



# Lovely Lane

United Methodist Church

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## **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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## **Wesley and Methodism**

*“We love because he first loved us”– 1 John 4:19 (NRSV)*

In August the 22<sup>nd</sup> World Methodist Council met in Gothenburg, Sweden. This gathering takes place every five years in different parts of the world. The council represents Methodists, Wesleyans, United and Uniting traditions from 82 denominations around the world and 132 countries. This gathering is different, and larger in scope, than the General Conference of The United Methodist which meets every four years (and most recently met in May).

The theme this year was “On the move!” This theme acknowledged that God is on the move to provide a safe place for all beings. Every being in the world is “on the move” for the sake of its own sustainability. Whether it is a forced migration or a natural progression of the human condition, it is generally understood that movement is necessary. Because of this, every being must be embraced as one of God’s creation because justice and peace are essential for all.

Delegates to the council committed themselves to act as pilgrims on the journey to peace and reconciliation. Solidarity was also built with other parts of the world that have struggled with racism, antisemitism, and Islamophobia. A highlight for some was singing the hymn, “We Shall Overcome,” as a call to promote our collective solidarity for peace on earth.

I share this news to keep you informed about Methodist happenings beyond our local church. I also share this news to celebrate the work of John Wesley, our early founder in Methodism. John Wesley was known to say, “The world is my parish.” I don’t think he could have imagined how large the “Methodist family” would become. In the 1700’s John Wesley set out to reform the Church of England. Led by the power of the Holy Spirit, he ended up beginning a movement that became incredibly large and diverse.

This fall the Wednesday study groups I lead will focus on the life of John Wesley and the early beginnings of Methodism. We will look at the book, “Revival,” by Adam Hamilton. All are welcome to participate! *-Peace and blessings, Scott*

Calendar of Events (subject to change) — September 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 9:30 am Worship in-person & live-stream 12:00 pm Congolese	<b>2</b> Labor Day Church office closed 6:00 pm Nourished Centering w/meal @ Kristina's	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10:30 LL Staff Mtg/Outing/Lunch 6:15 pm Youth Back-to-School Bash @ St. Paul's 7:15 pm Bell Choir	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 1:00 pm Mahjong (Fellowship Hall)
<b>8</b> 9:00 am Choir 9:30 am In-person & live-stream worship Outdoor Service 12:00 pm Congolese 2:00 pm Color War/Tie Dye at Pierce Park 4:00 pm Fall Kick Off Family Ministries at Spare Time	<b>9</b> 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Pastoral Interviews (Library) 10:00 am Happy Endings (Fireside) 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766	<b>10</b> 6:00 am - 9:00 pm Fall Elections	<b>11</b> 12:00 pm Women's Scripture Study (FS) 5:15 pm Family Meal 6:00 pm Kids Club 7:15 pm Bell Choir	<b>12</b> 7:45 am Leadership Team (Offsite) 1:00 pm UWF Board Meeting (Fireside) 2:00 Elizabeth Circle (Fireside)	<b>13</b> 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm Garage Sale Setup	<b>14</b> 8:00 - Noon Garage Sale Noon - 2:00 Garage Sale Clean up
<b>15</b> 8:30 am Worship in-person 9:00 am Choir 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in-person & live-stream 10:45 am Sunday School 12:00 pm Congolese	<b>16</b> 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9:30 am Zoom Scripture Study 12:00 pm Women's Scripture Study (FS) 5:15 pm Family Meal 6:00 pm Kids Club 6:00 pm Scripture Study 7:15 pm Bell Choir	<b>19</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) 7:00 pm Linn Co UNA	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 6:00 pm Nourished Autumn Equinox @ Kristina's
<b>22</b> 8:30 am Worship in-person 9:00 am Choir 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in-person & live-stream 10:45 am Sunday School 12:00 pm Congolese	<b>23</b> 10:00 am Prayer Shawl 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766 7:00 pm Nourished Centering	<b>24</b> 9:30-3:30 MMJ (Fireside) 6:30 SPPRC (Library)	<b>25</b> 9:30 am Zoom Scripture Study 12:00 pm Women's Scripture Study (FS) 5:15 pm Family Meal 6:00 pm Kids Club 6:00 pm Scripture Study 7:15 pm Bell Choir	<b>26</b> 4:00 pm Nourished at the Mega Market 6:30 Banned Book Event	<b>27</b> 12:00 pm Friendly Fellowship Potluck In Fellowship Hall	<b>28</b> 8:30 am Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
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**AcabeLLa**, Lovely Lanes hand bell choir will resume rehearsals on **Wednesday, September 4th** starting at **7:15 pm**. Rehearsal generally lasts one hour and 15 minutes. If you are interested in learning more about hand bells this would be a excellent opportunity to learn. You are most welcome to come and listen or participate to what ever level you feel comfortable. There are open positions in the choir, if you are interested we could use your help. Choir members, I am looking forward to seeing you all again. This promises to be a delightful season with bell ringing. - Charlie Kucera



### Pastor Scott's Study Groups

The Wednesday study groups will gather on **September 18**. The morning group will meet via Zoom at **9:30 am**. The evening group will gather at **6:00 pm** in the library. The focus is the book, "Revival," by Adam Hamilton. Groups will look at the life and teachings of John Wesley and early Methodism. All are welcome!

### Men's Breakfast Gathering

The first fall gathering will be **Saturday, September 28, 8:30 am**. More information to come.

## WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

### September 1 *Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Communion Sunday*

In-person & live-stream service at **9:30 am**  
Scott Meador will preach, "The Work We Do"  
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

### September 8 *Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Outdoor Worship Service*

In-person & live-stream service at **9:30 am** (Last summer service)  
Kristina Roth-Klinck will preach

### September 15 *Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost - Rally Sunday - Fall hours begin*

In-person worship at **8:30 am**  
In-person & live-stream service at **10:30 am**  
Scott Meador will preach, "Servant of All"  
Scripture: Mark 9:30-37

### September 22 *Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

In-person worship at **8:30 am**  
In-person & live-stream service at **10:30 am**  
Scott Meador will preach, "Living for God,"  
Scripture: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22

### September 29 *Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

In-person worship at **8:30 am**  
In-person & live-stream service at **10:30 am**  
Scott Meador will preach, "No Greater Love"  
Scripture: John 15:9-17

## PRAYER CONCERNS

The church office sends out an updated prayer list on Monday afternoons via email. These prayers are included on the announcements page that is shared in the mailing. The joys and concerns come primarily from news that was lifted up in worship the previous Sunday.

The pastors will send out a congregational message to share news about church members who have passed. Updated prayers can always be shared with the church office, (319) 393-6674.

## Friendly Fellowship

Friendly Fellowship will meet on **Friday, September 27, 2024 at Noon** for a potluck lunch and program.

The program will be to plan the program for 2024 - 2025. Please come with some ideas for future meetings.

Please join us for great fellowship. Bring a dish to share and your own table service. Also, please invite a friend!

Please call Judy McDowell if you have any questions, (319) 560-2960.

See you there!



**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH EVENT**



Join United Women in Faith  
**Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 6:30 pm.**  
 for our first banned book event.

Read 1-3 banned books from the list and come ready to share your thoughts in small groups! Then we will come together to discuss as a large group.

“Any book worth banning is a book worth reading”  
 -Isacc Asimon

Contact Deb Streff with questions (319) 721-8864

The Hospitality Committee will host a 5th Sunday All Church Potluck on **September 29**, following the 10:30 worship service In Fellowship Hall.

Please bring a dish to share and your own table service for your family.

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This will be a great time to have fellowship and it will be a great meal! Drinks will be provided.

Please call Judy McDowell if you have any questions (319) 560-2960.

**Lovely Lane Garage Sale**  
**Saturday, September 14**  
**8:00 - 12:00 pm**



Drop off pre-marked items Friday night, **September 13 between 5:00 - 8:00 pm**. Only children’s clothes accepted. Looking for books, furniture, linens, glassware, kitchen items and holiday decorations. Volunteers needed for Friday night (dinner provided) and/or work the sale on Saturday. Please contact Cindy Sale at: [cbrandsale@aol.com](mailto:cbrandsale@aol.com).

**Adult Sunday School Classes** - We have two adult classes at Lovely Lane starting on **Sunday, September 15**, both classes meet at **9:30 am**. The “Faith Issues” class meets in the library and focuses on contemporary issues and the ways people of faith respond to those issues. Jim and Myrna Loehrlein lead this group. The other class is “Faith Journeys.” This class meets in the first preschool room on the left in the education part of the building. This class takes a further look at the scripture reading that is preached on in worship that day. Pastor Scott leads this group. All are welcome to join both groups!

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**HAPPY ENDINGS**  
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 The Happy Endings Book Club will meet on **Monday, September 9, at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room.**  
 We will discuss *The Wedding People* by Allison Espach. In turns that are uproariously, absurdly funny and devastatingly tender, Alison Espach’s *The Wedding People* is a look at the winding paths we can take to places we never imagined-and the chance encounters it sometimes takes to reroute us.  
 The book for October 14 is *James* by Percival Everett. *James* is a brilliant, action-packed re-imagining of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, both harrowing and ferociously funny, told from the enslaved Jim’s point of view.  
 Please contact Judy McDowell if you have questions: [Jmcdow51@aol.com](mailto:Jmcdow51@aol.com).  
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# Spirituality In Nature



September 2 6pm-8pm: Labor Day Potluck & Forest Bathing led by Emelia Sautter

September 23 7pm-8:30pm: Nature Labyrinth

October 14th 7pm-8:30pm: Nature Mandalas

Each at Ryan and Kristina's House:  
3000 Carroll Drive SE  
Cedar Rapids, IA



## AUTUMN EQUINOX GATHERING

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21ST  
6PM-8PM

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

CHILI, CRAFTS, NATURE,  
REFLECTION, & MORE!  
PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH



## NOURISHED AT THE MEGA MARKET

LAST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH IN THE SUMMER

(JUNE 27, JULY 25, AUGUST 29, SEPTEMBER 26)

4PM-8PM

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

\*JOIN THE LARGER NOURISHED COMMUNITY FOR  
HANGOUT TIME AT THE MARKET- 5:30PM-7:30PM\*



## Celebrating Feast Days

A few weeks ago, I celebrated what would have been my Grandma Audrey's 100th birthday. We honored her by making homemade ice cream, a treat we had so many times at Grandma and Grandpa's cottage on the lake. Many years ago, at our dining room table, my husband Ryan and I started talking about Feast Days. Within the Christian tradition, feast days are days where we honor and celebrate someone or something who has been important to our faith. Traditionally, we'll celebrate people like St. Francis of Assisi, a lover of animals, with a pet blessing. Maybe someone will celebrate the feast day of Mother Teresa by visiting someone who is sick. Or I personally think celebrating St. Gertrude, lover of cats, would be best done by playing with cats!

Ryan and I have been thinking about looking at the Feast Day calendar within its tradition and finding which we could celebrate in our family regularly. We didn't stop there though. At Nourished, we've had many conversations about keeping the legacy of passed family members alive. We try to talk about our ancestors regularly so our daughter can know who they are and know who she's named after- two of her great-grandmothers.

Last month, at the Nourished biweekly gathering called "Centering", we were in a series called "Crowded Table." When we started thinking about this series, we thought about feasting, something that naturally happens around the dinner table. So during our Centering gathering, we talked about the idea of feasting, celebrating feast days, and the spiritual practice of setting our own feasts. We talked about what we want to celebrate in our own spirituality, but also in the wider Nourished community. I think for me, every year on my grandparents' birthday, I want to eat something that reminds me of them. I want to celebrate the solstices and equinoxes in the year as I hold a very creation-based spirituality. Who has been meaningful in your life that you want to celebrate? What feast days could you set and how will you celebrate them? - *Pastor Kristina*

### Kennedy Food Pantry Wish List

Ramen Noodles  
Fruit roll ups and fruit snacks  
Toothpaste  
Aluminum baking dishes, muffin & cake pans  
Cake mixes  
popcorn  
chips  
Cheez-its, snack crackers  
Tuna  
Canned pasta

Collection tubs are located at the left entrance to the sanctuary at Lovely Lane.  
Thank you for your donations!



Thank you to the Lovely Lane families who visited and brought treats as we recovered at Emery Place and through our illnesses. Please continue to pray for us as we continue to recover.

- Wanda Whitford

I want to sincerely thank everyone who sent cards, gave donations and all who attended Jack's funeral. Jack and I joined Lovely Lane in 1973 and 50 years later we still feel honored to be part of a church so active in mission with wonderful members caring for each other. Blessings to all of you. - Sincerely, Cheryl Murphy



### Womens Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will begin **Wednesday, September 11**, meeting from 12:00 - 1:00 pm in the Fireside Room. The book we start out with this Fall is Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith by Adam Hamilton. Please contact Annie Walker with questions at: [anniew@lovelylane.org](mailto:anniew@lovelylane.org).

### GREEN SQUARE MEALS

Six volunteers are needed each month to help with Green Square Meals! The next date is **Thursday, September 19**, with a **3:55 pm** expected arrival time. Contact Dan Moore by phone at: (715) 432-1983 or by email at: [banjobubba-dad@yahoo.com](mailto:banjobubba-dad@yahoo.com). Thank you to those who have helped in past months and those who will help in the future!

## JOYS

- \*Thank you for church shower contributions
- \*Teri Krumm and Jane Schildroth at church camp with granddaughters, Natalie and Ava
- \*Frank and Susan Camp celebrate shower for Ted and Andrea's baby-to-be
- \*Fun 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday party and celebration for Audrey Roth-Klinck
- \*Special music from Nancy Patrick and Isabel Westercamp
- \*Happy 99<sup>th</sup> birthday to Gerry Stolba
- \*Jan Loftus's granddaughter in medical school receiving white coat
- \*Craig Nixon for bringing in fresh produce (and mowing the church lawn)
- \*Phil and Shirley Martin's daughter and husband visiting in worship
- \*Ron and Rita Stewart with family time
- \*Intersectionality Event
- \*Josh and Beth Mills coming home from trip to Italy
- \*Nourished Community with Crowded Table events
- \*Roth-Klinck family with quality time together
- \*Becky Wood with appreciation for prayers following back surgery & passing of her brother
- \*Maxwell Meiborg with his last radiation treatment
- \*Installation service for new superintendent, Rev. Scott Keele-Kober
- \*Marti Sparrow's youngest son visited from Japan
- \*Mary Abbey's granddaughter-in-law received her white coat
- \*UMC Circuit music event
- \*Happy Birthday to Jayne Woodson
- \*Happy Birthday to Harry Widmer
- \*Bob and Jo Hoover celebrate 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- \*Kennedy principal, Jason Kline, expresses appreciation for backpack donations
- \*Congratulations to Brad Johnson on his retirement from the National Guard
- \*Golf outing at Lake MacBride Golf Course in Solon
- \*Family swimming event with St. Paul's UMC
- \*Les and Sherry Minor's grandson, Mitch, studying in Italy
- \*Back to school for all our families

## CONCERNS

- \*Jan Loftus's son with allergic reactions
- \*Ron Malick's sister, Connie, following surgery
- \*Judy McDowell's great niece and friend after a golf cart accident
- \*Mari Lu Smith's aunt, Sister Lucille, with healing after procedure
- \*Dave Smith with upcoming testing at Mayo
- \*Sympathy to family of Carol Wilson, memorial service on August 14
- \*Curtis Thomas's brother with compression fracture in his back
- \*Carla Jesse's cousin with health challenges
- \*Linda Jones for healing
- \*Carol Wishnowski's friend's mother's passing
- \*Safety for our children, teachers and staff heading back to school
- \*Continued prayers for Jeff & Pat Swartzendruber's son, Greg following an injury.
- \*Justin Davis's cousin's 2-1/2 year-old son, Emmett, diagnosed with neuroblastoma
- \*Justin Davis' uncle died from multiple sclerosis
- \*Pam Nixon's friend with separation/divorce
- \*Rose Blank's daughter, Sarah, finished radiation
- \*Sue Moss's brother-in-law Mike, his wife Cindy and son Ben dealing with COVID
- \*Heather Hingtgen's father finished radiation
- \*Cheryl Murphy and family following memorial service for husband, Jack
- \*Carol Wishnowski following a medical procedure
- \*Karon Niebuhr following a knee procedure
- \*Andrew Barden following a medical procedure
- \*Virginia Weiland recovering after a stroke
- \*Pat Swartzendruber recovering after a procedure
- \*Pastor Kristina's cousin's husband, Jacob, with a sudden death, praying for the family
- \*Teri Krumm's mother recovering after a stroke
- \*Israel and Hezbollah exchanging missiles, praying for peace

### *Remembering with love:*

*Betty Van Fossen . . . .2019*

*Max Fitz . . . . .2021*

*Jean Chelikowsky. . . .2022*



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**Find out more about us:**

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**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

Office & Facilities

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

**Lovely Lane  
Monthly Financial Information**

Cash inflow - month of 7/31/24	\$36,837
Cash inflow - YTD	\$333,834
Budget need/month	\$53,556
Cash outflow - month of 7/31/24	\$45,350
Cash outflow - YTD	\$345,495
Unpaid apportionments	\$0

**WORSHIP SERVANTS**

For serving as an usher, greeter or lector at Lovely Lane, we thank you for your service to God, to our church and to each other. As we look ahead to resuming our Fall schedule, please consider signing up to serve in the coming months.

If you do not use a computer, please call the office at (319) 393-6674 to be added to the schedule.

If you would like to sign up online, please use the following link, <https://signup.com/go/JbYeHcd> to sign up for services at 8:30 and 10:30 starting September 15. You can also sign up thru Lovely Lane’s website: [www.lovelylane.org](http://www.lovelylane.org) to be a greeter, usher, lector, and/or communion server on one or more Sundays. Under the “Worship” tab choose “Worship Servants,” then click on the blue box with the service time indicated. Please contact the church office should you need assistance with signing up online.



**Please Note:** Chancel Choir begins this Fall on **September 8th at 9:00 am** in the Choir Room for their first rehearsal after a much needed summer break.

The second rehearsal is on **September 15** and we will sing at the 10:30 service on **September 22**.

Hope to see you there and new members are always welcome. Join the music producing family on the 8th and enjoy the fun, love, caring, and friendly group of Lovely Lane.

