

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## February 22, 2026, updated

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### JOYS

- \* Busy month of youth activities and fundraisers
- \* Celebrating our nonagenarian church members (90+ in age)
- \* Exciting Olympic competition on television
- \* Thanks to Jared Walter for speaking about our Cuba Partnership
- \* Remembering the life of the Rev. Jesse Jackson
- \* Chris Johnson traveling to Mexico for vacation
- \* Jayne Woodson lifting up family members thinking of her
- \* Tom Muller making the decision to retire

### CONCERNS

- \* Brandon Drew receiving cancer treatment and shirts for sale to raise money
- \* Sharon Kouba's brother-in-law, Joe, with health concerns
- \* Craig Martinson is home after a medical procedure
- \* Immigrant community living in fear
- \* Tim Muller's best friend's father with health challenges
- \* Teri Krumm's friend, Norma, following a difficult situation
- \* National and international concerns

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**Lent in a Bag** – Each household may pick up a *Lent in a Bag* kit at the church. Lent is the 40 days before Easter where we seek to journey with Jesus. *Lent in a Bag* provides us with symbols, scripture and reflective questions for a weekly devotional in our homes. We are inviting all our households to join in this Lenten journey. These bags are available in the narthex at the church. Thank you to United Women in Faith for sponsoring this Lenten activity.

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**Women's Book Study** continues to meet at noon on Wednesdays in the Fireside Room. The book for Lenten Study will be *An Unlikely Lent*, by Rachel Billups and is available in the church office for \$10.

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**Lenten Book Study** – The Study groups with Pastor Scott will focus on the book, *Life Together*, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, during the Lenten season. The Wednesday classes will take place at 9:30 am (on Zoom) and 6:00 pm in the library and will start on February 25. Books are available in the church office for \$10.

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### Living Last Supper Schedule for 2026

- Friday, March 20, 6:30 pm – Meth-Wick Community
- Sunday, March 22, 6:30 pm – Catholic Historical Center in Clinton
- Sunday, March 29, 7:00 pm – Lovely Lane UMC
- Thursday, April 2, 7:00 pm – Lovely Lane UMC

### 2026 LENTEN SPECIAL OFFERING RECIPIENTS

**\*Please note that any contributions to this first specific Lenten Offering will only be accepted in cash to be compliant and because of the delicate situation in Cuba at this time. A receipt for tax purposes will be provided for all cash contributions, if name is provided at the time of giving.**

**Cuba Partnership:** Last year our church established a sister arrangement with the Fraternity Baptist Church in Matanzas, Cuba. Pastor Alicita leads this small, active, mission-minded congregation that faces numerous challenges, including power outages. The church does amazing work reaching out to its neighbors. A smart part of this offering will also go to the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Havana that is seeking to make a purchase of safe housing for some its most vulnerable members. Lovely Lane stayed with Ebenezer last year.

**Contributions to the following 3 Lenten Offerings can be made with check, cash or online.**

**Matthew 25:** Is a local non-profit that exists to strengthen core urban neighborhoods in Cedar Rapids. Their focus is on fresh, healthy food; affordable, sustainable housing, and education. Projects include the state's first urban farm, school gardens, youth job training, a tool library, Groundswell "pay-it-forward" Café, and a variety of housing programs. Transform, the annual volunteer housing rehabilitation blitz, brings together more than three hundred volunteers in the final full week of June. Lovely Lane will again support and participate in the 11th annual Transform Week.

**Hiawatha Food Pantry:** The pantry located in the public library's entry vestibule, is open to all who are in need. The pantry is supported by partnerships with HACSAP, Prairiewoods Franciscan Spirituality Center, Feed Iowa First, and Linn County Master Gardeners, as well as food rescue partnerships with local grocery and convenience stores. Monetary donations to the Hiawatha Public Library help offset ongoing costs and maintenance needed for the long-term food pantry operation. Food insecurity continues to be a major ongoing issue in our area and beyond.

**Neighbors in Need Fund:** This is dedicated ministry resource through **Hamline UMC of St. Paul**, used to walk alongside individuals and families in seasons of crisis, embodying our call to love our neighbors in very practical ways. The fund (aka the Barnabus Fund) exists to respond quickly and compassionately when neighbors face unexpected financial hardship or systemic barriers, especially those related to poverty, displacement, and immigration. Currently, the fund is being most utilized to support immigrants and refugees within the congregation and the wider neighborhood who are experiencing acute vulnerability.

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## This Week at Lovely Lane

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### Ministry Opportunities

#### Sunday – February 22 – *First Sunday in Lent*

*Nonagenarian Recognition at 10:30*

- 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
- 3:00 PM Youth Service Project (St. Paul's)
- 1:30 PM Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

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#### Monday – February 23

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

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#### Tuesday – February 24

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#### Wednesday – February 25

- 9:30 AM Book Study via Zoom
- 12:00 PM Women's Book Study (Fireside)
- 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)

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#### Thursday – February 26

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#### Friday – February 27

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#### Saturday – February 28 –

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#### Sunday – March 1 – *Second Sunday in Lent*

- 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.



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## Assisting in Worship – February 22, 2026

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### Greeters

- 8:30 am – Evan Kerns
- 10:30 am – Teri Krumm & Natalie Krumm

### Lector

- 8:30 am – Travis Meiborg
- 10:30 am – John Roland

### Ushers

- 8:30 am – Travis Meiborg & Kathy Meiborg
- 10:30 am – Josh & Beth Mills, Henry, Emmett and Rose

### Acolyte

- 10:30 – Hayden Mulnik

### Preacher

- Pastor Scott Meador

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## Lovely Lane UMC Staff

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### 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	Dawn DuPont
(Children's Weekday Ministries)	

### 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
Event Coordinator	Becky Wood

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### Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday  
9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Friday – Closed

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