



Welcome to  
**LOVERS LANE**  
**United Methodist Church**

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# Our Made for More Story:

## The Maus Family

On Sunday mornings, we don't have to convince our kids to come to church. Most of the time, they're already asking if it's time to go.

For us, that means everything.

Lovers Lane has been part of our story for a long time. Rich grew up here, and after college, he found his way back and got involved in the young adult ministry. That's where we met. We built friendships here, got married here, and over time, this church became the place where our life together really took shape.

**Now, we get to watch that same story unfold for our kids, Macey and Bode.**

And it's not just the church staff. It's family, too. Grandparents Steve and Libby Maus are long-time members of Lovers Lane, having served in various roles

over the years. Our kids love seeing "Buddy" and "Shug" in the halls at Lovers Lane. Rich's mom has even volunteered in Bode's Sunday school class, which has made it even more meaningful for us all. It's special to see those relationships overlap, where church and family life come together so naturally.

Because of Lovers Lane, our kids actually look forward to Sundays. Macey loves being part of KIDSing, and we hear her singing those songs throughout the week without even thinking about it. There's something powerful about that, knowing that the words of Scripture are being planted in her heart in a way that feels natural and joyful. Bode talks about his Sunday school class, his teachers, and the fun he has with the other kids. It's simple, but it matters.

They're also learning what it means to serve. Whether it's helping with food ministry or just being present and involved, they're starting to understand that church isn't just a place you go. It's a place where you **care for others** and show up for your community.

There was a season after COVID when things felt uncertain. People had scattered, programs had changed, and we weren't sure what church would look like for our family moving forward. But we've watched things rebuild. New friendships have formed. Familiar faces have returned. There's a sense of energy and hope again, and we

feel confident in where things are headed.

In the middle of all that, there are small moments that remind us how meaningful this place is. Bode was baptized outside in the garden during COVID, right next to the *Still Waters Pool* that was given in memory of Rich's grandmother, Marilyn Nolen Maus. She loved this church deeply, and it meant so much to our family to have that connection in such a significant moment. It's a quiet reminder that **faith doesn't just stay in one generation. It carries forward.**

When we think about the future, what we hope is simple. We want this to always be a place where our kids feel at home. A place where they build friendships, grow in their faith, and know they belong. A place where they can serve, ask questions, and keep discovering who God is calling them to be.

That's what "Made for More" means to us. It's making sure this kind of church is here for them and for other families like ours. It's creating space for **more kids** to feel known, **more families** to find community, and **more people** to experience the kind of belonging we've found here.

This church has been part of our story for a long time. Now, it's becoming part of theirs. And there's nothing more meaningful to us than that.

## KEEP SAYING *YES*

### Connections Class

*Every Sunday • 9:30am*

For newcomers to learn more about Lovers Lane. [llumc.org/connect](http://llumc.org/connect)

### Find Community

From midweek studies to Chosen TV groups, there's a place for ALL. [llumc.org/class](http://llumc.org/class)

### Serve

Find ways to serve at Lovers Lane or with one of our ministry partners. [llumc.org/serve](http://llumc.org/serve)

### Need Care?

Our Congregational Care ministry is here for you if you need support or prayer. [llumc.org/care](http://llumc.org/care)



Steve & Libby Maus with their Grandchildren

# There's so much **MORE** **MADE** for community

Sign up for our newsletter by visiting  
[llumc.org/news](http://llumc.org/news)

## Find Your Next Step

Looking for a group, a class, a place to serve, or simply someone to talk to? Tell us what you're looking for and we'll help you take your next step at Lovers Lane UMC.

- Join a small group
- Explore the basics of faith
- Get connected to missions
- Meet with a pastor

Text **NEXT** to **50549**  
[llumc.org/class](http://llumc.org/class)

## *Every Sunday:*

### **24/7 Class**

*9:30am-10:30am*  
Wesley Chapel

### **Adams and Eves**

*9:30am-10:30am*  
CFC | The Parlor

### **“The Chosen” Arneson**

*9:30am-10:30am*  
Bridal Suite

### **“The Chosen” Lucas**

*9:30am-10:30am*  
Staff Conference Room

### **“The Chosen” Hale**

*12:30pm-1:30pm*  
Copeland House

### **Connections Class**

*9:30am-10:30am*  
The Spire Cafe

## **Explorations**

*9:30am-10:30am*

### **Faith Connections Room**

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*Special Needs*

*9:30am-10:30am*

### **Robing Room**

## **Fresh Fire Prayer Study**

*9:30am-10:30am*

### **Pastor's Beginnings Room**

## **Good News!**

*9:30am-10:30am*

### **CFC | Room 113/115**

## **Rooted Couples**

*9:30am-10:30am*

### **Dudley Dancer**

## **Spiritual Growth Group**

*9:30am-10:30am*

### **Copeland House**

Questions?

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## **Ministry IMPACT Sunday**

*Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>*

*During Worship*

Highlighting the ministries,  
missions, and groups of  
Lovers Lane UMC.



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