

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 12, 2026, Updated

JOYS

- *Celebrating our confirmation class and appreciation to mentors and families
- *Welcoming back former church members, Tom and Sarah Foster
- *Happy birthday to Scott Hauser
- *United Women in Faith garage sale on April 18, help needed too
- *Lynn Heidt celebrating last day of physical therapy after long journey
- *Joan Winkowski with an upcoming family wedding and news she will become a great grandmother
- *Tom Muller with a successful cataract eye procedure

CONCERNS

- *Catholic church community facing changes and transitions
- *Tammy Martin's mother, Esther, following an automobile accident
- *Michael Fisher and family following the passing of his brother-in-law
- *Kent Jackson hospitalized in town
- *Marci Wittles recovering from a surgical procedure
- *Rick Homard sharing health concerns for family members and work colleague with a stroke
- *Bobbie O'Bryon is not feeling well
- *John O'Bryon's sister, Judy, and family, grieving the loss of a daughter
- *Karon Niebuhr with health concerns
- *Ongoing war and struggle in Iran
- *National and international news

Pastor Scott's Book Study - The Wednesday study group will look at the book, *Courage: Jesus and the Call to Brave Faith*, by Tom Berlin. Gatherings take place at 9:30 on Zoom and 6:00 in-person in the library. All are welcome! Books are available in the church office, for \$10.

Confirmation Sunday – Sunday, April 12, 10:30 am Worship Service - Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall.

Happy Endings Book Club - Monday, April 13, 10:00 am will meet at Lovely Lane in the Fireside Room. This month we will discuss a book you have read recently that you enjoyed and will recommend to the group. If you have questions, please call Judy McDowell at (319) 560-2926.

Garage Sale – April 18, from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm – Do you have some things you would like to donate to the church garage sale? Items accepted include kitchenware, books, toys, children's clothing, home décor, furniture and sporting goods. No adult clothing please. Please drop off price marked donations at the church on Friday evening, April 17, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Sponsored by United Women in Faith. Please contact Deb Streff with questions at (319) 721-8864.

SAVE THE DATE - Murphy Lecture Series - Dr. Roger Dana will present the annual Murphy Lecture on **Tuesday, April 21, 7:00 pm**. The presentation is entitled, "From the Bell Curve to the Big Bang." The lecture remembers the life of long-time church member, Jack Murphy. The focus of the lecture series is the intersection of Science and Religion. All are welcome to attend!

Friendly Fellowship – Thursday, April 23, 12:00 pm will meet at Lovely Lane Fellowship Hall for a potluck lunch. Please bring a dish to share and your own table service. Watch for Program Announcement to follow.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - Kalona Field Trip – Friday, May 8, 9:00 am. We will head to four spots: Golden Delights Bakery, Maple Avenue Nursery, Tuscan Moon Restaurant and Stringtown Grocery. We will leave the parking lot at 9:00 am. More information to come in the May newsletter.

Health & Wholeness Committee is looking for suggestions for a theme in the next Fall Women's Retreat. Do you have any ideas or suggestions? Please contact Joy Jackson at joydjackson@gmail.com. All ideas will be considered.



Cuba Partnership Support – Our church website, lovelylane.org, has information about ways to support the people of Cuba and our sister church in Matanzas. Please take a look. Thank you for the Lenten offering to support our sister church. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Gray Area Thinking – Saturday, April 25, 3:00 pm
A workshop on inclusion facilitated by Ellie Krug from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Unity Center of Cedar Rapids, 3791 Blairs Ferry Rd NE, Cedar Rapids, IA. This workshop is open to the public and FREE to attend.

Annual Conference Dates – the yearly gathering for clergy and laity will take place in West Des Moines, June 11-14. Please keep the Iowa Annual Conference and The United Methodist Church in your prayers.

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice."
Phillippians 4:4

This Week at Lovely Lane

Ministry Opportunities

Sunday – April 12 – Confirmation Sunday

8:30 AM Worship in-person
 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School (Library)
 10:30 AM Worship in-person & livestream
 10:45 AM Children's Sunday School
 11:30 AM Confirmation Reception (Fellowship Hall)
 12:00 PM Congolese congregation

Monday – April 13

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

Tuesday – April 14

Wednesday – April 15

9:30 AM Book Study via Zoom
 12:00 PM Women's Book Study (Fireside Room)
 5:15 PM Family Meal (Fellowship Hall)
 6:00 PM Kids Club
 6:00 PM Youth Group
 6:00 PM Book Study (Library)
 7:15 PM Bells Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday – April 16

6:30 PM Missions (Library)

Friday – April 17

4:00 PM Garage Sale Setup

Saturday – April 18

8:00 AM Garage Sale
 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday – April 19

8:30 AM Worship in-person
 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School (Library)
 10:30 AM Worship in-person & livestream
 10:45 AM Children's Sunday School
 12:00 PM Congolese congregation
 3:30 PM Scouting America #766 (Fellowship Hall)

Assisting in Worship – April 12, 2026

Greeters

8:30 am – Todd Hilmer
 10:30 am – Youth Group

Lector

8:30 am – Marcie Stumpf
 10:30 am – Youth Group

Ushers

8:30 am – Kathy Meiborg & Travis Meiborg
 10:30 am – Mills Family

Acolyte

10:30 am – Landen Bentley

Preacher

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
Event Coordinator	Becky Wood

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.



Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday
 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Friday – Closed

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