ANNOUNCEMENTS
September 20, 2026, updated

JOYS

*Congratulations to Brandon and Leslie Neugebauer on the birth of son, Nelson
*Welcoming Adam Sines to church staff as children's choir accompanist
*Lyn Lewis meeting new great nephew for the first time
*Marci Wittles grandson living with her and husband, Kevin
*Nice start to the Sunday School season at church
*New Cedar Rapids Library is open to all people
*Greenhouse gatherings at church with other Iowa UMC congregations
*Lovely Lane history presentation on October 1

CONCERNS

*Sympathy to the family of Melissa Blair after her passing
*Sympathy to Carol Strong and family after the passing of husband, Steve
*Local community impacted by strong rains and flooding
*Travis Meiborg's colleague, Dan, following the passing of his mother
*Sharilyn Forcht's friend, Barb, who fell and has a brain bleed
*JR Streff looking for book that was lost
*Pat Mahoney's father with surgery on Wednesday
*National and international concerns

Sunday School Helpers – If you would be interested in helping with Pre-K Sunday School we would love to have you**! Sunday Mornings at 9:30 and 10:45.** Please contact Annie Walker at anniew@lovelylane.org.

Special Offerings Update – Thank you for your generous and faithful giving to recent special offerings at Lovely Lane! The following totals are contributions received through Monday, September 14.

Matanzas "Food for Missions" $2,255.00
The Eagle Project has received $2,650.00
UMCOR Nepal to date is: $1,482.00

Companions in Christ Small Group – Associate Pastor Alecia Hilmer and her husband, Todd will offer a 5-week spiritual formation group, Companions in Christ. This group provides a small group resource for spiritual formation. It's designed to create a setting where participants can respond to God's call to an ever-deepening following of Christ – as an individual, as a member of a group of this church. If you want to deepen your walk, come join us. We will start the course of study on **Tuesday, September 22, at 6:00 pm.** If you are interested in joining this class, please contact Alecia Hilmer, alecia@lovelylane.org.

Friendly Fellowship – will **NOT** meet in September. The next time we will get together is **Thursday, October 22 at noon** in the fellowship hall at Lovely Lane. If you have any questions, please contact Judy McDowell at (319) 560-2960.

Lovely Lane History Night – Pastor Scott will share history of the original Lovely Lane United Methodist Church located in Baltimore and pictures from his visit there earlier this month. Join us on **Thursday, October 1, at 6:30 pm** in the fellowship hall. All are welcome!

Five-Day Academy for Spiritual Formation - The Academy offers five days to rest into God, listen deeply, and recover holy rhythms with companions on the journey. The time together runs from October 18-23 at Wesley Woods Camp & Retreat Center in Indianola. Participants will gather for a monastic-patterned retreat of worship, teaching, silence, and community practices. More information is on the conference website, www.iaumc.org. The Rev. Rose Blank is one of the leaders too. You can also reach her for further information, rose.blank3@gmail.com.

Youth Outing to Bass Farms – Please join us at Bass Farms on **Wednesday, October 14, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm**. This event will be free, please RSVP. This will be a fun-filled event at the pumpkin patch. Enjoy mini-golf, a jumping pad, farm frenzy slide, a corn maze, and more! To help keep everyone safe and having fun, we ask that kids 12 and under bring a parent or guardian to stay and enjoy the evening. Please contact Kim Moore with questions at kimm@lovelylane.org

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Green Square Meals - Six volunteers are needed each month to help with Green Square Meals! The next date is **Thursday, October 15, 3:55 pm.** Contact Dan Moore by phone at: (715) 432-1983 or by email at: banjobubbadad@yahoo.com if you can help serve. Thank you to those who have helped serve these meals!

Men's Breakfast – The next gathering will be **on Saturday, October 24, at 8:30** in the fellowship hall. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. All are welcome. Please join us.

United Women in Faith – are planning a Church Auction fundraiser/potluck on **Sunday, November 15.** We need you to make it a success! Do you have something you could donate? We are also looking for volunteers to help with planning, organizing, and making the auction a fun event for everyone. Let's have some fun and raise money for our local food banks! At our next meeting on **October 8, at 1:00 pm**, we will have a workshop for basket assembly if you would like to join us to assemble your basket. Contact Deb Streff with questions, (319) 721-8864.

Save the date – Health & Wholeness Fall Retreat
November 7, 2026, 8:30 – 1:00 pm – Join us as we hear from local leaders regarding "The Worries That Keep Us Up at Night." Breakfast and lunch will be provided. If you require childcare, please register by October 31, 2026. Register online: https://lovelylane.breezechms.com/form/3e7b0a

This Week at Lovely Lane

Ministry Opportunities

Sunday – September 20 - *Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*
8:30 AM Worship in-person
9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
9:30 AM Sunday School Pre-K to 8th Grade & Adult
10:30 AM Worship in-person & livestream
10:45 AM Sunday School Pre-K to 5th Grade
12:00 PM Congolese congregation

Monday – September 21
9:45 AM Prayer Shawl (Fireside)
6:30 PM Scouting America (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday – September 22
6:00 PM Companions in Christ (Fireside)

Wednesday – September 23
9:30 AM Book Study on Zoom
12:00 PM Women's Book Study (Fireside Room)
12:00-5:00PM Greenhouse Cohort (Fellowship Hall)
5:15 PM Family Meal (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 PM Kids Club
6:00 PM Youth Group
7:15 PM Bells Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday – September 24
8:15-5:00PM Greenhouse Cohort (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 PM Missions (Library)
6:00 PM Family Ministries Mtg (Fireside)

Friday – September 25

Saturday – September 26
12:30-5:00PM Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday – September 27 - *Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*
8:30 AM Worship in-person
9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
9:30 AM Sunday School Pre-K to 8th Grade & Adult
10:30 AM Worship in-person & livestream
10:45 AM Children's Sunday School Pre-K to 5th Grade
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 – September 20, 2026

Greeters
8:30 – Travis Meiborg & Kathy Meiborg
10:30 – Andy & Mary Vorwerk

Lector
8:30 – Travis Meiborg
10:30 – Stephanie French

Ushers
8:30 – Phil Martin & Chris Johnson
10:30 – Ron & Margaret Nelson

Acolyte
10:30 – Ava Maher

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's Choir Accompanist	Adam Sines

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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