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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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Never Give Up

"For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength."

– Philippians 4:13 (NLT)

We are currently in the middle of the football season. On all levels, weekends are full with games on the gridiron. Whether we cheer for our local high school, the Hawkeyes or Cyclones on the college level, or a favorite pro team, this is a fun time of year!


Now in the midst of all this football excitement, we had the news last month of a man named Kent Broussard. Kent is a 66-year-old retired accountant from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who achieved his lifelong dream by joining the Louisiana State University Tiger Marching Band as its oldest member. After retiring in 2023, he practiced relentlessly to master the tuba, earning a spot in the band and debuting during LSU's home opener in September, where he received a standing ovation. His story highlights perseverance and never letting go of our dreams!

I think we all love these kinds of stories. And the truth is they inspire us to keep pursuing our dreams and they remind us it's "never too late to start something new." History has actually given us many inspiring stories. Julia Child, for example, did not make her television debut on the show, *The French Chef*, until she was 51, and Charles Darwin was 50 when he published his famous book, *On the Origin of the Species*, in 1859. I might add news about Duncan Hines. At age 55, he wrote his first food guide. And biblically speaking, Abraham was 75 when God called him to leave his home in Haran and travel with Sarah to the land of Canaan. Again, it's never too late.

Some words from writer, F. Scott Fitzgerald, are helpful here. Fitzgerald once said, "For what it's worth; it's never too late to be whoever you want to be. I hope you live a life you're proud of, and if you find that you're not, I hope you have the strength to start over."

As we move into this new month of October and go deeper into this "fall season," I invite you to see this time of year as a time of fresh starts and new beginnings. The future is filled with possibilities. Might we be willing "to take a risk," "be bold," and "never give up" inside and outside the church! Peace and blessings, Pastor Scott

Calendar of Events (subject to change) - October 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Attention: Please pay close attention to emails you receive that may seem like they are from the pastors or other staff at Lovely Lane requesting for you to purchase gift cards or give financially. If you are unsure if an email is for real, please call the church office to verify.			1 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) 6:00pm Youth Group @ Bass Farms 6:00 pm Confirmation 7:15 pm Bells	2	3	4
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New Member Class

New member classes will take place on Sundays, November 2 & 9 at 4:00 pm in the library. This is a time to learn more about the church and join Lovely Lane UMC, if you wish. Please let Pastor Scott know if you are interested in participating, scottm@lovelylane.org.

WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

October 5 *World Communion Sunday*

In-person service at **8:30 am**, in-person & live-stream service at **10:30 am**
Pastor Scott Meador will preach, "Meeting God and Meeting Others"
Scripture: Philippians 2:1-11

October 12 *Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

In-person service at **8:30 am**, in-person & live-stream service at **10:30 am**
Rev. Gary Connors-Boe will preach, "Resident Aliens"
Scripture: Jeremiah 29:1,4-8

October 19 *Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

In-person service at **8:30 am**, in-person & live-stream service at **10:30 am**
Dr. Jennifer Harvey will preach. Dr. Harvey is Vice President at
Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

October 26 *Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

In-person service at **8:30 am**, in-person & live-stream service at **10:30 am**
Pastor Scott Meador will preach, "The Promise of the Spirit"
Scripture: Joel 2:23-32

Men's Breakfast Gatherings

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

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

December 20 - John Payan, Head Men's Basketball Coach, Coe College

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

Friendly Fellowship will meet on
Thursday, October 23 for a potluck
lunch at **Noon**. Please bring a dish to
share and your own table service. The
program will be announced at a
later date. Please 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 **Monday**,
October 13, in the Fireside Room.



The book we will be discussing is *Sisters of Fortune* by Anna Lee Huber. The book is based on the true story of the Fortune sisters, three young women each at a crossroads when they boarded the RMS Titanic in the spring of 1912 – and how that fateful maiden voyage would change their lives in profound and unexpected ways.

If you have questions let Judy McDowell know,
(319) 560-2960.

WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

(MEN ARE ALSO WELCOME)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025

Cancer in Our Midst

Registration from 8:30 to 9:00 am, Program from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Please join us as we learn more about cancer, including the current prevalence of several types in Iowa. Speakers will touch on prevention, treatment, and more. We'll also enjoy:

- * A light continental breakfast
- * A shared activity for Gems of Hope
- * Spiritual guidance by Pastor Sherrie Ilg
- * Fellowship with each other
- * A delicious soup lunch (with numerous sides)

COST IS \$20; SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

To register please use the QR code to the right or the following web address: <https://lovelylane.breezechms.com/form/45947a>

For questions, please call or text Joy Jackson at (319) 551-9645 or call the church office



Presented by Health & Wholeness, Lovely Lane UMC

Volunteer Opportunity at Kennedy High School

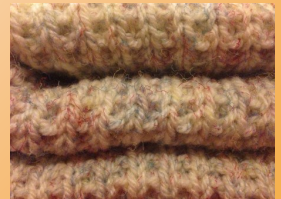
The Kennedy High School Food Pantry is in need of more volunteers for the '25 -'26 school year. The pantry is open on Thursday afternoons for a little less than one hour. In addition to food/snack items, some clothing and school accessories can be found at the pantry.

This is a great way to meet your "Worship + 2" goals. While you will be assisting those students at Kennedy, you will also be making a difference in our community. If interested, please contact Jenny at jmcattee@crschools.us.

The Prayer Shawl Group continues to meet this 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.



Self-Defense Class

Chris Smaby is a professional instructor of subject control tactics for law enforcement. He serves as a Cedar Rapids Police Training Specialist and offers self-defense classes. He has developed "Personal and Professional Safety for Women" classes to build confidence and equip participants with safety strategies. This class will be a lecture style, not a hands on class. (Hands on may be an option at a later date.)



Chris Smaby
Guest Speaker



October 11, 2025



9:00 - 11:00 am



2424 42nd Street NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

\$5 per family, pay on arrival

Please RSVP (319) 393-6674

Open and encouraged for junior and senior high youth, women and men.

Fall Mission Study & Annual Ingathering

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025

Hosted by UWFaith & First United Methodist Church
First United Methodist Church, Cedar Falls

THEME: FOOD INSECURITY

Join with UWFaith units and churches across the Northeast District for a meaningful day of fellowship, learning, and hands-on mission work!

Highlights

Coffee & Refreshments
Mat Weaving Demonstrations
Craft & Quilt Sale
Take-Home Kit Projects
Speakers on Global & Regional Hunger
Free Lunch at Noon
Rice Meal Packing with Midwest Mission

Schedule

8:00 AM - Ingathering drop-off, coffee, and displays
9:15-10:15 AM - Rice Packing Line 1
10:30-11:30 AM - Rice Packing Line 2
12:00 PM - Lunch & Speaker Presentations
2:00 PM - Dismissal



United
Women
in Faith

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

Youth News - October

Wednesday, October 1 - 6:00 to 7:30 pm
Outing at Bass Farms

840 Bass Lane, Mt. Vernon, IA

St. Paul's UMC invites youth co-op students, families, and friends to a fun filled evening.

Mini-golf, jumping pad, hayrack rides, corn maze, and more!

Free admission.

Transportation will not be provided.

Sunday, October 12 - 3:00 to 4:30 pm

Yoga with Kesley Legore

St. Paul's UMC

1340 3rd Ave SE, Cedar Rapids

Bring comfortable clothing and a beach towel or mat and friends.

Sunday, October 26 - 3:00 to 4:30 pm

Halloween Party at St. Paul's UMC

Games, pumpkin painting, snacks and more!

Wear your Halloween costume and bring a friend.

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LANE UMC

Halloween

TRUNK OR TREAT

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 25 1:00 - 2:30 pm

TRUNK OR TREATERS WILL VOTE FOR THEIR FAVORITE TRUNK
AND THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE A GIFT CARD

2424 42ND ST NE
CEDAR RAPIDS, IA
(319) 393-6674

Kennedy Food Pantry List



Apples
Canned fruit
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Ramen Noodles
Fruit roll ups and fruit snacks
Toothpaste
Aluminum baking dishes,
Muffin and cake pans
Cake Mixes
Popcorn
Chips
Cheeze-its, snack crackers
Tuna
Canned Pasta

Donations can be placed in the tubs
at the left entrance to the sanctuary.
Thank you!

GREEN SQUARE MEALS

Six volunteers are needed each month to help with Green Square Meals! The next date is **Thursday, October 16**, with a **3:55 pm** expected arrival time. Please contact Dan Moore by phone at: (715) 432-1983 or by email at: banjobubbabad@yahoo.com if you are able to help serve.

Thank you to those who have helped serve these meals!

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!



JOIN US FOR

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL

BIBLE

DURING THE 10:30 AM SERVICE

BEGINNING OCTOBER 5, 2025

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS WILL BE DISMISSED AFTER THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

JOYS

- worship hours starting on September 14, 8:30 and
 Congratulations to Annie Walker, and partner, Ben, on
 son of Brooks Mayhem Boyd
 Mills and Frances Roland with personal bests in
 school cross country
 Mulnik with Boy Scouts popcorn sales
 Breakfast on Saturday, September 13, 8:30
 Issues and Faith Journeys Sunday School classes
 starting on September 14, 9:30
 Women in Faith Annual Meeting on
 September 27 in Decorah
 and Marti Sparrow's son, Michael, visiting in
 hip
 appreciation for worship servants working behind-the-
 scenes
 birthday to Bobbie O'Bryon
 successful healing for Joe Helle after hip surgery
 Muller doing well after knee surgery
 Betty Kiboko sharing in worship and Sunday
 school
 Kristina and Ryan in worship with baby, Philip
 appreciation for financial support for siding project
 family celebrating engagement news of daughter,
 and Bennett
 and Angela Garber joining us for worship
 Lyle's hard work and efforts in the sound booth
 Gonzalez's niece, Monica, in worship
 Women in Faith with self-defense class on
 September 11
 Heidt expressing gratitude after illnesses over the
 year
 and Deb Streff with presentation about sex and
 trafficking at UWF Annual Meeting
 David Gerth promoting the Gamaliel Network
 winning campaign
 and Maggie Thomas celebrate family members in
 hip and good health report for grandnephew,

Remembering with love:

Marjorie Deal 2017

♥ Gwen Bray 2019 ♥

CONCERNS

- *Maryann Stewart receiving extra care at the Meth-Wick Community
- *Belinda Muller with knee replacement surgery
- *Sympathy to Marcie Stumpf, and members of her family, following the passing of her uncle, Roger
- *Immigrant families facing difficult situations
- *Yearning for peace in warring countries and regions
- *Humanitarian crisis in Gaza
- *Maryann Stewart receiving extra care at Meth-Wick Community
- *Jan Peterson living at Emery Place in Robins
- *Linn-Mar community after passing of art teacher, Mr. Hynek
- *Brooklyn Crandall's high school following accident after a football game
- *School shooting in Evergreen, Colorado
- *Political violence with the murder of Charlie Kirk in Utah
- *Ben Swan's father with health concerns
- *Community of Atlantic, Iowa, following passing of Middle school student
- *Sister church in Matanzas, Cuba, managing electricity issues
- *Necessity of free speech in our country
- *Helen Anderson's sister-in-law, Chris, with E. coli health challenges
- *Kim Moore's friends, Don and Steve, following a house fire
- *Sharilyn Forcht's brother, Rick, with an upcoming heart procedure
- *Nancy Miller recovering from a stroke at Cottage Grove
- *Dorris Lanning saying "hello" from Cottage Grove
- *Craig and Pam Nixon's friend, Rick, with foot amputation
- *Curtis Thomas's brother, Mike, with bone cancer concerns
- *Katherine Plendl's father, Leslie, with diverticulitis and a tooth matter
- *Rosie Lauritsen hospitalized with complications from a kidney infection
- *Sympathy to Jim and Myrna Loehrlein after passing of Jim's sister
- *Sympathy to Darwin and Pam Moore after passing of Pam's brother-in-law



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Lovely Lane Monthly Financial Information

Cash inflow - month of 8/31/25	\$25,309
Cash inflow - YTD	\$378,071
Budget need/month	\$56,735
Cash outflow - month of 8/31/25	\$47,391
Cash outflow - YTD	\$406,645
Unpaid apportionments	\$0

LOVELY LANE UMC STAFF

Administration & Worship

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

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Rev. Kristina Roth-Klinck
Eric Wylie
Dennis Ramsey
Nancy Patrick
Charlie Kucera
Linda Bayliss
Olivia Schneider

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

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

Tammy Martin
Sarah Alterbal
Susan Kohl
Susan Camp
Curtis Thomas
Rex & Rhonda Heasty
Shelly Turner
Becky Wood