



Lovely Lane

United Methodist Church

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Vision Statement

"Lovely Lane is a dynamic faith community that seeks to welcome all people, nurture one another in the faith, and reach out in ministry and service."

This vision connects with our Discipleship Pathway, Worship + 2. We encourage all persons to be active in worship and participate in two groups in the church: one group is focused on study and the other group is focused on service.

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JOIN US FOR A

Joint

WORSHIP SERVICE



CEDAR RAPIDS METRO CIRCUIT

 **SUNDAY**
JULY 5, 2026

 **9:30**
AM

 **HOSTED AT**
ST. PAUL'S
Cedar Rapids, IA



Stronger Together. Worshiping as One.

A morning of united praise, fellowship, and God's Word.













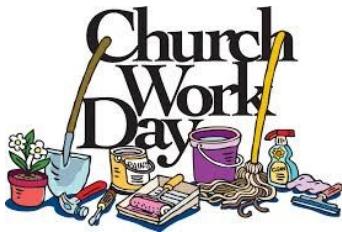


UNITED IN FAITH • TOGETHER IN WORSHIP • SHARING GOD'S LOVE

Calendar of Events (subject to change) - July 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5 9:30 am Joint Worship at St. Paul's UMC 12:00 pm Congolese	6 9:45 am Prayer Shawl (Fireside) 6:30 pm Scouting America #766 (Fellowship Hall)	7	8 12:00 pm Women's Book Study at Scooter's on Edgewood Rd.	9	10 7:30 pm Kernel's Baseball at Veteran's Memorial Stadium	11  Lavender Farm Outing - Oxford 9:15 am Leave LL Parking Lot 10:00 am Tour Begins
12 <i>Miracle Sunday Offering</i> 9:30 am Worship In-person/livestream 10:45 am Book Study (Library) 12:00 pm Congolese	13 10:00 am Happy Endings Book Club (Fireside Rm) 6:30 pm Scouting America #766 (Fellowship Hall)	14	15	16 4:00 pm Green Square Meals	17	18
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26 9:30 Church Shower 9:30 am Worship In-person/livestream 10:45 am Book Study (Library) 12:00 pm Congolese	27	28	29	30		

Save the Date!
Saturday, August 22, 2026



Church Shower
Sunday, July 26

Refreshments will be available in the narthex. If you choose, you may bring a gift to shower the church office, Lovely Lane Preschool, Family Ministries or other. A wishlist will be distributed in early July.

WORSHIP IN JULY

- July 5** ***Joint Worship Service at St. Paul's***
1340 3rd Ave SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403
Service at **9:30 am** (No worship at Lovely Lane)
- July 12** ***Miracle Sunday for African Theological Education***
Pastor Scott will preach, "Our Common Vision"
Scripture: Psalm 100
In-person & livestream service at **9:30 am**
- July 19** ***Eighth Sunday after Pentecost***
Pastors Scott and Alecia will preach, "Celebrating Seventy Years,"
(Ordination of Women in the United Methodist Church)
Scripture: John 20:11-18
In-person & livestream service at **9:30 am**
- July 26** ***Ninth Sunday after Pentecost***
Pastor Alecia will preach, "Nothing Between"
Scripture: Romans 8:26-39
In-person & livestream service at **9:30 am**



Annual Lovely Lane Golf Outing Sunday, August 23, 1:30 pm

We will golf at the Lake MacBride Golf Course in Solon. Please contact Denny Fitz if you would like to participate, dmf.rboyz@gmail.com.

All are welcome!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

If you have experienced the death of a loved one, consider joining a faith based small group as you walk a journey of grief. Whether the death of a loved one is recent or many years ago, often sadness and bereavement still exist as you remember.

This group will be led by Pastor Alecia Hilmer along with Jane Schildroth. The curriculum is currently being selected. More information will be available soon.

Miracle Sunday Offering

A Miracle Sunday Offering will take place on Sunday, July 12. The offering is taken with other United Methodist churches around the world. The purpose is to strengthen theological education in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines. Across our worldwide church, fewer than 5% of pastors outside the United States have access to formal theological education. The offering will help equip pastors, teachers, and lay leaders who guide churches with wisdom, compassion, and faith, in very challenging places. The offering supports a permanent endowment that will be utilized in years to come.

EVERYONE'S AMPLE TABLE (EAT)

In late July or early August, EAT would like to pilot a weekly pop up pantry for 4 weeks. If you have produce to share, consider bringing it to the church. We will send invitations out to our partners. Suggestions for donations: tomatoes, onions, squash, carrots, potatoes, cucumbers, and fresh eggs.

Under the Missions Committee, a new group, Everyone's Ample Table (EAT), formed to help us better understand the needs of our neighbors and expand our table. 1 in 10 adults suffers from food insecurity in Linn County. We may even find needs close to home at Lovely Lane Preschool, Trinity Lane Preschool, and Pierce Elementary. Please contact Jane Schildroth with questions, janepeter4641@gmail.com.

Kernel's Baseball Outing
Friday, July 10, 7:30 pm

Please contact Scott Meador at scottm@lovelylane.org by July 1 to make your reservation.

Tickets \$18
per person

A portion of these
funds will go
towards local
missions.

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.



Happy Endings Book Club

We will meet on **July 13 at**

10:00 am in the Fireside Room and
will be discussing *As Long as the*

Lemon Tree Grows by Zoulfia Katouh. This book is a love letter to Syria and its people, *As Long as the Lemon Trees Grow* is a speculative novel set amid the Syrian Revolution, burning with the fires of hope, love, and possibility. Perfect for fans of *The Book Thief* and *Salt to the Sea*.



**United Methodist Lay Ministry Board
(LaMB) Tour
Churches & Baseball
Dubuque and Dyersville, IA
Thursday, September 24, 2026**



Windstar motorcoach - Schedule

- 7:30** Boarding at Lovely Lane UMC, 2424 42nd St NE, Cedar Rapids
- 8:00** Depart Cedar Rapids for Dubuque, IA
- 9:30** Arrive at St. Lukes UMC
- 10:30** Depart for Dyersville Meet the step-on guide in Dyersville
- 11:45** Lunch at Chad's Pizza Buffet, Dyersville
- 12:45** Depart for our second church tour
- 1:00** Arrive at the St. Francis Xavier Basilica and enjoy the organ music
- 1:45** Depart
- 2:00** Time at the Field of Dreams Baseball Field, tours, more.
- 4:30** Approximate departure
- 5:45** Approximate return to Cedar Rapids



Cost is \$159. Includes motorcoach, driver's gratuity,
admissions to the attractions and lunch with tax and tips.

Reserve by **July 24**. Limit to 30 Passengers.

Make checks payable to: Woosley Tours by August 24.

Mail check to Jeanne West, 51 Lincoln Dr, Palo IA 52324.

Contact Jeanne West, (319) 560-4769 or email eaglmother3@netins.net for reservations or questions.

Calyx Creek Farms

JOIN HEALTH AND WHOLENESS

JULY 11, 2026

FROM 10AM - 11AM AT THE FARM (1722 255TH ST NW
OXFORD, IA 52322)

EVENT INCLUDES A GUIDED TOUR AND SAMPLES.
STAY AFTERWARDS TO ENJOY THEIR OTHER
AMMENITIES INCLUDING A BAKERY!

Please RSVP to Annie Walker at
anniew@lovelyLane.org for this event
by July 2nd

Women's Book Study

The Women's Book Study group is
reading the book, "City of Girls,"
by Elizabeth Gilbert.

We will be meeting on **Wednesday,
July 8, at noon** at Scooter's on
Edgewood Rd. All are welcome!

Please contact Annie Walker, with
any questions,

anniew@lovelyLane.org.

LOVELY LANE VBS 2026 SAVE THE DATE

JULY 19 - JULY 23
5:15PM - 8:00PM

MEAL 5:15PM - 6:00PM
PROGRAMMING 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Theme: Snowball Mountain Challenge

Memory Verse: I can do all things through him
who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13, NRSV)



This year's theme for Vacation Bible School is Snowball Mountain Challenge where we will learn about characters from the Bible that showed courage in difficult times. This year our mission is collecting coins for IMMJ (Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice). On our first day of VBS, Sunday July 19, we will collect pennies, Monday nickels, Tuesday dimes, Wednesday quarters, and Thursday dollar bills. All monies collected will be sent directly to IMMJ. You may register by going to: <https://lovelylane.breezechms.com/form/f34620>.



July Special Offering

On **Sunday, July 19**, we will be taking a special offering for students in need at Kennedy High School and Pierce Elementary. These monetary donations will go towards purchasing school supplies for these students. The primary supplies include: backpacks,

notebooks, binders, folders, pens, pencils, pencil case/box, erasers, markers, highlighters, crayons, colored pencils, glue, and scissors. The goal is for all students to have the necessary supplies at the beginning of the school year and throughout the school year. The school supplies will be distributed to the students by counselors and teachers. Your support makes a difference to every student that receives these supplies. Thank you, in advance, for the difference that you make in the lives of these young people!

JOYS

- *Celebrating Brinley Bentley's birthday
- *Celebrating Gloria Jahnel's birthday
- *Helen Anderon celebrating visitors, Jack & Char Beatty
- *Thank you to staff and volunteers and all who helped with Ike Schneider's funeral
- *Carla Jesse thanked the congregation for all the support surrounding her family through Ike's illness and passing
- *Jane Schildroth graduating from the School for Lay Ministry
- *Happy birthday to Amanda Bentley
- *Happy 90th birthday to Shirley Mickelson
- *Appreciation to James Odegaard and Morgan Stumpf for special music
- *African American Museum re-opening
- *Appreciation to Jane Schildroth for her sermon on June 14
- *Landen Bentley's friend's 10th birthday party
- *Happy birthday to Deb Streff
- *Matthew 25 Transform Week (350+ hours of work time assisting two families)
- *Lunch crew serving a meal to Transform Week volunteers
- *Youth mission trip presentation in worship (thanks Henry and Emmett)
- *Pastor Paul Witmer preaching about Women at the Well Prison Congregation
- *Devon Lovell moving to Mercy Medical Center for medical care
- *Ava Maher getting a new pet hamster
- *Lynn Heidt with a learner's permit to start driving again
- *Pastor Scott starting ninth year at Lovely Lane on Wednesday
- *Happy birthday to Kathy Meiborg
- *Happy birthday to Josh Mills



CONCERNS

- *Prayers for Don Whitford in the passing of his son, Steve Whitford.
- *Prayers for Carla Jesse, Olivia and Isaac Schneider in the passing of Ike Schneider.
- *Gail Thornton with medical procedure
- *Melissa Davis asking for guidance and wisdom as planning begins for the next school year
- *LuAnn Baseman's mother, recovering from a fall
- *Pastor Scott & Heather for safe travels as they return home from vacation
- *Jan Booth receiving hospice care
- *Devon Lovell with health concerns following a fall
- *Sympathy to Liz Briggman and family after the passing of her sister-in-law
- *Children needing extra care and attention
- *Kim Moore's daughter-in-law's father, Mark, with health concerns
- *Sympathy to Erv and Barb Mussman after the passing of Erv's sister
- *Sympathy to Keith Carris and family after the passing of wife, Fonda
- *Sympathy to Sharilyn Forcht and family after the passing of mother, Corrine Davey
- *Country of Venezuela following earthquakes
- *Immigrant community facing ongoing challenges
- *National and international concerns

Remembering with love:

Fran Fairchild 2019
 Steve Mooney 2021

His Hands Free Clinic

Prayer volunteers are needed at "His Hands" free clinic. Can you spare just 2 hours a month? Right now, they are only able to pray with about half of their patients. Your presence can make such a difference. Training is provided. To volunteer apply online at: hishandsclinic.org.



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Lovely Lane Monthly Financial Information

Cash inflow - month of 5/31/26	\$41,069
Cash inflow - YTD	\$297,299
Budget need/month	\$58,973
Cash outflow - month of 5/31/26	\$50,143
Cash outflow - YTD	\$258,469
Unpaid apportionments	\$0

LOVELY LANE UMC STAFF

Administration & Worship

Lead Pastor
Associate Pastor
Director of Media & Technology
Pianist
Chancel Choir Director
Handbell Choir Director
Chancel Choir Accompanist
Director of Children's Choirs

Dr. Scott Meador
Dr. Alecia Hilmer
Eric Wylie
Marcie Stumpf
Nancy Patrick
Charlie Kucera
Linda Bayliss
Olivia Schneider

Children & Youth

Director of Family Ministries
Director of Youth Ministries
Nursery Caregiver Lead
Nursery Caregiver
Nursery Caregiver
Director Children's Weekday Ministries (CWM)

Annie Walker
Kim Moore
Brooke Johnson
Hailey Ryan
Carly Giddings
Dawn DuPont

Office & Facilities

Office Administrator & Finance Secretary
Office Assistant
Treasurer
Facilities Manager
Custodians
Website & Social Media
Event Coordinator & Membership Secretary

Tammy Martin
Sarah Alterbal
Susan Kohl
Curtis Thomas
Rex & Rhonda Heasty
Shelly Turner
Becky Wood