

Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

June 2023

Vision

Statement

"Lovely Lane is a dynamic faith community that seeks to welcome all people, nurture one another in the faith, and reach out in ministry and service." This vision connects with our Discipleship Pathway, Worship + 2. We encourage all persons to be active in worship and participate in two groups in the church: one group is focused on study and the other group is focused on service.

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Iowa Annual Conference Update

As some of you know, the Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church held a special session on May 23rd. This was a session to allow 83 United Methodist churches in Iowa to disaffiliate and begin a new denomination. This is about 11% of the UM churches in our state. Many of these churches are moving to a new denomination called the Global Methodist Church. This denomination will have more conservative theological leanings that are not open to the ordination of LGBTQ clergy and same-gender weddings.

All of this is sad, but it has been a long-time coming. Members of our conference and denomination have had different views on the Bible and LGBTQ matters for some time. I wish we remained together, but I also understand the need to move forward. I have friends on the other side and I appreciate my conversations with those folks, but sometimes a divorce is necessary. Our unity has been challenged, but I think this makes us even more determined to show fresh ways of a unified spirit.

Lovely Lane has had a welcoming presence throughout our church's history. The Welcoming Statement in our bulletin has been in place for over twenty years. The CAT Survey we took last year confirmed our theological leanings. The survey revealed that 70% of our congregation agrees with the ordination of LGBTQ clergy and the performing of same-gender weddings in our sanctuary. At Lovely Lane, we will continue to be faithful to our covenant and commitment to the current Iowa Annual Conference.

I will add that all the UM churches in Cedar Rapids are remaining committed to the Iowa Annual Conference too. In fact, we are going to have a joint worship service on Sunday, July 2nd, at Coe College. This will be a time to celebrate the common work and ministry we do!

I will keep in touch with any further developments. I am also open to any questions you might have.

Peace to you, Scott

Calendar of Events (subject to change) — June 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		CCM = Care Center Ministry CWM = Children's Weekday Ministries	MMJ = Migrant Movement for Justice UWF = United Women in Faith (f/k/a UMW)	1	2	3
4 Annual Conference Sunday 9:30 am In-person & live-strm. Summer Worship (1 service) 12-2 pm Congolese 4 pm Recital-Nancy P.	5 6 pm VBS Planning 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766	6	7 12 noon Women's Study Group	8 Youth Minneapolis Trip, 6/8-6/11 7:45 am Leadership Team (offsite) 1 pm UWF mtg.	9	10 12:30 pm Youth invited to be in Pride Parade (meet @ NewBo) 1 pm MahJong
11 9:30 am In-person & live-strm. Summer Worship (1 service) 12-2 pm Congolese 4 pm New Members Class	12 10:00 am Happy Endings 6 pm <i>Nourished</i> Centering Monday (@ Pastor Kristina's) 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766	13	14 12 noon Women's Study Group 9:30 am-3:30 pm Youth @ Lake McBride	15 6 pm Health & Wholeness	16	17
18 Father's Day 9:30 am In-person & live-strm. Summer Worship (1 service) 12-2 pm Congolese	19 June twentieth 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766	20	21 6:30-7:30 pm Youth @ Mini Pines	22 6:30 pm Missions	23	24
25 9:30 am In-person & live-strm. Summer Worship (1 service) 12-2 pm Congolese	26 10 am Prayer Shawl 6 pm <i>Nourished</i> Centering Monday (@ Pastor Kristina's) 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766	27	28 6-7:30 pm Youth doing Feed Iowa First Service Project	29 4-8 pm <i>Nourished</i> @ The Mega Market	30 Summer Family Movie Night: 7 pm Games & Activities 8 pm Movie	

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**NOURISHED AT THE
MEGA MARKET**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 29TH
4PM-8PM**

**CULTIVATE HOPE URBAN FARM
437 G AVE NW, CEDAR RAPIDS, IA**



WORSHIP IN JUNE (& early July)

June 4: **Annual Conference Weekend;** in-person & live-stream summer service @ 9:30 AM (one service only) / Guest preacher: Angie Pierce Jennings

June 11: **Second Sunday after Pentecost;** in-person & live-stream summer service @ 9:30 AM (one service only) / Pastor Kristina preaching / Ordination celebration

June 18: **Father's Day;** in-person & live-stream summer service @ 9:30 AM (one service only) / Pastor Scott preaching / Scripture: Genesis 22:1-14 / Sermon: "Longing for Us"

June 25: **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost;** in-person & live-stream summer service @ 9:30 AM (one service only) / Angie Walker preaching

July 2: **Fourth of July Weekend Worship, Coe College (with area churches)** / Pastor Scott will preach / Scripture: Matthew 10:40-42 / Sermon: "Coming Together"

Pastor's Study Groups will resume in the fall.

Upcoming Summer Events

We plan to have a Kernel's Game Outing and a Summer Golf Outing during the summer months. Stay tuned for more information!

UMC Support—Communication Cool Tools Webinar: June 21, 6:30 PM (Central time)

When it comes to church marketing and communications, effective tools and technologies are essential. There are countless tips, tricks, trends, and techniques constantly surfacing in today's digital age, and finding the right programs can be overwhelming. *GCFA's Communications Department has curated a collection of resources that'll maximize the impact of your ministry's marketing initiatives - many of them FREE. From content creation and graphic design to data organization and video production, these cool tools will allow you to make the most of your time and energy! Join the award-winning team as they share their expertise and passion for supporting your ministry. Go to umc.org/en/umc-calendar, find event on June 21 and follow instructions to register. (*General Council of Finance & Administration)

Seeing God in Story Books

This past week I spent a week off to spend time with Audrey as daycare takes a 2-week break, in between the school year and the summer program. We played outside, went on walks, went to the infant story hour at the new Marion Public Library, read books at home in the living room, and any other activity I created on the spot!

The Runaway Bunny by Margaret Wise Brown is a classic storybook. Released in 1942, the book shares about a bunny and his mother. The bunny is constantly trying to get away from the mom. He runs away, but then his mother says she will run after him. So the little bunny says, "If you run after me, I will become a fish and swim away from you." To that the mother says, "I will become a fisherman, and I will fish for you." Little bunny becomes a fish, a rock on a mountain, crocus in a hidden garden, a bird, a sailboat, a circus acrobat, and finally a little boy. Mother bunny consistently keeps coming after him, appearing as a fisherman, a mountain climber, a gardener, a tree, a cloud, a trapeze walker, and finally as a mother herself. She never tires from searching after little bunny. And of course the book touches at your heart strings when it ends with these words, "I will become a little boy and run into a house." "If you become a little boy and run into a house, I will become your mother and catch you in my arms and hug you."

As I was reading this book to Audrey, I couldn't help but see the connections to our faith. Isn't God a lot like the mother bunny? God constantly searches after the lost one, the lost sheep, the lost son, etc. And God will keep searching for us when we've run away, appearing before us in whatever form we need. God never tires from seeking us out, and that brings me a lot of comfort. God is always there to catch you in God's arms and embrace you, just like the mother and her little bunny. So, as I finished reading this book with Audrey, I brought her in tight in my arms, gave her a big bear hug, and showered her with kisses. Someday she'll be embarrassed by that, but for now I'll embrace every minute of it! *Peace, Pastor Kristina*

SEX AND PRIDE!

CENTERING IN JUNE

JUNE 12TH 7PM-8:30PM

JUNE 26TH 7PM-8:30PM

BOTH AT 3000 CARROLL DRIVE SE
CEDAR RAPIDS



PRAIRIEWOODS GARDEN PARTY:

"Growing Our Roots"

Saturday, June 10th, 4:30-8 pm

@ Prairiewoods

(120 E. Boyson Rd., Hiawatha)

Support food justice initiatives at the Prairiewoods Garden Party! Come and enjoy the beautiful grounds, some wonderful music by Jonny Lipford, and gourmet food prepared by our chefs! This is Prairiewoods' annual fundraising event. Tours of the grounds will be available at 4:30, a Silent Auction takes place from 5-7:15, a Tapas-style Dinner will be held from 6-7:30, and the Silent Auction Checkout will be at 7:30 PM. **Purchase tickets (\$60 each) by June 8th at www.Prairiewoods.org.**

The Power of Silence: June Silent Directed Retreat @ Prairiewoods

Sunday, June 18, 4 pm thru Saturday, June 24, 1 pm

*with Lucille Winnike, FSPA; Rev. Rose Blank; Kim Seward; Deb Hansen
& Ann Jackson, PBVM*

**Spend a week in silence as you awaken a quiet and palpable connection
to the Source of All Being**

Perhaps you've participated for years in Prairiewoods' Silent Directed Retreats. Or, maybe you have seen these advertised and considered scheduling one for yourself, but aren't sure what a silent, directed retreat is. If you've made a silent, directed retreat, we welcome you back. If you've never made a retreat like this, we invite you to consider this question: *What's the deepest silence you've ever known?* Silent Directed Retreats offer opportunities to enter into deep silence in order to sense what it feels like to awaken a quiet and palpable connection and deepen your relationship with the Source of All being.

Each day you will receive ongoing direction as you and a professionally-trained spiritual director listen intentionally to the movement of the Source of All Being in your heart. Listening in such profound silence assists you to get in touch with feelings, thoughts and actions as you reflect, meditate, pray and rest. The practice of this daily meeting assists in developing the capacity to discern, notice, sense the movement of the Source of All Being in light of your motivations, attachments, responses to that movement within the whole of your life. To share with a professional your divine experiences brings clarity, deepens your commitment and accountability to the direction of your life, surprises and offers insight into that direction.

At Prairiewoods, we try to hold any outside stimulation to a minimum so that everything—the silence, solitude, reflective activity, meals, etc.—supports your unique needs. A daily meditation/centering is offered. Optional reflective activities such as artwork, yoga and singing bowl meditation are available throughout the week. Even meals are eaten reflectively in silence.

Each day supports your individual needs. Stroll woods and prairie. Sense sunset quietly turn to dusk. Journal, if you choose. Nap. Engage in yoga, art expression, meditation. Notice how food nourishes our capacity for silence. Explore holding the silence with a group of others: humans, stone, tree, pond, squirrel, deer, turkey, star, moon, dawn, dusk ...

Is the silence simply the absence of noise? Or is it also a presence unto itself? See for yourself! Come re-establish and remember the deep connection we share with all of the creation as we listen together to the great silence. Take time to rest in silence, to sense its wisdom, to know its fullness as it offers you life. [Cost is \$495 & includes lodging, meals & spiritual direction; partial scholarships are available. Visit www.Prairiewoods.org or call 319-395-6700.]



United
Women
in Faith

UWF ACTIVITIES & EVENTS FOR JUNE 2023

Lovely Lane's United Women in Faith will meet on Thursday, June 8th, at 1 PM in Fireside. We will celebrate the unique gifts of women of faith with our program, "Bold Women of Faith", presented by Cheryl Murphy. Please come and join us for some discussion of women of faith past and present, as we enjoy some coffee or tea and dessert.

From the beginning, members of United Women in Faith, formerly United Methodist Women, have come together to rebuild strong relationships with ourselves, God, loved ones, and communities. We have come together to take action and be in solidarity with those in need--those at the margins. We see this as our VISION of turning Faith, Hope and Love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.

Happy Endings, book discussion group, will meet on Monday, June 12th, at 10 AM in Fireside. We will share information about books we have read the past year. As for our July 10th meeting, we will discuss the book "Hang the Moon" by Jeannette Walls.

FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP will NOT meet during June, July or August, but will return for our noon potluck on Thursday, Sept. 28th. Have a wonderful summer!!

Lovely Lane—Tanish's first school

(a letter Children's Weekday Ministries received from parents)

"We can still remember the day, back in 2019, when we reached Cedar Rapids with 10 months old Tanish... Everything was so different for three people coming from the other side of the globe - the extreme winter, warm summer, colorful fall, and the traffic rules (in India we drive from the left side of the road)....

After that, time passed and this city witnessed Tanish to grow up - his first steps, his first words, his first school, and his first friend!! Throughout Tanish's school days, the amount of care, affection and love he got from Lovely Lane, the only word we can say is "Thank You"!!

And now when we are in love with Cedar Rapids & Lovely Lane, time came to say good-bye !! **April-27th** would be Tanish's final day in Lovely Lane.

Departure is a rule and reunion is a hope..... Let's depart with a hope that, someday somewhere in this world, our path will cross again....."

Thanks & Regards

Sumona & Tuhin (Mom & Dad of Tanish)

YOUTH GROUP OUTINGS

June 14: Lake McBride, 9:30am-3:30pm, cost is \$20

June 21: Mini Pines, 6:30-7:30pm, cost is \$6

June 28: Feed Iowa First Service Project, 6:00-7:30pm

Coming in July: Scavenger Hunt @ NewBo (7/12), Movie Marathon @ St. Paul's UMC (7/19), & Feed Iowa First Service Project (7/26)

Contact Ryan Roth-Klinck, Youth Director, with any questions: (940)390-7437 or ryan@lovelylane.org.

VBS COMING IN JULY!



Vacation Bible School is set for July 16-19, each evening starting with a family meal at 5:30 and the program running from 6:00 to 8 PM. This year's VBS theme is *Hero Hotline*.

Contact Annie Walker, Director of Family Ministries, if you would like to volunteer in any capacity (leading an activity, meal prep, etc.) and/or if you have any questions. E-mail her @ anniew@lovelylane.org.

April Financial Totals

Cash inflow—mo. of April	\$ 37,846
Cash inflow—YTD	\$199,290
Budget need/month	\$ 47,614
Cash outflow—mo. of April	\$ 52,649
Cash outflow—YTD	\$211,722
Unpaid apportionments	\$ 0

Summer
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

GAMES & ACTIVITIES: 7PM
MOVIE STARTS: 8PM

JUNE 30, 2023 | Free Admission

Lovely Lane UMC
2424 42nd St NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

SUMMER READING FOR KIDS

June 1: Kickoff of Summer Reading Program- Experience the world through books! Take a special summer reading bookmark & for every 15 minutes you read/your child reads, color a number on the front of the bookmark. Turn it in once it is completed for a prize! (The prize box is currently located in the church office.)

June 4: First Sunday of Summer Reading by a guest reader



Men's Breakfast Gathering

The Men's Breakfast Group will take a break over the summer; they will meet again on Sept. 16th.

Concerns & Celebrations

JOYS:

- *Baptism of Audrey Roth-Klinck, daughter of Pastor Kristina & Ryan
- *Rick & Cathy Homard celebrate birth of their fifth grandchild
- *Happy 38th anniversary to Rick & Cathy Homard
- *Happy 80th birthday to David Dix
- *Cathy Weber celebrates friends in worship
- *Denise Lawton celebrates a new foster grandchild
- *Phil & Shirley Martin lifting up family in worship
- *Thanks to Annie Walker for leading our family ministries
- **Nourished* community with success at Nature Center plant sale & bake sale in Czech Village
- *Coronation for King Charles III & Queen Camilla
- *CWM's new playground at Asbury UMC
- *Mother's Day & Teacher Appreciation Week
- *College students home for the summer
- *Granddaughters of Jeff & Pat Swartzendruber - top in the state for high school track & field
- *Nathan Wylie's job helping with marching band
- *Susan Staed's mother, Lucielle—99 years old
- *Millie Corbett - surgery recovery & family visiting
- *Carmen Johnson lifting up the joy of family
- *Joy of the Lovely Lane family
- *Congratulations to our high school graduates & to Connor Haines on his college graduation
- *Congratulations to families with children & grandchildren graduating; all levels of school graduations
- *Thanks to our prayer shawl team for making prayer shawls for our graduates
- *Preschool graduation at Lovely Lane, with Dave Dix as musical accompanist
- *Congratulations to Ryan Roth-Klinck on his appointment as associate pastor at St. Paul's UMC
- *Celebrating our new bishop, Kennetha Bigham-Tsai, joining us at Lovely Lane on 5/20/23
- *Happy 35th Anniversary to Evan & Julie Hupp
- *Zigbuo family expresses thanks for the generous love offering
- *Dave & Nancy Wittenburg celebrate good friends in worship
- *New member class will start on June 11th
- *Summer worship @ 9:30 started on May 28th
- *Family gatherings over the holiday weekend
- *Upcoming Annual Conference in Des Moines
- *Pastor Kristina with ordination celebration
- *Happy 5th birthday to Brinley Bentley
- *Rory & Karon Niebuhr celebrate birth of grandchild, Jasper Dylan
- *Friendly Fellowship with Mt. Everest presentation

CONCERNS:

- *Sympathy to Helen Anderson after passing of her sister, Diane
- *Sympathy to David Dix after passing of his brother
- *Sympathy to Nick Olive after passing of his friend, Alex
- *Marti Bowman remembers loved one on this anniversary date
- *A neighbor named Marlene who passed away
- *Patty Logsdon's friend, Gladys, with family loss
- *Remembering loved ones who have died & still in our hearts
- *Carol Wilson receiving hospice care
- *Marci Wittles with health concerns
- *Pam Moore with heart complications
- *Chuck Sitter with health concerns
- *Lyn Lewis & family with medical decisions
- *Conyers/Geissinger families making family decisions
- *Marci Wittles' mother, Margaret, with medical issues
- *Heather Hingtgen's parents are doing better after health challenges
- *Annie Walker's mother with shingles
- *Margaret Nelson's sister-in-law is doing better after her fall
- *John Roland's nephew, Roland, serving in Romania
- *Carla Jesse's friend Lori with health challenges
- *Community of Allen, Texas, after a mass shooting
- *Those who were affected by recent tornadoes
- *U.S./Mexico border & the end of Title 42
- *Memorial Day remembrances
- *Remembering the men & women who died serving in the US armed forces
- *United Methodist Church in Iowa after disaffiliation of 83 churches
- *National & international concerns

Remembering with love:

Louis Stolba.....2021

NEW MEMBER CLASS—JUNE 11 @ 4 PM

The class is for folks looking to join the church or just interested in learning more about Lovely Lane. All are welcome to join us!

Please let Pastor Scott (scottm@lovelylane.org) or Susan Camp (membershipsecretary@lovelylane.org) know if you are interested.



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