

# Lovely Lane *connection* United Methodist Church

August 2024

## 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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## Agree to Disagree

*"When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul"*  
– Psalm 94:19 (NRSV)

A few weeks ago Heather and I attended the Beach Boys concert at the McGrath Amphitheater with some friends. I know some of you saw the concert too. It was a great show and I'm glad the band is touring after all these years.

Now a pleasant surprise that night was the opening act. The opening performer was Dave Mason. Dave played some of his songs from his solo days and his days as a musician in the band, "Traffic." I did not know a lot of the songs, but one was very familiar. In fact, I would imagine we all know this song from adult contemporary radio. The song is entitled, "We Just Disagree."

In the song, Mason sings, "there ain't no good guy, there ain't no bad guy. There's only you and me and we just disagree." The song came out in 1977. It's a good song and it still speaks to us today, perhaps more than ever. In our polarizing world, we are often told we have to take a side on every issue and the other side is wrong. We might even be tempted to be a bit nasty to the other side. Wouldn't it be nice if we could work together to "agree to disagree" and not demonize the other side.

Now there's probably many ways that we can "agree to disagree," but let me offer a few steps we can take. The steps come from Ray Christner, a contributor for *Psychology Today*. These steps include . . . (1) Listen Actively. Instead of dismissing another person's ideas, ask clarifying questions to better understand that person's perspective. (2) Speak for Yourself, Not Others. Focus on facts that express your feelings. Don't try to speak for everyone else. Say, "I believe this or I believe that." And finally (3), Embrace a Growth Mindset. Believe that growth can come from hard conversations. Keep seeking the positive in all you do!

Might some of these steps help us as we move together to "agree to disagree!"

Peace and blessings, Scott

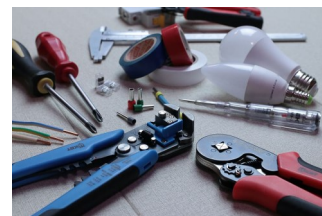
Calendar of Events (subject to change) — August 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<b>4</b> 9:30 am In-person & live-stream worship 12:00 pm Congolese	<b>5</b> 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766	<b>6</b> 6:00 pm "National Night Out" @ Lovely Lane Parking Lot	<b>7</b> 7:00 pm Nourished "Wind Down Wednesday" @ Kristina's	<b>8</b> 7:45 am Leadership Team (Offsite) 1:00 pm UWF Board Meeting (Fireside) 2:00 Elizabeth Circle (Fireside)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 8:00 am - 4:00 pm People's Church Retreat (Library) 8:00 am - Noon Trustees Workday w/lunch
<b>11</b> 9:30 am In-person & live-stream worship 12:00 pm Congolese	<b>12</b> 10:00 am Happy Endings (Next Page Books) 6:00 pm Nourished Centering w/shared meal @ Kristina's 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 3:55 pm Green Square Meals 6:00 pm Finance Council Mtg (FS) 6:00 pm Health & Wholeness (FH) 7:00 pm Admin Council (Library)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 2:00 pm Nourished Board Meeting @ Kristina's
<b>18</b> 9:30 am In-person & live-stream worship 12:00 pm Congolese 5:00 Summer Concert Hot Dogs at LL 6:15 Summer Concert	<b>19</b> 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766	<b>20</b> 9:30-3:30 MMJ (Fireside)	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6:30 - 8:00 Rizpah (FH) 6:30 pm Missions Mtg @ Les Minors	<b>23</b> 6:00 pm Nourished "Fork 'n' Folk" with shared meal @ Kristina's	<b>24</b> 5:30 pm Pool Party At Ellis Pool
<b>25</b> 9:30 am In-person & live-stream worship 12:00 pm Congolese	<b>26</b> 10:00 am Prayer Shawl (Fireside) & Lunch following offsite 6:00 pm Nourished Centering w/meal @ Kristina's 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:00 am Pastoral Interviews (Fireside) 4:00 pm Nourished @ Mega Market 6:30 pm UWF Rizpah	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
		<b>UWF</b> = United Women in Faith	<b>MMJ</b> = Migrant Movement for Justice	<b>CWM</b> = Children's Weekday Ministries	<b>UWF</b> = United Women in Faith	

**Men's Breakfast**  
Monthly gatherings will resume on **Saturday, September 28**. More information to come.

**Pastor Scott's Study Group**  
Weekly gatherings will resume in the mornings and evenings on **Wednesday, September 18**. Classes this fall will focus on John Wesley and Methodism. All are welcome to participate!

### All Church Workday

Please join the trustees on **Saturday, August 10**, between **8:00 am and noon** for an all church workday. We will be focusing on "touching up" around the church and getting ready to go back to our regular schedule. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Mike Nessler with questions, [mnesslage@msn.com](mailto:mnesslage@msn.com).



## WORSHIP IN AUGUST

- August 4** ***Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost***  
In-person & live-stream service at **9:30 am**  
Scott Meador will preach, "Noah and the Ark" *Hope in the Midst of Darkness*  
Scripture: Genesis 6:16-22, 9:8-15
- August 11** ***Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost***  
In-person & live-stream service at **9:30 am**  
Scott Meador will preach, "Jacob and Laban," *Hope in the Midst of Darkness*  
Scripture: Genesis 31:44-55
- August 18** ***Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost***  
In-person & live-stream service at **9:30 am**  
Kristina Roth-Klinck will preach
- August 25** ***Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost***  
In-person & live-stream service at **9:30 am**  
Scott Meador will preach, "A Matter of Time,"  
Scripture: Luke 16:1-9

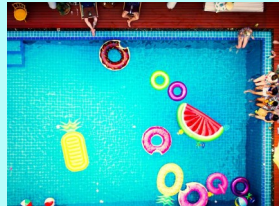


### Job Openings at Children's Weekday Ministries

- Lovely Lane Before School Daycare Supervisor for Pierce students - 6:30-9:30 am Monday-Friday  
Lovely Lane 3's Preschool Teacher- 20 hours a week Monday-Thursday  
Lovely Lane 3's Preschool Teacher Assistant- 16 hours a week Monday-Thursday  
Lovely Lane 2's Preschool Teacher Assistant- 16 hours a week Monday-Thursday

Please contact Dawn DuPont if you are interested at (319) 393-8189.

Lovely Lane has a bell choir, AcabeLLa. The director, Charlie Kucera, has been leading the choir since January 2019. The choir rehearses every Wednesday night starting at 7:15 pm at Lovely Lane in the sanctuary. Rehearsals last typically until 8:30 pm or earlier if Charlie runs out of energy. The choir usually rings once month and usually the last Sunday of the month. If you are interested in joining the bell choir please contact Charlie at: [djchkucera@aol.com](mailto:djchkucera@aol.com)



Join us for a  
Pool Party  
**August 24, 2024**  
**5:30 pm - 7:30 pm**  
Ellis Pool  
2000 Ellis Blvd  
Cedar Rapids

Sponsored by Lovely Lane and St. Paul's UMC

### SAVE THE DATE

**LOVELY LANE GOLF OUTING**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024**

We will golf at the Lake MacBride Golf Course in Solon. Cost is \$33 per person for 9 holes with cart. You can pay at the course. Please let Denny Fitz know if you want to play, [dmf.rboyz@gmail.com](mailto:dmf.rboyz@gmail.com).





United Women in Faith

### UWF Activities & Events August 2024

United Women in Faith is continuing to put an emphasis on climate justice and sustainability! We appreciate all the positive feedback for leading the June worship service.

We hosted an event on domestic violence on June 26th. Lynn Calvert, a recovering victim of domestic violence was the guest speaker. This event was open to all people and we will continue to open up our events to all people.

**The UWF board meeting will be Thursday, August 8** from **1:00-2:00 pm**. We will begin setting our calendar for 2025. We need ideas and lots of help! I would love to have all members and interested women attend our meeting to help kick-off 2025. Even if you are not a member and have an idea for a program, please come or let Deb Streff know (319) 721-8864.

**Elizabeth Circle** will meet **Thursday, August 8**, starting at **2:00 pm**. We will be setting church goals for climate justice and discussing our June 9<sup>th</sup> service. What could we change to make it better? Then we will plan more events.

**Rizpah Circle** will meet **Thursday, August 29**, from **6:30-8:00 pm**. We will be discussing personal and church goals for climate justice and more.

**Elizabeth and Rizpah circles** - Do you have a topic you are interested in studying? Are you willing to present or find a speaker on a topic? Do you have any suggestions or have contacts regarding having a panel on other Religions? Please contact Deb Streff at the number above.

**Time to clean those closets  
for the All-church Garage Sale!  
Saturday, September 14  
8:00 am - Noon**



If you are available to help with set-up on Friday evening or with the sale on Saturday morning, please email [cbrandsale@aol.com](mailto:cbrandsale@aol.com) or contact the church office. We also need drivers to take unsold items for donation at the end of the sale. Proceeds from the sale will go to United Methodist missions.

COME AND JOIN US FOR  
**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**  
AUGUST 6, 2024  
6PM - 7:30PM

NOAH'S ARK  
BOUNCY CASTLE

ICECREAM  
SUNDAES

LOVELY LANE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
2424 42ND ST  
CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52403

Cedar Rapids Metro United Methodist Churches

WHERE DID THE  
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SUMMER GO

Summer Concert  
Sunday August 18, 2024

**Lovely Lane UMC**

2424 42nd St NE, Cedar Rapids, IA



5:00 - Hot Dogs

6:15 - Music



**August Cinnamon Rolls**

5 GF  
Cinnamon  
Rolls: \$30





5 GF & DF  
Cinnamon  
Rolls: \$35



Order by August 6th  
Pick up August 8th  
4pm-6pm at St. Paul's UMC



**FORK 'N'  
FOLK**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2024  
6PM-8PM  
RYAN AND KRISTINA'S HOUSE  
3000 CARROLL DRIVE SE  
CEDAR RAPIDS, IA 52403

\*BRING A DISH TO SHARE AND AN  
INSTRUMENT, IF YOU HAVE ONE



Wind Down Wednesday

*Come for an evening of  
relaxing with friends*

Wednesday, August 7th at 7pm  
Ryan and Kristina's House  
3000 Carroll Drive SE  
Cedar Rapids



**Join Nourished for:**

**Wednesday, August 7th @ 7:00 pm**  
*Wind Down Wednesday at Pastor Kristina's  
3000 Carroll Dr SE, Cedar Rapids*

**Monday, August 12th 6:00 pm**  
*Centering at Pastor Kristina's*

**Saturday, August 17th 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm**  
*Nourished Board meeting at Pastor Kristina's*

**Friday, August 23rd 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**  
*Nourished Fork 'n' Folk at Pastor Kristina's*

**Monday, August 26th 6:00 pm**  
*Centering at Pastor Kristina's House*

**Thursday, August 29th 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm**  
*Nourished at the Mega Market  
437 G Ave NW, Cedar Rapids*

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**HAPPY ENDINGS**  
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\* **THE HAPPY ENDINGS BOOK CLUB** will meet on \*  
\* **August 12, at 10:00 am at Next Page Books,** \*  
\* **1105 3rd St. SE.** Bart Carithers, the owner will \*  
\* meet with us and discuss picks for our next \*  
\* reading interest. We will meet at Parlor City \*  
\* for lunch at 11:30 after our meeting. Please \*  
\* contact Judy McDowell if you have questions: \*  
\* [Jmcdow51@aol.com](mailto:Jmcdow51@aol.com) \*  
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**GREEN SQUARE MEALS**

Six volunteers are needed each month to help with Green Square Meals! Next date is **August 15**, with a **3:55 pm** expected arrival time. Lovely Lane serves meals on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Contact Carmen Johnson with any questions at [cfjohnson0802@gmail.com](mailto:cfjohnson0802@gmail.com) or (319) 651-1192. Thank you to those who have helped in past months and those who will help in the future!

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**Remembering with love:**  
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*Lloyd Peterson . . . . .2019  
Dean Lanning . . . . .2020  
Marjorie Davis . . . . .2023*

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### A Blessing for Heading Back to School

As a former elementary school teacher, August was the time of year when my shoulders started creeping back up again, I turned back into a pumpkin, and my mind started to wander to all the tasks at hand to get ready for the school year. Teaching is a hard profession, and if you don't already know, the contracted forty hours of time, mostly spend in front of students, is not enough to write lesson plans, grade papers, and make a classroom feel like home. Honestly, it took a few years after teaching to remind myself that I didn't need to get tense in August. Recently I asked a few students if they were excited to be heading back to school and their response was, "No! We want more summer!"

Heading back to school is both a joyous time of new beginnings and seeing friends again, but also the end of long summer days at the pool or a bonfire in the evening. What is often done at the church at the beginning of the school year is a back to school blessing. Writer and poet John O'Donohue says a blessing bestows wholeness upon someone or something. As your church, we want to bestow wholeness upon you as students, teachers, paraeducators, aids, school and district staff, and also your backpacks and workbags! Bring your backpack and workbags to worship on **Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>** as we celebrate going back to school with a backpack blessing in worship at 9:30 am.

- Pastor Kristina

### BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING

by the Rev. Marilyn E. Thornton

Bless my paper and my pen.  
Guide my spirit deep within.  
Help me think and help me play,  
This whole school year, day by day.

As I move from class to class,  
Guide my footsteps; clear my path.  
Keep my tongue to speak your words.  
Let your will for me be heard.

In every subject high or low,  
May God's excellence be shown!  
Keep me strong to reach the prize,  
To grow in grace, becoming wise.

Whether far from home or near,  
May I hold God's precepts dear.  
To do my best at every task;  
For this blessing, I do ask.

Help my family be a part  
As I lift my mind and heart.  
As I study, work, and pray,  
Be with them throughout the day.

Of whom much is given, much is required.  
May learning be your greatest desire!

### August Special Offering

On **Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>** we will be taking a special offering for students in need at Kennedy High School and Pierce Elementary. These monetary donations will go towards purchasing school supplies for these students. The primary supplies include: backpacks, notebooks, binders, folders, pens, pencils, pencil case/box, erasers, markers, highlighters, crayons, colored pencils, glue, and scissors. The goal is for all students to have the necessary supplies at the beginning of the school year and throughout the school year. The school supplies will be distributed to the students by counselors and teachers. Your support makes a difference to every student that receives these supplies. **Thank you, in advance, for the difference that you make in the lives of these young people!**



## JOYS

- \*Family movie night at Lovely Lane
- \*Transform week- 13 LLUMC participants
- \*Joint worship with other UMC's at Vet's Memorial
- \*Nourished leadership board met on Saturday
- \*Great turnout at Nourished bonfire
- \*Katrina Mahoney and new baby boy doing well
- \*Domestic Violence Gathering with Lynn Calvert on Saturday
- \*Margaret Nelson's family visiting from Norway for family reunion
- \*Pastor Kristina preaching at Salem UMC to promote Nourished
- \*Pride Fest in the Newbo District
- \*Sr. High mission trip to Memphis, Tennessee
- \*Baptism of Jay Fergus, son of Chase & Morgan Fergus
- \*Bishop Kennetha reappointed to Iowa after Jurisdictional Conference
- \*Happy 69<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary to Dale and Nancy Snyder
- \*Joan Winkowski's grandson, Greyson, traveling by plane
- \*Special music on the viola from Allie Schumacher
- \*Vacation Bible School with our children and families
- \*Kernels baseball game church outing
- \*Sr. High youth returning from Memphis mission trip
- \*Work in the rain garden at church
- \*Nourished Community focusing on homelessness at centering time
- \*Welcoming Carin Bringelson to worship, pastor at Peoples Church UU
- \*JR Streff portraying Juliet at dance camp in Colorado
- \*Jan Loftus's granddaughter, Emma, completing music therapy course
- \* Kennedy high school wins state baseball title
- \* Summer Olympic games
- \* Blood Drive at Lovely Lane
- \* Joy of wildlife and gardening
- \* National Night Out block party on August 6<sup>th</sup>
- \* All church garage sale in September
- \* RAGBRAI

## CONCERNS

- \*Fire at Monarch Research project
- \* Iowa Court's decision to ban abortions after 6 weeks
- \*US Supreme Court's decision making it illegal to be homeless
- \*Ongoing prayers for Carol Wilson and Jack Murphy
- \* Northwest Iowa with flooding
- \*Israel, Ukraine, and other countries facing war
- \*Karon Niebuhr with health concerns
- \*David's fiance' Angela with complications
- \*Kim Moore's friend Renee with health decisions
- \*Families and congregations of the Revs. Chuck Layton and Carol Mart
- \*Sympathy to Maryann Stewart after the passing of her daughter, Jane
- \*Hurricane Beryl making landfall in Texas
- \*Sympathy to the family of Nancy Mahrer after her passing on July 6
- \*Pastor Kristina's father-in-law, Jim, with upcoming procedure
- \*Sherry Minor after a fall and injury to her arm
- \*Campaign event in Pennsylvania and shooting of former President Trump
- \*Tanner Larkey serving in the military overseas
- \*Sympathy to Lyn Lewis and family following the passing of her husband, Mike
- \*Sympathy to Marci Wittles following the passing of brother-in-law, Scott
- \*Becky Wood with recovery after a back procedure
- \*Jack and Cheryl Murphy recovering from Covid
- \*Duane and Mary Abbey's daughter, Karen, with health concerns
- \*Joan Roscovius's friend, Dino, with health concerns
- \*Patty Logsdon's friend, Gladys, with health concerns
- \* Rick & Renee Fischer family following a house fire
- \* Pat Swartzendruber with cancer diagnosis
- \* Annie Walker following gallbladder removal surgery
- \* Deb Streff's friend David in the hospital
- \* Ron Malick's sister, Connie, with surgery coming up
- \* Upcoming presidential race

**KENNEDY PARKING AT LOVELY LANE** If you have a Kennedy High School student in your family that would like to park in the Lovely Lane parking lot this coming school year, please contact the church office by **August 8**. Their name will need to be included on a list provided to Kennedy. They will be receiving information from the high school regarding the parking policy and agreements around the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of August.



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Phone: (319) 393-6674

**LOVELY LANE UMC STAFF**

**Administration & Worship**

Lead Pastor	Dr. Scott Meador
Associate Pastor	Rev. Kristina Roth-Klinck
Director of Media & Technology	Eric Wylie
Organist	Dennis Ramsey
Chancel Choir Director	Nancy Patrick
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
Nursery Caregivers	Tara Neveu (lead) Paige Gerjets Kyla Mulnik
Director of CWM (Children's Weekday Ministries)	Dawn DuPont

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Office Administrator & Finance Secretary	Tammy Martin
Office Assistant	Marti Bowman
Treasurer	Susan Kohl
Membership Secretary	Susan Camp
Website & Social Media	Shelly Turner
Facilities Manager	Curtis Thomas
Custodians	Rex & Rhonda Heasty