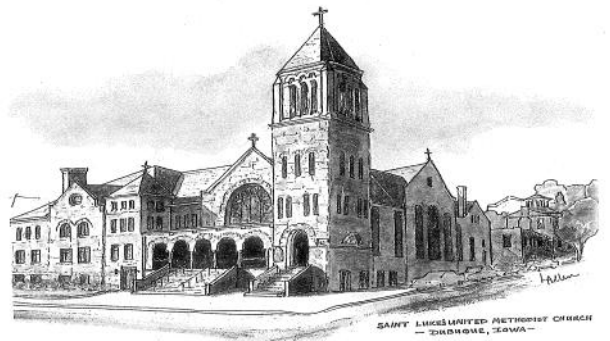


# The Chimes

## Newsletter

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### Office Hours

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

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### *Chuck's Chat — January 25, 2016*

“...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.” *Galatians 5:22-23*

I sometimes have to just sit back and marvel at the goodness of God! It gives me such joy when, through the grace of God, I'm able to relate to another person with one or more of the fruit of the Spirit. God seems to give me frequent opportunities to respond to people with kindness, gentleness and generosity. (Let me say immediately that I don't *always* get that right! Sometimes I'm sharp, angry, and ungenerous!) When those opportunities come and I'm able to use the fruit, it's almost as though I'm sitting back, watching myself live as Jesus would have me. What a wonderful experience! Again, I'm not saying that *I* make it happen. Rather, God's Holy Spirit makes those fruits mature at the right time, and I just sort of “pick” them.

My prayer for each of you is that you too will feel that joy! It can come whenever we live by any of the fruit of the Spirit. Although they are a gift from the Holy Spirit, we can choose to let them operate in our lives. Further, we have to practice letting them guide our thoughts, words and deeds. A good example of what I mean is the choice we make when some circumstance seems to be keeping us from what we want. (Getting behind a slow driver on a hilly stretch of highway?!) One choice would be to grumble, thump the steering wheel, honk and perhaps even pass in an unsafe way. The other choice would be the choice of patience: speaking to ourselves, saying, “God has this under control. My timing will be perfect. Please bless the person in front of me, and let me relax my shoulders and enjoy the drive.”

If you think about it, every one of the fruit of the Spirit offers us opportunities to choose how we will respond to a situation. The fruit makes possible a response that is more Christlike. And, seriously, when we recognize that we are exhibiting the fruit of the Spirit, I guarantee that we will feel joy.

*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: **Eda Lee Bounds** (Susan McGovern's mother), **Betty Farcas** (Laura Carstens' mother), **Arnold Van Etten**, **Aaron Pacholke** (friend of Bonnie Sanders), and **Edie Bruehahn**.

Prayers for people in Care Centers:

<b>Marian Thomas</b>	<b>Carol Pins</b>
<b>Jon Hardenbergh</b>	<b>Edie Bruehahn</b>
<b>Sally Wiegand</b>	<b>Mary Dempsey</b>
<b>Barb Boettcher</b>	<b>Margerie Kreassig</b>
<b>Romayne Schmitt</b>	

Prayers for people with ongoing health issues:

<b>Peggy Lemke</b>	<b>Anna Jane Redding</b>
<b>Johnny</b>	<b>Mary K. Benefiel</b>
<b>Brett Cooper</b>	<b>Kaye Running</b>
<b>Bonnie Jorgensen</b>	<b>Marjorie Tayloe</b>
<b>Jeanne Patterson</b>	

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

**Shirley Ring** (Jody Ludowitz's grandmother)  
**George Sinn** (Susan Funke's father)  
**Ardeth Kirschbaum**  
**Shaquille Christopher**  
 (Dianne Christopher's grandson)  
**Doug McCallum** (Albert family friend)

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

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**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.



### *January Birthdays*      *February Birthdays*

20 Gail Huston	1 Brianna Rohner
21 Drake Ludowitz	2 Barney Bishop
21 Smokey McGovern	2 Darla Howieson
21 Kellee Peil-Roussel	3 Andrew Daack
21 Michael Sanders	6 Jordan Fiebelkorn
21 Scott Zartman	6 Robert Gallogly
22 Benjamin Crow	6 Aubrey Gevock
22 Kathy Reid	7 Kevin Ryan
23 Jessica Kennedy	7 Jenna Viertel
24 Jennifer Crow	8 Mark Meloy
24 Clay Gronen	8 Kyle Schruppf
24 Sandy Horsfield	9 Tom Flowers
25 Bevin Olson	9 Lydia Johnson
26 Aiden Blum	9 Michael McTague
26 Kaylee Olson	10 Aaron Hunold
27 Brennan Kreimeyer	10 Donel Nelson
28 Tammy Lynch	10 Mary Jane Stotlar
28 Barbara Vrotsos	10 Joshua Viertel
28 Allison Waters-Kutsch	11 Joseph Delaney
29 Richie Lehnhardt	11 Sandra Fals
30 Jeremy Mims	11 Zachery Taylor
31 Lauren Hunold	12 Linda Vogel

### 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.

**Marcia Dubbels** Chair, Care and Compassion

**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 AND 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



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**Weekend Worship**

<i>Food for the Soul</i>	<i>Saturday at 5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Saturday Night Praise</i>	<i>Saturday at 6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Sunday Worship Services</i>	<i>Sunday at 8:30 a.m.</i>
	<i>Sunday at 10:45 a.m.</i>

**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](mailto: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	6:00 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**

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|-----------------|--|
| <b>Jan 29th</b> | <b>4th Sunday After Epiphany (green)</b><br>Micah 6: 1-8; Psalm 15 (UM747);<br>1 Corinthians 1: 18-31; Matthew 5: 1-12                       |
| <b>Feb 5th</b>  | <b>5th Sunday After Epiphany (green)</b><br>Isaiah 58: 1-9a (9b-12); Psalm 112: 1-9 (10);<br>1 Corinthians 2: 1-12 (13-16); Matthew 5: 13-20 |
| <b>Feb 12th</b> | <b>6th Sunday After Epiphany (green)</b><br>Deuteronomy 30: 15-20; Psalm 119: 1-8 (UM840);<br>1 Corinthians 3: 1-9; Matthew 5: 21-37         |

**STAFF**

Pastor . . . . . Rev. Charles (Chuck) Layton  
 Children's/Youth Ministry . . . . . Mark Beard  
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 Custodian . . . . . Caprice Jones

Historian . . . . . Betty Phillips  
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 Membership Secretary . . . . . Admin Asst

Worship & Celebration . . . . . Sue Hattel  
 Care & Compassion . . . . . Marcia Dubbels  
 Spiritual Growth & Dscplshp. . . . . Nancy Hessler  
 Stewardship . . . . . (vacant)  
 Witness & Service

**CHURCH COUNCIL**

Chair . . . . . Nancy Hessler

**Administrative Committee (Chairs):**

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

Community Outreach . . . . . Jennifer Crow  
 Conference & Global . . . . . (vacant)  
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 Neighborhood Outreach . . . . . John Hessler  
 UMW . . . . . Marcia Young  
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 Lay Leader . . . . . Mark Tilson  
 Lay Members of Annl Conf . . . . . Sue Hattel  
 Treasurer . . . . . Amy Schadle

**Council on Ministries**

**Facilitators:**

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

## Month of February 2016 Volunteers

### Saturday Bread Run

1/28/17 Loveless  
 2/4/17 Jacobsen/Sanders  
 2/11/17 McGovern  
 2/18/17 Hull family  
 2/25/17 Breese/Young

### 8:30 Greeters/Ushers

1/29/17 Hattel/Phillips  
 2/5/17 Deb & Sara Albert  
 2/12/17 Bruce & Sarah Jo Redding  
 2/19/17 Les & Sue Bettcher  
 2/26/17 Breese/Phillips

### 10:45 Greeters/Ushers

1/29/17 TBD  
 2/5/17 TBD  
 2/12/17 TBD  
 2/19/17 TBD  
 2/26/17 TBD

### Saturday Food for the Soul

1/28/17 Team 6  
 2/4/17 Team 7  
 2/11/17 Team 9  
 2/18/17 Team 8  
 2/25/17 Team 10

### 8:30 Offering Depositor

1/29/17 Scott Zartman  
 2/5/17 Mike Loveless  
 2/12/17 Susan McGovern  
 2/19/17 Erick Kephart  
 2/26/17 Scott Zartman

### 10:45 Offering Depositor

1/29/17 Kathy McWethy  
 2/5/17 Mike Loveless  
 2/12/17 Rich Young  
 2/19/17 Lori Boughton  
 2/26/17 Dick Landis

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

### 8:30 Liturgist

1/29/17 Nancy Hessler  
 2/5/17 Lynn Kerker  
 2/12/17 Sue Hattel  
 2/19/17 Chad Leitch  
 2/26/17 Sue Lane

### 10:45 Liturgist

1/29/17 Rev. Robert Armstrong  
 2/5/17 Dan Jacobsen  
 2/12/17 Terry Stewart  
 2/19/17 WOT  
 2/26/17 Larry Loeppke

### Chimer

1/29/17 Heather Williams  
 2/5/17 R.R.S. Stewart  
 2/12/17 Heather Williams  
 2/19/17 R.R.S. Stewart  
 2/26/17 Larry Loeppke

### 8:30 Projectionist

1/29/17 Denny Brimeyer  
 2/5/17 Denny Brimeyer  
 2/12/17 Chris Kohlmann  
 2/19/17 Denny Brimeyer  
 2/26/17 Chris Kohlmann

### 10:45 Projectionist

1/29/17 Paul Clark  
 2/5/17 Matthew Hull  
 2/12/17 Paul Clark  
 2/19/17 Matthew Hull  
 2/26/17 Matthew Hull

### Organist/Pianist

1/29/17 8:30 Mims 10:45 Barland  
 2/5/17 8:30 Mims 10:45 Barland  
 2/12/17 8:30 Mims 10:45 Barland  
 2/19/17 8:30 Mims 10:45 Barland  
 2/26/17 8:30 Mims 10:45 Barland

### Videographer

1/29/17 Bobby Martin  
 2/5/17 John Hessler  
 2/12/17 Greg Albert  
 2/19/17 Ron Liskey  
 2/26/17 Bobby Martin

### Slides

1/29/17 Paul Clark  
 2/5/17 Craig Allen  
 2/12/17 Chris Kohlmann  
 2/19/17 Matthew Hull  
 2/26/17 Chris Kohlmann

### 10:45 Worship Drivers

1/29/17 Dan Jacobsen  
 2/5/17 Chris Becker  
 2/12/17 Otto Krueger  
 2/19/17 Mark Tilson  
 2/26/17 Dan Jacobsen

### *Online Calendar*

The church calendar is now available online! Check it out! Omissions or additions can be submitted to Ora at:

**dbqstluke@gmail.com**  
**563-582-4543**

### Weather-Related Cancellations

St. Luke's will make every effort to notify you of any cancellations due to weather through the following methods listed here:

**KRCG TV 9**

**WDBQ 1490 AM**

**KDTH 1370 AM**

**St. Luke's Facebook page**



If there are no notifications showing, you may call these people as a last resort:

Pastor Chuck 712-420-5963

Dan Jacobsen 319-480-0921

Sue Hattel 563-599-4497

Paul Clark 563-590-0158

### Update Your Information

Please remember to update your contact information with the church if you change your email, phone, or address: **dbqstluke@gmail.com** or **563-582-4543**

## Upcoming Worship Dates

- Jan 29** 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Services  
**Feb 5** 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship with **Communion**, led by Rev. Dianne Christopher  
**Feb 12** 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. **UMW Sunday Worship**, led by the United Methodist Women  
**Feb 19** 8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service, led by Cheri Loveless  
**Feb 19** 10:45 a.m. **Word on the Third** Contemporary, led by Dr. Jeremy Mims and Cheri Loveless

**Every Saturday:** 6:00pm Saturday Night Praise



## Fabulous Fridays Music Series 2017

*Helen Johnston  
Memorial Season*

**Fridays at 12:05pm  
January 13 — April 7**

This popular series began in 1992 with musicians from St. Luke's and grew to include locally and nationally recognized artists. More than 75 artists have performed for these informal downtown concerts in the last 26 years.

Performances begin at St. Luke's at 12:05pm, lasting 30 minutes. Many bring lunch to enjoy afterwards in the church Fellowship Hall, where coffee and desserts are available. The concert, coffee and desserts are free, but donations are accepted for people in need. Street parking is available. Accessible entry in the alley. Winter weather policy is: if the artist can get there, the show is on.

### Remaining Performances

- Jan 27** Rebecca Christian, author;  
Kate Thompson, soprano  
**Feb 3** Craig Allen, vocal; Carrie Greer, vocal  
**Feb 10** The Dubuque Fiddlers: Ann Duchow, director  
**Feb 17** University of Dubuque Chamber Singers:  
Kristen Eby, conductor  
**Feb 24** Julie Gross & Sue Hattel, clarinet; Jill Heitzman, soprano; Dr. Chuck Barland, organ; Ora Uzel, piano  
**Mar 3** Clarke University Choirs and Orchestra:  
Dr. Jeremy Mims, conductor  
**Mar 10** Hempstead HS Penn Avenue Singers:  
Teresa Slade, conductor  
**Mar 17** Dr. Luke Tyler, piano;  
Laura Southworth, soprano  
**Mar 24** Senior HS Jazz Combo: Bill Rowley, conductor  
**Mar 31** Loras College Choir: Dr. Adam Kluck, director  
**Apr 7** Upper Main Street Jazz Band: Ric Jones, leader



## Terrific Tuesdays

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

- Jan 31** Big Apple Bagels  
**Feb 7** Starbucks at Dodge Hy-Vee  
**Feb 21** Starbucks at Asbury Hy-Vee  
**Feb 28** 8:30am Breakfast at Village Inn  
10:00am Sit & Knit at St. Luke's Parlor  
**Mar 7** Starbucks at Asbury Hy-Vee



**Busy Bees** — In 2016 on the first Mondays of March through December the Busy Bees gathered, sharing dessert, devotions, and making beautiful items of comfort.

**27 twin size comforter quilts** were given to Hillcrest Family Services. Each of the youth residents is able to choose a quilt to call their own. No two quilts are alike!

**4 homemade lap quilts** were delivered in December during "Thinking of You" visits at Christmas.

**4 colorful baby quilts** were created and presented to St. Luke's families celebrating the birth of their newborns.

**Thank you** to the ladies in Busy Bees for sharing their willing hands and love! **Thank you** to individuals who have supported this ministry with financial gifts and donations.

— Marcia Dubbels, Leader Phone: 563-582-6634

**February 16** — **Kaleidoscope** invites all interested to an enjoyable evening at Bethany Home at 1005 Lincoln Ave. at 7:00 p.m. Hostesses: Ruth Clark and Laurinda Brimeyer. Program: "**Historic Dubuque.**" Enter through the main door on the front porch!

**April 21** — **Spring Rummage Sale! SAVE the DATE!!**



## Fabulous Friday Dessert Sign-up

We need desserts for Fabulous Fridays. We aim for a minimum four desserts each Friday. After concerts end at 12:30 p.m. folks will gather downstairs in the Dining Room and Fellowship Hall. To help out by providing desserts, please sign up on the **sign up sheet available in the South Hall.** We need more folks for February and March!

## Wartburg College Castle Singers

Dr. Nicki Bakko Toliver, conductor  
February 11, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.  
Sanctuary — St. Luke's UMC



Wartburg College Castle Singers, will present a concert at St. Luke's as part of their 2017 National Tour. The performance will also feature the Wartburg Kammerstreicher [ensemble], directed by Dr. Jacob Tews. A free-will donation will be collected to support scholarships and future tours. Wartburg College is dedicated to challenging and nurturing students for lives of leadership and service as a spirited expression of their faith and learning.



**Mardi Gras Jazz Service & Mardi Gras Luncheon**  
Sunday, February 26, 2017  
10:45am Worship  
Cajun Luncheon Follows

St. Luke's Invitation and Welcome Team invite you to mark your calendars for the Mardi Gras happening on Sunday February 26. It's a 20+ year tradition of celebration in worship, jazz music and a meal following the 10:45am service at St. Luke's. Chef Matt Crow and his assistant Brittney Drake will once again be preparing a great lunch including Cajun and non-Cajun options. As in past years we will need donations of Corn Bread, Pecan Pie and Pineapple Upside Down Cake for lunch.

As many hands make light work we will need help in the kitchen and the dining room for food preparation on Saturday February 25 from 9am – about noon along with set up, serving and clean-up assistance on Sunday-morning. Signup sheets will be located on the long table in the South hallway.

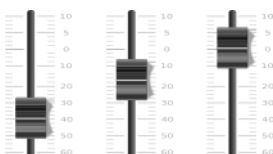
One last request ... Please invite your friends and neighbors to this day of celebration and fellowship! Thank you!



## Call for Technology Volunteers

We need volunteers to make this ministry work. Volunteers are needed to record a service once a month and to make the DVDs for this ministry. The church provides the equipment and the training. **Please contact Bobby Martin or the church office.**

If you would like to volunteer to run the audio and projector during the service, **please contact Paul Clark or the church office.**



## 4:12 Youth Fundraiser

Monday January 30th, 2017  
Pizza Ranch  
2020 Radford Road



Join us for a night of food and fun to help raise funds for our Dare2Share "Unshakeable Tour" Student Conference to be held in March.



## Super Bowl Sunday Pizza

Remember to pick up your pizzas  
Sunday February 5th!

## Thank You For Your Service!



**Thank you** to all who helped serve at the Fountain of Youth Dinner Monday night, January 23rd. It was a great success, because of you! I want you to know that I understand your sacrifice and I'm still learning how to manage the position I'm in. Thank you for your patience. — Caprice Jones

## Mental Health First Aid Training Day

Thurs Feb 16th or Sat Feb 25th

8:30am to 5:00pm with half hour lunch

Matthew 25, 201 3rd Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA

Cost: \$50 per person (includes manual and lunch)

Certificate provided upon completion of 8 hr course

Sometimes first aid isn't a bandage or CPR or calling 911. Sometimes first aid is YOU! Someone you know may be experiencing a mental illness or a mental health crisis. Mental Health First Aid is the initial help given to a person who is showing signs or symptoms of mental illness or a mental health crisis. Mental health first aid is provided until appropriate professional help is obtained.

Mental Health First Aid Will Teach you:

- How to support an individual who is experiencing a mental health crisis until a professional is found.
- Signs and symptoms of the most common and most severe mental health conditions.
- The impact of mental health issues on individuals, families and communities.
- A 5 step action plan to help an individual showing signs of a mental health issue or who is in crisis.
- Local resources and where to find help.

Who can be a mental health first aider? Civic leaders, community members, consumers and families, members of faith communities, first responders, direct service providers, volunteers, nurses, physicians, human resource directors, company supervisors, EVERYONE!

**SOMETIMES THE BEST FIRST AID IS YOU.**



**The Lion King KIDS**  
**Prescott Elementary School**  
**6th Annual All-School Musical**  
**Thursday, February 16, 2017**  
**2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.**  
 Prescott Gymnasium  
 Free event, donations accepted



**Green Team Training Workshop**  
**Sunday, February 19, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
**Sisters of the Presentation, 2360 Carter Road**

Start a Green Team! Iowa Interfaith Power & Light (I IPL) and the newly formed Dubuque Chapter of I IPL are offering a Green Team Training workshop. The workshop will include speakers from area congregations sharing their successful experiences in caring for creation – reducing energy use and how they funded the improvements, creating food bank gardens, reducing congregational waste, and green cleaning options. The workshop will also present best practices gathered from congregations around the state, time to plan a Green Team, network with others, and browse tables from local green organizations.

This is a **FREE** event, thanks to our sponsors: Church of the Resurrection, Trailhead Energy, Westminster Presbyterian, Holy Trinity Lutheran. The worship includes tips, resources, and a Green Team Planning guide.

**Pre-registration required. Register at:**  
<http://iowaipl.org/act/register-events>  
 For more info: [www.iowaipl.org](http://www.iowaipl.org)

### Missed a Sermon or Service?

Sermons can be found on the St. Luke's website. If you missed the service or want to hear the scriptures and the message again, just go to the St. Luke's website and click on the "Sermons" page.



We also offer a DVD ministry for those who cannot attend on Sunday morning. Please contact the church office if you would like to participate.

### Donate to the Jesus Fund

Our "Jesus Fund" Ministry helps local people in need pay for their groceries with food vouchers at Eagles grocery. Please consider donating to this ministry. Donations can be given in offering envelopes. Please label envelopes **Jesus Fund**.



**Iowa United Methodist**  
**Advocacy Day**  
**February 7, 2017**  
**9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**  
**Des Moines (see below)**



The Iowa Conference UMW and the Iowa Conference UM Legislative Advocacy Team are sponsoring an **Advocacy Day**.

The morning will be spent at **Wesley UMC, 800 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street** in **Des Moines**. For those who are able to arrive earlier, there will be a Prayer Breakfast with Bishop Laurie from 7:30-8:30 am. Discussion topics will center on mental health, quality water and medical care of those in poverty. **Lunch** will be provided for a freewill donation. The group will then move to the **Iowa State Capitol Building** in order to talk with legislators. Watch IAUMC.org for additional details.

**Reservations are required. Send to:** Rita Carter at 515-979-0605 or [ritaac@mchsi.com](mailto:ritaac@mchsi.com) or to Brian Carter at: [briancar@dwx.com](mailto:briancar@dwx.com) or at 515-979-5775.

### Donate to the Food Pantry

**Food items:** soups, tuna, pasta, peanut butter/jelly, canned meats, canned potatoes. **Baby items:** formula, diapers, lotion/powder. **Other items:** Dish/laundry soaps, paper products, personal hygiene products.

Place items in the shopping cart in the South Hall.



### Red Basket Project



The response to the Red Basket Program is supportive with need verified by the number of packs of menstrual supplies taken during our Saturday night Food for the Soul program. Some donations have been placed in the red basket on the table in the hallway. We will be dependent on donations. If you would like to support this project, either leave cash or a check in the office labeled for the Red Basket Project or donate any of the following products:

**Tampons:** Junior, Regular, Super

**Pantiliners:** Always Thin Pantiliners, any brand medium or heavy absorbency pantiliner, any brand heavy absorbency pantiliner

The best prices for these are at Dollar Tree.

## *From Mark's Desk*

Greetings,

This Sunday someone asked me why I wore Hawaiian shirts so I thought that I should retell the story:

### **Mark's Hawaiian Shirt**

By now you may have noticed that I always wear a Hawaiian shirt to church on Sunday's. But I didn't always wear them.

Years ago at the first Church that served, I attended the Youth and Family Training event at the Saddleback Church, home of the "40 days of Purpose". Each day Pastor Rick Warren would speak to the main group and he always wore a Hawaiian shirt! I learned that he always wore them any time he was speaking to his congregation.

When I returned home from the training event, I kept thinking about those shirts. Months later as I was preparing for the season of Easter I came across a passage which reminded me of those Hawaiian shirts. The passage was about the Crucifixion of Jesus on the cross.



*"One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"<sup>40</sup> But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence?"<sup>41</sup> We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."<sup>42</sup> Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."<sup>43</sup> Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise." - Luke 23: 39-42 (NIV)*

Each Sunday I am confident that like the one criminal I am a sinner, and God has given HIS only Son that I and whoever believes in HIM alone, will someday be in paradise with HIM forever. So when you see me with my Hawaiian shirt on a snowy Sunday in mid-January, I hope you will remember this story and remember God's love for us, and HIS promise that someday we will be with HIM in Paradise.

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