# ANNOUNCEMENTS March 16, 2025

## **JOYS**

- \*Happy 14<sup>th</sup> birthday to Molly Schultz (and new driver's permit)
- \*Katherine Plendl's uncle, Jerry, is doing better
- \*Andy Craig celebrating family birthdays in March
- \*Pastor Kristina and family with time in Chicago
- \*Men's breakfast next Saturday focusing on Dementia Friends
- \*Phil and Shirley Martin's sons are doing well after some challenges

#### CONCERNS

- \*Belinda Muller's brother, Dick, receiving hospice care
- \*Sympathy to Jim and Barb Vancura following the passing of Barb's brother-in-law, Dan
- \*Sympathy to Rex and Rhonda Heasty following the passing of Rhonda's mother, Pat
- \*Lynn Heidt with ongoing health concerns and challenges
- \*David and Linda Keefe's daughter, Deanna, with health concerns
- \*Carol Wisnowski's son, Steve, with health concerns
- \*Donna Mooney's great grandson with health concerns
- \*Tim Muller's dog, Felix, with surgery
- \*National and international concerns

MEN'S BREAKFAST IN MARCH – Join us for an hour-long Dementia Friendly Learning Session to learn more about how to support friends and loved ones on their journey. Lindsay Glynn, Director of Operations at Meth-Wick Community will be the speaker. Lindsay has worked in the aging services field for over 20 years assisting individuals with Alzheimer's and their family members. Saturday, March 22, 8:30 am in the fellowship hall. All are welcome!

MARCH EQUINOX SKUNK CABBAGE TRIP – Meet at Pastor Kristina's home, 3000 Carroll Drive SE, Cedar Rapids on Saturday, March 22 at 3:30 pm. We will carpool out to the Skunk Cabbage together. The drive is about 20 minutes. The trail to see the Skunk Cabbage is very wet and muddy. You will want to wear hiking shoes or boots and/or tennis shoes you don't mind getting muddy. The total mileage to and from the car to see the skunk cabbage is about 0.3 miles with a little bit of hill to climb.

FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP - Friendly Fellowship will meet at noon on Thursday, March 27,2025 in the fellowship hall at Lovely Lane for a potluck lunch. The program content will be announced in March. 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 (319) 560-2960.

FIFTH SUNDAY POTLUCK – Sunday, March 30 - Please join us in the fellowship hall following 10:30 worship service for a delightful culinary gathering. We encourage everyone to bring a dish that they love and would like to share. It can be an appetizer, main course, or dessert. Drinks will be provided. We look forward to seeing you all there and tasting the wonderful dishes you will bring. Let's make this potluck lunch a memorable and delightful event for everyone. Please contact Judy McDowell at <a href="mailto:imcdow51@aol.com">imcdow51@aol.com</a>

#### **2025 LENTEN OFFERING RECIPIENTS**

March 9 - Matthew 25 - Is a local non-profit that exists to strengthen core urban neighborhoods in Cedar Rapids. They build strong neighborhoods by focusing on fresh, healthy food; affordable, sustainable housing, and education. Projects include the state's first urban farm, school gardens, youth job training, a tool library, Groundswell "pay-it-forward" Café, and a variety of housing programs. Transform, the annual volunteer housing rehabilitation blitz, brings more than three hundred volunteers together the final full week of June.

March 16 – Trinity Lane Scholarships - Trinity Lane is a state-licensed, non-profit preschool. In 2022, Trinity Lane's new home was opened in Asbury United Methodist Church. The preschool includes classrooms for 2-, 3-, and 4-year-olds. The 4-year-old program is FREE in partnership with Cedar Rapids and the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program. The 2- and 3-year-old programs are tuition based. Sliding Scale Scholarships are available to those who qualify. Your generous contributions will allow more lower income families to participate in this much-needed early education opportunity.

March 23 – Self Help - Is an independent, non-governmental 501(c)(3), established in 1959. It is dedicated to preventing hunger in rural communities in Ghana, West Africa, Nicaragua, and Central America. It operates on the principle that people everywhere have talents and resources they can use, with help, to improve their lives. This approach was created with input from United Methodists and has been supported generously by United Methodists over many years. Self-Help offers help through agricultural extension, nutritional education, micro-credit, empowerment of women, development of small business, storage of farm products, and other related programs.

March 30 – Be The Light - We donate 100% of individual donations to underserved individuals and/or families in East Central lowa. The assistance includes mental health, home and school necessities, holiday giving, educational needs and similar charitable activities. Our beneficiaries may not receive or could be ineligible for assistance that many of us take for granted such as bedding, kitchen & bath supplies, heat & water, mental health/medication copays and more. Be the Light in others' darkness!

# This Week at Lovely Lane

# **Ministry Opportunities**

# Sunday - March 16 - Second Sunday in Lent

| 8:30 AM  | Worship – In person            |
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| 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         |

# Monday - March 17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day

6:30 PM Scouts Troop 766 (Fellowship Hall)

# Tuesday - March 18

# Wednesday - March 19

| 9:30 AM  | Zoom Book Study                    |
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| 12:00 PM | Women's Book Study (Fireside Room) |
| 6:00 PM  | Book Study (Library)               |
| 7:15 PM  | AcabeLLa Bell Choir Rehearsal      |

#### Thursday - March 20

| 7:45 AM | Leadership Team (Offsite)            |
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| 3:55 PM | Green Square Meals                   |
| 5:45 PM | Trustees (Library)                   |
| 6:00 PM | Finance (Fireside Room)              |
| 6:00 PM | Health & Wholeness (Fellowship Hall) |
| 7:00 PM | Admin Council (Library)              |

## Friday - March 21

5:00 PM Youth Group Concert Trip to Iowa City

# Saturday - March 22

| 8:30 AM  | Men's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)  |
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| 11:00 AM | Scouts (Fellowship Hall & Library) |

# Sunday - March 23 - Third Sunday in Lent

| 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, 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.

# **Assisting in Worship – March 16**

#### Greeters

8:30 am – Travis Meiborg 10:30 am – Jayne Woodson & Patty Logsdon

## Lector

8:30 am – Thiara Smith 10:30 am – Marcie Stumpf

#### Ushers

8:30 am – Scott & Terrie Seibert 10:30 am – Josh & Beth Mills & family

## Acolyte

10:30 am - Emmett Mills

# Preacher

Pastor Scott Meador

## **Lovely Lane UMC Staff**

## **Administration & Worship**

Lead Pastor Dr. Scott Meador Associate Pastor Rev. Kristina Roth-Klinck Director of Media & Technology Eric Wylie **Dennis Ramsey** Organist 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
Director of Youth Ministries
Nursery Caregiver Lead
Nursery Caregiver
Nursery Caregiver
Nursery Caregiver
Nursery Caregiver
Nursery Caregiver
Director of CWM

Annie Walker
Ryan Roth-Klinck
Tara Neveu
Paige Gerjets
Hailey Ryan
Brooke Johnson
Dawn DuPont

(Children's Weekday Ministries)

## 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

**LOVELY LANE AND INSTAGRAM** - Lovely Lane now has an Instagram account. Find and follow us at:

www.instagram.com/lovelylaneumc

# **Church Office Hours**

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

Office Phone (319) 393-6674