

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 13, 2025 updated

JOYS

- *Pastor Paul Witmer from Women at the Well leading in worship
- *Pride Fest celebrations
- *Upcoming Vacation Bible School
- *Kim Moore celebrating friend Jackie in worship
- *David Garcia lifting up that wife Angela comes home in 54 days
- *Deb and Steve Streff lifting up joy of JR's music and dance camp
- *Cheryl Mills lifting up joy of having her son and grandkids help out with storm cleanup
- *Barb Waterhouse-Miller celebrating 90th birthday and thankful for Lovely Lane community
- *Stephanie French with good health news
- *Pastor Scott and Heather doing some travels and taking some time off

CONCERNS

- *Continued flooding relief in Texas and Midwest areas affected by storms
- *Lynn Heidt recovering at home following medical concerns
- *Maryann Stewart with health concerns
- *Immigrants and those being detained
- *National and international concerns
- *Phil and Shirley Martin's son Daniel with upcoming surgery
- *Chris Johnson's dad traveling to San Diego to help grandparents move into assisted living

Special Offering – UMCOR - Guadalupe River Flood - We continue to keep our friends in central Texas in our thoughts and prayers for the flooding and unfortunate deaths. If you would like to support the communities through the United Methodist Church, we are collecting a special offering. Please write on your check or envelope "Guadalupe River Flood." You can also give online at: [Give Online](#) and select "UMCOR - Guadalupe River Flood."

Nourished Centering – Change in location – Nourished Centering is now taking place at St. Paul's United Methodist Church at 1340 3rd Ave SE, Cedar Rapids. They will be meeting in the Art room on the 3rd floor, on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:00 pm. Nourished is no longer meeting at the home of Pastor Kristina.

Baby Shower for Annie Walker – The SPPRC Committee (Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee) is hosting a baby shower for Annie Walker, Director of Family Ministries on **Saturday, July 19, from 10:00 am to noon**, in the fellowship hall at Lovely Lane. Annie is registered at Target as Annie Walker & Ben Boyd due 9/9/2025. A light brunch and refreshments will be served. All are invited.

Happy Endings Book Club will meet on **Monday, July 14, 10:00 am** at Lovely Lane to discuss *The Light We Carry* by Michelle Obama. *The Light We Carry* is an inspiring follow-up to her acclaimed memoir *Becoming*, former First Lady Michelle Obama shares practical wisdom and powerful strategies for staying hopeful and balanced in today's highly uncertain world.

Vacation Bible School- Road Trip on the Go with God July 20–24, *The Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9*. The meal will be served from 5:15 – 6:00 and activities are from 6:00–8:00 pm. You can register for VBS at <https://lovelylane.breezechms.com/form/f34620>.

Vacation Bible School Mission Project - "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" is this year's VBS Mission Project. This is a national organization that has a mission to end child bedless-ness. Volunteers build beds, deliver, and assemble them for the families. Needed items: new comforters, 3-piece twin bed sheet sets, pillows and mattress pads. These items can be brought to the church narthex during the week of VBS **July 20-24**.

Please contact Annie Walker if you have any questions regarding Vacation Bible School, anniew@lovelylane.org.

Church Shower – Lovely Lane is hosting a church shower on **Sunday, July 27**. There will be cupcakes, punch, and mints following worship in the Narthex. The day should be a fun way to take a "bite out of the budget." Our budget is in good shape, but we want to stay strong. Instead of spending budget money on these items, we will utilize the donations in the months to come. A "Wish List" will be available soon.

Lovely Lane Golf Outing - Sunday, August 24 - We will golf at the Lake MacBride Golf Course in Solon. The cost is \$35 per person. This includes nine holes and a cart. Tee times start at 2:00 pm. Contact Denny Fitz if you would like to participate, dmf.rboyz@gmail.com. All are welcome!

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 Listening Campaign - A small group in the church will spend time listening to some of you share your personal stories in the coming weeks. This campaign is an intentional effort to get better acquainted and possibly discern common areas for ministry. If you would like to share your story with a member of our team in a one-on-one format, please reach out to Pastor Scott (scottm@lovelylane.org). Other churches and organizations in the area are participating in this sacred listening campaign. Thank you!

This Week at Lovely Lane

Ministry Opportunities

Sunday – July 13 - *Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

9:30 AM In-person & livestream worship
12:00 PM Congolese congregation

Monday – July 14

6:30 PM Scouting America #766 (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday – July 15

Wednesday – July 16

5:30 PM Youth Group at Culver's Hiawatha

Thursday – July 17

Friday – July 18

Saturday – July 19

10:00 AM Baby shower Annie Walker – Fellowship Hall

Sunday - July 20

9:30 AM Joint Worship Service at St. Paul's
12:00 PM Congolese congregation
5:15 PM Vacation Bible School – Meal
6:00 PM Vacation Bible School

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.



Climate Justice

Plastic is out – Sustainability is in (*continued*)
(From *Your Green Life* – GreenAmerica.org)

Some plastics are non-recyclable and non-reusable. They take several lifetimes to break down. Some of the worst are plastic straws, plastic bags, cigarette butts, and plastic water bottles. These are the plastics most often found in oceans. Please consider decreasing your use of all plastic bags including sandwich bags, grocery bags, produce bags, zip-lock bags, etc.

Use reusable mesh produce bags. Today Americans use about 100 billion plastic bags each year. Worldwide, it's estimated that 1 trillion plastic bags are used annually. Please use produce bags and carry reusable bags!!

Everything we can do makes a difference!

-United Women in Faith

Assisting in Worship – July 13, 2025

Greeters

Jim & Trish Palmer

Lectors

Emmett Mills & Stephanie French

Ushers

Travis Meiborg & Kathy Meiborg

Acolyte

Rose Mills

Preacher

Rev. Paul Witmer

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 Caregiver Lead	Tara Neveu
Nursery Caregiver	Paige Gerjets
Nursery Caregiver	Hailey Ryan
Nursery Caregiver	Brooke Johnson
Director of CWM	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

Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday
9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Friday – Closed

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