

Lovely Lane *network* United Methodist Church

October 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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Serving Together

Trees were recently planted in Pierce Park! The park is adjacent to our church parking lot. The action was a collaboration with three local groups, the City of Cedar Rapids, Trees Forever, and National Honor Society students from Kennedy High School. Following the derecho two years ago, it's great to have these new trees. I celebrate the groups that came together to make this happen. This situation is a wonderful example of partnerships. We need to encourage, and celebrate, groups that come together.

When I think about the word *partnership*, I think about the word *koinonia*. Koinonia is a Greek word that is frequently used in the New Testament. The first place we find the word is in Acts 2:42, "The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers." (CEB) Fellowship with others is a key aspect of Christian life.

Koinonia is further used to describe collaborations with others. One meaning is "to share with someone in something." A second meaning is to "give a share in something." Groups who partner together see positive results from their labor. Together, they further the greater good for a larger group. Helen Keller once said, "Alone we do so little; together we can do so much."

At Lovely Lane, we are fortunate to have strong partnerships with local groups. We work together with the Nourished Community and Children's Weekday Ministries. We also partner with Matthew 25, the Women at the Well Prison Congregation, the Boy Scouts of America, Migrant Movement for Justice, the food pantry at Kennedy High School, and so many others.

I might even add that United Methodist clergy and laity from our city gather on a regular basis to discuss collaborative ministry efforts. Circuit ministry will become more common in the years to come. There is so much we can do when we work together and nobody cares who gets the credit!

Blessings to you, Scott

Calendar of Events (subject to change) — October 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 World Communion Sunday 8:30 am In-person Worship 9 am Choir rehearsal 9:30 am Sunday School for adults 10:30 am In-person & live-strm. worship 12-2 pm Congolese 1-3:45 pm Troop 766 merit badge 4-6 pm Youth Co-op (@ LL, service project)	2 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766	3 6-7:30 pm Troop 766 merit badge	4 9:30 am Zoom study 12 noon WWG 5:30 pm Family Meal 6 pm Kid's Club 6 pm Youth Grp. 6 pm Confirmation 6 pm Pastor Scott's Study Group 7:15 pm Bell Choir	5	6	7 10 am-Noon Youth Co-op (@ Bloomsbury Farm) 11 am Funeral for Ann Ramsey (Dennis R.'s mom)
8 8:30 am In-person Worship 9 am Choir rehearsal 9:30 am Sunday School for adults 10:30 am In-person & live-strm. worship 12-2 pm Congolese (Youth Co-op, Crop Walk)	9 10:00 am Happy Endings 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766 7 pm <i>Nourished</i> Centering Monday (@ Pastor Kristina's)	10 6-7:30 pm Troop 766 merit badge	11 9:30 am Zoom study 12 noon WWG 5:30 pm Family Meal 6 pm Kid's Club 6 pm Youth Grp. 6 pm Confirmation 6 pm Pastor Scott's Study Group 7:15 pm Bell Choir	12 7:45 am Leadership Team (offsite) 1 pm UWF mtg. 4-7 pm <i>Nourished</i> @ Harvest Festival (Cultivate Hope Urban Farm) 6 pm Health & Wholeness mtg.	13 6-8 pm <i>Nourished</i> Fork 'n' Folk (@ Pastor Kristina's)	14
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22 8:30 am In-person Worship 9 am Choir rehearsal 9:30 am Sunday School for adults 10:30 am In-person & live-strm. worship 12-2 pm Congolese 4-6 pm Youth Co-op (@ St. Paul's, Murder Mystery Party)	23 10 am Prayer Shawl 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766 7 pm <i>Nourished</i> Centering Monday (@ Pastor Kristina's)	24 6-7:15 pm MOMS Club of CR Trunk-or-Treat	25 9:30 am Zoom study 5:30 pm Family Meal 6 pm Kid's Club 6 pm Youth Grp. 6 pm Confirmation 6 pm Pastor Scott's Study Group 7:15 pm Bell Choir	26 12 noon Friendly Fellowship (offsite, @ Prairiewoods for lunch & program) 4-8 pm <i>Nourished</i> @ the Mega Market (@ Cultivate Hope Farm) 6:30 pm UWF Rizpah Circle	27	28 8:30 am Men's Breakfast 1-2:30 pm LL's Trunk-or-Treat
29 Stewardship Sunday 8:30 am In-person Worship 9 am Choir rehearsal 9:30 am Sunday School for adults 10:30 am In-person & live-strm. worship 12-2 pm Congolese (No Youth Co-op)	30	31 6-8 pm <i>Nourished</i> Halloween Potluck & Party (@ Pastor Kristina's)			WWG = Wednesday Women's Group CWM = Children's Weekday Ministries MMJ = Migrant Movement for Justice UWF = United Women in Faith	

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: The theme for this year's fall stewardship campaign is "Becoming a Tremendous Church." We will focus on this theme during worship services on October 22 and 29. We are looking at the different ways we journey together as the body of Christ. We will focus on sharing our time, talents, and treasures. Commitment cards for 2024 will be collected on October 29. This is our planned financial giving for the year to come. Thank you for your faithfulness!

For where your treasure is, there your heart will also be. (Matthew 6:21)

WORSHIP IN OCTOBER et al.

Oct. 1: World Communion Sunday; in-person service @ 8:30 AM; in-person & live-stream service @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Philippians 2:1-13 / Sermon: "Unified in Purpose"

Oct. 8: 19th Sunday after Pentecost; in-person service @ 8:30 AM; in-person & live-stream service @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Kristina / Scripture: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 / Sermon theme: Ten Commandments

Oct. 15: 20th Sunday after Pentecost; in-person service @ 8:30 AM; in-person & live-stream service @ 10:30 AM / Annie Walker / Scripture: Genesis 39:1-6, 41:33-41, 42:6-8, 45:1-8 / Sermon theme: Joseph & his brothers

Oct. 22: 21st Sunday after Pentecost; in-person service @ 8:30 AM; in-person & live-stream service @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Psalm 8:1-9 / Sermon: "A Focus on Teams and Time"

Becoming a Tremendous Church
Oct. 29: Stewardship Sunday; in-person service @ 8:30 AM; in-person & live-stream service @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Romans 12:1-8 / Sermon: "A Focus on Talents and Treasures"

Becoming a Tremendous Church
Nov. 5: All Saints Sunday; in-person service @ 8:30 AM; in-person & live-stream service @ 10:30 AM / Pastor Scott / Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12 / Sermon: "Small Acts of Love"

Fall Laity Day with Bishop Kennetha

Saturday, Oct. 14th, 9 AM-3 PM (Program begins at 9:30 AM)

Ames, First UMC (516 Kellogg Ave.)

There will be treats and fellowship on arrival, and lunch and conversation at noon. Expect a bold, deeply spiritual message as Bishop Kennetha leads us in thinking about what it means to be a United Methodist in 2023. There will be closing communion to bind us together. This is a FREE event sponsored by the Board of Laity. Go here to register: <https://rb.gy/tx8c9>.

Thank you all for the lovely recognition you gave me when I retired from CWM Board leadership. This is actually my 3rd go-round as board chair, plus years as director, teacher, published curriculum author, and even volunteer. All in all, they've been years of wonderful opportunity to minister to kids and families. My support for CWM will continue in whatever way I can help best. The moments in the service were much appreciated. I'm also grateful for the gift card to Barnes and Nobel, one of my favorite stores. (Jim and I used to go to B&N for date night – before they got rid of all the lovely "reading zones.") Many thanks, too, for your support for the life-and-faith work of our Children's Weekday Ministries and the teachers and staff who do the hands-on work. My best wishes to Lyn Lewis as she takes on the leadership role. Her commitment, skill, and fresh viewpoint will bring many good things. Blessings to us all as we continue to be active in faith and ministry. *Myrna Loehrlein*

Thank you so much for your generous donation to Tanager's Back to School Campaign! Your gift will help more kids at Tanager receive the supplies and services needed to start the school year! Thank you!! *Bre Oxley*

CHRISTMAS MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA: The CR Metro Circuit Laity is hosting *A Christmas Music Extravaganza* on Dec. 7th. Vocal or instrumental soloists or small groups, bells, kazoos, etc. are invited to share their musical talent. There will also be a CR Metro Community Choir. **If you're interested in participating, please let Becky Wood know at Rebecca.wood@mchsi.com.**



"Awakening to God"
LOVELY LANE
FALL WOMEN'S
RETREAT

Saturday, Oct. 21st,
9:30 am - 2:30 pm
@ Lowe Park, Marion

Join us for an exciting day in an awesome location! The art area should be open to us and the outside is beautiful—with gardens, amphitheater and walking trail. Pastor Kristina will be our spiritual leader for the day, directing several spiritual activities and/or practices.

Registration fee is \$20 (includes lunch & a craft).
Scholarships are available upon request




OCTOBER
CENTERING
DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9TH 7-8:30PM
 MONDAY, OCTOBER 23RD 7-8:30PM
 HALLOWEEN POTLUCK AND PARTY, OCTOBER 31ST
 6PM-8PM

ALL AT RYAN AND KRISTINA'S HOUSE:
 3000 CARROLL DRIVE SE CEDAR RAPIDS



Nourished At The
Harvest Festival

Thursday, October 12th
 4-7pm

Cultivate Hope Urban Farm
 437 G Ave NW
 Cedar Rapids




TRUNK OR TREAT

LOVELY LANE UMC

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH
 1PM TO 2:30PM

2424 42ND ST NE
 CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52402



FORK 'N'
FOLK

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2023
 6PM-8PM
 AT KRISTINA AND RYAN'S HOUSE
 3000 CARROLL DRIVE SE
 CEDAR RAPIDS, IA

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United
Women
in Faith

UWF ACTIVITIES & EVENTS FOR OCTOBER '23

Lovely Lane UWF Rizpah Circle Meeting

WOMEN! WOMEN OF ALL AGES! WOMEN INTERESTED IN SOCIAL ACTION! UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH! We've started a monthly meeting on the last Thursday of each month, 6:30-8 PM, in Fireside. We'll have a chosen topic, a speaker and/or discussion on the chosen subject. We hope this encourages you to educate others, take action, and/or make a difference.

For more info., call or text Deb Streff at 319-721-8864. All are welcome; invite family and friends!

Iowa Conference United Women in Faith Annual Meeting

Saturday, October 7th

Registration 9-9:30 AM; program 9:30 AM-3 PM

@ St. Paul's UMC (1340 3rd Ave. SE, CR)

[Use 2nd Ave. Canopy Entrance on backside of church]

Beyond the business aspect of hearing reports and electing new officers for the coming year, the day will be filled with celebration, education and fellowship. The speaker will regale us with the Iowa Conference's June 2023 mission trip to Anchorage, Alaska, showing how we're living out the Good News and reflecting God's love. Breakout sessions to choose from will lead to greater understanding of spiritual growth, soul care, social justice and coping with trauma. There will also be a option to attend via ZOOM. It sounds like an interesting and fun day! I do hope you will plan to join me in attending this meeting. For more information, contact Cheryl Murphy (319-377-6205).

Happy Endings, book discussion group, will meet on Monday, October 9th, @ 10 AM in Fireside. The book we will discuss is *Town Lake* by Ann Patchett. The book to read for November 13th is *There Were No Flowers* by Dr. William Meffert. Happy Reading! Feel free to join us!

FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP will meet offsite on Thursday, Oct. 26th, @ Prairiewoods Retreat Center. It will be a day to use their grounds, and walk the paths and labyrinth—weather permitting. There are numerous places to sit and enjoy nature, and Jeanne Sullivan will talk about some of PW's upcoming events. Lunch will be served at 12 noon for a cost of \$10 each. Please RSVP by Oct. 18th to jmcadow51@aol.com. You can plan to pay the day we are at Prairiewoods.

Chancel Choir Spotlight

October 1: "All Earth Rejoice with a Gladsome Voice" - Vivaldi/Hopson

October 8: "Homeward Bound" - Composer Marta Keen's notes on this composition follows: "I wrote this song for a loved one who was embarking upon a new phase of life's journey, to express the soul's yearning to grow and change."

October 15: "Arise! Shine!" - Joseph M. Martin (based on Isaiah 60:1-6)

October 22: "Come Build a Church" - Composer Ken Medema, blind from birth, began playing piano when he was 5 years old. He learned through braille music, and playing by ear and improvising in different styles. His music provides commentaries on the themes of justice, hunger, poverty, homelessness, and Christian charity.

YOUTH CO-OP

- Oct. 1 4-6 PM, Service project @ LL
- Oct. 7 (Special Saturday Event) 10 AM-12 PM, visit to Bloomsbury Farm
- Oct. 8 CROP Walk (service project) @ Thomas Park
- Oct. 15 4-6 PM, Faith & Voting Panel with local elected officials @ St. Mark's UMC
- Oct. 22 4-6 PM, Murder Mystery Party @ St. Paul's UMC
- Oct. 29 NQ Youth Co-op

WEDS. NIGHT YOUTH GROUP (5:30 PM family meal @ LL, then 6 PM meeting @ St. Paul's)

- Oct. 4 Learning to Listen...
- Oct. 11 Ahhh! Real Monsters...
- Oct. 18 Ahhh! Real Monsters...
- Oct. 25 Ahhh! Real Monsters...

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

Men's Breakfast Gatherings

For the next 3 months, the Men's Breakfast Group will meet on the following Saturdays @ 8:30 AM: Oct. 28, Nov. 11, & Dec. 16. Please mark your calendars, and feel free to bring along a friend or two to our get-togethers!

Remembering with love:

Marjorie Deal.....2017

Gwen Bray.....2019

August Financial Totals

Cash inflow—mo. of Aug.	\$ 36,173
Cash inflow—YTD	\$404,104
Budget need/month	\$ 47,614
Cash outflow—mo. of Aug.	\$ 49,444
Cash outflow—YTD	\$413,297
Unpaid apportionments	\$ 0

SUNDAY SCHOOL & KID'S CLUB

Sunday School for children takes place during the 10:30 service after the Children's Time.

Kid's Club is on Weds. at 5:30 (meal followed by program @ 6 PM). We no longer ask that you sign up for the Weds. evening meal.

Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions and/or would like to volunteer to help.

Annie Walker, Dir. of Family Ministries,
anniew@lovelyLane.org



Family HAYRACK RIDE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

USHERS FERRY

4PM - 6PM

5925 Seminole Valley Trl NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52411



WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS/SERVANTS

Go to the church's website (www.lovelyLane.org) to sign up as a Worship Volunteer Servant: greeter, usher, lector, and/or communion server. You'll find sign-up links for the 8:30 and 10:30 AM services listed in the website under *Worship Servant Sign-up*. Please check your calendar and choose a date(s) to serve! If you need help, call the church office and Sue or Marti can sign you up online. Thanks!

Concerns & Celebrations

JOYS:

- *Christopher Hauser serving in the Peace Corps
- *Happy Birthday to Linda Keefe
- *Happy 53rd Anniversary to Steve & Deb Streff
- *Tariq Baloch is doing better with his health
- *Joan Roscovius's grandson is doing well after foot-ball injury
- *Sue Moss's stepson, Jacob, with full-time DNR work
- *Gerry Stolba celebrates new great grandchild
- *Mike & Karlene Nesslage's daughter got married
- *Rita & Ron Stewart with birth of granddtr. Reese
- *AnnaBelle Roland's 10th birthday
- *Happy 80th birthday to Joel Goodman
- *Les & Sherry Minor celebrate 55 yrs. of marriage
- *Les Minor's 60th class reunion
- *Jan Culbertson thanks church members for land-scaping assistance
- *Maggie Thomas expresses thanks for prayers following her mother's passing
- *Jim Moss & group returning from Boundary Waters
- *Marci Wittles' daughter visiting
- *Welcoming Tara Neveu as our new Nursery Coordinator
- *Great appreciation to Shelbie Wood for serving as our previous coordinator
- *Great appreciation to Myrna Loehrlein for serving as CWM Board President
- *Appreciation to Lyn Lewis for taking over as new CWM Board President
- *Lovely Lane & Trinity Lane preschools have begun new school year
- *Music ministries have started up again with chancel choir & bell choir opportunities
- *New fall study groups et al. in the church
- *Fair Trade & Eco-Friendly Sale on 9/3
- *New oven in the church kitchen
- *Backpack ministry for Kennedy & Pierce schools
- *"Great Ideas" shared with various ministry groups
- *Church is looking to start dinner groups & movie discussion night
- *Confirmation class with fall retreat in Clear Lake
- *Nametags & QR Code in worship services for check-in purposes
- *Good turnout for Weds. night meals & Kid's Club
- *Labor Day travel & rest
- *Hope Walk for suicide prevention in Cherry Hill Park
- *Iowa-Iowa State Game on 9/9; all football games
- *Trees are planted in Pierce Park. Thanks to the City of CR, Trees Forever, & Kennedy HS!

CONCERNS:

- *Former member Bob Rainwater passed away: his funeral was at Cedar Memorial on 9/16
- *Sympathy to Curtis & Maggie Thomas after passing of Maggie's mother
- *Sympathy to Dennis Ramsey after passing of his mother
- *Sympathy to Pam Nixon & family after the passing of her father, Marvin
- *Sympathy to Nancy Miller & family after the passing of her sister, Carolyn, in Illinois
- *Lee Stepp with hospitalization
- *Jim Vancura recovering from back surgery
- *Dale Snyder had a hand procedure on 9/29
- *Regina Culbertson with health concerns
- *Pastor Kristina, Ryan & Audrey were sick w/Co-vid
- *Travelling mercies for Judy McDowell as she travels & visits family in Kentucky et al.
- *Kim Moore having a minor procedure done
- *Teri Krumm's second cousin, Shawn, recovering after motorcycle accident
- *Kent Jackson's brother-in-law, Mark, with health concerns
- *Rick & Cathy Homard's sister-in-law, Cozy, with health concerns
- *Barb Olive's parents as they continue to recover after car accident
- *Marla Gonzalez's great niece with suicide attempt
- *Virginia Weiland's sister, Juanita, having surgery
- *Bob Hoover's cousin, Linda, receiving hospice care
- *Teri Krumm's cousin, Shawn, with long recovery following a bad motorcycle accident
- *Jim Moss's friend, Ricky, with a serious infection from a spider bite that occurred during their canoe trip
- *Sophia Meador's roommate's family from Morocco, & feeling the effects of the earthquake
- **Nourished* member Philip taking a renewal leave, traveling around the world
- *Island of Maui after wildfires (special offering for UMCOR)
- *State of Florida following Hurricane Idalia (special offering for UMCOR)
- *Safety for our children, teachers, & staff as the school year takes off
- *September was National Recovery Month for those recovering from alcohol & drug addiction
- *Morocco after an earthquake; 2000+ people have died
- *Children's Weekday Ministry (CWM) looking to fill some job openings
- *National & international concerns



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Handbell Choir Director	Charlie Kucera
Director of Children's Choirs	Carla Jesse
Chancel Choir Accompanist	Linda Bayliss

Children & Youth

Director of Family Ministries	Annie Walker
Director of Youth Ministries	Ryan Roth-Klinck
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