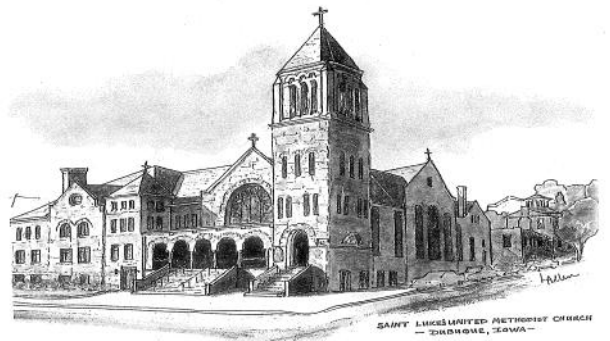


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Chuck's Chat — June 14, 2017

I'm putting together the Confirmation Class for 2017-2018. Soon, letters will be going out to families whose children are eligible to be part of the class, and I look forward to discovering which young people I will be working with.

Dear Friends, I am so happy to say that I have been reappointed to serve as your pastor here at St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Since telling you that I am a self-avowed non-practicing homosexual, I have had almost universal support from you and other friends and colleagues. At Annual Conference I took what is called "a moment of personal privilege" to read the following statement:

Bishop, I am Charles Verne Layton — Full elder appointed to serve at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Dubuque, Iowa, East Central District.

I was sitting on the organ bench of First Methodist Church-Mason City while I was still in my mother's womb. I was baptized there as a baby, nurtured in Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and worship.

I was confirmed as a United Methodist by Rev. Dick Clark at Trinity UMC in Clinton. During my years there, God's prevenient Grace drew me to desire heart religion—the true life of the spirituality alive.

When my father's work took us back to Mason City, I did receive full assurance of my salvation both through the loving ministry of First UMC under the Rev. S. Willard Cunningham and the Rev. Larry Vallery, and the fellowship of the youth-led house church "Revelation." The Rev. Harlan and Mrs. Jean Stenberg served as adult sponsors of Revelation.

God graciously called me into ministry, and I was voted on at a special charge conference at First UMC in Mason City. By that time, Dad's work took him and my mother Velma to Dubuque, where they became members of St. Luke's, and I sang alongside my mother and father in the choir.

During that time I was blessed to be pastured by Dr. Francis Brockman, Reverends Dwight and Linda Vogel, and, I believe for a time, Laurice Streyffler.

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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:

Susan (Bonnie Sander's cousin) - breast cancer
Rayma Fisher - improving vision
 (Bonnie Sander's mother)
Barb Ray - recovering from eye surgery May 23rd

Prayers for people in Care Centers:

Betty Farcas
Marian Thomas
Edie Bruehahn
Sally Wiegand
Mary Dempsey
Barb Boettcher
Margerie Kreassig
Romayne Schmitt

Prayers for people with ongoing health issues:

Peggy Lemke
Johnny
Brett Cooper
Bonnie Jorgensen
Jeanne Patterson
Susan Funke — in rehab center in Ankeny

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

Barb Crites

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.



June Birthdays

- | | |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Tyrell Saunders | 16 Austin Lungwitz |
| 3 Debra Finn | 17 Joe Healy |
| 4 Cooper DuBord | 17 Kim Sheldon |
| 5 Jason Breithaupt | 18 Gary Lungwitz |
| 5 Sarah Redding | 19 Garrett Gross |
| 6 Ann Duchow | 19 Edna Mahan |
| 6 Katelyn Gross | 19 Linda Snitker |
| 6 Cheri Loveless | 20 Keith Rippe |
| 6 Robert Neuendorf | 21 Haley Rhoads |
| 6 Jack Pregler | 23 John Hessler |
| 7 Becky Kehoe | 24 Michael Kennedy |
| 7 Steven Lamb | 25 Tim Becker |
| 7 Owen Oberman | 25 Sarah Nemmers |
| 8 Steve Sanders | 25 Christopher Sanders |
| 9 Avary Pollard | 27 Tyler Cue |
| 11 Lora Lamb | 27 Katie Demaio |
| 12 Morgan Johnson | 27 Robert Ortberg |
| 13 Dylan Goerd | 28 Julia Borgwardt |
| 14 R.R.S. Stewart | 30 Morgan Bettcher |
| 15 John Glab | 30 Grant Herr |
| 16 Mya Beau | 30 Gregory Stechman |

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 & 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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 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)

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

June 2nd Sunday after Pentecost (green)
18th Genesis 18: 1-15, (21:1-7); Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19
 Romans 5: 1-8; Matthew 9:35 - 10:8, (9-23)

June 3rd Sunday after Pentecost (green)
25th Genesis 21: 8-21; Psalm 89: 1-10, 16-17
 Romans 6: 1b-11; Matthew 10: 24-39

July 4th Sunday after Pentecost (green)
2nd Genesis 22: 1-14; Psalm 13 (UM 746);
 Romans 6: 12-23; Matthew 10: 40-42

July 5th Sunday after Pentecost (green)
9th Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45: 10-17
 Romans 7: 15-25a; Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

STAFF

Pastor Rev. Charles (Chuck) Layton
 Children / Youth: Jessica DuBord (intrm)
 Administrative Assistant Ora Uzel
 Custodian. Caprice Jones

Treasurer Amy Schadle
 Historian Betty Phillips
 Financial Secretary Carol Clark
 Membership Secretary Admin Asst

Worship & Celebration Sue Hattel
 Care & Compassion Marcia Dubbels
 Spiritual Growth & Disc: Nancy Hessler
 Stewardship (vacant)
 Witness & Service
 Community Outreach . . . Jennifer Crow
 Conference & Global. (vacant)
 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 June 2017 Volunteers

Saturday Bread Run

6/3/17 Hull
6/10/17 Jacobsen/Sanders
6/17/17 McGovern
6/24/17 Loveless

Saturday Food for the Soul

6/3/17 Lange Family
6/10/17 Team 1
6/17/17 Team 2
6/24/17 Team 3

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

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6/4/17 R.R.S. Stewart
6/11/17 Larry Loeppe
6/18/17 Heather Williams
6/25/17 R.R.S. Stewart

Hymn Sing

6/4/17 St. Luke's Singers
6/11/17 Rev. Robert Armstrong
6/18/17 Pastor Chuck
6/25/17 Pastor Chuck

Greeters/Ushers

6/4/17 Loveless/Folsom
6/11/17 Gary & Kathy Reid
6/18/17 Gary & Kathy Reid
6/25/17 Gary & Kathy Reid

Offering Depositor

6/4/17 Mike Loveless
6/11/17 Mark Tilson
6/18/17 Dick Landis
6/25/17 Kathy McWethy

Liturgist

6/4/17 Jon Romaine
6/11/17 Carol Clark
6/18/17 Lynn Kerker
6/25/17 Deb Albert

Coffee & Conversation Hosts

6/4/17 St. Luke's Singers
6/11/17 JuBELLation Ringers
6/18/17 Faith & Family Class
6/25/17 Chancel Choir

Organist/Pianist

6/4/17 Dr. Jeremy Mims
6/11/17 Jill Sieverding
6/18/17 Dr. Jeremy Mims
6/25/17 Peter Szeibel

Projectionist

6/4/17 Denny Brimeyer
6/11/17 Matthew Hull
6/18/17 Matthew Hull
6/25/17 Paul Clark

Videographer

6/4/17 John Hessler
6/11/17 Greg Albert
6/18/17 Ron Liskey
6/25/17 Bobby Martin

Slides

6/4/17 Craig Allen
6/11/17 Chris Kohlmann
6/18/17 Matthew Hull
6/25/17 Paul Clark

Worship Driver

6/4/17 Dan Jacobsen
6/11/17 Chris Becker
6/18/17 Mike Loveless
6/25/17 Mike Loveless



Upcoming Worship Dates

Summer Sundays Schedule:

9:15 a.m. Hymn Sing before each service

9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Services

10:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversations after

Jun 18 Father's Day / Tool Sunday, Mt. T.O.P. Commissioning & Annual Conf. Report

9:30 a.m. **Word on the Third**

Contemporary Worship Service

Jun 25 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

Jul 2 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship **with Communion**

Jul 9 **Mountain T.O.P. Service**

9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

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



Vacation Bible School

Monday-Friday, June 19 - 23

Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Program 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Come join us for St. Luke's VBS! We will be using Group's Maker Fun Factory curriculum. VBS is for any children age 3 to 5th grade (finishing).

How to sign up:

Email: dbqstlukeskids@gmail.com

Phone: 563-564-7366

Online: vbspro.events/p/4b46f2

Remember to register for the grade just finished. We look forward to seeing you!



St. Luke's & Fountain of Youth Pioneers Summer Picnic

Sunday July 9 at 11:00am
Murphy Park Open Air Pavilion

Bring a potluck dish to share, plates/silverware, any games you'd like to enjoy - bean bag toss, lawn darts, badminton, Frisbee. The Fountain of Youth will be providing the meat. Water and lemonade provided!



Come Join the Fun and Get to Know the Pioneers!

Hosted by St. Luke's Council on Ministry and the Fountain of Youth Pioneers program. Pioneers are young people ages 16 - 24 years old. The program includes mentoring, employment and contacts to impact the lives of youth with the goal of eradicating generational poverty.



June 16 — Registrations due for **Mission u "Learning Together for Transformation of the World"**— July 16-18 in Marshalltown, Iowa.

www.iaumc.org/missionuformerlysocm

1) Spiritual Growth Study -- Living as a Covenant Community

2) Geographic Study -- Missionary Conferences of the UMC in the U.S.

3) Social Issue Study -- Climate Justice: Call to Hope and Action

June 27 — **Picnic on Arboretum Porch** at 6:00 pm hosted by Rockdale UMW. Bring a **salad** and **\$2** for porch gathering. **Desserts, tableware and beverages provided.** Arrive early and visit the gardens! Enjoy fellowship, salad, picnic and brief program. Held rain or shine!! All women invited!

July 13 — **PICNIC & CONCERT at Eagle Point Park**

5:00 pm Social; 6:15 pm Picnic potluck; 7:30 pm Concert by New Horizon & Americana Bands.

SAVE the DATE! ALL COME & ENJOY!



Terrific Tuesdays

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

Jun 20 Molly's Silver Screen Canteen

Jun 27 8:30am Breakfast at Village Inn

10:00am Sit & Knit at St. Luke's Parlor

Jul 11 AJ's Café at Hartig's on University Ave.

Jul 18 Starbucks at Dodge Hy-Vee

Picnic & Concert

Thursday July 13th, 2017

Eagle Point Park, Entry: \$1 per car
Riverfront Pavilion, East & South porches

Join us for a picnic, hosted by UMW, rain or shine, at the Riverfront Pavilion at Eagle Point Park. Social time begins at 5:00 p.m. with the picnic beginning at 6:15 p.m. Bring a potluck dish to share. Beverages and tableware will be provided.

Afterwards there will be a band concert at the band shell nearby with the New Horizons and Americana bands. Bring your own lawn chair or benches are provided at the band shell.



St. Mark Needs Readers



Volunteer Readers are needed to read to groups of children for 15 minute reading times in the mornings and afternoons this summer at the St. Mark Youth Enrichment Center and the Boys and Girls Club facilities as part of the St. Mark Youth Summer Reading Program to help the children of our downtown community keep up and improve their reading ability.

You can volunteer by calling **Danielle Willis, Program Director**, at the St. Mark Youth Enrichment Center at **563-582-6211 ext. 110** or send an e-mail to Danielle at dwillis@stmarkyouthenrichment.org and she will coordinate the times and places for you to participate in this cooperative project.



**Farewell Gathering for
Rev. Dr. Jill Sanders
East Central District
Field Outreach Minister
Sunday June 25th, 4:00 - 7:00pm
Lovely Lane UMC
2424 42nd Street NE
Cedar Rapids, IA**

Jill's Farewell Gathering will be from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at Lovely Lane UMC Sunday, June 25. Bishop Laurie Hal-ler has appointed East Central District Field Outreach Minister, Jill Sanders, to be the senior pastor of Ames Collegiate UMC, beginning July 1st.

Donations for the Jesus Fund

Our "Jesus Fund" Ministry helps people in need get healthy groceries by providing them vouchers to Eagle's grocery. Donations can be given in envelopes put into the offering plate labeled "Jesus Fund."



Items Needed for the Food Pantry



Items needed:

Juices (any size), pancake mix & syrup, ramen, lotion, liquid hand soap, bath gel & 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!

Volunteers Needed for Dare2Share Live

Saturday, September 23rd, 2017

11:00am - 6:30pm

Doors open at 10:00am

St. Luke's UMC - Sanctuary

Tickets: \$20 each



We are looking for volunteers to help with this event. **Please contact Jennifer Crow or Mark Beard for more information.**

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



Parking Spots Available

The church parking lot currently has spots 5, 6, 14 & 15 available for rent at \$35 per month. Rental is for weekdays 8am to 5pm. Please spread the word!

If someone would like to rent a spot, have them note their license plate information; make, model, color of their car; and contact information. Then contact the church office at: **563-582-4543** or dbqstluke@gmail.com

Free Diagnostic Services

Through the *Care for Yourself* program, the following services are available: mammogram, clinical breast exam, pap test, pelvic exam, limited diagnostic tests, and assistance with making appointments. Requirements: 40+ years old, 250% of the poverty level or below. Call:

1-800-862-6133 or 563-556-6200

Why do environmentalists (*including St. Luke's Green Team*) care about climate change, conservation, pollution, poor water quality and nature in general?

Our nation has been so blessed with natural resources that we take these blessings for granted. Many people in third world countries have suffered for many years because of drought, lack of clean water, and fossil fuel pollution. But changes are happening. These issues are beginning to affect the United States. Let's promote earth-care for all. We are called to preserve and treasure all of God's gifts, including trees, wind, soil, garden flowers and veggies, animals and human nature.



Free Box Fans

for Seniors & People with Disabilities

The Salvation Army of Dubuque has free box fans available to senior citizens and people with disabilities, while supplies last. **Bring 2 forms of ID.**



Salvation Army: 11th & Iowa St., Dubuque
Hours: 9am-3pm, Mon-Fri — 563-556-1573

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.**



Water is essential to life.

No water, no life. When we don't have water, we get thirsty and grumble. Commentators on today's circumstances often project that the next major wars will be over control of water.

Already in places like Darfur, Israel, and rural Syria, conflicts over water and livelihood have ignited larger conflagrations. By contrast, Moses [Exodus 17] and Jesus [John 4] provided water for physically and spiritually thirsty people. Likewise, it is important that we who have so much use the resources and know-how at our disposal to assure that water, both physical and spiritual, be available to all those who dwell in our common home.

*From St. Luke's Green Team, and
Provided by Catholic Climate Covenant*



Tiffany Windows Visitors

In June of last year we began keeping totals of the number of visitors to St. Luke's during the weekdays. From June 2016 through May 2017, St. Luke's has had roughly 4,200 visitors who have come just to see the Tiffany Windows.

Most of these visitors come during weekdays in the summer from riverboats that stop in Dubuque like the Riverboat Twilight, the American Queen, or the American Duchess, however we have other visitors every week of the year even in winter.

Lectionary Bible Study Thursdays at 10 a.m.



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

Dubuque Senior Center Now Open

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 daily. To reserve a meal please call 563-543-7065 by noon the previous day. It may be possible to receive a lunch without calling; but reservations are recommended. Patrons over 60 may leave a donation; those under 60 are required to pay \$8.28. For more info call: **Colleen at 563-543-7065**



Red Basket Project

Support the Red Basket Project with donations in an envelope marked "Red Basket Project" or donate any of the following in the red basket in the South Hallway: **Tampons:** Junior, Regular, Super; **Pantiliners:** Always Thin Pantiliners, or any brand medium or heavy absorbency pantiliner.

Think GREEN at the Farmers' Market

Every Saturday 7am to Noon - May-Oct
Iowa Street from 11th Street to City Hall

Think about garden fresh, locally grown veggies. Plan now to attend Saturday's downtown farmers' market. The market is our neighbor located near City Hall and surrounding blocks, just a block from the church. While there, buy herb seedlings and flowering plants. Produce comes from local farms every **Saturday through October, 7:00 - Noon**. Look for vendors selling grass-fed meat for your table, and those who sell only organic produce. To eliminate plastic bags to carry home your purchases, be sure to bring your own cloth totes. Happy GREEN shopping!

Host an Exchange Student



Emerald Johnson, local coordinator for Iowa Resources for International Service (IRIS) is looking for families in Eastern Iowa who might be interested in hosting international scholarship exchange students for the 2017-2018 school year.

Our website is www.iris-center.org We place students from Africa, the Middle East and Southeast Asia for one school (August arrival, June return). They receive an allowance for social activities and household necessities. Families include the students in all family activities while they are here. We need to place students ASAP so that we can secure their school placement.

For more information, contact Emerald at:
emerald@iris-center.org or [563-505-5956](tel:563-505-5956) (cell)

Chuck's Chat continued from front cover (page 1)...

I have served churches at Calamus and Grand Mound, New Hartford, Onawa and Turin, Greenfield, Crystal Lake and Forest City, and now, at St. Luke's.

I was Methodist before I was born, by God's grace I became a reborn, spirit-filled Christian within the embrace of the United Methodist Church, was called to ministry as a United Methodist Christian pastor, and will—God willing—enter into life eternal with a badge proclaiming me a child both of God and of the United Methodist Church.

I am also a self-avowed non-practicing homosexual.

I have been homosexual since my mother's womb cradled me on that organ bench. I was homosexual before puberty, and before I became sexually aware in my 20's. I have passed through periods of prayer and self-examination, studying the scriptures. At no time did God's Holy Spirit ever whisper to me, "You must change. You are unacceptable for the task to which I have called you."

At this time, I humbly ask my fellow LGBTQ pastors—especially those who can state that they are non-practicing—to enquire of God as to whether they should have a conversation with the bishop and their Staff-Parish committee, so that next year at Annual Conference they too may make their witness among our brothers and sisters here. Amen.

Thank you all, both those who are happy that I have "come out" and those who wish I had not. I don't assume that everyone is on the same page with this issue, but I am grateful at the grace and love that all have shown me, even if it has been expressed by keeping silence.

Shalom, Chuck

Return
Service
Requested

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To receive your Chimes via email, send a message to dbqsluke@gmail.com. If you know someone who would like to receive The Chimes, please contact the church office.