

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 11, 2026, updated

JOYS

- *Welcoming Pastor Alecia Hilmer to Lovely Lane
- *Baptismal reaffirmation in worship services
- *Happy 66th anniversary to Phil and Shirley Martin
- *Melissa Beaström with successful surgery for cancer
- *LuAnn Basemann expresses thanks for prayers for her sister
- *Happy 102nd birthday to Marcie Baugh
- *Nice choir retreat last Saturday
- *Duane and Mary Abbey celebrate birth of new grandchild
- *Janice Jamison with news that Ellie had a good health report

CONCERNS

- *Darla Reed-Tinderholt's son, Levi, recovering after surgery
- *Mike Nesslage's father in Ohio with heart concerns
- *Carla Jesse's cousin, Max, and his wife with health challenges
- *Dr. Mary Anne Nelson with difficult health news
- *Kim Moore's friend, Jackie, with cancer diagnosis
- *Cedar Rapids Community Schools making important decisions
- *Margaret Nelson lifting up friends in Ukraine with numerous challenges
- *Community of Minneapolis after the death of Renee Good
- *Mass shootings in Mississippi resulting in deaths of six people
- *Sister church in Matanzas, Cuba, facing challenges
- *Military strikes in the country of Syria

New Associate Pastor, the Rev. Dr. Alecia Hilmer will preach for her first time at Lovely Lane today. Pastor Alecia comes to Lovely Lane after serving as lead pastor at the First United Methodist Church in North Liberty for 24 years. She comes to us as a retired pastor who will serve part-time. Pastor Alecia and her husband, Todd, live in Cedar Rapids. Please give them a warm welcome!

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.

Youth Skating Outing – **January 11, 3:00 - 4:30 pm** at the Marion Square. This was originally planned as a sledding activity, with no snow on the ground we changed it to skating. Please contact Kim Moore with any questions, kimm@lovelylane.org or (715) 432-1982.

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. 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.

Green Square Meals – Six volunteers are needed each month to help with Green Square Meals. The next date is **Thursday, January 15, 2026**. Please contact Dan Moore by phone at (715) 432-1983 or by email banjobubbabad@yahoo.com if you can help serve. Thank you to those who have helped serve these meals!

Men's Breakfast – The next Men's Breakfast gathering will be **Saturday, January 17, at 8:30 am**. Paul Sale will speak about a recent trip to Argentina. He and Cindy participated in a penguin research adventure with a group called Earthwatch. Future meetings will take place on **February 21**, and **March 21**. In February, Charlie Kucera will speak about the board game that he created called "Captains and Companies." In March, Kurt Rogahn from NAMI will speak about mental health. All are welcome!

Meditation and More – Please join us to learn more about meditation on **Saturday, January 24, 9:00 to 11:00 am**. Special speakers will be Margaret Nelson and Andy Barden. All are welcome. For middle school age and up. Coffee and snacks at 8:30. Childcare available upon request. Must call ahead. Please call Deb Streff (319) 721-8864. All are welcome.

Friendly Fellowship will meet on **January 29, 2026 at noon in the fellowship hall**. (This is the 5th Thursday instead of the 4th because of a scheduling conflict.) Please bring a dish to share and your own table service. Our program is with our new Associate Pastor, Rev. Dr. Alecia Hilmer. We will fellowship with her as we get to know her and she is anxious to meet you.

Souper Sunday – The Lovely Lane Youth Group will again be having their annual fundraiser on **Super Bowl Sunday, February 8**. Ordering information will be available soon to include subs and soups to go. The funds raised will go towards their Summer 2026 Service Learning Trip to Columbia, MO which will focus on Disability Inclusion and Advocacy. Please contact Kim Moore, (715) 432-1982 or kimm@lovelylane.org.

Save the Date – Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 18** for our United Women in Faith Garage Sale, from **8:00 am to noon**.

Worship Servant Signup – Please consider signing up to serve as Greeters, Ushers or Lector for the 2 worship services at 8:30 and 10:30 am. The sign up sheet is in the Narthex and both January and February opportunities are posted. We appreciate all of those who help us serve others in these roles. Please contact the church office with any questions, (319) 393-6674.

The Prayer Shawl Group continues to meet 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.

This Week at Lovely Lane

Ministry Opportunities

Sunday – January 11 – *Baptism of the Lord Sunday*

8:30 AM Worship in-person
 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School
 10:30 AM Worship in-person & livestream
 10:45 AM Children's Sunday School
 12:00 PM Congolese congregation

Monday – January 12

10:00 AM Happy Endings Book Club (Fireside Room)
 6:30 PM Scouting America #766 (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday – January 13

Wednesday – January 14

9:30 AM Book Study via Zoom
 5:15 PM Family Meal (Fellowship Hall)
 6:00 PM Kids Club
 6:00 PM Youth Group
 6:00 PM Confirmation (Fireside Room)
 6:00 PM Book Study (Library)
 7:15 PM Bells Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday – January 15

4:00 PM Serving at Green Square Meals
 5:45 PM Trustees (Library)
 6:00 PM Health & Wholeness (Fellowship Hall)
 6:00 PM Finance (Fireside Room)
 7:00 PM Admin Council (Library)

Friday – January 16

Saturday – January 17

8:30 AM Men's Breakfast

Sunday – January 18 – *Second Sunday after Epiphany*

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
 10:45 AM Children's Sunday School
 12:00 PM Congolese congregation

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 – January 11, 2026

Greeters

8:30 am – Travis Meiborg & Kathy Meiborg
 10:30 am – Andy Craig, Anne Craig

Lector

8:30 am – Marcie Stumpf
 10:30 am – Laurie Craig

Ushers

8:30 am – Phil Martin
 10:30 am – Steve & Deb Streff

Acolyte

Rose Mills

Preacher

Associate Pastor Alecia Hilmer

Lovely Lane UMC Staff

Administration & Worship

Lead Pastor	Dr. Scott Meador
Associate Pastor	Dr. Alecia Hilmer
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	Kim Moore
Nursery Caregiver Lead	Brooke Johnson
Nursery Caregiver	Hailey Ryan
Nursery Caregiver	Carly Giddings
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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