

Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

August 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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Moving Forward

Barbie or Oppenheimer? Oppenheimer or Barbie? Wasn't that the big conversation recently? Two very different movies came out the same weekend. This conversation about which movie to see was a welcome diversion from the "heavier news" we read about. We have so much going on in our world today.

Scan the news headlines and a word that seems to be everywhere is "disruption." In particular we find the word connected with innovation. A disruptive innovation creates a brand new format or method and replaces an existing format or method.

Many would love to be known as "disruptors," people who are game changers. Successful disruptors have power and clout. They are folks who are able to turn things upside down.

We live in a time of explosive change. Some actions and events are like giant steps into an unknown future. We often admire the change agents. We want to be like them. I have a lot of respect for disruptors. They make a difference . . . even in the church world. Without some disruption, progress usually doesn't occur.

But there's another way of seeing life and accomplishments. Plato, the ancient Greek philosopher, once said, "There is no harm in repeating a good thing." The exact context is uncertain about this wisdom, but it appears to be something quieter and softer than disruption, yet maybe just as important. Doing the same thing, over and over again, is sometimes the preferable option.

Learning wisdom, becoming wise, involves the practice of repeating good movements, very likely old movements. Qualities come to mind like patience and kindness.

So maybe what we really need is discernment. There is a time to disrupt and there is a time to keep things the same. This month we will discuss some next steps we can take as a church. Our sermon series is entitled, "Great Ideas." It's possible we will lift up some big actions we can take or a series of smaller actions that keep us grounded. I look forward to the conversation!

Blessings to you, Scott

Calendar of Events (subject to change) — August 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	5 10:30 am-12:30 pm Forest Bathing / Creek Stomping (w/ <i>Nourished</i> @ Morgan Creek)
6 Communion Sunday 9:30 am In-person & live-strm. Summer Worship (1 service) 12-2 pm Congolese	7 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766	8	9	10	11 7:30 am-9 pm Youth trip to State Fair	12
13 9:30 am In-person & live-strm. Summer Worship (1 service) 12-2 pm Congolese	14 10:00 am Happy Endings 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766 7 pm <i>Nourished</i> Centering Monday (@ Pastor Kristina's)	15 10 am-4 pm Iowa MMJ 6:30 pm Laity Circuit	16	17 4 pm-8 pm <i>Nourished</i> @ Meet Me at the Market (@ New Bo City Market) 6 pm Health & Wholeness 6 pm Trustees 7 pm Ad Council	18	19 9 am Birding Class (w/ <i>Nourished</i> @ Prairie Park Fishery)
20 9:30 am In-person & live-strm. Summer Worship (1 service) 12-2 pm Congolese 2-4 pm Ice Cream Festival (@ Ellis)	21 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766	22	23 6-8 pm Gluten Free Cake Balls Class (<i>Nourished</i> @ New Bo City Market)	24 6:45 pm LL @ the Ellis Ski Show	25	26 2-4 pm LL Pool Party (@ Noel-ridge)
27 9:30 am In-person & live-strm. Summer Worship (1 service) 12-2 pm Congolese 2 pm LL Golf outing (Lake McBride golf club) 4-5:30 pm Youth & Parents mtg.	28 10 am Prayer Shawl 7 pm <i>Nourished</i> Centering Monday (@ Pastor Kristina's)	29	30	31 4-8 pm <i>Nourished</i> @ the Mega Market		



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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>

Backpack BLESSING

SUNDAY,
AUGUST 20TH
DURING THE
9:30AM
WORSHIP TIME



WORSHIP IN AUGUST

August 6: **Communion Sunday;** in-person & live-stream summer service @ 9:30 AM (one service only) / Scott preaching / Scripture: Isaiah 43:14-21 / Sermon: "Making a Choice" *Great Ideas*

August 13: **11th Sunday after Pentecost;** in-person & live-stream summer service @ 9:30 AM (one service only) / Kristina preaching / Scripture: Acts 18:1-4 / Sermon: "Going on a Journey" *Great Ideas*

August 20: **12th Sunday after Pentecost;** in-person & live-stream summer service @ 9:30 AM (one service only) / Scott preaching / Scripture: Luke 10:25-37 / Sermon: "Taking Action" *Great Ideas*

August 27: **13th Sunday after Pentecost;** in-person & live-stream summer service @ 9:30 AM (one service only) / Scott preaching / Scripture: Matthew 16:13-20 / Sermon: "The Eternal Question"

Pastor's Study Groups will resume in the fall.

CHURCH GOLF OUTING

All are welcome to participate in our golf outing on Sunday, August 27th, starting at 2 pm. We will play 9 holes with carts at the Lake MacBride Golf Club in Solon. More information is coming.

A Blessing For When The Laundry Sits *from Pastor Kristina*

Blessed are you when the laundry
overflows in the corner-
Dirty,
Wrinkled and clean,
Or folded ready to be put away.

Blessed are you when the simple task of laundry
Feels like too much to bear,
When your to-do list leaves you weary,
Expectations weight heavy,
And so many are relying on your help.

And oh, how blessed are you
When you're continuously reminded of the laundry
As you walk past the corner of piled clothes
Or the clothes in the dryer going on yet another week of sitting there.

In the midst of it all,
May you be reminded that you are loved,
And you are more than your to-do list at hand.
You are more than the pile of laundry,
The wrinkly shirt,
Or the cycle going on a third wash
Because you were too exhausted to put them in the dryer.

So, if you need to-
Sit Down
Reflect
Pray
Rest

Breathe In: I am Loved
Breathe Out: Always

August Treat Box "Cinnamon Rolls"

A Pack of 5 Gluten Free Cinnamon Rolls

Sign up by August 7th for

Pick up THURSDAY, August 10th

4pm-7pm

Treat Boxes are \$30



Sign up by scanning the
QR code or emailing

Kristina at

kristina@nourishedcr.org



Meet Me At The Market

Thursday, August 17th

4pm-8pm

New Bo City Market



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THURSDAY, AUGUST 31ST

4PM-8PM

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



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Thank you for your sponsorship of the 8th Annual Transform! We are thrilled to be able to take on more than 30 homeowner projects, thanks in part to your generous contribution. (LL gave \$6,743.33.) In one week, it's amazing to look at the transformation that takes place when generous volunteers gather together to give back to the community. Relationships are built. Lives are changed. This would not be possible without your commitment to Cedar Rapids and sponsorship of this program. We are grateful for you! Such awesome support from Lovely Lane! *Clint Twedt-Ball, Matthew 25 Founder & Executive Director*

We really had a great crew from LL this year! Thanks to all who participated. (11 LL members participated during the week & LL Hospitality and Health & Wholeness served a noon meal.) Now we can't wait until Transform 2024!! *Les Minor, LL Missions Chair*

Thank you sincerely for your kind expression of sympathy and thoughtfulness. It is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered by our family. *Thank you for your support, prayers, and love. It meant so much to us to know that so many were praying for Pastor Mike. It helped him to battle this awful cancer. The family of Mike Shaffer [Remember: God loves you and there isn't anything you can do about it!!]*

We wish to thank Lovely Lane Methodist Church so much for contributing 11.2 lbs. of items to the Linn Community Food Bank during the second quarter of 2023. We could not operate our food bank without the generous support of donors like you and your congregation. *(letter dated 7/1/23)*

Happy Endings, the book discussion group, will meet on Monday, August 14th, at 10 AM at the Next Page Bookstore located at 1105 3rd St. SE in the New Bo area. Following the presentation there, we will have lunch at Parlor City. Anyone is welcome to join us. For more information, contact Nancy Miller @ 319-393-6340. The book to read for September 11th is *Where The Sky Begins* by Rhys Bowen.

FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP will NOT meet in August, but will return for our noon potluck on Thursday, Sept. 28th. Hope you're having a great summer and we'll catch up with everyone next month!

Laughter (by Hafiz, poet)

What is laughter? What is laughter?
It is God waking up! O it is God waking up!
It is the sun poking its sweet head out
From behind a cloud
You have been carrying too long,
Veiling your eyes and heart.

It is Light breaking ground for a great Structure
That is your Real body—called Truth...

O what is laughter, Hafiz?
What is this precious love and laughter
Budding in our hearts?

It is the glorious sound
Of a soul waking up!

(from Prairiewoods July/August 2023 newsletter)

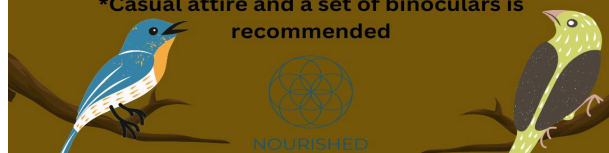
Birding Class

Saturday, August 19th 9am
at Prairie Park Fishery
2125 Otis Rd SE
Cedar Rapids, IA

***Led by Avid birder Jane Nesmith**

***You'll learn how to identify birds by their sound, use binoculars to find them visually, and log bird sightings**

***Casual attire and a set of binoculars is recommended**



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

Join Lovely Lane at
Ellis

SKI SHOW

AUGUST 24

6:45PM

Free
Admission



YOUTH GROUP OUTINGS

August 11th - Trip to the State Fair! Leave at 7:30 am and return at 9 pm. Bring \$20 to participate. To sign up, please contact Ryan at ryan@lovelylane.org or text him at (940) 390-7437.

August 27th - Youth Beginning of the School Year Meeting, 4-5:30 pm. Parents and youth are invited to come for a beginning of the school year meeting. We will fill out registrations, meet the youth leaders in the co-op, go over the fall schedule, and have space for answering questions. Save the date for our fall retreat - Sept. 22-24th.

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

June Financial Totals

Cash inflow—mo. of June	\$ 62,350
Cash inflow—YTD	\$322,212
Budget need/month	\$ 47,614
Cash outflow—mo. of June	\$ 44,411
Cash outflow—YTD	\$307,547
Unpaid apportionments	\$ 0



Men's Breakfast Gathering

The Men's Breakfast Group is taking a break over the summer; they will meet again on Sept. 16th. See you in the Fall!

Concerns & Celebrations

JOYS:

- *Worship at Coe College on 7/2 (it was a joy to come together with other churches)
- *Pride Fest on 7/8 at NewBo City Market; our church had a booth with other UMC's & *Nourished* had a booth
- *Youth & adults who took part on the summer mission trips: one to the U.S./Mexico border & one to Minneapolis
- *Church "Shower" on 7/30
- *Golf outing coming up in August
- *Wedding of Mitch Turner & Cindy Pringle
- *Baptism of Ron Malick
- *Welcomed our New Member Class in worship on 7/9
- *Kathy Hartgrave's brother, Phil, with good news after eye procedure
- *Jan Peterson celebrates Lovely Lane's history
- *Happy 55th Anniversary to Jim & Trish Palmer
- *Palmer's celebrate birth of fourth granddaughter
- *Appreciation to Cheryl Murphy for leading a Women's Bible Study over the years
- *Congratulations to Jim & Barb Vancura on the birth of a grandchild
- *Happy 68th Anniversary to Dale & Nancy Snyder
- *Happy 25th Anniversary to Eric & Krista Wylie
- *Marla Gonzalez celebrates encouraging health report
- *Kyla Mulnik spoke in 7/16 worship about Simpson Youth Academy experience
- *Jan Peterson's brother celebrated his 96th birthday
- *Good special music in worship
- *Thanks to Principal Jason Kline for speaking about a mission offering
- *Vacation Bible School at Lovely Lane; thank you to Annie & all who led it!
- *Lovely Lane at the Kernels game
- *Lovely Lane at the splash pad
- *JR Streff at a music & dance camp in Colorado
- **Nourished* book study about Mary Magdalene
- *Patrick Mahoney got a job teaching 5th grade
- *Former Pastor Paul Akin visiting worship with spouse Marsha
- **Sound of Freedom* out in theaters

CONCERNS:

- *Sympathy to Amy & Gabriel Guardado on the passing of Gabriel's mother
- *Sympathy to Jim & Debbie Craig on the passing of Debbie's mother
- *Those who have lost loved ones, including those lost at sea
- *Carol Wilson receiving hospice care @ Linn Manor
- *Tariq Baluch with pancreatic cancer
- *Barb Olive with heart concerns, seeing a specialist
- *Jo Hoover recovering from shoulder surgery
- *Cathy Homard had cataract surgery
- *Stephanie Phillips recovering from knee surgery
- *Scott Nixon with concerns following a concussion
- *Dennis Ramsey's mother, Ann, with medical concerns
- *Carla Jesse's niece, Pam, following brain surgery - recovery has been a little slow
- *Ted, Frank & Susan Camp's son, had surgery
- *Phillip, brother of Kathy Hartgrave, had retina detachment surgery
- *Helen Anderson's son, Matt, with medical concerns
- *Susan Ovel's granddaughter, Emma, with ER visit & health concerns
- *Barb Olive's parents with complications following an auto accident
- *Sean, son of Curtis & Maggie Thomas, had medical school exams
- *Craig & Pam Nixon's grandson, Tanner, with first Navy deployment
- *State of Iowa following emotional week at the Statehouse
- *Women facing potentially difficult personal decisions
- *Immigrants & refugees, including those in Ukraine
- *Abortion ban bill put into place
- *Florida laws on education
- *National & international concerns

Remembering with love:

Lloyd Peterson.....2019

Dean Lanning.....2020



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