



Welcome to
LOVERS LANE
United Methodist Church

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My Made for More Story:

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I first came to Lovers Lane in 2011 when I moved to America from Zimbabwe as a student. I was far away from my parents, my church family, and everything familiar to me. What I did not know then was that **God was already preparing a new church family for me here.** Faith had always been important in my life because of how I was raised. My father believed deeply in the importance of church. Every Sunday, no matter what, we went to church. Even when we tried to say we were sick, he would say, "Let's go to church. Jesus is there." At the time it may have seemed like a small thing, but it shaped who I am today. My father did not leave us wealth when he passed away, but he left us something greater. He left us faith. He taught us to love God, to serve in His house, and to trust Him in every season.

That is the greatest inheritance I could have received.

When I came to Lovers Lane, I began to understand even more what **community** really means. There were times when I faced challenges with school and uncertainty about my future. During those moments, this church surrounded me with support. Pastors like Rev. Ngoni and members walked alongside me to help me keep going. When my father passed away, this church was also there for me during one of the most difficult seasons of my life. They were present during the hard times and also during joyful moments like when I got married.

Through every season, I saw what it means to have a true church family. Because of this community, my faith has grown stronger, and serving has become an important part of my life.

When I met my husband J, I told him how important my faith was to me and how important this church was in my life. When we got engaged, I invited him to come with me, and the way the community welcomed him meant so much to both of us. Today J has found his own place here, and that has been a blessing to watch. My stepson Noah now loves coming to church and going to Sunday school. As we prepare to welcome our daughter Samaya, I think often about the future and what I want my children to grow up knowing. I want them to know God. I want them to know

the importance of church. I want them to experience the same kind of community that helped shape me. The greatest gift I can give my children is not financial success, but **a relationship with Christ** and a church family where they feel they belong.

That is why I believe in investing in Lovers Lane. I have seen what this church does for people because I have experienced it myself. I want to help make sure the same opportunities are here for **the next generation** of children and families. When I think about the future of Lovers Lane, I feel hopeful. I am excited about the opportunity for our church to reach more people, to serve more people, and to continue building strong ministries that help families grow in faith.

To me, faith means **continuing to say yes** to God. Saying yes in the good seasons and saying yes in the difficult seasons. When you keep saying yes to God, you are trusting His promises and His grace. No matter what season you are in, God will take care of you. I am grateful that when I came to America looking for opportunity, I also found a church family that helped strengthen my faith and prepare my family for the future. I truly believe God brought me here for a reason, and I am thankful to be part of a church that continues to help people discover what it means to be **made for more**.

KEEP SAYING *YES*

Connections Class

Every Sunday • 9:30am

For newcomers to learn more about Lovers Lane. llumc.org/connect

Find Community

From midweek studies to Chosen TV groups, there's a place for ALL. llumc.org/class

Serve

Find ways to serve at Lovers Lane or with one of our ministry partners. llumc.org/serve

Need Care?

Our Congregational Care ministry is here for you if you need support or prayer. llumc.org/care



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

Sign up for our newsletter by visiting
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

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

Faith Connection

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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Gathering Today!

12:30pm • Watson Hall

Members of African Fellowship & Crosswalk are encouraged to attend. **Lunch is included.**



Make your
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