

# Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

September 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.



## Filled with Joy!

Thirty years ago this month, Bobby McFerrin released a song that became the first a cappella single to reach number one on the Billboard Hot 100 chart. The song included the words, "In every life we have some trouble/ When you worry you make it double/Don't worry, be happy." I really like this song and love the upbeat message. My only concern is that it's hard to be happy all the time.

The word "happy" comes from the Hebrew word "ashar" and means to "set right or be blessed." The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines happiness as a person or situation "favored by luck or fortune." Happiness is wonderful. The concern is that happiness depends upon happenings. When life is good and circumstances are in our favor, we are happy. When life is not good and circumstances are against us, we are not happy. Happiness comes and goes. Instead of seeking happiness, I believe joy is a deeper pursuit. Joy comes from the Greek root word "chara" and means to be "exceedingly glad." In James 1:2-3 we read, "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance." (NIV)

Deep abiding joy comes as we maneuver through difficulties with God's help. This makes our faith stronger and richer. Happiness is fleeting. Joy is a true contentment that comes from internal factors like our trust in the Lord. Quite simply, we do not have a mandate to be happy at all times. We also don't have an example of Jesus demonstrating happiness all the time. What we have is the promise of joy. Happiness is the feeling we get when everything works the precise way we desire. Joy is the peace we are given from God when we put our troubles in our Creator's hands.

As we move into these fall months, might we seek to live a life of joy! Challenging times will periodically come, but with an inner peace that God and Christ Jesus are working in our life, we emerge from these tough times a stronger person and we have the power to make a difference with those around us! *A Thousand Blessings to each of you!* Scott

## Calendar of Events — September 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> 2:30—6:30 pm Boy Scout High Adventure mtg.
<b>2</b> <i>Communion Sunday (&amp; last Sunday of sum- mer worship @ 9:30 AM))</i>	<b>3</b> <i>Labor Day (church &amp; office closed)</i>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 9:30 am Mom's Club 1 pm Staff meeting	<b>6</b> 5:30 pm Yoga 7 pm Health & Wholeness mtg.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9 am—Noon Blood Drive 10 am Chancel Choir rehearsal 6-7 pm Acolyte Training
<b>9</b> <i>Rally Sunday &amp; Return to 3 worship services: 8:00, 9:15 &amp; 10:30 AM</i>	<b>10</b> 10 am Happy Endings 5:30 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm CE mtg.	<b>11</b> 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 6:30 pm Mental Health Support Grp. 6:45 pm WOF 7 pm SPPRC	<b>12</b> 1 pm Staff brief prayer time	<b>13</b> 7 am Leadership Mtg. (@ Panera's) 5:30 pm Yoga 6:30 UMW Movie Night 6:30 pm Missions	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 8:30 am Men's Breakfast 9 am-1:30 pm ILF 10 am-4 pm Pro- ject Linus
<b>16</b> 5:30 pm Faith Issues picnic (offsite) 6-8 pm H.S. Youth Group	<b>17</b> 5:30 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	<b>18</b> 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 10:30 am-5 pm JFON Office Hours (if needed) 5-8 pm JFON Clinic 6:45 pm WOF	<b>19</b> 12 noon WWW 1 pm Staff meeting 5:30 pm Family Meal 6-7:30 pm Kid's Club & M.S. Youth Group/Confirmation 6 pm Adult Explo	<b>20</b> 4 pm Hospitality 5:30 pm Yoga 6:45 pm Trustees 7 pm Committee Meetings 7:50 pm Ad Council	<b>21</b> 12 noon Friendly Fellowship	<b>22</b> 9:30 am-1:30 pm Women's Retreat (@ Prairiewoods)
<b>23</b> 6-8 pm H.S. Youth Group	<b>24</b> 9 am Prayer Shawl Grp. 10:30 am Lexington East Good Neighbor Group 5:30 pm Tai Chi 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	<b>25</b> 9:30 am UMW Bible Study 5:30 pm Library Tm. 5:30-7 pm Rain site for Lexington E. Block Party 6:45 pm WOF	<b>26</b> 9:30 am CCM (offsite) 12 noon WWW 1 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	<b>27</b> 5:30 pm Yoga 7 pm Stride grp.	<b>28</b> <i>(Pastor Jenny to England thru 10/6)</i>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 6-8 pm H.S. Youth Group			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		

## Lovely Lane Worship, et al.

### Worship in September

Sept. 2nd: **Communion Sunday**—1 combined service @ 9:30 AM / Pastor Scott

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon: "A Surprise Visit"

Sept. 9th: **Rally Sunday (Start of Sunday School)**

—3 services: 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott

Scripture: Luke 9:57-62

Sermon: "Follow the Leader" - *Places to Go, Part 1*

Sept. 16th: **17th Sunday after Pentecost**—3 ser-

vices: 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott

Scripture: Acts 1:1-11

Sermon: "To the Ends of the Earth" - *Places to Go, Part 2*

Sept. 23rd: **18th Sunday after Pentecost**—3 ser-

vices: 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM / Pastor Jenny

Scripture: I Corinthians 3:9-17

Sermon: "The Wisdom of Jenga" (as in the game of stacking wood)

Sept. 30th: **19th Sunday after Pentecost**—3 ser-

vices: 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott

Scripture: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22

Sermon: "Such a Time as This"

### Lovely Lane Women's Retreat



#### "Healing Waters"

This year's Women's Retreat is on Sat., Sept. 22, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm at Prairiewoods Retreat Center in Hiawatha. The cost is \$30 and includes a healthy lunch. We are excited to have Pastor Arnette Pint as our speaker and Pastor Jenny Seylar lend her creativity to our retreat planning! Registration forms, **due by Sept. 9th (extended deadline)**, are on LL's website or talk to Linda Keefe (743-0591). Health & Wholeness

### ADULT EXPLO

Pastor Scott is excited to lead the **Adult Explo Group!** The group will meet on Weds. nights, beginning Sept. 19th, @ 6:00 PM. If there is enough interest, another meeting night will take place on Sundays @ 6 pm—start date TBD. The book focus will be *A New Reformation* by Rob Fuquay; the book looks at Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation that took place over 500 years ago and the lessons we learn today. **All are welcome!**

### PRAYING OUR WAY FORWARD

On February 23-26, the General Conference Special Session will vote on how our United Methodist denomination will go forward on the issues of LGBTQ church weddings and ordinations. The Council of Bishops has proposed a way that allows for individual churches and pastors to make their own choices while remaining a connected denomination.

Bishop Laurie asks that we *pray our way forward* so we might be One in Christ. To honor her request, **please PAUSE AND PRAY** daily till Feb. 26 for our church's mission and way forward. **Pray between 2:23-2:26 AM or PM, OR at another time.** You might spend 1 minute praying in each category: #1 Adoration of God, #2 Thanksgiving, #3 Confession, and #4 Asking for the Holy Spirit's Guidance.

**THANKS FOR YOUR  
CONTINUED PRAYERS!**

## CHILDREN & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

**Sunday School:** The 2018-19 school year has begun, and Sunday School is not far behind. Rally Sunday is September 9th with children's classes beginning during 9:15 and 10:30 AM services. Adults and Middle Schoolers will also meet but only during the 9:15 hour. Registration forms for Sunday School and Kid's Club for your children (Preschool-5th grade & Middle School) can be placed in the Sunday School container in the narthex.

Volunteers are invited to work with the children Sunday mornings in our 9:15 & 10:30 services. We'll be using the Sparkhouse rotation curriculum again this year. If you like to work with science, art, cooking, stories, games, or drama, there is a Sunday for you!

**3rd Grade Bibles:** Students entering 3rd grade this fall will be presented with a *Hand's On Bible* on Sept. 9th. If you have a child going into 3rd grade, please contact Mrs. G (Barb) @ christianedu@lovelylane.org or 393-6674 to be sure a Bible is reserved for him or her.

**Kid's Club:** As summer transitions to fall, you can look forward to fun and fellowship at Kid's Club! All Preschool-5th graders are invited to attend the start to Kid's Club on Wednesday, Sept. 19th. A family meal takes place at 5:30 with Kid's Club starting at 6 PM. Stay tuned for more information via E-mail and Facebook!



### TEACHERS NEEDED FOR THE FALL

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

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

### FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP



Friendly Fellowship will meet at noon on Friday, September 21st, for a potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

The program will be a discussion about "School Days Remembered"; come with some unique memories you have of the days when you were in school. It should be a fun topic to reminisce about!

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

## **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

### **LOVELY LANE UMW'S MEETING**

**Thurs., Sept. 13th, @ 6:30 PM in the Library & Fellowship Hall**

Lovely Lane's UMW meeting on Sept. 13th, at 6:30 PM, will be a presentation. United Methodist Women are aware of climate change and what it's doing to our earth. We will be presenting the film "Chasing Ice." In the spring of 2005, acclaimed environmental photographer, James Balog, headed to the Arctic on assignment for National Geographic to capture images to tell the story of Earth's changing climate. This assignment opened his eyes and became a story of one man's mission to change the tide of history by gathering undeniable evidence about climate change. This film makes us more aware of the challenges this issue brings us about our melting glaciers. Come see the film, discuss its implications, and enjoy some popcorn, snacks, and soda/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. 11<sup>th</sup>**. We invite you to join with us for fellowship and study as we resume studying the Gospel of John. Since we decided not to only **LUG OUR MUGS, BUT TO FILL THEM AT HOME, PLEASE COME PREPARED WITH YOUR FAVORITE BEVERAGE IN HAND.**

## **EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S ANNUAL MEETING**

**Friday, Sept. 21st**

**@ Vinton Wesley UMC, 516 Second Avenue, Vinton, IA**

Registration/Coffee 8:30-9 AM. The meeting will begin at 9 AM in the Sanctuary with the theme of *BEING BOLD FOR CHRIST*. Clint Twedt-Ball, Director of Matthew 25, will do the Keynote presentation on the theme of Economic Inequality.

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 is appreciated; the value of baskets should not exceed \$25 and all auction proceeds will go to Missions.

There will be a collection of nonperishable foods for the Vinton Food Pantry, and 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 information about joining us as we go to Vinton to attend this annual meeting, call Cheryl Murphy (377-6205).

### **IOWA CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSION U**

Our theme this year is "Being Bold For Christ". 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 summer session was held July 15-17<sup>th</sup>; the fall session will be held 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 the Geographic study—"The Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States." Spanish, Korean, Youth and Children's classes are available at the Fall Mission U. Scholarships are also available. For more information and registration forms, please contact Cheryl Murphy (377-6205).

## CWM - Children's Weekday Ministries

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

Trinity Lane is in its new location! Thru the work of volunteers, parents, and teachers, we've packed, moved, cleaned, painted, unpacked, organized, and readied for the start of our new year. TL teachers invested a great deal of time securing donations for the carpet and paint needed. With the help of volunteers, the teachers got the rooms, bathrooms and hallway painted. The rooms look amazing! I'm so excited for the students that will benefit from all of the efforts! I doubt anyone really knows the amount of time Dawn (site supervisor) and the teachers have worked. Thank you to all the volunteers, but mostly to our Trinity Staff for the dedication and commitment they've exhibited to keep this wonderful preschool in operation. God definitely put the right people in these positions to see this through. We're thankful for each one of you!

This summer 56 students attended our summer daycare program. Activities were many and the staff was awesome! It was a very busy summer and the Fellowship Hall was full of children's voices and laughter.

Preschool 2018-'19 begins Sept. 4th. Teachers did home visits in August, and Meet & Greet at LL and TL on Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. We're expecting 160+ little children to attend both preschools during 2018-'19—a lot of lives to influence!

We have a new 3 yr. old teacher at Lovely Lane; Deanna Reynolds comes to us with lots of experience and enthusiasm. She recently moved here from Virginia where she previously taught 3 yr. old preschool. Stacy Wray is our new TL 2 yr. old associate; she has been one of our excellent subs, so we know her talents and strengths. Claire Van Erdewyk has been hired for a new associate position at TL; she's one of our BASE workers and will do a great job!

For fundraising this year, CWM is again collecting HyVee receipts; there's a collection box in the narthex for you. Receipts can be from any HyVee, HyVee drug, or HyVee gas. We'll also sell the Save Around the City coupon books starting Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Our Ministry Teams at Work

### Missions / Community Outreach

- ♦ Changed Back-to-School Shopping Spree (for CWA) to Pierce School Supplies
- ♦ Beginning working relationship with Matthew 25 to develop plan to participate in 2019 neighborhood project
- ♦ Begin identifying Advent Offering recipients for 2018

### Health & Wholeness

- ♦ Blood Drive, Sat., Sept. 8th, 9 to noon, in the Fellowship Hall
- ♦ Women's Retreat—Sat., Sept. 22nd, 9:30-1:30
- ♦ AED training in October, if possible

### Hospitality

- ♦ Help with brunch on Aug. 26th

### July Financial Totals

Cash inflow—mo. of July	\$ 37,438
Cash inflow—YTD	\$297,227
Budget need/month	\$ 47,794
Cash outflow—mo. of July	\$ 43,211
Cash outflow—YTD	\$315,573
Unpaid bills	\$ 7,639

### Remembering with love:

.Betty Widmer.....2017

Bill Travis.....2017

### Presence: Worship Attendance

<u>8/5</u>	<u>8/12</u>	<u>8/19</u>	<u>8/26</u>
161	218	199	220

## REMINDER TO SNOWBIRDS

If you are a snowbird or a college student, and we do not yet have an alternate address for you, please contact Sue in the church office at your earliest convenience (sue@lovelylane.org or 319-393-6674). We also need the approximate dates that you will be at the alternate address.

*MANY THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!!*

## Concerns & Celebrations

### **Prayer concerns:**

- \*Lisa Taylor—sympathy on the passing of her mom, Carol
- \*Pat Swartzendruber—sympathy on the passing of her mother
- \*Annette Martin—sympathy on the passing of her mother
- \*Family of Ruth Hograbe—burial of her cremains is on Oct. 5th, @ 4 pm in the Garden of the Last Supper, Cedar Memorial Park, CR, IA; the Rev. Leigh Brown, Coralville UMC, officiating
- \*Velma Rainville's sister, Eula—lost her husband
- \*June Sackett's niece, Nicole in Canada—lost her husband
- \*Karon Niebuhr's brother, Brian—has double pneumonia
- \*Karon's nephew, Jack—having a 12-hr. spinal surgery on 9/7
- \*Sue Moss—health concerns related to recurrent cellulitis
- \*Carol Fletcher—had an ear procedure
- \*Jack Sackett—medical issues
- \*Mara Budny—had tonsils & adenoids removed
- \*Pastor Jenny's sister, Kim—medical issues
- \*Cathy Weber & Carla Levi—continued prayers for their mom in hospice care in AZ\*
- \*Marlo Jack's brother—blood clots in eyes
- \*Carol Wilson's aunt Bonnie—brain cancer
- \*Joy Jackson's brother-in-law—diagnosed with ALS
- \*Barb Mussman's brother-in-law, Franco—pancreatic cancer
- \*New school year & safety for all

### **Joys:**

- \*Celebrating women being able to vote
- \*Phil & Shirley Martin—birth of 6<sup>th</sup> great grandchild
- \*Devon Lovell—remembering her stepdad
- \*Les & Sherry Minor—celebrated 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- \*Dean & Dorris Lanning—celebrated 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- \*Steve & Donna Mooney—celebrated 1st wedding anniversary
- \*Pat Brand—celebrated her 87<sup>th</sup> birthday
- \*Thanking the Trustees for work on our retaining walls, and all who have painted, moved furniture, etc.!
- \*Jenny Seylar—start of confirmation
- \*Jessica Hinke—parents adopted Ellison who has now arrived!
- \*Richard & Velma Rainville—celebrated 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- \*CWM had a great summer daycare program
- \*Drew family Love Offering was \$299
- \*Jan Culbertson—birth of a niece, Isabel
- \*Bob Smiley is a new grandfather—Harper Lane was born on 8/16 to Hope & Troy
- \*All who went had a great mission trip to Texas
- \*We have nicely cleaned & waxed floors in almost all areas of the church, and now have new kitchen flooring
- \*School supplies donations for Pierce & Kennedy

## THANK YOU NOTES

**THANK YOU** for your gift received on 7/2/18 of \$1,339.13 to the General Board of Global Ministries through The Advance, the designated mission giving channel of The United Methodist Church. We are pleased to share that 100% of your contribution will go to Africa University Scholarships. Your gift is assisting bright African students with insufficient financial means to attend Africa University in Zimbabwe. Thank you for joining with us in God's mission. *(This was part of our 2017 Advent Offering.)*

**THANK YOU** so much for contributing 232 lbs. of food to the Linn Community Food Bank during the second quarter of 2018. We could not operate our food bank without the generous support of donors. Providing food to those in need has been the mission of the LCFB since 1972. We are open 5 days a week to provide a 3-day supply of canned and packaged foods, as well as a free milk voucher that can be redeemed at a local grocery store. Clients may receive free food from us up to twelve times per year.

## HAPPY ENDINGS

Happy Endings, the book discussion group, will meet on September 10th at 10 AM in the church library. The book to read for September is "Sold On A Monday" by Kristina McMorris. The book to read for October is "Educated" by Tara Westover, and the book for November is "Behold The Dreamer" which was the Linn Co. Read this year; the author is Mbue Imbolo. We will not read a book for December but will go out to lunch at noon on the regular meeting day, December 10th.

*Happy Reading!!!*





**Facilities Assessment & Master Plan Shared with Congregation**  
***Images & information available at [www.lbblessing.org](http://www.lbblessing.org) & at the church***

On August 26, architects Marty Johnson and Ken Johnson from Straka Johnson Architects in Dubuque presented the results of a nearly 1-year process to identify the needs of our church building and create a master plan for future work. It was a positive meeting with many excellent questions from attendees.

**ABOUT THE PLANS**

**The Facilities Assessment** identified a number of aging structural, mechanical and building envelope issues that must be addressed in order to properly maintain the building. Items include siding, windows, HVAC, plumbing, the parking lot, etc. These are items that must be addressed – our needs.

**The Master Plan** explored the possibilities of making the building the most safe, efficient and welcoming it could be, while considering the necessary updates identified in the Facilities Assessment. There are many, positive improvements for our building outlined in this plan. These are labeled as “wants.”

**WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?**

As we move forward on a project like this, we realize it's not easy. It uncomfortable. It requires us to push out. Stretch. Even sacrifice. As Pastor Scott recently preached, we need to “...not hesitate,” but be bold, for God is with us. (Matthew 28: 16-20)

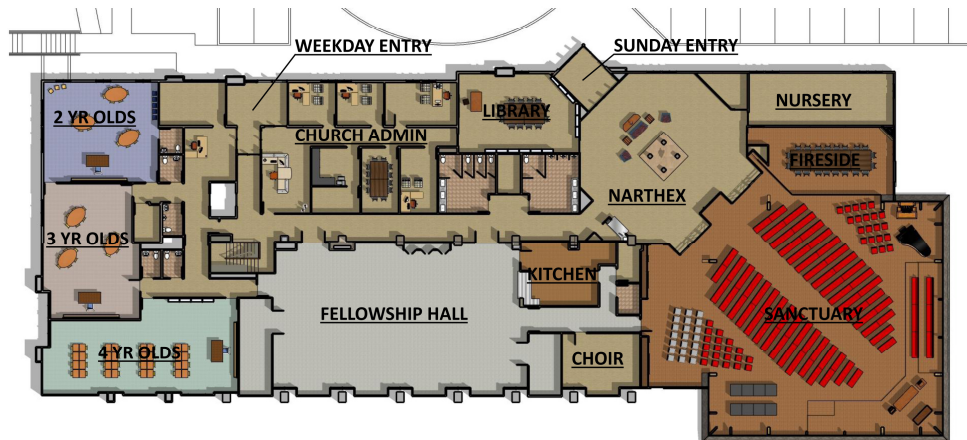
We are here to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, to be in mission to those in need, to be welcoming, to invite new people to our community who need hope and build that hope until it becomes faith. To share God's love. An attractive, efficient building that is well cared for helps us to do that.

We know that “building maintenance” isn't exciting, but it IS necessary. That is why the team has explored making improvements that have been requested for many years, as we work to maintain the building. If we have to replace galvanized pipes, why not move and enlarge the restrooms? If we have to replace windows and siding, why not use that opportunity to update a wall and move rooms/functions?

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## PROPOSED FLOOR PLAN



- ❖ Centralized Church Administration
- ❖ Consolidated Children's Weekday Ministries (CWM)
- ❖ Separate CWM Entrance
- ❖ Enhanced Security
- ❖ Enhanced Entrance Experience at Narthex
- ❖ Improved Nursery
- ❖ Threshold Between Common & Sacred Spaces
- ❖ Improved Circulation throughout Building



### COMMUNICATION

The free flow of information and open communication is very important to this process. The project teams want every member and friend of the church to fully understand the needs of the building, and also answer questions to assist the congregation to understand and balance the "wants."

All information can be found at [www.lblessing.org](http://www.lblessing.org), as well as at the church. If you have any questions or comments, please make use of the "Questions?" section of the website, or the cards available at church, to submit a question. Responses will be posted online and at the church.

### PROPOSED TIMELINE

#### Week of September 9

A letter mailed to the congregation will include a summary of the Assessment and Plan, including 3 possible paths for moving forward and the cost estimates for each path. A ballot for each "giving unit" (singles, couples, or families – however giving to the church is currently structured in the household) will be included. That ballot can be brought or mailed to the church, indicating the path that giving unit would be willing to support. Ballots will not be accepted until September 30<sup>th</sup>.

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***Proposed timeline continued...***

**September 16 & 23** – Listening/discussion sessions available at the church with the campaign team

*Home/phone visits are also available during the month of September. Want to talk privately? Just ask!*

**September 30 thru October 7** – Voting for the preferred path of work. Which path would you choose for the future of the church and support with your gifts? Bring or mail your ballot to the church by October 7. Ballots will not be accepted before September 30.

**October 14** – Selected path is announced

**October 28 – All-Church Meeting** – Time TBA - The congregation will vote to decide Yes or No to move forward with the path chosen from earlier ballot voting. All are welcome, but only members may vote. You must be present to vote (per the UMC Book of Discipline).

**ADVANCED GIFTS**

We realize that it is very early in the process, but we have already received word that some are interested in providing advanced notice of their pledge and/or an advanced gift to help kickstart this third phase of the campaign. If you are interested in providing an advanced gift, we would be glad to meet with you to answer any questions. Please contact Eric Wylie (319-832-2916 or [eric@wyliecc.com](mailto:eric@wyliecc.com)).



**Please continue to keep this process, our church family,  
and our leaders in your prayers.**

**MEN'S BREAKFAST—SAT., SEPT. 15TH,  
8:30 AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Join Pastor Scott for some tasty treats plus a special guest: Dr. Doug Williams, UMC pastor and a missionary in Argentina, who will speak to our group! You won't want to miss it!!!!

**LOVELY LANE UMC NEW MEMBER CLASSES  
OCT. 7, 14 & 21 (4 PM—tentative)**

Pastors Scott and Jenny will lead the classes. Please contact one of them if you have any questions. Stay tuned for more information!

**DIRECTORY UPDATES**

Melissa Davis—new cell ph. no.: 319-329-4262 (replaces home no.)

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

9/2—Last All-together Worship Service, 9:30 AM  
**9/9 & on—Return to 3 worship services: 8:00,  
 9:15 & 10:30 AM**



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Associate Pastor.....Rev. Jenny Seylar  
Office Manager.....Sue Moss  
Director Children's Weekday Min.....Carolyn Barnes  
Youth Director.....Jenny Seylar  
Kid's Club Director.....Julie Meyer  
Christian Educator.....Barb Geissinger  
Choir Director.....K. Weiler  
Choir Assistant/Accompanist.....  
Organist.....Dennis Ramsey  
Children's Choirs.....Carla Jesse  
Director of Handbells.....  
Nursery.....Shelbie Wood, Tara Neveu,  
Paige Gerjets, & Claire Van Erde-Wyk  
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