

Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

July 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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Reading the Bible

"I will instruct you and teach you about the direction you should go.
I'll advise you and keep my eye on you." – Psalm 32:8 (CEB)

The summer months are a wonderful time to go deeper into the biblical word. I encourage each of you to read the Bible on a regular basis. This is an important part of our devotional life.

If you are interested in reading the Bible in a methodical manner, I recommend you read the Gospel of Mark first, then move to Matthew, Luke, and John. The rest of the New Testament can follow. After the reading the entire New Testament, you might move to the Old Testament. If you try to read the Old Testament first, it's possible you will lose interest after the opening books. Mark's Gospel is a good starting point. It only has 16 chapters. There is urgency in the writing. It's a nice place to begin.

If you prefer to read Bible passages a bit randomly, I encourage you to gain an understanding of the context. You might read a particular passage in at least a couple of translations (such as the CEB, NIV, or *The Message*). After this, read the chapter before and the chapter after the passage. This gives some insights into the context. It's critical to know the particular setting and situation. Harm is done when the proper context is not understood.

As you read any passage in the Bible, methodically or randomly, you might ask yourself a few questions, such as "What?" "So What?" and "Now What?" It's important to ponder what happened all those years ago. Beyond this, ask yourself what this passage means for you today in our current world. Finally, ponder what you can do to put your understanding of the Bible into action. A deeper biblical faith should lead to actions that make a difference in the lives others.

It is a joy to read the Bible. Might this discipline become a regular part of your life and journey! Happy reading!

Peace to you, Scott

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 Joint Worship @ Coe College, Sinclair Aud. 9:30 am Special Joint Service @ Coe 12-2 pm Congolese	3	4 Happy 4th of July! (church & office closed)	5	6	7	8 12-6 pm <i>Nourished</i> @ Pride Fest
9 9:30 am In-person & live-strm. Summer Worship (1 service) 12-2 pm Congolese	10 10:00 am Happy Endings 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766	11	12 6:30 pm Youth Grp. (@ Newbo for Scavenger Hunt)	13 6 pm PEO (Fellowship Hall & Kitchen)	14	15 1 pm Mahjong Group
16 VBS week 9:30 am In-person & live-strm. Summer Worship (1 service) 12-2 pm Congolese 5:30 pm VBS meal 6 pm VBS program	17 5:30 pm VBS meal 6 pm VBS program	18 10 am-4 pm MMJ 5:30 pm VBS meal 6 pm VBS program 6:35 pm Church out-ing: Kernel's Game	19 4-9 pm Youth Grp. (@ St. Paul's for a movie marathon) 5:30 pm VBS meal 6 pm VBS pro	20 6 pm Health & Wholeness 6 pm Trustess	21	22 10 am <i>Nourished</i> Book Study (@ Pastor Kristina's)
23 VBS & Youth Sunday 9:30 am In-person & live-strm. Summer Worship (1 service) 12-2 pm Congolese	24 10 am Prayer Shawl 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766 7 pm <i>Nourished</i> Centering Monday (@ Pastor Kristina's)	25 6:30 pm Youth Grp. (service project)	26	27 4-8 pm <i>Nourished</i> at the Mega Market	28	29
30 Church Shower 9:30 am In-person & live-strm. Summer Worship (1 service) 12-2 pm Congolese	31					



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WEEKLY EMAILS

Each week our Spiritual Cultivator sends out a weekly newsletter with the current and upcoming events and happenings. Don't miss out on an exciting centering topic or a favorite bakery item!

To get on the email list, email Spiritual Cultivator Kristina Roth-Klinck at kristina@nourishedcr.org!

<https://www.nourishedcr.org>



Tearing Down The Wall

A special Centering where local community leaders will share about their experience visiting the U.S./Mexico Border

Monday, July 24th at 7pm
Pastor Kristina's House
3000 Carroll Drive SE Cedar Rapids, IA



WORSHIP IN JULY

July 2: ***Fourth of July Weekend;*** Joint Worship Service @ Coe College, Sinclair Auditorium @ 9:30 AM / Pastor Scott preaching / Scripture: Matthew 10:40-42 / Sermon: “Coming Together”

July 9: ***6th Sunday after Pentecost;*** in-person & live-stream summer service @ 9:30 AM (one service only) / Pastor Scott preaching / Scripture: Romans 7:15-25a / Sermon: “Do the Right Thing”

July 16: ***7th Sunday after Pentecost;*** in-person & live-stream summer service @ 9:30 AM (one service only) / Pastor Scott preaching / Scripture: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 / Sermon: “Sowing the Seeds of Life”

July 23: ***VBS & Youth Sunday;*** in-person & live-stream summer service @ 9:30 AM (one service only) / Kristina preaching

July 30: ***9th Sunday after Pentecost;*** in-person & live-stream summer service @ 9:30 AM (one service only) / Scott preaching / Scripture: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 / Sermon: “Mustard Seed Faith”

Kernel's Game Outing

All are welcome to attend a Cedar Rapids Kernels baseball game on Tuesday, July 18th. Game time is 6:35 pm. Tickets are \$14 each; \$3 from each ticket will go to local missions, specifically the Helping Hands Ministry. Please let Pastor Scott (scottm@lovelylane.org) know if you want to attend. We will all sit together!

Church Shower

On Sunday, July 30th, the Finance Committee is having a "Church Shower." The day will work like a baby shower or bridal shower. We will share a registry ahead of time that will include basic items we use in the church. These items might include cleaning supplies, office materials, paper products, bathroom necessities, electronics, etc.... We will ask you to bring in these items on July 30th. In keeping with the shower theme, we'll have cake, punch, mints, and a few decorations in place. The day should be a fun way to take a "bite out of the budget"! Our budget is in good shape, but we want to stay strong. Instead of spending budget money on these items, we will utilize the donations in the month to come. Stay tuned for more information!

In just a few short weeks, several of us from Lovely Lane are piling into large ten passenger vans to travel down to the U.S.-Mexico border where we'll spend time learning, listening, and seeing the experience at the border. We leave on July 8th early in the morning and return on July 16th. We have three high school students and five adults going on this trip. This will be a challenging experience for many, and they will encounter things they have never seen before. We will spend some time in Dallas, TX, worshipping with a diverse Latino faith community and spend time in conversation with ethics professor Dr. Hugo Magallanes, a favorite seminary professor of mine. Then we will travel down to Brownsville, TX, a border town where we'll experience a court hearing on immigration, see what is happening at the border, and go to organizations that are working with those seeking asylum and refugees. Of course, we'll go to the beach down in Texas, but truly, we are going to grow. We're going to be challenged, so will you pray for us? Will you pray for the eight of us going on this trip? Will you pray that we are open to the Spirit? Will you pray for our safety? Will you pray that we encounter ourselves in the lives of others that we will meet? And will you pray for us, that we encounter Christ in the eyes of the stranger, in the eyes of the refugee? Praise be to God for your financial support, your prayers, and listening to the voices of these youth who want to experience this. Thank you! *Peace, Pastor Kristina*

Prioritize Your Mental Health This Summer

(adapted from Mental Health First Aid Monthly, June 2022)

Many of us have been eagerly anticipating the season of summer, possibly for a lighter work load and/or for some extra time off—to go on vacation or to have a stay-at-home vacation to accomplish some planned projects.

Unfortunately, mental health challenges don't take a summer break, and feelings of anxiety can even increase as temperatures rise. We encourage all First Aiders to prioritize self-care this summer so you can continue to #BeTheDifference for the people in your life.

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) recognizes that there is a serious mental health crisis in the U.S. A recent survey conducted by the Harris Poll on behalf of the National Council for Mental Wellbeing shows that a staggering 43% of U.S. adults who needed substance use or mental health care in the past 12 months say they did not receive that care, and numerous barriers to access stand between them and needed treatment. That's why it's more important than ever for you to continue promoting mental wellbeing in your communities.

In honor of LGBTQ# and PTSD Awareness Month in June, consider becoming a MHFA instructor or encouraging your friends and family to get certified in MHFA to foster deeper understanding and destigmatize mental health challenges. Just as CPR helps you assist an individual having a heart attack, MHFA helps you assist someone experiencing a mental health or substance-use-related challenge or crisis. You'll learn risk factors and warning signs for mental health and substance use challenges, strategies for how to help someone in crisis and non-crisis situations and where to turn for help.

Together, we can make mental wellbeing, including recovery from substance abuse, a reality for everyone.

(MHFA's website is <https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org>)

PRIDE FEST ON JULY 8

Pride Fest is coming up on Saturday, July 8th, at NewBo City Market from 12-6 PM. We are sharing a booth with folks from a few other UMC's in Cedar Rapids. If you'd like to help at the booth, please let Pastor Scott know. Thanks!



Keep on walking...

Above all, do not lose your desire to walk. Everyday, I walk myself into a state of wellbeing and walk away from every illness. I have walked myself into my best thoughts, and I know of no thought so burdensome that one cannot walk away from it. But by sitting still, and the more one sits still, the closer one comes to feeling ill. Thus if one just keeps on walking, everything will be all right. *(by Soren Kierkegaard, submitted by Health & Wholeness)*

CWM is looking for a 4s teacher for the 2023-24 school year. This is a full time position, and the individual must have a teaching license with an early childhood endorsement. We would prefer a special ed. endorsement, but it's not required.

Also for the 2023-24 school year, CWM is looking for daycare staff. The hours would be 6:30-9am and/or 3:20-5:45pm Mon.-Thurs. and 2-5:45pm on Fridays.

Lastly, CWM is looking for an Office Assistant for the hours 6:30am-12pm Monday-Friday. Thanks!

*Dawn DuPont
Program Director
Children's Weekday Ministries
319-393-8189*

**Y.O.L.O. (Your Other Lunch Option)
Weds., July 19, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm**

@ Prairiewoods

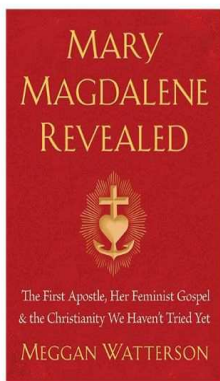
(120 E. Boyson Rd., Hiawatha)

Tired of the same old lunch places? Let's renew our bodies and refresh our spirits in a beautiful setting! Join us for Y.O.L.O.—a lunch choice celebrating wholesome, fresh food made from scratch by chefs Dan Sutherland and Brydon Hill in PW's no-waste kitchen. We dine in a community setting with friends we bring with us or new friends we meet over a delicious themed lunch. On July 19, our theme will be a fun summer picnic. Arrive at 11:30 am, and the buffet line opens at noon. Registration is required at least 2 days in advance, and each lunch is limited to 35 people. The fee is \$15.00.

Happy Endings, the book discussion group, will meet on Monday, July 10th, at 10 AM in Fireside. The book we will discuss is "Hang the Moon" by Jeanette Walls. On August 14th, we will meet at Next Page book store. It is on 3rd St. SE in the Newbo area. We will meet at 10 AM and the owner will share information on new books. After that, we will go to Parlor City in Newbo for lunch. Anyone is welcome to join us. For more information, please contact Nancy Miller @ 319-393-6340. Thanks!

FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP will NOT meet in July or August, but will return for our noon potluck on Thursday, Sept. 28th. Hope you're having a wonderful summer!!

Feast Day of Mary Magdalene



Join Community Leader Angie Pierce Jennings and Nourished's Spiritual Cultivator Kristina Roth-Klinck in a book study over "Mary Magdalene Revealed" by Meggan Watterson. Read the book and join us for a discussion on her feast day.

**Saturday, July 22nd
10am**

**3000 Carroll Drive SE
Cedar Rapids, IA**

**NOTE: We'll meet in the garden,
weather permitting**



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Thank you so much for all of your contributions to make yesterday's Transform Week lunch at Matthew 25 a success. We served about 130 people.

The salads and apples from Health & Wholeness were a hit and enjoyed by all with many compliments.

Mary V., thanks for all your help and expertise in making the sandwiches, and serving and transporting food.

Hospitality, thanks for the help in making the sandwiches and thanks to those who helped transport and serve at Matthew 25. The cookies were great and we had just a few left. It was such a nice variety.

All of your help was greatly appreciated!

Judy McDowell, Hospitality Chair

YOUTH GROUP OUTINGS

July 12th: Scavenger Hunt @ Newbo,
6:30 - 8 pm
July 19th: Movie Marathon @ St. Paul's
UMC, 4 - 9 pm
July 25th: Feed Iowa First Service Pro-
ject, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
August 11th: Iowa State Fair, 7:30 am -
9 pm, \$20

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

VBS IS HERE!



Our Vacation Bible School is on
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 Hot-
line*.

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.

Please see the article to the right for
VBS donations needed. Thanks!

May Financial Totals

Cash inflow—mo. of May	\$ 60,572
Cash inflow—YTD	\$259,862
Budget need/month	\$ 47,614
Cash outflow—mo. of May	\$ 55,317
Cash outflow—YTD	\$267,039
Unpaid apportionments	\$ 0

FOREST BATHING: CREEK STOMPING



Saturday, August 5th at Morgan Creek
10:30am-12:30pm

Suggested Donation: \$5-10

Meet in the Arboretum Parking lot on the North Side
7439 Worcester Rd, Palo, IA

VBS DONATIONS: Vacation Bible School takes place this
month (runs July 16-19)! To help us decorate for the week,
we are asking for donations of the following:

- Pool noodles
- Newspapers
- Old spray paint (any color)
- Old cans of spray foam
- Refrigerator boxes (or other large cardboard
boxes)
- Old Christmas lights
- Old landline phones (preferably with cords)

Please only donate things you have that you no longer want.
Any donations can be left in the tub located in the narthex.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Olivia Schnei-
der (msoschneider3703@gmail.com) or via phone at (319)
573-0588. Thank you!!



Men's Breakfast Gathering

The Men's Breakfast Group is taking a break over the sum-
mer; they will meet again on Sept. 16th. Have a great sum-
mer and see you in the Fall!

JOYS:

- *Pastor Kristina's ordination at the Iowa Annual Conference
- *Iowa Annual Conference sessions in West Des Moines 6/2-6/4
- *Thanks to Sue Moss & Jane Schildroth for serving as our lay delegates to the conference
- *Appreciation to Angie Pierce Jennings as our guest preacher
- *Summer vacations, travel, & activities
- *Children's Weekday Ministries (CWM) summer program starting
- *New member class beginning this month
- *Pride parade in Cedar Rapids
- **Nourished* donated fresh baked scones to Prairie-woods' garden party
- *Youth Middle School Service & Learning Trip to Minneapolis
- *Transform Week at Matthew 25 & Lovely Lane putting together a team & providing a lunch
- *Baptism of Bowen Dean Arnold, son of Brad & Jenna Arnold
- *Jane Schildroth moving into new home & selling previous one
- *Linda Henecke lifting up family being in town
- *Deb Streff picking up friend Angela who is released from prison & in the reentry program
- *Culbertson family lifts up the joy of church family
- *Happy Father's Day to fathers & those who are father-like to us
- *Juneteenth Day on Monday
- *Annual Conference report from Sue Moss & Jane Schildroth
- *Kyla Mulnik participating in the Simpson Youth Academy (SYA)
- *Olivia Schneider receiving the Kadlec College Scholarship
- *Claire Hauser receiving a teaching position in CR
- *Christopher Hauser joining the Peace Corps
- *LGBTQ+ families receiving support & assistance
- *Roth-Klinck family traveling out-of-state for a wk.
- *Joint worship service on July 2nd at Coe College with other area UM Churches
- *Vacation Bible School in July
- *Kernels baseball game night on July 18
- *Bill's birthday as he turned 91 today
- *Friends who joined us in church this week
- *Pastor Scott's brother, Todd, on his marriage

CONCERNS:

- *Sympathy to Marci Wittles after the passing of her sister, Lela
- *Sympathy to Carol Wilson & family after the passing of her mother, Do Koudelka
- *Sympathy to the family of Lucy Tabelisma after her passing
- *Sympathy to Patrick & Katrina Mahoney after the passing of Patrick's mother, Sydney
- *Ron & Margaret Nelson's friend Bill passed away
- *Those that have lost loved ones, including those lost at sea
- *Corrine Davey was hospitalized with a broken hip
- *Rae Keegan hospitalized at St. Luke's
- *Carol Wilson receiving hospice care
- *Sheila Hahn recovering from pneumonia
- *Cathy Homard following a cataract procedure
- *Jo Hoover recovering from shoulder surgery
- *Ted, Frank & Susan Camp's son, recovering from surgery
- *Travis Meiborg's oldest son Andrew hospitalized after a fall
- *Carla Jesse's niece, Pam, with brain surgery
- *Pam Moore's great nephew, Cal, doing better after seizures
- *Phillip, brother of Kathy Hartgrave, had retina detachment surgery
- *Sean, son of Curtis & Maggie Thomas, with medical school exams
- *Elizabeth Roland's soccer teammate, Julia, with a concussion
- *Margaret Nelson's friends, Andre & Mischa, in Ukraine
- *Marcie Stumpf's co-workers with health challenges
- *Amanda Bentley's friend's mother going through some mental health challenges
- *Watering trees planted from derecho recovery around the city
- *United Methodist Church in Iowa after some churches disaffiliated
- *Davenport community after the building collapse
- *National & international concerns

Remembering with love:

Fran Fairchild.....2019

Steve Mooney.....2021



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Handbell Choir Director	Charlie Kucera
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Children & Youth

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