and the walk starts at 1:30. The CROP walk is a symbolic walk of solidarity with people around the world who must walk miles every day in order to get the basic necessities of food, water, and firewood.

To join the group of Lovely Lane walkers, contact Pastor Jenny (393-6674 or jennys@lovelylane.org). If you're unable to walk, please consider sponsoring one of our youth. They'll be available to answer questions and receive pledges in October outside the sanctuary before and after worship.

AED (AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR)

Do you know where it is or how to use it in an emergency???

We will have an AED demonstration on Sunday, Oct. 14th, after the 8:00 and 10:30 services. Please plan to join us for a short demonstration to **learn where to locate the AED and how to use it!**

Health & Wholeness

REMINDER TO SNOWBIRDS

If you're a snowbird or college student, and we do not yet have an alternate address for you, please contact Sue in the church office ASAP (319-393-6674 or suem@lovelylane.org). We also need the approximate dates you'll be at the alternate address.

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!!

Our Ministry Teams at Work

Missions / Community Outreach

- ◆ Finalized budget & submitted to Marcie S.
- ◆ Still finalizing Advent Offering recipients
- ◆ Taking Hurricane Relief Offerings (2 Sundays in September)
- ◆ Start preparing for Angel Tree recipients

Health & Wholeness

- ◆ Women's Retreat—Sept. 22nd @ Prairiewoods
- ◆ AED training & education—Oct. 14th

Hospitality

- ◆ New Members Classes on Oct. 7, 14 & 21 @ 4 PM—provide snacks

Trustees

- ◆ Investigating what is causing leans in the foyer coat area
- ◆ Had the carpet & tiles in the front foyer/narthex/fireside area cleaned

Christian Education

- ◆ Children's Christmas Program—Dec. 16th, 9:15 service
- ◆ Children singing in worship on 9/30, 10/21 & 11/11

August Financial Totals

Cash inflow—mo. of Aug.	\$ 43,490
Cash inflow—YTD	\$340,717
Budget need/month	\$ 47,794
Cash outflow—mo. of Aug.	\$ 45,128
Cash outflow—YTD	\$360,701
Unpaid bills	\$ 15,278

Remembering with love:

Betty Widmer.....2017

Bill Travis.....2017

Presence: Worship Attendance

<u>9/2</u>	<u>9/9</u>	<u>9/16</u>	<u>9/23</u>	<u>9/30</u>
207	294	217	238	291

Concerns & Celebrations

Prayer concerns:

- *Paul Sale—on the death of his mother
- *Maggie Thomas—on the death of her aunt
- *Pastor Jenny & the entire Seylar family—on the 1 year anniversary of Dale's death [9/16]
- *Rod Reid—@ U of IA Hosps. after 20-ft. fall from a ladder; recuperation/healing period will be lengthy (church members plan to build or help build a ramp at his residence)
- *Betty VanFossen—has started another round of chemotherapy
- *Jean Fitz—recovering from a heart valve procedure
- *Gwen Bray—was hospitalized @ St. Luke's
- *Sue Moss—was briefly hospitalized due to a recurrent skin infection
- *Stephanie French—older sister in Texas with health issues
- *Patty Logsdon's sister, Susan—health issues
- *Phil Martin—recovering from hip surgery
- *Michele Maus's sister—facing treatment for breast cancer
- *Marlo Jack—her brother is recovering from a stroke
- *Susan Wear—Todd, 37 yrs. old, w/Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- *Jayne Woodson—son, Rick, needs employment
- *Those impacted by the hurricane in the Carolinas & by the typhoon in the Philippines
- *Abuse towards women, and all those affected by violence

Joys:

- *Rita McCord's sister's baby—home & healthy after being in NICU
- *Meaningful worship & tasty brunch on 8/26, with an exciting **Blessed to be a Blessing** presentation on proposed building improvements and enhancements for LL
- *Anniversaries—Dick & Stephanie Phillips—25th; Matt & Amber Mulnik—18th
- *Rory & Karon Niebuhr—daughter Andrea's wedding
- *Amy Perry—joy of mission work & a career change
- *Thanks to Trustees for their work on our retaining walls
- *Great 1st session of Weds. night ministries on 9/19
- *Chancel choir is enjoying singing @ the 10:30 service and has welcomed a new member (& would welcome more!)
- *Uplifting Men's Breakfast on 9/15
- *Women's Retreat @ Prairiewoods was a great gathering of more than 30 women
- *Kid's Club on Wednesday evenings is off to a good start

HAPPY ENDINGS

Happy Endings, the book discussion group, will meet on Monday, Oct. 8th, at 10 AM in the church library. The book we will discuss is *Educated* by Tara Westover; Cheryl Murphy will lead our discussion. The book to read for November is *Behold The Dreamer* by Imbolo Mbue. In December, we will not read a book but will go to lunch instead on Dec. 10th at 11:30 AM at Emil's Hide-away. We always welcome new members to our group who enjoy reading and discussing books.

Call Nancy Miller (393-6340) with questions.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Lou & Gerry Stolba
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Marion, IA 52302

PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED IF YOU HAVE ANY CONTACT INFORMATION THAT WE NEED TO UPDATE!!!

UMC's Present Commission On the Way Forward: Three Plans (Sept. '18)

The One Church Plan (recommended by the Council of Bishops) would allow for contextualization in different parts of the world (adapting some non-essential practices to different mission fields to maximize our witness and success in each place). It's based on the belief that we can be a church with a large enough tent for people to disagree about homosexuality and yet remain together as The United Methodist Church. It allows us to affirm that our unity and mission are more important than our disagreements.

The Connectional Conferences Model is grounded in a unified core that includes shared doctrine and services, and one Council of Bishops, while creating different branches that would have clearly defined values such as accountability, contextualization, and justice.

The Traditionalist Model would affirm the current language about homosexuality in the Book of Discipline and seek to strengthen enforcement for violations of church law.



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Worship Schedule

Sunday worship services:
8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM

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