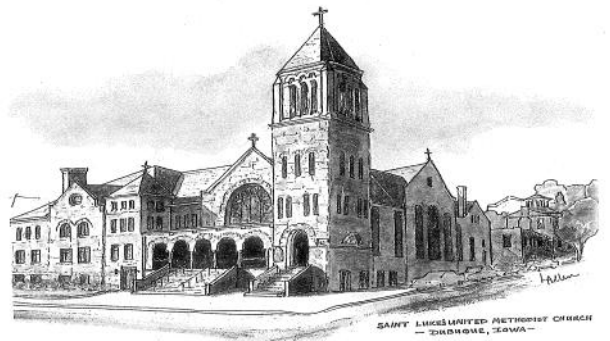


The Chimes

Newsletter

Vol. 49, Issue 17 - Published Biweekly



Rev. Chuck Layton

St. Luke's

United Methodist Church
1199 Main Street
Dubuque, IA 52001-4778

Phone: 563-582-4543

Fax: 563-582-2307

stlukesumcdbq.com
dbqstluke@gmail.com

Office Hours

Monday — Friday
8:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
12:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.

Table of Contents

Pg. 1	Chuck's Chat
Pg. 2	Prayer List Birthdays
Pg. 3	Vision and Mission Statement Lectionary Texts General Information
Pg. 4	This Month's Volunteers
Pg. 5-7	Events & News
Pg. 8	Extra

Chuck's Chat — August 23, 2017

Andrew Young, former mayor of Atlanta, and civil rights worker who was with Martin Luther King Jr. on the day he died, said in an interview on NPR that he isn't interested in tearing down confederate monuments. Rather, he'd like to add to them. For example, he said that an appropriate addition to Stone Mountain Georgia would be a freedom bell above the images of the confederate leaders. He referenced MLK's speech where he said, "Let freedom ring from Stone Mountain, Georgia!"

Why would that be helpful? Because it would be a positive witness to a positive American value, rather than an angry or violent (even if only in form) response to a negative one.

When I consider how to combat racism, I believe that the most effective thing I can do is combat it in myself. I had a great example in my mother. She would take me to the local African Methodist Episcopal church when they were having a celebration. She would welcome young, poor, southern black women whom she taught at Job Corps into our home when they couldn't get home for the holidays. The family would go with her when, as a county health nurse, she would go into the migrant camps, bringing vaccinations, basic sanitation training, and lice shampoo to the Hispanic families that were working the fields of Northern Iowa. I still remember the grace and gratitude of the women. I think that Mom had shaken off pretty much every vestige of cultural racism with which she had grown up. So I was able to enter into adult life – not with a lot of experience being around people of other races – but at least not hampered by the implicit racism that was so prevalent in the latter part of the twentieth century.

It is always a shock, then, when I feel racism rise up within myself. And it does! Often it takes the form of a question that begins "Why can't they...?" or "Don't they know that...?" or "Am I safe...?" How am I going to combat that? There are three steps that I can take: First, recognize it for what it is: a reaction to a person not based upon their character or action, but upon their skin color, eye-shape, or social status. Second, as soon as I recognize it, disavow it to myself! Name it to myself. Dismiss it as sinful. Third, consciously act and speak in ways that acknowledge the person's common humanity with me. I cannot control what any other person thinks, feels, says or does. I can only control—with God's help—what I think, feel, say and do.

Shalom, Chuck

Our Caring Community

Lord, as we continue life's journey, we pray for all who are challenged by health concerns and ongoing illness.

We know that the awesome God we worship hears the prayers of our lips as well as the prayers of our hearts. We pray for the people who are currently dealing with a recent illness, surgery, injury, or medical concern:

- Ron Liskey** - continuous back pain
- Roberta** - cancer (Robin O.'s friend's daughter)
- Ruth Clark** - heart issues
- True Mills** - teen with cancer (Sue Hattel requested)
- Lisa Viertel** - knee replacement surgery, recovery
- Anna** - our piano tuner Brian Marceau's daughter
- Robert Fisher** - gallbladder (Bonnie Sanders's father)
- Paul Wasylyszyn** - heart (Lori Boughton's friend)

Prayers for people in Care Centers:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Betty Farcas Sally Wiegand Barb Boettcher Romayne Schmitt | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edie Bruehahn Mary Dempsey Margerie Kreassig |
|--|---|

Prayers for people with ongoing health issues:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Susan Funke Johnny Bonnie Jorgensen | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peggy Lemke Brett Cooper Jeanne Patterson |
|--|--|

Prayers of consolation for recently lost loved ones to the families of:

- Arnie Van Etten**
- Marian Thomas** - Laurinda Brimeyer's mother
- Anne Jones** - Ruth Jones's daughter-in-law

Prayers of joy for those celebrating special milestones:

- Marlin & Bonnie Jorgensen** - 50th Anniversary
- Gary & Kathy Reid** - 50th Anniversary

Our prayers also turn to prayers for Peace and Justice around the world. We especially remember all those who currently serve in the armed forces of our country. Lord, we ask your special touch of compassion for all the victims of civil discord and war, the families of soldiers, and the families of police officers. It is in the name of your Son and our Savior that we offer our prayers. Amen.

Please check the prayer request lists if there are any outdated prayer requests. Send updates or prayer requests to:

563-582-4543 | dbqstluke@gmail.com

Happy Birthday to our church family and friends with birthdays this month! May the celebration of life on your birthday be filled with many blessings from our Lord.



August Birthdays

- 21 Jackson Glaser
- 21 Jeanne Updegraff
- 22 Debi Hull
- 22 Joshua Manders
- 22 Charlene Metsker
- 22 Odin Stechman
- 22 Sheena Streckwald
- 22 Vinny Williams
- 24 Greg Foley
- 24 Matilda Gacoch
- 24 Evalee Klein
- 24 Collin Lawler
- 25 Ashley Duschen
- 27 Jaydn Basten
- 27 Walker Gross
- 27 Aubrey Kehoe
- 27 Kinnick Kehoe
- 28 Lisa Rusch
- 28 Lisa York
- 29 Franklin Miller Jr
- 29 Olivia Schmitt
- 29 Kelley Schruppf
- 30 Adam McWethy
- 31 Bubs Atchison
- 31 Steven Moody

Sept. Birthdays

- 1 Sara Albert
- 1 Rowyn Olson
- 1 Art Sunleaf
- 4 Steven Jacobson
- 4 Caleb Peil-Vannatta
- 4 Arthur Wiegand
- 5 Nancy Hessler
- 6 Richard Young
- 7 Marlin Jorgensen
- 7 Lila Menke
- 8 Aidan Lawler
- 11 Jody Ludowitz
- 12 Mary Fagen
- 12 Eleanor Ray
- 12 Gabrielle Zartman
- 14 Robert Hinrichs
- 14 Jennifer Pregler
- 15 Dale Nederhoff
- 15 Judy Nemmers
- 16 Keith Cook
- 16 Shelbie Ede
- 16 Jared Gevock
- 17 Erick Kephart
- 18 Aidin Bettcher
- 18 Barbara Bonnett

Emergency Medical Information Cards



In the event of a personal emergency taking place at church, we recommend you have information at St. Luke's that is readily available for EMTs when they are called. You can fill out a 5x7 card stored in the church office and copies can be given to EMTs if the occasion arises. Stop by the church office to fill one out.

Margie Breese Member, Care and Compassion



We request that **if you become hospitalized, please let the church office know.** Also, please designate St. Luke's as your church when filling out hospital admittance information. If you would like a prayer request, please let us know.

VISION & MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The MISSION of St. Luke's United Methodist Church is to feed souls, grow faith in God and make a difference in the lives of our congregation, our neighbors and our world.

The VISION of St. Luke's United Methodist Church is: Welcoming ALL... Caring... Serving... Growing



St. Luke's UMC Contacts

Rev. Chuck Layton
 cvlayton2@gmail.com
 Cell: 712-420-5963

Office: 563-582-4543 Ext 102

Anezka Lungwitz (interim)
 Children's/Youth Ministry Coordinator
 dbqstlukeskids@gmail.com
 Phone: 563-582-4543 Ext. 103

Ora Uzel
 Administrative Assistant
 dbqstluke@gmail.com
 Phone: 563-582-4543 Ext. 101

Weekend Worship

Food for the Soul *Saturday at 5:30 p.m.*
Saturday Night Praise *Saturday at 6:00 p.m.*
Sunday Worship Services *Sunday at 9:30 a.m.*
 (Communion 1st Sundays) (through Labor Day)

Parking: Street metered parking (Mon.-Fri.)
 Free lot parking/street metered parking (Sat.)
 Free Handicap & street parking (Sun.)

Do you have a name change or a new address, phone number, or email address? If so, please remember to inform the St. Luke's office at dbqstluke@gmail.com or by calling 563-582-4543. **Thank You!**



Reoccurring Meetings	Meeting Name and Time
1st Tuesday	5:30 p.m. Invitation & Welcome
2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m. Worship & Celebration
3rd Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Finance
3rd Tuesday	4:15 p.m. Care & Compassion
1st Wednesday	6:30 p.m. Trustees
2nd Thursday	6:30 p.m. SPPRC
3rd Thursday	7:00 p.m. Kaleidoscope
4th Thursday	6:30 p.m. Church Council OR Council on Ministries

Official UMC Lectionary Texts

- Aug 27th 12th Sunday after Pentecost (green)**
 Exodus 1:8—2:10; Psalm 124 (UM846);
 Romans 12: 1-8; Matthew 16: 13-20
- Sep 3rd 13th Sunday after Pentecost (green)**
 Exodus 3: 1-15; Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45c UM828;
 Romans 12: 9-21; Matthew 16: 21-28
- Sep 10th 14th Sunday after Pentecost (green)**
 Exodus 12: 1-14; Psalm 149 or Psalm 148 (UM861);
 Romans 13: 8-14; Matthew 18: 15-20
- Sep 17th 15th Sunday after Pentecost (green)**
 Exodus 14: 19-31; Exodus 15:1b-11,20-21(UM135);
 Romans 14: 1-12; Matthew 18: 21-35

STAFF

Pastor Rev. Charles (Chuck) Layton
 Children / Youth: Anezka Lungwitz (int.)
 Administrative Assistant Ora Uzel
 Custodian. Caprice Jones

Treasurer Amy Schadle
 Historian Betty Phillips
 Financial Secretary Carol Clark
 Membership Secretary (vacant)

Worship & Celebration Sue Hattel
 Care & Compassion (vacant)
 Spiritual Growth & Disc (vacant)
 Stewardship (vacant)
 Witness & Service
 Community Outreach . . . Jennifer Crow
 Conference & Global and
 Social Justice . . . RRS & Terry Stewart
 Neighborhood Outreach . . John Hessler
 UMW Marcia Young

CHURCH COUNCIL

Chair Nancy Hessler

Administrative Committee (Chairs):

Lay Leadership/Nominations Pastor
 Finance Rich Young
 Board of Trustees Mike Loveless
 SPPRC. Dave Kubik

Officers:

Recording Secretary. Kristen Smith
 Lay Leader Mark Tilson
 Lay Members of the Annual Conference:
 Sue Hattel, Nancy Bradley

Council on Ministries

Facilitators:
 Invitation & Welcome . . . Lisa Viertel &
 Chris Kohlmann

At-Large: Matt Crow, Chris Becker, Gary Reid, Lesley Stephens, Steven & Kathy Lamb, Nancy Bradley, Vicki Tilson, Rhonda Kubik

Month of August 2017 Volunteers

Saturday Bread Run

8/5/17 Breese/Young
 8/12/17 Hull family
 8/19/17 Loveless
 8/26/17 Rusch/Young
 9/2/17 Jacobsen/Sanders

Greeters/Ushers

8/6/17 Dueland/Breese/Hattel
 8/13/17 Deb & Sara Albert
 8/20/17 TBD
 8/27/17 McGovern
 9/3/17 Les & Sue Bettcher

Slides

8/6/17 Susan McGovern
 8/13/17 Matthew Hull
 8/20/17 Arboretum
 8/27/17 Paul Clark
 9/3/17 Chris Kohlmann

Saturday Food for the Soul

8/5/17 Team 8
 8/12/17 Team 9
 8/19/17 Boy Scout Troop 94
 8/26/17 Team 11
 9/2/17 Team 1

Offering Depositor

8/6/17 Sue Hattel
 8/13/17 Mike Loveless
 8/20/17 Scott Zartman
 8/27/17 Sharon Kress
 9/3/17 TBD

Projectionist

8/6/17 Chris Kohlmann
 8/13/17 Matthew Hull
 8/20/17 Arboretum
 8/27/17 Paul Clark
 9/3/17 Chris Kohlmann

(For changes in the Food for the Soul schedule, contact Marcia 588-4877 and notify the office.)

Liturgist

8/6/17 Sue Lane
 8/13/17 Dan Jacobsen
 8/20/17 Mary Armstrong
 8/27/17 Otto Krueger
 9/3/17 Terry Stewart

Videographer

8/6/17 John Hessler
 8/13/17 Greg Albert
 8/20/17 John Hessler
 8/27/17 Bobby Martin
 9/3/17 John Hessler

Chimer

8/6/17 R.R.S. Stewart
 8/13/17 Heather Williams
 8/20/17 Arboretum
 8/27/17 Larry Loeppke
 9/3/17 R.R.S. Stewart

Coffee & Conversation Hosts

8/6/17 Worship & Celebration
 8/13/17 Com Outrch & Grn Team
 8/20/17 Invitation & Welcome
 8/27/17 UMW
 9/3/17 Youth

Worship Driver

8/6/17 Mark Tilson
 8/13/17 Dan Jacobsen
 8/20/17 Mike Loveless
 8/27/17 Rich Young
 9/3/17 Dan Jacobsen

Hymn Sing

8/6/17 Pastor Chuck Layton
 8/13/17 Pastor Chuck Layton
 8/20/17 Pastor Chuck Layton
 8/27/17 Pastor Chuck Layton
 9/3/17 Pastor Chuck Layton

Organist/Pianist

8/6/17 Dr. Jeremy Mims
 8/13/17 Dr. Chuck Barland
 8/20/17 Americana Ensemble
 8/27/17 Dr. Chuck Barland
 9/3/17 Dr. Chuck Barland



Upcoming Worship Dates

Aug 27 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
Sep 3 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship **with Communion**

School Year Schedule (Sep 10 - May 20):
8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Services
9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour & Sunday School

Sep 10 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Services
Sep 17 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Services

Every Saturday: 6:00pm Saturday Night Praise
with Communion 1st Sundays



The Time for Singing Has Come!

St. Luke's Singers Family Choir
Rehearsals: Wednesdays 5:30 - 6:25 p.m.
Sing: Sundays at the 8:30 a.m. services
Choir Room, Lower Level at St. Luke's
Beginning September 6th!

This is an open invitation to all who have been blessed with the gift of voice to join us and sing God's praises at the 8:30 a.m. Worship Service on Sunday mornings! If you are new to St. Luke's and love to sing, please join us! If you've been attending and never thought about joining the choir, maybe this is the year you should!

The St. Luke's Singers Family Choir sing three Sundays a month (enjoying a Sunday off usually on the third Sunday of the month) as well as sharing special music for Christmas and Easter. We are a welcoming group and like our name, we are a "family" that enjoys coming together and celebrating as a community through music.

Have questions? Uncertain? Not a problem! Give it a try and experience for yourself the joy of singing! We look forward to seeing those ready to sing at our **first rehearsal, Wednesday, September 6th!** Blessings, Keith Rippe, Director, St. Luke's Singers Family Choir

Questions? Ask any Choir member or contact Keith via email or phone: **Cell: 563-599-0528**
Email: kr725@mchsi.com

Join St. Luke's Wind Ensemble

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 6:55pm
beginning Sept. 13th



Wind Ensemble will practice Wednesdays in the downstairs Music Room. Musicians of all ages with personal musical instruments (brass, strings, clarinets, flutes etc.) are invited to play. Ensemble will schedule future dates to play during Sunday worship, Christmas music, at Food For the Soul, and at requested events. Music will be provided. Questions, contact Sue Hattel (556-1394 home).

St. Luke's United Methodist Church presents:

L'Histoire de la romance russe

(A History of the Russian Romance)

Anna Bineta Diouf, mezzo-soprano

Oleg Timofeyev, Russian seven-string guitar



Tues, Sept. 5 at 7:00pm
St. Luke's UMC

This is a varied program of rare and well-known Russian Romantic songs for voice and guitar. The performers will tell you everything about this fascinating repertoire. Don't miss this opportunity! Bring family and friends! Suggested free-will donation: \$12 (\$10 students and seniors).

Update on Area Human Trafficking

Thursday, September 7th — 7:00 pm
St. Luke's UMC — Sanctuary

Speaker: Sister Patricia Conlan RSM, D. Min. (Sisters of Mercy of the Americas) Sister Pat has ministered with trafficking victims since 2003. Member of Set Free Dubuque since 2013 and Tri-State Coalition Against Human Trafficking (IA, IL, & WI) since 2014. Sister collaborates with the schools and health care givers as well as Law Enforcement and Friends of Cedar Valley to end Human Trafficking through education and advocacy. Event hosted by St. Luke's UMC. **All are invited!**



Human Rights Celebration

Friday, September 8th

9:30 am Gathering. 10:00 am Worship & Program
Dubuque Arboretum Porch (at Visitor Center)

Join Church Women United as they host a human rights celebration and program "Kindling New Fires of HOPE." Featuring speaker Dr. Farris Muhammad, Director of the Multicultural Family Center, with special music by Paula Welter, flute. Beverage tab donations accepted. Accessible entry (3800 Arboretum Drive). All are welcome!



Mountain T.O.P. Meeting for 2018

Sunday Sep. 10th at Noon
Fellowship Hall, St. Luke's UMC

We need to know who and how many people are interested in going to Mountain T.O.P. next summer. Any and all interested youth (please bring a parent) and adults. Youth are encouraged to invite any interested friends! Contact Dan Jacobsen with any comments or questions:

319-480-0921 cell | djacobsen@yo-ho.com

Gratitude from Laurinda Brimeyer

I have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of love that we have received from the St. Luke's family after the recent death of my mother, Marian Thomas. We have so appreciated all the cards, emails, phone calls, hugs, and especially the prayers of condolence. Mom enjoyed worshipping at St. Luke's when she visited us, and knew so many of you. She enjoyed getting the "Thinking of You" gift bags with the Christmas cards and notes. She felt your prayers during these last 5 years that she was in a care facility. Thank you for caring and for all the generous donations that have been given to St. Luke's Memorial Fund in memory of Mom.

Blessings to you all, Laurinda Brimeyer

Terrific Tuesdays

(9:30 a.m. unless otherwise noted)



- Aug 29** Charlotte's Coffee House
- Sep 5** One Mean Bean
- Sep 19** Jitterz Coffee & Café
- Sep 26** 8:30am Breakfast at Village Inn
10:00am Sit & Knit at St. Luke's Parlor



Going Down River Monday Sept 18th



Lunch at Off Shore Restaurant &
Tour of State Park, Bellevue, IA.

Reservation Deadline: **Monday, September 11th**

Cost: **\$5** (transit), **order off the menu**

We leave **Woodlands** at **11:00 a.m.**

RSVP to: **Shirley Herzog (Woodlands)** at **937-409-5336**



Drivers Needed!

In case you haven't heard, we no longer have a church van to use **for our Seniors Out and About (SOA) trips**. We are now looking for drivers to use their vehicles as shuttles. Perks include getting reimbursed for your gas. Future treks include to Bellevue, Chestnut Mountain, and Cuba City. If you are interested in being part of this fun outreach ministry, please contact/see **Laurinda Brimeyer** at: **563-543-5341**. We could **REALLY** use the help! Thank you!

2017 St. Luke's Giving to CWS

Conference and Global report
from Social Justice Co-Chairs
R.R.S. & Terry Stewart:



\$701 were raised for CWS Blankets & Hygiene Kits

\$490 were raised for CWS Tools of Hope

Thank you to all who donated!



September 7 — St. Luke's Sanctuary at 7:00 pm — Update on Area Human Trafficking. Speaker: Sister Patricia Conlan RSM, D. Min. (Sister of Mercy of the Americas) Sister Pat has ministered with trafficking victims since 2003. A member of Set Free Dubuque since 2013 and the Tri-State Coalition Against Human Trafficking (Iowa, Illinois, and Wisconsin) since 2014. Sister collaborates with the schools and health care givers as well as Law Enforcement and Friends of Cedar Valley to end Human Trafficking through education and advocacy. Event hosted by St. Luke's UMW. **All are invited!**

September 8 — Church Women United Human Rights Celebration. Arboretum Porch at the Visitors Center (accessible). 9:30 a.m. Gather; 10:00 a.m. Worship & Program. **Program: "Kindling New Fires of HOPE."** **Speaker:** Dr. Farris Muhammad, Director, Multicultural Family Center. **All are welcome!**

September 11 (note date change) — Busy Bees at 1:00 pm in St. Luke's Fellowship Hall. Devotions, dessert and tying of quilts. Hostess: Janet Efferding. Guests always welcome. New leader is Kathy Michel (583-5679). Usually meets 1st Mondays.)

Positions at St. Luke's!



Fulfillment opportunities are now available at St. Luke's! Are you looking to enrich your life or the lives of others, while making some money too? Due to career advancements, we currently have some openings we're trying to fill. If you, or someone you know, is interested in any of the positions below, just get in contact with us. It might be just what you need to fill that spare time!

First Service Organist

8:30 service during the school year, 9:30 service during summer. If you are a good pianist, our Head Organist (Dr. Charles Barland) can help you learn to play our beautiful pipe organ.

Food For the Soul Host

This opportunity will allow you to help the neediest in our community. FFTS hosts provide management and supervision for this free Saturday evening meal. This position also provides support to the individual teams that provide the free meal. (Typically this takes about 3 hours, and you would be needed every 3rd Saturday).



Dare2Share Live!
Saturday, September 23rd, 2017
11:00 a.m. — 6:30 p.m.
Doors open at 10:00 a.m.
St. Luke's UMC — Sanctuary
Tickets: \$20 each

One day of concerted outreach to our community. Driven from one live event in Denver, Colorado and broadcast out to 50+ locations nationwide, thousands of teenagers and adult leaders will be inspired and equipped to share the good news of the Gospel... and then, at the EXACT same time... released into their communities to share the message and serve with love. Join us!

More information at www.dare2sharelive.org or contact our local coordinator **Mark Beard**.



Wonderful Wednesdays are Coming Soon!

Throughout the school year each Wednesday at St. Luke's we have a meal, activities for kids, music rehearsals, and confirmation classes. Together this all culminates in what we call Wonderful Wednesdays!

Stay tuned for more information on the Wonderful Wednesday Schedule. Many music rehearsals will begin on September 6th to have music ready for our kickoff rally Sunday on September 10th.

Donate to the Jesus Fund

Due to overwhelming demand, our "Jesus Fund" is regularly out of funds. This ministry helps people in need get healthy groceries by providing them vouchers to Eagle's grocery, especially when government food benefits don't stretch to the end of the month.



Donations can be given in envelopes put into the offering plate labeled "Jesus Fund." Your help keeps the Jesus Fund ministry functioning to add that extra little bit of food security people need.

Dubuque Senior Center

Open Monday through Friday
 10:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

St. Matthews Church, 1780 White St.

Enter through the alley behind St. Matthews

The Dubuque Senior Center serves a hot lunch every day. To reserve a meal please call by noon the previous day. Patrons over 60 may leave a donation; while those under 60 are required to pay \$8.28. For more information call:

Colleen at 563-543-7065



Lectionary Bible Study

Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
 St. Luke's UMC - Parlor

Meet with Pastor Chuck Thursdays at 10am in the Parlor to discuss scriptures for the upcoming Sunday.

Items Needed for the Food Pantry

Crackers, hamburger helper, canned meat, peanut butter, deodorant, facial tissues, bar soap, garden produce



Items can go in the South Hall shopping cart.

Food pantry donations help stock the shelves each month at the Dubuque Food Pantry. It is through people like you that the Food Pantry is able to respond to emergency needs in our community. Each month the food pantry serves between 275-350 households. Thank you for making it possible for us to continue this ministry!



Emmaus Reunion

Thursday September 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
 Grace Point Church, 3100 Windsor Ave.

We meet the first Thursday of each month. Please reunite with your Emmaus Community and welcome our new candidates. The reunion will be a time of prayer, fellowship, and celebration of God's love for us, and the spirit of Christ in ourselves and in one another.

Red Basket Project

Support the Red Basket Project with donations labeled "Red Basket" or donate any of the following in the red basket in the South Hallway:



Tampons: Junior, Regular, or Super;

Pantiliners: Always Thin Pantliners, any brand medium or heavy absorbency pantiliner, or any brand heavy absorbency pantliners.

Voice Recital - Cameron Scholtes

Sunday September 10, 2017 — 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
 Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2155 University

Cameron Scholtes, a featured vocalist at St. Luke's 2009 Fabulous Friday series, will be performing at Westminster featuring composers Giuliani, Sondheim, Floyd, Poulenc, and Beach. Joining her will be pianist Sharon Jensen and guitarist Marcus DeJesus. A reception will follow the performance. Goodwill donations accepted.



Putting Our Lives On the Line



My commitment to social justice is based in the Wesley tradition, instilled in me at an early age by my Methodist preacher father and English teacher mother, and exemplified by my wife and daughter. But recently as I was reading the April issue of the Laurel, my national fraternity's magazine, I came across a story that reinforced my awareness of and commitment to social justice.

I read about Robert Meeks, who was born in a log cabin in Missouri in 1890, went to college in Ohio at age 16, and joined Phi Kappa Tau fraternity, the organization which much later became home to my three older brothers and I, at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln. Meeks became a lifelong educator with a deep commitment to peace and social justice rooted in his Christian faith. He joined the NAACP in Cleveland to support racial equality. During World War II he protested the mass internment of Japanese Americans, which brought derision to him and threats to his wife and kids.

At age 73 he traveled with a group of Methodist clergy and laymen to help integrate Methodist churches in Jackson, Mississippi. In November 1963 he and a young Detroit minister attempted to attend a church service at the all-white St. Luke's Methodist Church in Jackson with an African-American minister, Woodie White, who would later become the United Methodist Bishop of Indiana. The story of their arrest and jailing was front page news across America, and Detroit Methodist churches raised \$1000 to pay their fine and gain their release from jail.

In January 1964 Meeks was helping a young Arab man apply for citizenship, and when the African-American immigration officer asked him if he'd ever been arrested, he shared his story from Mississippi, and the immigration officer soon thereafter joined him in church. Meeks shared the story of his activism and witness in a letter to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

It is heart-warming and reinforcing to read of Methodists, and in this case a fellow fraternity brother, who put their lives on the line to right society's wrongs. To paraphrase John Wesley, may it ever be so.

Terry Stewart, St Luke UMC Social Justice Co-chair

For the article by Phi Kappa Tau, go to: <https://www.phikappatau.org/news/alumni/2016/03/Robert-L-Meeks/>

Return
Service
Requested

*St. Luke's United Methodist Church
1199 Main Street
Dubuque, IA 52001*



If you wish NOT to receive the Chimes, please contact the church office at 563-582-4543 to discontinue.
To receive your Chimes via email, send a message to dbqstluke@gmail.com. If you know someone who would like to receive The Chimes, please contact the church office.