

Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

September 2019

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.



World Religions

Theologian Paul Tillich once described religion as “ultimate concern.” This description was made without reference to belief in a higher power or belief in the sacred. Truth is, every religion is different. Some religions focus on multiple gods and some do not make reference to a higher power. Other religions are very clear there is one almighty God who is supreme ruler.

In my study of world religions, I have come to see that every religion addresses a basic human problem that may or not connect with a god or gods. Every tradition has a different focus on what is wrong with the world and with humanity in general. In response to this problem, each grouping offers up a solution as well as a path to get from the problem to the solution. Furthermore, each religion has examples of leaders that inspire adherents along the way.

This fall we will lift up the various world religions in worship and small group study. Beginning September 15, we will focus on world religions in our worship services. A preaching series will look at Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. We'll look at the history of each religion as well as key features and characteristics of that religion.

Ultimately, I want us to see what we can learn from each faith tradition. We have a lot to learn from others. It is commonplace to say each religion is a different path to the top of the mountain. This may or may not be true. The key is we understand why different groups of people throughout history have believed a particular belief system was meaningful for them.

As a companion to the focus in worship, the Adult Explo classes will go deeper on each religion. Classes will meet in our Library on Sunday and Monday nights from 6:00-7:15 pm (starting on September 8). The book, *What Christians Can Learn from Other World Religions*, by J. Philip Wogaman, will be studied. The group is open to everyone!

I look forward to this journey with each of you. It is always a joy to learn from others and see what God is teaching us!

A Thousand Blessings! Scott

Calendar of Events — September 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Communion (Last Summer Sunday with worship @ 9:30 AM)	2 Labor Day— church & office closed	3	4 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 1:30 pm Staff mtg.	5 8:45 am IA UMC dComm training 10 am Operation Backpack mtg. 5:30 pm Yoga	6	7 10 am "Extra" Chancel Choir Rehearsal
8 Rally Sunday (start of Sunday School for all ages) & Regular worship schedule returns: 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM (w/Fellowship between services) 9 am Chancel Choir 6 pm Adult Explo 6 pm H.S. Youth	9 10 am Happy Endings 5:15 pm Tai Chi 6 pm Adult Explo 6:30 pm CE mtg. 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	10 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 6:30 pm Mental Health Support Grp. 6:45 pm WOF	11 12 noon WWW 1:30 pm Staff brief prayer time 5:30 pm Family meal 6 pm Kid's Club / M.S. Youth / Confirmation	12 7:30 pm Leadership Team (@ Panera's) 5:30 pm Yoga 6:30 pm UMW Mtg. w/snacks 6:30 pm Missions	13	14
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HAPPY ENDINGS

Happy Endings, the book discussion group, will meet on Monday, Sept. 9th, at 10 AM in the church library. The book we will read for September is *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides. The book to read for October is *Mrs. Everything* by Jennifer Weiner; for November we will read *City of Girls* by Elizabeth Gilbert. In December we won't read a book but will meet on Dec. 9th and go out or lunch.

MEN'S BREAKFAST FOR SEPTEMBER

The next Men's Breakfast is Sat., Sept. 21, at 8 am. Mary Wilcynski will be our speaker. Mary was principal at Kennedy High School from 1997-2013. Most recently she served as co-chair of the Safe, Equitable, and Thriving (SET) task force. All are welcome!



WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1: Communion Sunday—LAST Summer Sunday with 1 service @ 9:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Luke 14:15-24 / Sermon: "Taking a Seat"

Sept. 8: Rally Sunday (the start of Sunday School for all ages!)—3 services @ 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Philemon 1-21 / Sermon: "The Grace of God"

Chancel Choir sings in 10:30 service starting 9/8!

Sept. 15: 14th Sunday after Pentecost—3 services @ 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10 / Sermon: "Hinduism" - *Learning from Others, Part 1*

Sept. 22: 15th Sunday after Pentecost—3 services @ 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Philippians 4:4-9 / Sermon: "Buddhism" - *Learning from Others, Part 2*

Sept. 29: 16th Sunday after Pentecost—3 services @ 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Genesis 12:1-3, 15:5-6 / Sermon: "Judaism" - *Learning from Others, Part 3*

Adult Discipleship Study Groups

Join a group this fall!

Faith Issues, Sundays, 9:15 AM – Led by Myrna Loehrlein; begins Sept. 8th

Faith Journeys, Sundays, 9:15 AM – Led by Joel Goodman; begins Sept. 8th

Adult Explo, Sundays & Mondays, 6 PM – Focus is on world religions, led by Pastor Scott; begins Sept. 8th

UMW Bible Study, Tuesdays, 9:15 AM – Led by Cheryl Murphy; begins Sept. 10th

Women of Faith (WOF), Tuesdays, 6:45 PM – Led by Pam Nixon; begins Sept. 10th

Wednesday Women of the Word (WWW), Wednesdays, Noon – Led by Barb Geissinger & Jayne Woodson; begins Sept. 11th

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING

Trinity Lane Preschool is beginning its second year of operation at the St. Ludmila's location. As this year begins, we're taking a special offering to ensure that supply needs, scholarships, and other issues that may arise are able to be covered financially.

Thank you to all who have given generously in the past and continue to give money and time to this important mission!!!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

I am once again coordinating *Operation Christmas Child*, a project of Samaritan's Purse. This wonderful program is a way to give kids around the world a gift of toys, personal items, and most importantly, the gift of God's love. Along with a box, each child will receive a booklet of "The Greatest Gift" written in their own language—giving them the opportunity to hear the Gospel and accept Christ as their savior.

From Sept. 1, 2019, until Nov. 16, 2019, I will be collecting shoe boxes, toys for boys or girls, school supplies, hygiene items, shirts, hats, and gloves. I will also be raising funds for the purchase of items. All gift boxes will be filled on Nov. 16th and dropped off at the distribution center on Nov. 18th.

Operation Christmas Child has moved me and called me to act! I can see how God's love has transformed my son and all of the kids at Lovely Lane. I want to see all kids feel that love!

I ask that you consider joining in this mission, and that you reach out to your friends and family to participate. There several ways you can help: 1) Donate empty shoe boxes. 2) Donate a filled shoe box. 3) Donate items from the wish list. 4) Give a gift of money to purchase items to fill our boxes. Children can help too by coordinating their own coin drive and donating to "Shake the Shoe Box; Make Noise for the Lord!" They can also pick up a coloring page to put in our boxes on packing day.

For more information, contact me at 319-929-0016 or reginaculbertson@gmail.com or even follow me on Facebook. I'll be happy to tell you more! With sincere thanks, Regina Culbertson

****SAVE THE DATE****

All Women & Friends are invited to join us for this special event!!



20th Annual Lovely Lane UMC Women's Retreat

on Saturday, Oct. 26th, 8:30 AM to 12 PM

right here at Lovely Lane!!!

(Note that the date has been changed!)

COMING IN NOVEMBER!!! Last year's outing to the Old Creamery Theatre and (optional) dinner at the Ronneburg Restaurant in the Amanas was so successful, we're offering it again this fall! All are welcome to join us for The Old Creamery Theatre's presentation of "NOT Another Christmas Letter—The Musical"! We have group-rate discounted tickets available at \$28.50 each for the 2 PM matinee on Sunday, Nov. 24th. (Tickets must be paid for by Fri., Nov. 8th—payable to Linda Keefe.) Hosted by Health & Wholeness



**FRIENDLY
FELLOWSHIP**

Friendly Fellowship is ready for a new year of great potlucks and interesting and educational presentations. We always welcome anyone who is interested in joining us. We meet in the Fellowship Hall at 12 noon on the third Friday of each month, with the exception of December and the summer months. We'd love to have some new people join us!

Our first meeting this fall will be on Friday, Sept. 20th, at 12 noon for the potluck and the program. This month will be a discussion with individuals telling us about one of their favorite trips or vacations (or maybe one they plan to take).

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

Remembering with love:

Betty Widmer.....2017

Bill Travis.....2017

Presence: Worship Attendance

<u>8/4</u>	<u>8/11</u>	<u>8/18</u>	<u>8/25</u>
201	232	201	217

July Financial Totals

Cash inflow—mo. of July	\$ 75,781
Cash inflow—YTD	\$329,038
Budget need/month	\$ 49,732
Cash outflow—mo. of July	\$ 64,551
Cash outflow—YTD	\$316,192
Unpaid apportionments	\$ 22,656

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

LOVELY LANE UMW'S MEETING Thursday, Sept. 12, at 6:30 PM in Lovely Lane's Library & Fellowship Hall

Lovely Lane's UMW's first meeting this fall will be on Sept. 12 at 6:30 PM. We will be presenting an interesting movie about the effects of the Wall. In 2006, the U.S. government decided to build a fence along its Mexican border. Three years later and \$3 billion later, award winning filmmaker Rory Kennedy offers this revealing and surprising look at the story behind the fence's construction and its ultimate efficacy. Built to contain illegal immigration, crack down on drug trafficking and protect America from terrorists, the project has given way to unforeseen, even absurd consequences. Featuring candid interviews with border patrol guards, ranchers, environmentalists and voices from both sides of the immigration debate, the film provides an insightful and often humorous analysis of the contradictions and misinformation that have dogged the fence from its conception. Judy McDowell will coordinate our program and be our hostess. Come see the film, discuss its implications, and enjoy some popcorn, snacks, and pop or water. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND COME JOIN US!**

UMW BIBLE STUDY

Lovely Lane's UMW Bible Study will **resume meeting Tuesday mornings from 9:30–11:15 AM in Fireside, beginning Tuesday, Sept. 10th**. We invite you to join with us for fellowship and study as we resume our study of the book of Acts. Since we have decided to not only **LUG OUR MUGS, BUT TO FILL THEM AT HOME, PLEASE COME PREPARED WITH YOUR FAVORITE BEVERAGE IN HAND.**

EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT UMW'S ANNUAL MEETING

**Saturday, Sept. 21
at St. Mark's UMC
(2675 E. Washington St., Iowa City)**

Registration/Coffee for this event is 8:30 - 9 AM and the meeting will begin at 9 AM. The theme is "CONTINUING OUR LEGACY: 150 YEARS OF SERVING WOMEN, CHILDREN AND YOUTH. The Keynote Presentation will be *Lessons from United Methodist Women* by Lynn Calvert, Iowa Conference UMW President.

UMW Annual Meetings are a joyful celebration of the missions and ministries of United Methodist Women. Activities for the day will include music, silent auction baskets, quilts and teen blankets, breakout sessions, love offerings, and officer training. Donation of baskets for auction will be appreciated. The value of baskets should not exceed \$25 and all auction proceeds will go to Missions.

There will also be a collection of items from the Wish List for Bidwell Riverside Child Development Center: ART SUPPLIES, markers-washable & non-toxic, plain white paper, construction paper, Elmer's glue sticks, playdough, sidewalk chalk, yarn/ribbon, bubbles, and watercolor paints. For more info. about joining us as we go to Vinton for this annual meeting, call Cheryl Murphy (377-6205).

IOWA CONFERENCE UMW'S MISSION U

Our theme this year is "Continuing Our Legacy: 150 Years of Serving Women, Children and Youth." The theme scripture is I Corinthians: "Now these three things remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." (NIV) Our theme hymn is "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" (#2241 in *The Faith We Sing*). **The fall session will be held Oct. 18-20 at Iowa Valley Community College, Marshalltown, IA.** The topics will be Spiritual Growth—"Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship"; Social Issue—"What About our Money? A Faith Response"; and the Special Anniversary Study—"Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission". For more information and registration forms, contact Cheryl Murphy (377-6205).

SUNDAY SCHOOL & STUDIES FOR ALL AGES

GOD IS GOOD! Learn from the Bible Stories—Find out at Sunday School!

Sunday School is starting on **Rally Sunday, September 8th**. Come be inspired when you hear *Stories of God and his good works*. Learn, have fun, and experience engaging activities as you dive in and explore the Bible!

9:15 AM Sunday School—Classes for following are available:

***Elementary** children PreK to 5th grade are using a multi-age format as we gather for music in Room 100. Spark House **Activate Faith** lessons for Science, Stories & Games, Art and Cooking are rotated each week. Stories used are rooted firmly in the Bible.

***Middle School** youth will meet in the Youth Room (106) and use *Submerge* from *Deep Blue* – a Bible centered approach for preteens to be Creative, Connect with God, and Dive Deep!

- **High School** age youth may be Sunday School volunteer helpers!

- **Adult Class** / Faith Issues will meet in the Library

- **Adult Class** / Faith Journeys will meet in Room 205

10:45 AM Sunday School: Classes for children (PreK – 5th grade) are located in the Fellowship Hall using Spark House's **Activate Faith rotations**. Children will be dismissed from the Sanctuary after the "Time for Young Disciples" and may be picked up after the service in the Fellowship Hall.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT KID'S CLUB

I am Fearfully and Wonderfully made! Get ready for Lovely Lane UMC's Wednesday Night Kid's Club, starting on **September 11!!!** The schedule is as follows:

5:30 PM Family meal served

6:00 PM Kids will go to their classrooms

6:05—6:20 PM 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th grade go to music

6:55—7:15 PM Preschool, Kindergarten and 1st grade go to music

7:15 PM Kids head home

Come and learn how we are fearfully and wonderfully made. For more info., contact Julie Meyer at juliem@lovelylane.org or 393-6674.

THANK YOU NOTES

THANK YOU SO MUCH to our Lovely Lane family for all the prayers, expressions of sympathy, and kindness shown to us the past few weeks. Jerry's dad, Paul, passed a few days after Virginia's brother, Bruce, passed away. Because of your caring ways, we will get through this difficult time. *Jerry & Virginia Weiland*

THANK YOU! The dear people you just helped with your gift to UMCOR may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be—*Thank you!* Since 1940, UMCOR has served as the humanitarian agency of The United Methodist Church, providing disaster response and relief to areas impacted by natural and man-made disasters around the world. And through your financial support, you are serving within a vital net work of interactive relationships as UMCOR responds to increasingly-frequent and destructive storms—sharing 100% of donated funds with those in need!

THANK YOU for partnering with Heifer International. We have received \$94.42 from your group of donors. Through your generous gift of animals and training, families learn to become self-reliant farmers and entrepreneurs earning steady incomes. In short, you give them the hand up—not the handout—they need to provide for their families, once and for all.

Concerns & Celebrations

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- *Sympathy to Jan Peterson & family on the passing of her husband, Lloyd, a long-time LL member; his funeral was 8/16 at Cedar Memorial
- *Death of Fran Fairchild, new LL member—her funeral was on 8/5
- *Sympathy to Mike & Becky Wood & family on his dad's passing
- *Sympathy to Jerry Weiland & family on his father's passing
- *Sympathy to Virginia Weiland on the passing of her brother, Bruce
- *Sympathy to ReGina Culbertson on the passing of her Aunt Sheila
- *Sympathy to Sharon Kouba on the passing of her nephew, Jerry
- *Sympathy to Bert Tribuno & Wilma Parsons on their nephew's passing
- *Jim Loehrlein lifts up family grieving after a loss
- *Nancy Snyder—was hospitalized for tests
- *Marci Wittles—recovering from foot surgery
- *Don Whitford—was moved to Hiawatha Care Center for rehab
- *Betty VanFossen—now @ Terrace Glenn in Marion, after hospitalization
- *Dave Keefe—injured his knee; starting therapy
- *Patty Logsdon—laid off from her employer that had changed hands
- *Corrine Davey—health problems
- *Joann Peterson family
- *Nancy Schultz's son-in-law, Tom—recovering from quadruple bypass surgery, in terrible pain from radiation treatments for prostate cancer that spread
- *Marci Wittles' grandson, JT—was hospitalized
- *Judy Keele asks for prayers for a family member with an illness
- *Carla Jesse's father
- *MariLu Smith lifts up Gene with cancer
- *Haitian boy that Jessica Hinke's family is helping needs a visa
- *Vicki Cangemi's mother and friend, Monica
- *Marti Bowman lifts up a newly-wed couple with a health challenge
- *Rev. Anna Blaedel—charged again and will go to trial
- *Congolese family is in N.Y. state for a better chance to gain asylum
- *Communities of El Paso & Dayton following mass shootings
- *Crisis in Honduras with many suffering hunger &/or disease
- *Children & families affected by the deportation raids

JOYS:

- *Maggie & Curtis Thomas have a new granddaughter and Katrina & Patrick Mahoney have a new baby: Eleanor Mae born on 7/29
- *Nancy & Dale Snyder have a new great grandson: Harrison Theo Snyder born on 8/6
- *Rita & Ron Stewart celebrate a new grandchild
- *Pastor Jenny has a new granddaughter: Ivy Marie born on 8/1
- *Pastor Jenny is in a new ministry position at Mercy Hospital in Iowa City
- *Jared Stumpf & his Eagle Scout program (pinewood derby)
- *Blessing of the Backpacks during worship on 8/18
- *HS mission youth & leaders did great sharing w/the congregation on 7/28
- *ReGina Culbertson—is excited to start Operation Christmas Child
- *Our blessings go with the Schenks on their recent move back to MN
- *Gerry & Lou Stolba are celebrating their 75th anniversary
- *Steve & Donna Mooney are celebrating their anniversary
- *Nancy Miller and Sally Craig are each celebrating birthdays
- *Joy Jackson's mother is doing better
- *Missions Committee donations to Kennedy & Pierce Schools
- *For our 3 Summer Brunches—thanks to all who donated and/or helped

Ministry Teams @ Work

TRUSTEES

- *Floor waxing is being done on Aug. 19-21 (Fellowship Hall, Choir Room, Preschool hallways; bill to be split with CWM Preschool)

HEALTH & WHOLENESS

- *Assisting with summer brunch on Aug. 25
- *Women's Retreat date moved to Oct. 26

MISSIONS / COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- *Getting ready to deliver school supplies to Kennedy & Pierce for children in need of them
- *Taking a Special Offering for Trinity Lane Preschool in Sept.
- *Finalized an initial order for LL t-shirts—shirts will be made available to the congregation

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- *Rally Sunday is Sept. 8 for start of Sunday School and 3rd grade Bibles will be distributed
- *Kid's Club begins on Sept. 11
- *Blessing of the Backpacks took place Aug. 18

HOSPITALITY

- *Help with brunch on Aug. 25
- *Will help with a Kid's Club meal this fall

TAI CHI

Did you know that there is a small group that meets at LL on Monday nights starting at 5:15 PM for 45 mins. or so of Tai Chi? Did you know that Tai Chi can boost your balance, ease your pain, reduce your stress, strengthen your heart, and more? Join us!!



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday Worship Schedule

Worship services @
8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM

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



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