



Lovely Lane

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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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A Call for Peace in the Midst of Conflict in the Mideast

As Bishops of The United Methodist Church, we stand united in our pursuit of peace and our commitment to the sacredness of human life, guided by the Scriptures and our Social Principles. The scriptures and the Social Principles affirm the sacred worth and dignity of every person, emphasizing the importance of resolving disputes peacefully and promoting justice, equality, and compassion.

In light of the recent escalation of tensions in the Middle East, we echo the timeless wisdom of the prophet Micah, who implored us to "act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly" (Micah 6:8). Our Social Principles remind us that "war is incompatible with the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ" (§ 166.A), and we urge all parties involved to prioritize diplomacy and dialogue over violence and aggression.


The Bible reminds us that "blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9). We are called to be peacemakers, seeking solutions that promote understanding and reconciliation. A continued conflict in the Middle East would have devastating consequences, causing irreparable harm to innocent lives and destabilizing the region and affecting communities throughout the world.

In this critical moment, we call on all United Methodists to join our efforts in advocating for peace. May God guide us toward a hopeful future, where nations and peoples can live in harmony and mutual respect. Together, let's join in this prayer:

***God of justice and compassion,
we lift our voices in prayer for peace in the Middle East,
that all hearts may turn from violence to understanding and from fear to hope.
Guide your leaders with wisdom and courage to pursue the path of peace,
rooted in the dignity and sacred worth of every person.
May our prayers rise as a witness to your hope and healing for all nations.***

Bishop Tracy S. Malone
President, Council of Bishops
The United Methodist Church

Calendar of Events (subject to change) - July 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
Nourished Nourished Centering 7:00 pm at St Paul's UMC on Monday, July 14 Nourished Pool Party at Noelridge 2:00 - 5:00 pm Saturday, July 19 Nourished Centering 7:00 pm at St. Paul's UMC on Monday, July 28 Nourished at Mega Market 4:00-7:00 pm Thursday, July 31 at Cultivate Hope Urban Farm						Flashback on Ellis At Trinity St. James Parking Lot and Nourished Baked Goods Sale
6 9:30 am Joint Worship Service at St. Paul's (no service at Lovely Lane) 12:00 pm Congolese	7 9:45 am Prayer Shawl (Fireside) 6:30 pm Scouting America Troop 766 (Fellowship Hall)	8	9	10 7:45 am Leadership Team (offsite)	11	12 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Pride Festival Parade 12:00 - 6:00 pm Pride Festival at Newbo City Market
13 9:30 am Worship In-person/livestream 12:00 pm Congolese	14 6:30 pm Scouting America Troop 766 (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 pm Nourished Centering @ St. Paul's UMC	15	16 5:30 pm Youth Group at Culver's Hiawatha	17	18	19 10:00 am - Noon Baby Shower for Annie Walker 2:00 - 5:00 pm Pool Party at Noelridge Park
20 9:30 am Worship In-person/livestream 12:00 pm Congolese 5:15 - 6:00 pm Meal 6:00 - 8:00 pm Vacation Bible School	21 9:45 am Prayer Shawl (Fireside) 5:15 - 6:00 pm Meal 6:00 - 8:00 pm Vacation Bible School	22 5:15 - 6:00 pm Meal 6:00 - 8:00 pm Vacation Bible School	23 5:15 - 6:00 pm Meal 6:00 - 8:00 pm Vacation Bible School	24 5:15 - 6:00 pm Meal 6:00 - 8:00 pm Vacation Bible School	25 6:35 pm Lovely Lane at the Kernal's Game	26
27 9:30 am Worship In-person/livestream Church Shower 12:00 pm Congolese	28 6:30 pm Scouting America Troop 766 (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 pm Nourished Centering @ St. Paul's UMC	29	30	31 4:00 - 7:00 pm Nourished at Mega Market - Cultivate Hope Urban Farm		

Lovely Lane Golf Outing
 Lake McBride Golf Course
 Sunday, August 24, 2025
 More information
 will follow soon.



Lovely Lane at the
 Kernels Baseball
 Game
 vs Fort Wayne
 Friday, July 25
 6:35 Start Time

Tickets \$15

RSVP to
 Scott Meador
scottm@lovelylane.org
 or (319) 393-6674



WORSHIP IN JULY

- July 6** ***Fourth Sunday after Pentecost***
Joint Worship Service at St. Paul's UMC at **9:30 am**
- July 13** ***Fifth Sunday after Pentecost***
In-person worship at **9:30 am**, in-person & live-stream service
Rev. Paul Witmer from Women at the Well UMC will preach
- July 20** ***Sixth Sunday after Pentecost***
In-person worship at **9:30 am**, in-person & live-stream service
Pastor Kristina Roth-Klinck will preach, Luke 10:38-42
- July 27** ***Seventh Sunday after Pentecost***
In-person worship at **9:30 am**, in-person & live-stream service
Pastor Scott Meador will preach, "Fractured Love," Hosea 1:2-10

Vacation Bible School
Road Trip: On The Go Wlth God
July 20-24
Register now!
Please use the QR code or link below



<https://lovelylane.breezechms.com/form/f34620>

For more information contact:
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The Lord your God is
with you wherever
you go.
Joshua 1:9

Vacation Bible School Meal 5:15 - 6:00 pm
Vacation Bible School 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Cedar Rapids Pride Festival & Parade
Saturday, July 12, 2025
Newbo City Market
Parade 11:00 - Noon
Festival Noon - 6:00 pm

Please join us!

Baby Shower for Annie Walker
Saturday, July 19, 2025
10:00 am to noon

Annie is registered at Target as
Annie Walker & Ben Boyd Due 9/9/2025
Lovely Lane Fellowship Hall - 2424 42nd St NE

Volunteer Summer Jobs at Lovely Lane – Curtis
Thomas, Facilities Manager at Lovely Lane, has put together a list of jobs that need to be done over the summer:

- Paint coat areas, mailbox and restroom hallway
- Paint the trim and walls in the stairwell
- Paint the south wall foundation
- Paint hallway in basement by the youth room
- Recommendations for sidewalk going to basement by the tree

If you are interested in helping with any of these please contact Curtis at (319) 777-9574 or curtis@lovelylane.org



Church Shower
Sunday, July 27

Wish list will be
available in
early July



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Did you know you could be a Chief Fair Trade Researcher?

We are looking for team members for our Fair-Trade project. United Women in Faith are selling Fair-Trade and eco-friendly items to promote being good stewards to the earth. Proceeds from sales help support United Methodist Iowa projects as well as Lovely Lane's local missions. We need people to help select and order items (like Fair Trade coffee for example) and people to work shifts at sales opportunities we have throughout our community. If this sounds like a project you want to become involved with, please contact Deb Streff or Cindy Sale for more information.

LOVELY LANE UMC STAFF

Administration & Worship

Lead Pastor
Associate Pastor
Director of Media & Technology
Organist
Chancel Choir Director
Handbell Choir Director
Director of Children's Choirs
Chancel Choir Accompanist

Dr. Scott Meador
Rev. Kristina Roth-Klinck
Eric Wylie
Dennis Ramsey
Nancy Patrick
Charlie Kucera
Carla Jesse
Linda Bayliss

Children & Youth

Director of Family Ministries
Director of Youth Ministries
Nursery Caregiver Lead
Nursery Caregiver
Nursery Caregiver
Nursery Caregiver
Director Children's Weekday Ministries (CWM)

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

Office & Facilities

Office Administrator & Finance Secretary
Office Assistant
Treasurer
Membership Secretary
Facilities Manager
Custodians
Website & Social Media
Wedding Coordinator

Tammy Martin
Marti Bowman
Susan Kohl
Susan Camp
Curtis Thomas
Rex & Rhonda Heasty
Shelly Turner
Becky Wood



United
Women
in Faith

*No United Women in Faith meetings in July

*Elizabeth Circle will meet on **Thursday, August 14, 1:00-3:00 pm**. No Rizpah meeting in August.

*We will be planning our next events such as self-defense, banned books, stone soup-food waste, racial justice, Native Americans, world religions, land fill and recycling, disabilities panel, and more.

*If you have ideas for events or speakers, please call Deb Streff, (319) 721-8864. We would like to complete the schedule of events for the year.