

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 28, 2025, updated

JOYS

- *Holiday time with friends and family
- *Frances Roland assisting with worship
- *Thanks to Barbara Vancura for serving as our SPPRC chairperson
- *Thanks to Jane Schildroth for serving as our Council chairperson
- *Appreciation to Tara Neveu for working as our Nursery Coordinator
- *Welcoming Brooke Johnson as our new Nursery Coordinator
- *Welcoming Kim Moore as our new Director of Youth Ministries
- *Happy Birthday to Bill Jahnel (and welcome back to Iowa)
- *Liz Briggman's daughter visiting over the holidays
- *Next Sunday we welcome Dr. Alecia Hilmer as our new associate pastor

CONCERNS

- *Travel in the midst of winter weather
- *Jayne Woodson following a brief hospitalization
- *Sympathy to Katherine Plendl after the passing of her father-in-law
- *Individuals with mental health challenges
- *LuAnn Basemann's sister with surgery coming up
- *Peace between countries at war
- *National and international concerns

Youth Co-Op New Year's Eve Party – December 31- from 4:00 - 10:00 pm at Trinity St. James, 1430 Ellis Blvd NW, Cedar Rapids. All Youth Co-Op students and friends are invited to a fun and meaningful evening hosted by Trinity St. James UMC. We'll have games, pizza, snacks, and time to reflect on the past year and set commitments for the new one. To help us plan food, please RSVP by emailing marieugorek@live.com.

Scheduling Notes – As we return to our regular activities following the holidays please note the following dates:
Wednesday Night Activities will resume on **January 7**
Adult Sunday School on **January 4**
Children's Sunday School on **January 11**
Women's Book Study on **January 14**

Church Service Opportunity – As we move into the New Year, we have an opportunity for a person or a couple to prepare for coffee fellowship one Sunday a month at 7:30 am. Please reach out to Judy McDowell if you can assist in this area. jmcdow51@aol.com.

Please note: Contributions to Lovely Lane UMC for the calendar year of 2025 must be received at the church office or postmarked by **5:00 pm on Wednesday, December 31** to be included on your 2025 giving statement for tax purposes. Online contributions must be made by this same time as well. This is in accordance with IRS guidelines. Thank you for your generous and faithful giving to Lovely Lane.

Study groups with Pastor Scott meet on Wednesdays. The morning group meets on Zoom at 9:30 am. The evening group meets in the library at **6:00 pm**. The next focus will be on World Religions. The book will be "God Is Not One," by Stephen Prothero and will start on **Wednesday, January 7**. Books are available in the church office, \$10.

Youth Bowling Outing - Join us for an evening of fellowship and fun as we kick off 2026 together with bowling at Spare Time Entertainment. Please join us on **Wednesday, January 7, 6:00 - 8:00 pm** at 4601 1st Ave SE, Cedar Rapids. St. Paul's Family Ministry will cover the cost of bowling and shoes. Any food or beverages will be the responsibility of participants. We hope you'll join us for a great start to the new year!

Happy Endings Book Club will meet on **Monday, January 12 at 10:00 am** in the Fireside Room at Lovely Lane to discuss the book, *The Mysterious Mrs. Nixon*, by Heath Hardage Lee. This book is a new, revolutionary look into the brilliant life of Pat Nixon. In America's collective consciousness, Pat Nixon has long been perceived as enigmatic. She was voted "Most Admired Woman in the World" in 1972 and made Gallup Poll's top ten list of most admired women fourteen times. She survived the turmoil of the Watergate scandal with her popularity and dignity intact. And yet, the media often portrayed Mrs. Nixon as elusive and mysterious. Please contact Judy McDowell with questions, (319) 560-2960.

Women's Book Study – The book for the next study is "The Difficult Words of Jesus." This study will start on **Wednesday, January 14, at noon**, in the Fireside Room. Books are in and available in the church office. The cost of each book is \$10. Please contact Annie Walker with any questions, anniew@lovelylane.org.

Friendly Fellowship will meet on **Thursday, January 29, 2026, at noon**. This will be on the fifth Thursday, instead of the fourth because of a scheduling conflict. Please bring a dish to share and your own table service. The program is pending. Please look for updates in future announcements.

Youth Sledding Outing – January 11, 3:00 - 4:30 pm at the Wanatee Park Sledding Hill, 1600 Banner Dr, Marion. Join the Youth Co-Op for an afternoon of sledding! Bring warm winter gear, a sled—or whatever you love sliding down hills on and friends. If there is no snow on the ground, a backup activity will be announced the week of the event.



Happy
New Year

This Week at Lovely Lane

Ministry Opportunities

Sunday – December 28 – *First Sunday after Christmas*

9:30 AM Worship in-person & livestream
 No Sunday School
 12:00 PM Congolese congregation

Monday – December 29

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

Tuesday – December 30

Wednesday – December 31 – *New Year's Eve*

No Wednesday Evening Activities

Thursday – January 1 – *New Year's Day*

Church Office Closed

Friday – January 2

Saturday – January 3

8:30 AM

Sunday – January 4

8:30 AM Worship in-person
 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School
 10:30 AM Worship in-person & livestream
 12:00 PM Congolese congregation

General Budget Pledge for 2026

The total pledged to date for next financial year is:

\$487,622

This is nearly a 10% increase from 2025

Thank you for all your faithful giving to Lovely Lane!

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 – December 28, 2025

Greeters

Carol Wishnowski & Tammy Martin

Lector

Frances Roland

Ushers

Mike & Becky Wood

Acolyte

Landen Bentley

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
Pianist	Marcie Stumpf
Chancel Choir Director	Nancy Patrick
Handbell Choir Director	Charlie Kucera
Chancel Choir Accompanist	Linda Bayliss
Director of Children's Choirs	Olivia Schneider

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 (Children's Weekday Ministries)	Dawn DuPont

Office & Facilities

Office Administrator & Finance Sec.	Tammy Martin
Office Assistant	Sara Alterbal
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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