



**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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**Christian Nationalism**

*“Then Peter began to speak to them: ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality.’  
– Acts 10:34 (NRSV)*

A couple of words I have become familiar with in recent years are “Christian Nationalism.” The words are often lifted up in the news media and the areas in which we live and work. For the most part, Christian nationalism might be defined as a “belief that our country is a Christian nation and, therefore, we should be ruled by a form of government that fully embraces Christian principles.” Christian nationalists believe the government should maintain and promote Christian identity. Adherents are frequently against religious diversity and believe church and state should come together.

One of the harsher sides of this belief system is that it can easily marginalize non-Christians. It also hinders religious freedoms and brings further divisions in our polarized country. Because of this, The United Methodist Church has spoken out against Christian nationalism. Bishop Tracy S. Malone, the President of the UMC Council of Bishops recently wrote, “Nationalism is a political identity that defies God’s love by pitting the interests of one group of people against others.” Malone and other bishops further believe the pressures of international crises, such as climate change, economic disparity, and global migration, enhance the appeal of authoritarian leaders who spread division.

Now an opposition to Christian nationalism doesn’t mean we can’t be patriotic. Christian nationalists believe that God originally had a vision for the United States to be solely Christian. The American who is patriotic loves our country and believes one of our country’s greatest blessings is the freedom of religion. There is a difference between these two perspectives.

Additionally, I might lift up the idea of “choice.” The Christian religion should never be forced on anyone. Embracing the Christian religion should always be a choice. Each of us needs to make our own choice to love God, follow the teachings of choice, participate in the life of the church, and put our faith into action.

I hope and pray our country can move forward in a positive way as we work together for a common good! Grace and peace, Scott

## Calendar of Events (subject to change) — October 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> 8:00 pm Band Practice (Youth Room)	<b>2</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>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 1:00 pm Mahjong (Fellowship Hall)
<b>6</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 2:00 pm Charge Conf	<b>7</b> 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766	<b>8</b> 8:00 pm Band Practice (Youth Room)	<b>9</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>10</b> 7:45 am Leadership Team (Offsite) 1:00 pm Combined UWF Board Mtg and Circle (Fireside) 6:30 pm Missions (Library)	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 8:30 am Men's Breakfast
<b>13</b> 8:30 am Worship in-person 9:00 am Choir 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 9:45 am Toddler Class 10:30 am Worship in-person & live-stream 10:45 am Children's Sunday School 12:00 pm Congolese	<b>14</b> 10:00 am Happy Endings (Fireside) 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766 7:00 pm Nature's Mandalas @ Kristina's	<b>15</b> 9:30-3:30 MMJ (Fireside) 6:30 SPPRC (Library) 8:00 pm Band Practice (Youth Room)	<b>16</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>17</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>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</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>21</b> 10:00 am Prayer Shawl 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766	<b>22</b> 8:00 pm Band Practice (Youth Room)	<b>23</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>24</b> 12:00 pm Friendly Fellowship Potluck (Fellowship Hall)	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 1:00-2:30 pm Trunk-or-Treat
<b>27</b> 8:30 am Worship 9:00 am Choir 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in-person & live-stream 10:45 am Sunday School 11:30 pm 5th Sunday Potluck 12:00 pm Congolese	<b>28</b> 6:30 pm Scouts BSA Troop 766 7:00 pm Nourished Centering @ Kristina's	<b>29</b> 8:00 pm Band Practice (Youth Room)	<b>30</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>31</b>		

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

**October 12**, Lindsay Leahy, leadership coach and owner of The Restoration Project, will speak about her new book, *Take It All Apart: How to Live, Lead, and Work with Intention*.

**November 16**, Dave Markward, retired Cedar Rapids School Superintendent, will speak about his new book, *From Dubuque to Selma and Beyond: My Journey to Understand Racism in America*.

All are welcome to join us at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.  
Contact Scott Meador with questions.

## WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

- October 6**     ***World Communion Sunday***  
In-person worship at **8:30 am**  
In-person & live-stream service at **10:30 am**  
Scott Meador will preach, "Come to the Table"  
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34
- October 13**     ***Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost***  
In-person worship at **8:30 am**  
In-person & live-stream service at **10:30 am**  
Kristina Roth-Klinck will preach
- October 20**     ***Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost***  
In-person worship at **8:30 am**  
In-person & live-stream service at **10:30 am**  
Scott Meador will preach, "God Speaks"  
Scripture: Job 38:1-7, 34-41
- October 27**     ***Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost***  
In-person worship at **8:30 am**  
In-person & live-stream service at **10:30 am**  
Dr. Doug Williams, United Methodist Missionary to Argentina, will preach



### Stewardship Campaign for 2025

Our stewardship focus will take place during worship services on November 17 and 24. The theme is *Building a Better Life*. More information to come.

**Friendly Fellowship** will meet on **Thursday, October 24**, at Lovely Lane at noon for a potluck lunch.

The speaker for the program will be Cari Stiefel, Food Reservoir Development Manager for HACAP. She will share about how they serve the community.

Please bring a dish to share and your own table service. Hope to see you there and as always, please invite a friend.

Please contact Judy McDowell with questions at (319) 560-2960.



# TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 26, 2024  
1PM - 2:30PM  
LOVELY LANE UMC



CONTACT ANNIE WALKER  
FOR MORE INFO  
AWALKER@LOVELYLANE.ORG

Dear Friends of Lovely Lane Methodist Church,

*The United Women in Faith would love to officially thank all the Lovely Lane people who assisted in the garage sale. We profited about \$1,600. We also donated items to Salvation Army, Half Price Books, Habitat Restore, and St Vincent de Paul. We still have some that are being sold on Market Place. Our final total will be available soon. The fun and fellowship was the very best part. Many of us met new friends, we shared and we laughed, as well as WORKED HARD, HARDER, and HARDEST ! I know I have required multiple naps to catch up!! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! - From The United Women in Faith President, Deb Streff*



United  
Women  
in Faith

TO ALL WOMEN and UNITED WOMEN in FAITH

For the October meeting, the board meeting and Elizabeth Circle will be combined into the same time frame combining a work session and meeting into one. On Thursday, October 10, we will meet at 1:00 pm. Deb will bring a work project and plan a discussion or activity for our time. This is open to all United Women in Faith members and want-to-be members. Looking forward to seeing you on the 10th. Call Deb Streff if you have questions or a topic to share at (319) 721-8864.

**AcabeLLa**, Lovely Lane's hand bell choir has rehearsals on Wednesdays starting at 7:15 pm, generally lasting one hour and 15 minutes. If you are interested in learning more about hand bells this would be an 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. This promises to be a



Fair Trade Items for Sale in the Narthex

Sunday, October 13, 2024

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Sunday, December 1, 2024

Contact  
Deb Streff  
With  
Questions  
(319) 721-8864



## Fall Subscription Box

Enjoy 6 weeks of Gluten Free fall themed baked goods!  
Sign up by October 8th!

October 10th Apple Cake  
October 17th- Pumpkin Muffins  
October 24th- Caramel Apple Cheesecake bars  
November 1st- Pumpkin Donuts  
November 7th- Pumpkin Bars & Pumpkin Cookies  
November 14th- Pecan Bars

Full Share  
\$90



Half Share  
\$50



FULL SHARE IS  
\$103 IN BAKED  
GOODS FOR  
ONLY \$90!



## PREPARING FOR THE ELECTION

A Centering series on preparing our hearts for whatever happens



Centering:

October 28th 7pm-8:30pm

November 4th 7pm-8:30pm

November 11th 7pm-8:30pm

\*Each at Pastor Kristina's

Watch Party- November 5th  
6pm-9pm at Pastor Kristina's

\*Bring a dish to share for a  
potluck meal and a board  
game.



## Post-Election Prayer Vigil

Wednesday, November 6th

10:45am-11:15am

Lovely Lane

Fireside Room



On this last day of September, I'm up drinking a cup of coffee and getting our office manager a newsletter article, late I know. Sorry, Tammy! Throughout these past few weeks as the leaves have started to change colors, I've been thinking about our friend Philip Hamilton who died peacefully in his sleep over a month ago. I truly still can't believe he's gone. Last night when I opened my email inbox, I found a sweet email from a past colleague of Philip's, interested in learning more about Nourished. Finding myself wanting to tell him, I reached for my phone, and then I remembered.

Saturday, we held a beautiful memorial service at Groundswell Café. It was a wonderful collaboration between Nourished and Matthew 25. Philip served several years on the Nourished leadership board, helped get the bakery off the ground, helped plan Centering series, and recently led our series on homelessness. And of course, Matthew 25 was what brought Philip to Cedar Rapids, IA, where he touched all of our hearts. In so many of my conversations on Saturday, I heard so many beautiful stories of the ways Philip touched so many lives. The housing and construction manager at Matthew 25 said it well, "Philip disturbed the comforted and comforted the disturbed." The day before Philip died, he spent the day on Skid Row in Los Angeles. From what Philip's mom told me, Skid Row looks and feels like Gaza. It's awful there- blocks and blocks of massive homeless encampments. That night, he told his sister, he had joy in his heart.

I'll close with this poem that we read on Saturday. It's a poem that is dear to Philip's family, written on a watercolor painting made by Philip's sister. It's called "Fire Flowers" by Emily Pauline Johnson.

And only where the forest fires have sped,  
Scorching relentlessly the cool north lands,  
A sweet wild flower lifts its purple head,  
And, like some gentle spirit sorrow-fed,  
It hides the scars with almost human hands.  
And only to the heart that knows of grief,  
Of desolating fire, of human pain,  
There comes some purifying sweet belief,  
Some fellow-feeling beautiful, if brief.  
And life revives, and blossoms once again.

- Kristina Roth-Klinck

**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!



*Save The Dates*

**September 8 - Fall Kick Off - Spare Time Bowling**  
 4pm - 5pm

**September 11 - Kids Club Begins**  
 5:15pm-6:00pm

**September 15 - Sunday School Begins**  
 10:30am Service

**October 26 - Trunk or Treat**  
 1:00-2:30pm

**November 2- Bass Farms**  
 1:00pm - 3:00pm

**December 15 -Children's Christmas Pageant**  
 10:30am Service

**HAPPY ENDINGS BOOK CLUB**

**October 14 at 10:00 AM**  
**In the Fireside Room**

We will discuss 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.

**The book for November 11 is March by Geraldine Brooks** the author of the acclaimed *Year of Wonders*, a historical novel and love story set during a time of catastrophe, on the front lines of the American Civil War. Acclaimed author Geraldine Brooks gives us the story of the absent father from Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women*—and conjures a world of brutality, stubborn courage and transcendent love. An idealistic abolitionist, March has gone as chaplain to serve the Union cause. But the war tests his faith not only in the Union—which is also capable of barbarism and racism—but in himself.

Judy McDowell  
 (319) 560-2960

**GREEN SQUARE MEALS**

Six volunteers are needed each month to help with Green Square Meals! The next date is **Thursday, October 17**, with a **3:55 pm** expected arrival time. Contact Dan Moore by phone at: (715) 432-1983 or by email at: [banjobubbabad@yahoo.com](mailto:banjobubbabad@yahoo.com). Thank you to those who have helped in past months and those who will help in the future!

***Please Note:** Chancel Choir has rehearsals at 9:00 am in the Choir Room on Sunday mornings.*

*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.*

*- Nancy Patrick*

## JOYS

- \*Denise Lawton shares good news following storms
- \*Happy birthday to Jayne Woodson and 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
- \*Les & Sherry Minor's grandson, Mitch, studying in Italy
- \*David Garber-Garcia and Angela got married, friends of Deb and Steve Streff
- \*Frank and Susan Camp welcomed their new granddaughter Lilly Elizabeth
- \*Grandparents' Day
- \*Wittenburg's celebrating 57 years of marriage and Nancy's mother's 97<sup>th</sup> birthday
- \*Sue and Jim Moss sold their home and will be moving a house on to their land
- \*Thanks for contributions to the Linn Community Food Bank (358 pounds of food was donated)
- \*Sparrow family coming together after a family loss
- \*Pastor Kristina and family visiting the Omaha Zoo
- \*Virginia Weiland in church. Jerry and Virginia express thanks for prayers and cards.
- \*Tammy Eastvold starting a new job this week
- \*Appreciation to Dan and Kim Moore for leading Green Square Meals
- \*Carol Wishnowski expresses thanks for prayers after procedure
- \*Nathan Wylie and friend, Savvy, living in France for eight months
- \*Bob Hoover expresses thanks for prayers after his bicycle fall
- \*Jan Loftus's son is cancer free
- \*Joe Helle expresses thanks for prayers following the passing of his father, Leo
- \*Joe Helle was able to accompany others on an Honor Flight
- \*Peyton Coffin participating on American Ninja Warrior TV Show
- \*Happy 85<sup>th</sup> birthday to Sheila Hahn
- \*Jaired Lyons beginning work career in Madison, WI
- \*Mitch Turner's daughter expecting twins
- \*Katherine Plendl purchasing a home
- \*Jan Culbertson's celebrates birth of great niece, Clarissa

## CONCERNS

- \*Bob Hoover following a bicycle accident
- \*Pat Swartzendruber recovering from medical Procedure and starting chemotherapy treatment
- \*Curtis Thomas's brother, Mike, cancer returned
- \*Susan Ovel following a wrist injury
- \*Andrew Barden recovering after a medical procedure
- \*Carol Wishnowski recovering from a medical procedure
- \*John Roland & family traveling to Michigan for anniversary celebration
- \*Marla Gonzalez and family lifting up memories
- \*Cheryl Murphy and family following memorial service for husband, Jack
- \*Karon Niebuhr following a knee procedure
- \*Pastor Kristina's cousin's husband, Jacob, with a sudden death, praying for the family
- \*Teri Krumm's mother recovering after a stroke
- \*Cheryl Murphy after the passing of Jack
- \*Virginia Weiland recovering from a stroke at home
- \*Don and Marti Sparrow following the passing of Don's brother
- \*Joe and Becky Helle after the passing of Joe's father
- \*Family & friends of Philip Hamilton, Nourished member
- \*Sympathy to Sarah Westergren and family after the passing of her father
- \*Sharon Kouba's nephew, Ken, with radiation treatment
- \*Les and Sherry Minor with Covid concerns
- \*Eric Wylie's friend, Adam, with heart surgery
- \*Stephanie French's mother-in-law with an illness
- \*Katherine Plendl's sister, Jennifer, knee surgery
- \*Shirley Mickelson's son-in-law, Bill, back surgery
- \*Sue Moss's friend, Tom, passing of Tom's father
- \*Kim Moore's friend, Renee', with cancer
- \*Teri Krumm's son-in-law's grandmother passed away
- \*Linda Carollo's friend, Julie, with Parkinson's Disease
- \*Carolyn Barnes and husband with health concerns
- \*Hurricane Helene impacting many on the east coast
- \*Lynn Heidt hospitalized at UnityPoint St. Luke's
- \*Phil Martin with a procedure this week
- \*Sue Moss's friend, Kathy, with shoulder surgery
- \*Patty Logsdon's friend, Jean, with pancreatic cancer



**Lovely Lane**  
United Methodist Church

**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 8/31/24	\$44,468
Cash inflow - YTD	\$378,302
Budget need/month	\$53,556
Cash outflow - month of 8/31/24	\$52,273
Cash outflow - YTD	\$397,768
Unpaid apportionments	\$0

*Remembering with love:*

Marjorie Deal . . . . . 2017  
 Gwen Bray . . . . . 2019

**WORSHIP SERVANTS**

**Matthew 20:28 "just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many." Jesus is calling the disciples and all who are in Christ to follow the same path to greatness: humble, sacrificial service to each other.**

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.