

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 5, 2025

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## JOYS

- \*Blessings for a prosperous and joyous New Year!
- \*Celebrating the long and meaningful life of President Jimmy Carter
- \*Strong financial giving to end the year and increased pledges for 2025
- \*Pastor Kristina arriving home after family time in Texas
- \*Pastor Kristina's brother-in-law, Sheldon, on path to become US citizen
- \*Travis Meiborg's nephew, Max, is doing better after challenges
- \*Wednesday Family Night resuming this week
- \*Little Learners class meeting on Wednesday (ages 0-5)
- \*Maggie Thomas's great nephew, John, with good health news
- \*Sue Moss's brother-in-law, John, with good health news
- \*Holiday gatherings with family and friends

## CONCERNS

- \*Ike Schneider with Covid concerns
- \*Pam Nixon's cousin's husband with upcoming surgeries
- \*Sharon Kouba's brother-in-law with health concerns
- \*Lynn Heidt with ongoing health challenges
- \*Sympathy to the family of Thomas Bachman
- \*Melissa Davis's aunt, Joan, with cancer diagnosis
- \*Justin Davis's cousin's son with cancer diagnosis
- \*Josh Mills's brother with rental property lost to a fire, lifting up the renters
- \*Katherine Plendl's brother-in-law with fracture after a fall
- \*Concerns about potential casino in Cedar Rapids
- \*Cities of New Orleans and Las Vegas after tragedies and incidents
- \*National and international concerns

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**PASTOR SCOTT'S BOOK STUDY** will resume on Wednesday, January 8. The next book for the study will be *Bible Stories for Grown-ups* by Josh Scott. Books are available in the office, \$10 each. All are welcome.

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**HAPPY ENDINGS BOOK CLUB** will meet on January 13 in the Fireside Room at 10:00 am. The book for January is *A Table for Two* by Amor Towles. A collection of 6 stories and one novella. The stories explore themes of love, loss, identity, and fate in New York and Los Angeles. Please contact Judy McDowell with questions at: (319) 560-2960.

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**WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY** – will resume on Wednesday, January 15 at noon in the Fireside Room.

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**MEN'S BREAKFAST** - The next breakfast gathering will be on **Saturday, January 18, at 8:30 am**. The speaker will be Greg Edwards, CEO of WatchPoint. He will speak about security and AI. All are welcome! Contact Scott Meador with questions at: [scottm@lovelylane.org](mailto:scottm@lovelylane.org)

**GREEN SQUARE MEALS** – Six volunteers are needed each month to help with Green Square Meals. The next date is Thursday, January 16, 2025, 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) if you are able to serve. Thank you to all those who have helped serve these meals!

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**FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP** will meet on January 23, 2025, at noon for a potluck lunch. The program will be Erin Foster from the Linn County Mental Health Access Center. She will tell us about the center and some changes that are coming up in 2025. 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.

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**KENNEDY FOOD PANTRY** – Collection tubs are located at the left entrance to the sanctuary at Lovely Lane. Following is the Wish List for the food pantry: 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. Thank you for your donations!

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**CUBA PARTNERSHIP TRIP** - A small group of Lovely Laners will travel to Havana, Cuba, with a small group from the Plymouth Congregational Church in Des Moines. The trip will take place from January 28 – February 6. The aim is to learn about Cuban history and culture and develop a relationship with a potential sister church in the city. The group will collect donations of personal items to share with the folks in Cuba ahead of time. A full list is coming that will include aspirin, ibuprofen, vitamins, and Tums.

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**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 2025, 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. 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. Again, thank you to our Worship Servants!

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## This Week at Lovely Lane

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### Ministry Opportunities

#### Sunday – January 5

8:30 AM Worship – In person  
9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 AM Adult Sunday School  
10:30 AM In-person & livestream worship  
10:45 AM Children’s Sunday School  
12:00 PM Congolese congregation

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#### Monday – January 6

6:30 PM Scouts Troop 766 (Fellowship Hall)

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#### Tuesday – January 7

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#### Wednesday – January 8

9:30 AM Zoom Scripture Study  
5:15 PM Family Meal  
6:00 PM Kid’s Club  
6:00 PM Scripture Study  
7:15 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal

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#### Thursday – January 9

7:45 AM Leadership Team (Offsite)  
1:00 PM Elizabeth Circle (Library)

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#### Friday – January 10

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#### Saturday – January 11

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#### Sunday – January 12

8:30 AM In-person worship  
9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 AM Adult Sunday School  
10:30 AM In-person & livestream worship  
10:45 AM Children’s Sunday School  
12:00 PM Congolese congregation

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If you have not already checked in and printed a name tag, please let us know you are here today and use this QR code to register your attendance.



To use a QR code, you can scan it with your phone’s camera and then follow the instructions that appear on your screen:

- Open your phone’s Camera app
- Point the camera at the QR code so it’s in focus
- Wait for your phone to recognize the code
- Tap the notification or icon that appears on your screen
- Follow the instructions to open the link associated with the QR code, fill out the form and submit.

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**ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS** - If you will be away for the winter, please let the church office know your winter address and the dates you will be away. This is important so you continue to receive important information and news from Lovely Lane. Church phone: (319) 393-6674 and email: [office@lovelylane.org](mailto:office@lovelylane.org) Thank you and have a great winter!

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## Assisting in Worship – January 5

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### Communion Servers

8:30 am – Gabriel & Amy Guardado  
10:30 am – Heather Meador & Linda Carollo

### Greeter

8:30 am – Kathy Millian  
10:30 am – Ron & Margaret Nelson

### Lector

8:30 am – Travis Meiborg  
10:30 am – Marcie Stumpf

### Ushers

8:30 am – Phil & Shirley Martin  
10:30 am – Steve & Deb Streff, Dan Garber-Garcia

### Preacher

Pastor Scott Meador

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## Lovely Lane UMC Staff

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### 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 Caregiver Lead	Tara Neveu
Nursery Caregiver	Paige Gerjets
Nursery Caregiver	Hailey Ryan
Nursery Caregiver	Brooke Johnson
Director of CWM (Children’s Weekday Ministries)	Dawn DuPont

### Office & Facilities

Office Administrator & Finance Sec.	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
Wedding Coordinator	Becky Wood

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### Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday  
9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Friday – Closed

Office Phone (319) 393-6674