

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 31, 2026, updated

JOYS

- *Celebrating Brinley Bentley's birthday
- *Celebrating Gloria Jahnel's birthday
- *Helen Anderon celebrating visitors, Jack & Char Beatty
- *Marcie Stumpf sharing about a new summer book study that will meet immediately following worship service in June and July in the library
- *Marcie also encouraging summer special music volunteers

CONCERNS

- *Prayers for Don Whitford in the passing of his son, Steve Whitford. Memorial Service on Saturday, June 11, at the Old Stone Schoolhouse, 12077 Bell Road, Volga, IA from 11-2. Cards can be sent to Don Whitford at: Emery Place Senior Living, 901 S Mentzer Rd, Robins, IA, 52328.
- *Prayers for Carla Jesse, Olivia and Isaac Schneider in the passing of Ike Schneider. Visitation at Stewart Baxter Funeral Home Thursday, June 4, 5:00-7:00 PM. Memorial service, Friday, June 5, 10:30 AM at Lovely Lane, with internment and luncheon immediately following. Cards can be sent to: 440 Quass Rd, Robins, IA 52328.
- *Prayers for Corrine Davey with health challenges and for her daughter, Sharilyn Forcht as she helps with her care
- *Gail Thornton with medical procedure this week
- *We continue to pray for our church, our country and the world

Fifth Sunday Potluck - May 31 following 9:30 worship service.

Please bring a dish to share and your own table service. This is a great time for fellowship as we head into Summer. Drinks will be provided.

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 is the yearly gathering of United Methodist leaders in Iowa. The event will take place in West Des Moines from **June 11-14**. Joining our pastors, Scott Meador and Alecia Hilmer, Denise Lawton & Tammy Martin will serve as lay delegates. Jane Schildroth will lead worship on Sunday, June 14.

What were you doing the last time you laughed so hard you cried? – Please join United Women in Faith for "Choose Joy," an interactive workshop to help you invite JOY into your life. **June 13, 8:30 to 10:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall at Lovely Lane. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 am.

Nourished Picnic – Feeling unsettled about current events? Are you looking for some chill folks to hang out with? Nourished is hosting a picnic at Noelridge Park so we can gather together and meet friends! **Saturday, June 13, 10:00 am** in the ITC Pavillion, next to the playground. Bring snacks to share and outdoor games to play. We hope to see you there.

Joint Worship Service – Cedar Rapids Metro Circuit
Sunday, July 5, 2025, 9:30 am, hosted at St. Paul's in Cedar Rapids, IA. "Stronger Together. Worshiping as One." A morning of united praise, fellowship, and God's Word. There will not be a worship service at Lovely Lane that Sunday.

Summer Sunday Study - Are you interested in joining a community of learners during the summer? A study group called, "**Women Speak of God,**" will be offered on six Sundays this summer, after worship. This will be a study and discussion of women who were influential in the history of Christianity.

Dates: **Sundays: June 14, 21, 28 and July 12, 19, 26**

Time: **10:45- 11:45 am** (right after church)

Cost: \$10, to cover materials

Location: church library

Facilitators: Marcie Stumpf and Carol Crisman

Sign up in the narthex or in the office by **Monday, June 8th** Even though these are stories about women, the study group is not just for women. We are inviting anyone who wants to participate in learning and lively discussion to join us! (There will be snacks!)

Matthew 25 Transform Week – This year, Matthew 25 will host the 11th Annual Transform Week, **June 22-26**. 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 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.

Women's Book Study – will be meeting for dinner **on June 17 at 6:00 pm** at Zeppelin's. All are welcome, even if you have not regularly attended the book study. Please RSVP to Annie Walker, by **June 10**, anniew@lovelylane.org

The Women's Book Study group is reading the book, "City of Girls," by Elizabeth Gilbert. We will be meeting on **July 8, at noon** at Scooter's on Edgewood Rd. All are welcome.

This Week at Lovely Lane

Ministry Opportunities

Sunday – May 31– *Trinity Sunday*

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

Monday – June 1

Tuesday – June 2 – *Election Day*

Wednesday – June 3

Thursday – June 4

Friday – June 5

Saturday – June 6

1:30 Caregivers – Spring Tea (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday – June 7 – *Second Sunday after Pentecost*

9:30 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 31, 2026

Greeters

9:30 am – Steve & Mary Odegaard

Lector

9:30 am – Frank Camp

Ushers

9:30 am – Evan & Julie Hupp, Dave & Debbie Beckner

Acolyte

9:30 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
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Chancel Choir Accompanist	Linda Bayliss
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Director of Youth Ministries	Kim Moore
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Nursery Caregiver	Hailey Ryan
Nursery Caregiver	Carly Giddings
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Church Office Hours

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

Office Phone (319) 393-6674

Do you have questions about your will or future plans? Through *Our Gift to You*, the Iowa Methodist Foundation offers estate planning guidance in partnership with *Thompson & Associates*, a national leader in estate planning services. Participants meet with experienced attorney, *Johni Hays*, either virtually or in person, to create an estate plan tailored to their goals. After an initial session, you can decide whether to continue the process, which typically includes an additional 5-6 monthly meetings. (cont. . .)

There is **no cost to participate and no obligation to include a charitable gift**. This program is simply our way of helping you gain clarity, confidence, and peace of mind as you plan for the future. Get Started today: [email info@iumf.org](mailto:info@iumf.org) to schedule your first meeting.

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