ANNOUNCEMENTS
July 19, 2026

JOYS

*Celebrating the 70th anniversary of women's ordination in the Methodist tradition
*Appreciation to the women pastors connected to Lovely Lane who spoke in worship
*Vacation Bible School starting this week
*Pierce Elementary principal, Kathleen Ziegler, speaking about special offering for schools
*Bennett Schultz with good experience at Camp Okoboji
*Tammy Martin's mother, Esther, living independently
*Hymns and music in worship written by women
*Study group on women in ministry taking place, all are welcome
*Pastor Paul Wilcox and others on RAGBRAI this week

CONCERNS

*Sympathy to Steve Mineck after the passing of wife, Jennie
*Justin Davis hospitalized at Mercy Medical Center
*Dave Keefe's uncle, John, with health concerns
*Wildfires and smoke in Canada and the USA
*National and international concerns

School Supply 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 and backpacks for these students. Please note "School Supplies" on your check or giving envelope. Contributions can be made online at: Give Online and choose the fund "Pierce-Kennedy School Supplies. Thank you, in advance, for the difference that you make in the lives of these young people!

Church Shower - Lovely Lane is hosting a church shower on **Sunday, July 26**. Cupcakes and punch will be served in the narthex following worship. Instead of spending budget money on these items, we will utilize the donations in the months to come. A wish list of items is posted on our web page, www.lovelylane.org.

Card Shower for Millie Corbett – Happy 100th Birthday to Millie on July 21! Her family is hosting a card shower for her. Cards can be mailed to: Millie Corbett, 4019 Summerfield Lane NE Apt B, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. Thank you for helping Millie celebrate this very special milestone birthday!

Vacation Bible School – July 19 to July 23 - Family meal from 5:15 – 6:00 pm and programming from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. The theme will be *Snowball Mountain Challenge.* 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 using the QR code in the advertisement or by going to: https://lovelylane.breezechms.com/form/f34620. Please contact Annie Walker with questions at: anniew@lovelylane.org.

National Night Out – Please join us for a National Night Out on **August 4, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm**. This annual event encourages neighbors to spend the evening outside together and with local first responders. It aims to build police-community partnerships, promote crime prevention, and celebrate neighborhood spirit. On the church grounds, at Lovely Lane we will have ice cream, popsicles, games and a Noah's Ark Bouncy Castle. Hope to see you there!

Save the Date – Church Work Day – August 22, 2026
8:00 to 11:00 am – More details coming soon.

Annual Lovely Lane Golf Outing – **Sunday, August 23, 1:30 pm**. We will golf at Lake MacBride Golf Club. Please let Denny Fitz know if you would like to play. dmf.rboyz@gmail.com All are welcome!

Everyone's Ample Table (EAT) - 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. 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. Please contact Jane Schildroth with questions, janepeter4641@gmail.com.

Churches & Baseball – The United Methodist Lay Ministry Board is planning a bus tour to visit churches and the Field of Dreams in Dyersville on **Thursday, September 24, 2026**. Make reservations by **July 24**. Contact Jeanne West with questions, (319) 560-4769 or eaglmother3@netins.net.

"Where Did the Summer Go?" – Let's come together to celebrate our faith through the gift of music and fellowship. Join with members of our Methodist congregations for an evening of music that celebrates our shared faith, strengthens our church family, and offers a meaningful witness to our community. After the event, join us in the Fellowship Hall for cookies, coffee, and lemonade. **August 22 at 6:00 pm** at Salem United Methodist Church, 3715 33rd Ave SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404.

This Week at Lovely Lane

Ministry Opportunities

Sunday – July 19 – *70th Anniversary of Women's Ordination*
School Supplies Special Offering

9:30 AM	Worship in-person & livestream
10:45 AM	Summer Book Study (Library)
12:00 PM	Congolese congregation
5:15 PM	Family Meal – Vacation Bible School
6:00 PM	Vacation Bible School

Monday – July 20

9:45 AM	Prayer Shawl (Fireside)
5:15 PM	Family Meal – Vacation Bible School
6:00 PM	Vacation Bible School

Tuesday – July 21

5:15 PM	Family Meal – Vacation Bible School
6:00 PM	Vacation Bible School

Wednesday – July 22

5:15 PM	Family Meal – Vacation Bible School
6:00 PM	Vacation Bible School

Thursday – July 23

5:15 PM	Family Meal – Vacation Bible School
6:00 PM	Vacation Bible School

Friday – July 24

Saturday – July 25

Sunday – July 26 – *Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*
Church Shower in the Narthex

9:30 AM	Worship in-person and livestream
10:45 AM	Summer Book Study (Library)
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.

Worship Servant Signup – Over the last year we converted to a physical signup sheet in the narthex for signing up for worship servant opportunities on Sundays at worship service. This process has proved to work out very well. If you are interested in serving as a Lector, Greeter or Usher please stop at the desk near the church office and choose a date and time that works well for you. We appreciate all of our worship servants and volunteers! We can't do our ministries without your help! If you are not able to sign up in the church narthex, please call the church office at (319) 393-6674 for assistance.

Assisting in Worship – July 19, 2026

Greeters
Dave & Linda Keefe

Lector
Stephanie French

Ushers
Andy Craig, Anne Craig, & Chris Johnson

Acolyte
Teddy Davis

Preacher
Pastors Scott Meador & 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
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

Office Phone (319) 393-6674