

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 3, 2026, updated

JOYS

- *Kid's Club completing another good year, thanks to the leaders
- *Appreciation to those who oversaw the kitchen for the Wednesday night meals
- *New member classes coming up
- *Appreciation that Duane Abbey is home after having double bypass surgery
- *Denny Fitz celebrating a gathering with college friends
- *Marci Wittles thanks everyone for prayers following her medical concerns
- *Happy birthday to Chris Johnson
- *Lovely Lane Church welcoming persons with different viewpoints
- *Russ and Sharon Smith enjoying the return to church after time down south
- *Judi Leberman with a nice recovery from back surgery

CONCERNS

- *Kim Moore's friend, Jean, with news of a cancer diagnosis
- *Kent Jackson recovering at St. Luke's Intermediate Care Center
- *Phil Martin's brother, Jim, with an infection
- *Tammy Martin's mother, Esther, recovering at Hiawatha Care Center
- *Carol Wishnowski's son, Steve, with health concerns
- *Shirley Mickelson hospitalized at Mercy Care Center
- *National and international concerns

Habitat for Humanity – Church member, Leslie Neugebauer, made a presentation about Cedar Valley Habitat for Humanity during the worship services on April 26. She lifted up various ways to get involved. These ways include volunteering on a construction site, serving on a committee, advocacy, sponsorship, or InKind donations. For more information about ways to assist, please call (319) 366-4485.

Family Game Afternoon – The Children's Council has organized an afternoon for family games. Families are invited to bring their favorite game to share with others. This event will take place on **May 3, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Light snacks will be provided. Please contact Annie Walker with any questions: anniew@lovelylane.org.

Kalona Trip - Please join fellow Lovely Laners on a trip to Kalona on **May 8**, carpooling from the church, leaving at **9:00 am**. The first stop is at Golden Delights Bakery. We will visit Maple Ave Nursery, have lunch at the Tuscan Moon Restaurant and end at Stringtown Grocery. To be included in the lunch reservation please sign up in the narthex or contact Alecia at alecia@lovelylane.org. Please bring cash or check for Amish and Mennonite stores. While filling up your car with people, you might consider how many plants you expect to return with.

Women's Book Study Lunch at Bloom's on Blairsferry Rd, Cedar Rapids, **Monday, May 6 at noon**. The book study has wrapped up for the year and will begin again in the fall.

Cuba Partnership Support – Our church website, www.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.

May Men's Breakfast - Saturday, May 16, 8:30 am- Eric Wylie, staff member and owner of Wylie Video will share. We meet in the Fellowship Hall. A few breakfast items and coffee will be served. All are welcome!

Graduate Recognition – We will recognize high school graduates at our 10:30 worship service on **Sunday, May 17**. Please join us, as we celebrate these students and wish them the best in their future.

Summer Special Music - Would you like to share your musical talents with your Lovely Lane family? We are looking for musicians to provide special music for our summer worship services. If you are interested, please contact Marcie Stumpf at marcies@lovelylane.org and let her know what you are planning to do and dates that will work for you.

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.

Matthew 25 Transform Week – This year, Matthew 25 will host the 11th Annual Transform Week, **June 22-26**. Thanks to an amazing number of volunteers, we continue the commitment to quality affordable housing and strong neighborhood building. Our hope is to make this a very impactful week, helping many homeowners who are truly in need. Lovely Lane will again have a team taking on one or more projects during the week. As a volunteer you can work what your schedule allows. You can sign up for half days, full days, multiple days or all week. It is a very rewarding feeling to see a project completed for someone truly deserving! Serving as a Transform Week volunteer is also a great way to become better acquainted with fellow members of Lovely Lane. There is a registration deadline, **Friday, June 5**, this year, so early sign up is strongly encouraged. The number of volunteers will again be capped at 150 per day to keep ratios consistent between volunteers and projects. To register go to [Volunteer](#). When registering please indicate you are a volunteer with the Lovely Lane Group. When committing to a project it is very helpful for us to know how many volunteers we have and what skills they do possess. This is all covered during the sign up process. Please contact Les Minor with any questions lminor@imonmail.com or (319) 310-1945.

This Week at Lovely Lane

Ministry Opportunities

Sunday – May 3 – *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

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
 12:00 PM Congolese congregation
 2:00 PM Family Games (Fellowship Hall)

Monday – May 4

9:45 AM Prayer Shawl (Fireside Room)
 6:30 PM Scouting America (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday – May 5

Wednesday – May 6

9:30 AM Book Study via Zoom
 6:00 PM Youth Group
 6:00 PM Book Study (Library)
 7:15 PM Bells Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday – May 7

Friday – May 8

9:00 AM Kalona Trip

Saturday – May 9

Sunday – May 10 – *Mother's Day*

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
 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 – May 3, 2026

Greeters

8:30 am – Jim & Barb Vancura
 10:30 am – Jeff & Pat Swartzendruber

Lector

8:30 am – Debbie Beckner
 10:30 am – Frances Roland

Ushers

8:30 am – Phil & Shirley Martin
 10:30 am – Josh & Beth Mills, Henry, Emmett and Rose

Acolyte

10:30 am – Ava Maher

Communion Servers

8:30 am – Kimberly Brownell & Teri Summers
 10:30 am – Chris Johnson & Frances Roland

Preacher

Pastor Scott Meador

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
Event Coordinator & Membership Sec.	Becky Wood
Website & Social Media	Shelly Turner
Facilities Manager	Curtis Thomas
Custodians	Rex & Rhonda Heasty

Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday
 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Friday – Closed

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