



Lovely Lane

United Methodist Church

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Monthly Newsletter

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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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Lifelong Learning

"Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people"

- Luke 2:52 (NLT)

As I write these words I am looking at back-to-school pictures on Facebook. The beginning of the school year is an emotional and wonderful time for so many. I certainly hope and pray that everyone has a great year with new beginnings and fresh opportunities for growth!

This time of year also makes me realize the importance of "life-long learning" for all of us. In the same way we make efforts to eat right, exercise more, and sleep longer, we need to continue learning. Like a muscle in the body, the minds needs to be stretched and challenged. Learning keeps our brain healthy and it can lead to a longer, more fulfilling life. Albert Einstein once said, "Wisdom is not a product of schooling but of the lifelong attempt to acquire it."


A life-long learner is a "person who continues to learn new skills and competencies long after they have completed their formal education." This involves nurturing a curious mind about the world and a willingness to pursue knowledge about any area of great interest.

And let's face it, there is a "joy" in learning. In some Hebrew Schools a special ceremony takes place on the first day of school. The teacher places a drop of honey on the cover of a book and gives the book to the student, who licks the honey off. The symbolic message is that learning is sweet. There is a joy in learning. And again there is a need to be a life-long learner.

As we move into the fall season at church I invite you to consider our Discipleship Pathway, Worship + 2. The aim is to be in worship, in-person or online, as well as participate in two groups. One group is study in nature. The other is service in nature. Life-long learning is an aspect of the first part of the "plus two" that leads to the second part of the plus two.

Might this fall season at church become a meaningful time for growth and development in your Christian life! Peace and blessings, Pastor Scott

Calendar of Events (subject to change) - September 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 5:15 pm Family Meal 6:00 pm Kids Club	4	5	6 9:00 am - 3:00pm Private Reservation (Library)
7 9:30 am Worship In-person/livestream 12:00pm Congolese	8 10:00 am Happy Endings Book Club (Fireside Room) 6:30 pm Scouting America #766 (Fellowship Hall)	9	10 9:30 am Book Study Via Zoom 5:15 pm Family Meal 6:00 pm Kids Club 6:00 pm Book Study (Library) 6:00 pm Youth Grp 7:15 pm Bells	11 7:45 am Leadership Team (Offsite) 1:00-3:00pm Elizabeth Circle (Fireside) 6:30-7:30 pm Missions Meeting (Home of Kent & Joy Jackson)	12	13 8:30 am Men's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
14 8:30 am Worship In-person 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 9:30 am Adult SS 10:30 am Worship In-person/livestream 10:45 Children SS 12:00 pm Congolese 1:00 pm Scouting America (FH) 3:00 pm Youth Faith in Action @ St. Paul's	15 9:45 am Prayer Shawl (Fireside) 6:30 pm Scouting America #766 (Fellowship Hall)	16 6:30 pm SPPRC (Library)	17 9:30 am Book Study Via Zoom 12:00 pm Women's Book Study (Fireside) 5:15 pm Family Meal 6:00 pm Kids Club 6:00 pm Book Study (Library) 6:00 Youth Grp 7:15 pm Bells Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	18 3:55 pm Green Square Meals 6:00 pm Finance (Fireside) 6:00 pm Health & Wholeness (FH) 7:00 pm Ad Council (Library) 7:00 pm Linn Co United Nations (Choir Room)	19 5:00 pm Private Reservation (Library)	20 8:30 am - 4:00 pm Private Reservation (Library)
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Men's Breakfast Gatherings

The upcoming speakers for the men's breakfast gatherings . . .

September 13 – John Payan, Head Basketball Coach, Coe College

October 25 – Chris Georges, Executive Director, American Red Cross

November 15 – Steve Kahler, Attorney and School for Lay Ministry Instructor

All gatherings begin at 8:30 with a light breakfast and speaker to follow. All are welcome!

WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

September 7 *Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

In-person & live-stream service at **9:30 am**

Pastor Scott Meador will preach, "Following God," Joshua 4:19-24

September 14 *Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

In-person service at **8:30 am**, in-person & live-stream service at **10:30 am**

Pastor Scott Meador will preach, "God's Lost and Found," Luke 15:1-10

September 21 *Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

In-person service at **8:30 am**, in-person & live-stream service at **10:30 am**

Pastor Scott Meador will preach, "One Family in God," Galatians 3:23-29

September 28 *Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

In-person service at **8:30 am**, in-person & live-stream service at **10:30 am**

Pastor Bill Poland will preach

Adult Sunday School Classes

Classes begin on **Sunday, September 14, at 9:30 am** (between worship services). We have two classes. The **"Faith Issues"** class examines and discusses current topics of the day from a faith perspective. The group meets in the library. Myrna Loehrlein is the leader. The **"Faith Journeys"** class meets in the first preschool room on the left in the children's wing of the building. The group takes a deeper look at the main scripture reading in worship. Pastor Scott is the leader. All are welcome to both classes!

Friendly Fellowship will meet on
September 25 at Noon. Please bring a
dish to share and your own table
service. We will do program planning
after lunch. Contact Judy McDowell if
you have questions. (319) 560-2960.

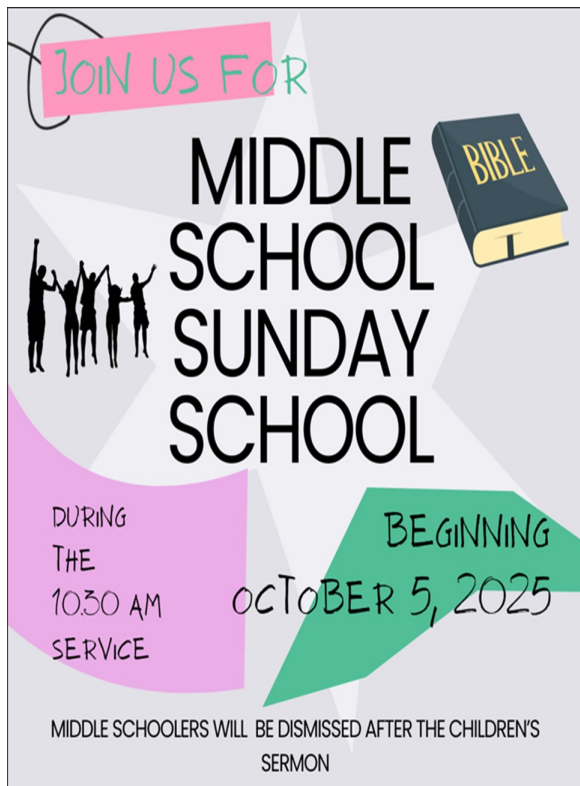


The Happy Endings Book Club


Happy Endings Book Club will meet
at **10:00 AM on September 8**, in
Fireside Lounge.



We will be discussing the "Dog Books" by Elaine Fox. Her last four books were populated by an assortment of curious canines, all helping, hindering or hilariously illuminating True Love. Check out the whole Guys & Dogs series, starting with the story of a lovable mutt named Baywatch (or Twister, depending on who you ask) in Guys & Dogs, a devious French Bulldog named Doug in Beware of Doug, a goofy Golden Doodle named Barbra Streisand in Hello, Doggy! and a Havanese escape artist named Mr. Darcy (or Bonsai, depending...) in Bedtime for Bonsai. Oh, and their owners are a lot of fun too!



The Bell Choir of Lovely Lane, known as AcabeLLa, is seeking new members. We have an opening for a ringer this coming ringing season. Our first rehearsal will be **September 10, at 7:15 pm** in the sanctuary of Lovely Lane. The Bell Choir rehearses every Wednesday night from 7:15 to 8:30 pm and performs the last Sunday of each month. If you are interested in ringing with AcabeLLa please contact the director, Charlie Kucera at (319) 389-0877 or email at djchkucera@aol.com.



Chancel Choir will begin their 2025-2026 season with rehearsal on **Sunday, September 14 at 9:00 am** in the Choir Room. We will sing for the first time the following Sunday, September 21.

If you have ever considered "Singing to the Lord", the time is now. Rehearsal is 9:00 am as previously mentioned and we sing at the 10:30 service every Sunday except the last Sunday of the month. Come join us! We are a wonderful family of music makers. You say you can't read music? You don't have to. You think the robes are too hot? At times, yes, they are. All are welcome. Give us a try!

The Prayer Shawl Group continues to meet in to the fall on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 9:45 am in the Fireside Room. They stitch prayer shawls for new babies, Lovely Lane graduates, those who are ill and those who are grieving. Blankets and shawls are knitted, crocheted or sewn. If you would like to stitch and enjoy some good fellowship, please contact Sharon Kouba at (319) 329-7228.

Worship Servant Signup for greeters, lectors and ushers will continue to be done through the signup sheet in the narthex or by contacting the church office. **September and October dates and times are now available for signup.** If you are interested in assisting as a communion server, please contact Pastor Scott Meador.



Return to Regular Worship Schedule

We will plan to start our fall worship schedule on **Sunday, September 14**

Services at 8:30 am (in-person)

10:30 am (both in-person and live-streamed)

Children's Sunday School 10:45

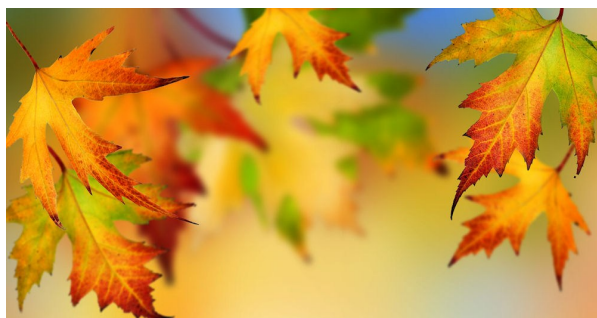
Wednesday Night Study Group led by Pastor Scott will begin meeting again on **Wednesday, September 10**. Morning group meets via Zoom at 9:30 and evening group meets at 6:00 pm in the library. The first book for the study will be "Jesus and the Powers," by N.T. Wright and Michael F. Bird. Books are available in the church office \$10.



The Women's Book Study will begin meeting on **Wednesday, September 17, at 12:00 pm** in the Fireside Room. Sherrie Ilg will be leading this study in the Fall. The first book will be **Illuminating the Way: Embracing the Wisdom of Monks and Mystics** by Christine Valters Painter. When the books arrive, they can be picked up in the church office for \$10.

LEGO MASTERS: BIBLE EDITION

ST. PAUL'S UMC
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH
3:00-4:30PM



Save the Date
Lovely Lane
Fall Women's Retreat
Saturday, November 1

United Women in Faith September 2025

*Starting in September we will be having just one meeting a month – Elizabeth Circle from 1:00-3:00 pm on the second Thursday of the month. We meet in the Fireside Room. Please join us.

*We will also provide special meetings scheduled throughout the year.

Self defense will be our first special presentation on **Saturday, October 11 at 9:00 am**. This event is a two-hour program to educate us on awareness and prevention presented by Chris Smaby, a Cedar Rapids police officer. If there is interest, a later presentation may be scheduled for hands-on training. It is open and encouraged for junior and senior high youth, women and men. Please bring a friend and RSVP to church office at (319) 389-7546. The cost is \$5 per family. Pay on arrival.

We plan to have church wide garage sale in the Spring! Start cleaning and sorting over the winter!



United
Women
in Faith



SERVICE PROJECT

September 21, 3:00 – 4:30 pm
940 M St. SW, Cedar Rapids

Service Project with Chris Larson: Growing an Urban Food Forest. Please bring clothing that you won't mind getting dirty, closed toed shoes, a water bottle and friends. Chris will do some educational work about an urban food forest. He will also have some good "get your hands dirty" projects for us, and hopefully we will get to try out some of the food he is growing.

Faith in Action
September 14, 3:00 - 4:00 pm
St. Paul's UMC

Guest Leader Eric Rucker

Please bring your friends, questions and an open mind. Come hang out with **Eric Rucker**, Director of Simpson Youth Academy, for a fun and meaningful time of learning, real talk, and hands-on activities. We'll explore how our faith connects to issues of justice in the world—and what it looks like to actually *do something* about it.

SYA

SIMPSON YOUTH ACADEMY

Exploring transformative questions



Hy-Vee Receipts for Children's Weekday Ministries

For every \$200 in eligible Hy-Vee receipts collected, CWM will receive \$1. The receipts can be from various Hy-Vee locations and departments, including groceries, catering, pharmacies, fuel, and more. Hy-Vee receipts can be submitted for date of purchase from April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026. Please bring your receipts to the donation box on the table just inside the left entrance to the sanctuary. These funds benefit the Children's Weekday Ministries. Thank you for your support!

Youth Co-Op - The youth co-op will continue to gather this fall. The group connects youth from local United Methodist churches. Sunday afternoon events will take place at St. Paul's UMC. Wednesday night gatherings will take place at Lovely Lane UMC at 6:00 pm. Updates will come from the youth leaders, Kim Moore and Codey Powell. Please contact Kim at kimmooreart@yahoo.com for more information. Looking forward to a great season to come!

JOYS

- *Baptismal celebration for Lily Elizabeth Camp, daughter of Ted and Andrea Camp
- *Happy 3rd birthday for Audrey Roth-Klinck
- *Happy 90th birthday for Nancy Snyder
- *Happy 100th birthday for Gerry Stolba
- *Jan Loftus celebrating her friend's 90th birthday
- *New Nourished Community leader, Cleo Sullivan
- *Wedding congratulations for Greg and Susan Blum's son, Jason, marrying Abby
- *Appreciation to Jayce Hingtgen for playing the piano in worship
- *Welcoming back former Lovely Lane pastor, Rev. Brian Milford
- *Rita Stewart celebrating son, Quintin, becoming a firefighter in Austin, Texas
- *Shakespeare Gardens looking great in Ellis Park
- *Congratulations to Pastors Kristina and Ryan on the birth of Philip Thomas Roth-Klinck
- *Families attending church camp at Wesley Woods in Indianola
- *Helen Anderson celebrating family in worship and a recent trip to London and Paris
- *100th birthday celebration for Gerry Stolba
- *Christopher Hauser engaged to be married, he is currently serving in the Peace Corps
- *Former church member, Anne Heefer, joining us in worship
- *Natalie Krumm celebrates her father's 29th birthday
- *Joan Winkowski preparing to visit family in New York
- *Appreciation for staff member, Marti Bowman, as she moves to Arizona
- *Happy 90th birthday to Jayne Woodson
- *Happy 58th anniversary to Dave and Nancy Wittenburg
- *Happy 30th anniversary to Jeff and Rose Blank
- *Thanks to Kim Moore and Codey Powell for serving as youth leaders this fall
- *John O'Bryon's niece celebrating 55th birthday, after some health concerns

<i>Remembering with love:</i>		
Betty Van Fossen	2019	
Max Fitz	2021	
Jean Chelikowsky	2022	

CONCERNS

- *Rev. Jo Hoover recovering after short hospitalization
- *Nancy Miller recovering from a stroke at Cottage Grove
- *Regina Culbertson hospitalized at Mercy
- *Remembering the life of Rev. Jim Hanke, retired UMC pastor
- *Sympathy to the Nourished Community after the passing of Kathleen Kropp
- *Lifting up the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline
- *Denise Lawton's grandson with his tonsils coming out
- *Rev. Rose Blank's nephew, Sam, visiting (and Sam's dog with health challenges)
- *Pam Moore's brother-in-law with health challenges
- *Sympathy to Pastor Sherrie Ilg after the passing of her mother, Marcia
- *Steve and Deb Streff's friend, Amanda, after sudden Passing of her boyfriend
- *Kim Moore's friend, Terry, as she cares for her father
- *Sympathy to the family and friends of the Rev. Allen Craft, retired UMC pastor
- *Carla Jesse's cousin, Max, hospitalized
- *Joan Winkowski with the passing of a family pet
- *Jan Peterson at Hiawatha Care Center
- *Curtis Thomas's brother, Mike, with health challenges
- *Tom Muller's sister-in-law, Denise, receiving hospice care
- *Sympathy to Rose Blank after passing of colleague in ministry, Sister Gabe
- *Health concerns for Della, owner of home from Transform week work
- *Codey Powell's grandfather with a broken femur

Back to School Blessing

God of all wisdom, bless our teachers and staff with patience, kindness, and perseverance. And to the parents, Lord, grant us wisdom and peace as we let our children go, and fill us with gratitude for this privilege. Amen.





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Lovely Lane Monthly Financial Information

Cash inflow - month of 7/31/25	\$46,173
Cash inflow - YTD	\$352,763
Budget need/month	\$56,735
Cash outflow - month of 7/31/25	\$64,280
Cash outflow - YTD	\$359,255
Unpaid apportionments	\$0

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