



Welcome to
LOVERS LANE
United Methodist Church

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My Made for More Story:

Marcia Armstead

Lovers Lane feels like home to me. From the very first time I walked in, I felt something I had been longing for: peace, belonging, and the sense that I did not have to keep searching. I had been looking for a church home and trying to find a place where I could truly connect, and when I came to Crosswalk, I knew I had found it. The worship drew me in right away, but it was more than the music. It was the warmth of the people, the kindness in the room, and the feeling that I was welcomed just as I was. After a season in life when I needed that more than ever, it meant everything to me.

Faith has always been an important part of my life, and the example of service started early. My mother was a supervisor of nurses in the geriatric field, and

watching her care for people with compassion and dignity left a deep impression on me. She showed me what it means to serve others with patience, tenderness, and respect. That example stayed with me through my 37 years in education, where I had the privilege of teaching students of all ages. Teaching was never just a job to me. It was a way to encourage, guide, and invest in others. Looking back, I can see that God was shaping a heart for ministry in me long before I had words for it.

When I came to Lovers Lane, I was also entering a season when I needed healing, renewal, and a stronger sense of purpose. What I found here was a church that did not just talk about love and grace, but lived it out. People cared. They noticed one another. They made space for one another. That mattered to me deeply. Over time, through worship, friendships, and the encouragement of this community, I began to experience healing in ways I had not expected. One of the most important steps in that journey was finding my way to Celebrate Recovery. It gave me a place to continue that healing in a deeper way, surrounded by people who understood the importance of honesty, hope, and walking with one another in faith. Today, I am preparing to step into leadership there and hope to help support other women who may need that same kind of encouragement.

That growing sense of purpose has also shaped the work I do now. After retiring from education, I started my business, The Elder Nanny. For me, it is much more than caregiving. It is ministry. It is a way to support families, honor older adults, and serve people with the same kind of compassion I saw in my mother. Being part of Lovers Lane has strengthened that calling. This church keeps reminding me that the gifts God has given us are meant to be used in service to others.

Saying yes has opened even more doors. I said yes to serving in Honduras on a mission trip, and that experience changed me. Each day, we reflected on where we had seen Jesus, and I saw Him everywhere: in the people, in their joy, in their gratitude, and in the love shared between us. It deepened my faith and reminded me how much beauty there is in simply showing up and serving. That same spirit continues to lead me forward, whether through missions, Celebrate Recovery, caregiving, or inviting someone new to church. To me, being made for more means trusting that God can use every part of our story and continuing to say yes when He calls.

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



Marcia Armstead holds an infant while serving on a mission trip to Honduras,

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

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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

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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

Prayer Room

Faith Connection

Special Needs

9:30am-10:30am

Faith Connections 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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