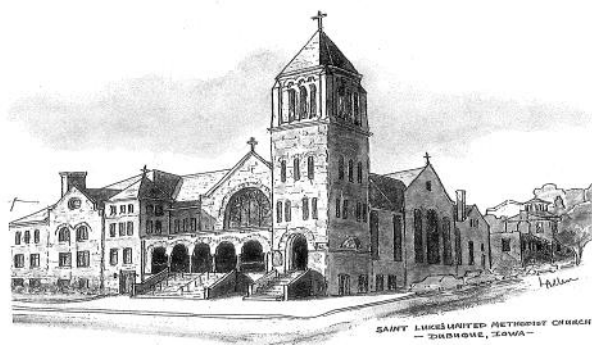


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Chuck's Chat — September 6, 2017

How does a person open their heart to the needs of others without being overwhelmed? The stark reality is that no amount of charitable giving will ever eliminate poverty or hunger. Jesus said, "You will always have the poor with you" (Matt. 26:11 and parallels). No amount of physical labor to rebuild the homes of those made homeless will ever stop homelessness; no amount of picketing and protesting will ever fully cause human governments to organize just and fair and merciful societies.

It is far too easy to succumb to burn-out, to "giving fatigue." It is hard to enlarge our responses to suffering without feeling as though we will lose ourselves.

There is an old image that speaks to this dilemma. We don't let people jump down into our wells to get water. Rather, we bring water up from our wells in a bucket and let them drink.



Yes, God often calls you and me to greater levels of loving sacrifice than we are comfortable with. But, unlike Jesus, God seldom bids us give the last drop of our blood to help one person or group. (Yes, sometimes we are called to just such a sacrifice—but that is not where most of us live.)

So, my thoughts today go in two directions: First, allow yourself to be challenged in how you respond to the "crisis of the day." Listen to God's calling. It may be that you are being asked to give more money than you normally would to UMCOR or the Red Cross. It may be that you are being drawn to go and volunteer in recovery efforts. When you do feel the call of God, gather up your courage and resources and respond. But, looking the other direction, be sure to "take your bucket" with you, so that you can give "water" to others without going dry yourself. Keep the well of your spirit and soul and emotions safe, even as you freely share the life-giving water of God's love with others.

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:

- Larry Loeppke** - recovering from shoulder surgery
- Sharon West** - stroke (Mark Tilson's friend's sister)
- Robert & Ryan** - custody issues (Lamb's grandsons)
- Savannah** - emergency c-section, infection
(Judy Schmidt's brother's step-daughter)
- Irv Veley** - mother died
- Coni Stephenson's friends:
 - Gayla & John Roarig** - mother is passing
 - Beth Fales** - colon cancer (in her 50s)
 - Tyler Hedley** - stationed in Afghanistan
- Terrie Berry** - recovering from hip replacement
- Carol Clark** - recovering from open heart surgery
- Ron Liskey** - continuous back pain
- Roberta** - cancer (Robin O.'s friend's daughter)
- Ruth Clark** - heart issues

Prayers for people in Care Centers:

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Betty Farcas | Edie Bruehahn |
| Sally Wiegand | Mary Dempsey |
| Barb Boettcher | Margerie Kreassig |
| Romayne Schmitt | |

Prayers for people with ongoing health issues:

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Susan Funke | Peggy Lemke |
| Johnny | Brett Cooper |
| Bonnie Jorgensen | Jeanne Patterson |

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

Arnie Van Etten

Prayers of joy for newborn children:

Julia Rose Manders (child of Jane Manders)

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.



September Birthdays

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Sara Albert | 17 Erick Kephart |
| 1 Rowyn Olson | 18 Aidin Bettcher |
| 1 Art Sunleaf | 18 Barbara Bonnett |
| 4 Steven Jacobson | 19 Judy Ellerie |
| 4 Caleb Peil-Vannatta | 19 Stacie Hinrichs |
| 4 Arthur Wiegand | 19 Addison Nauman |
| 5 Nancy Hessler | 19 Cyndie Nelson |
| 6 Richard Young | 20 Kay Martin |
| 7 Marlin Jorgensen | 20 Randy Schmitt |
| 7 Lila Menke | 20 Gene Sliter |
| 8 Aidan Lawler | 21 David Bonnett |
| 11 Jody Ludowitz | 21 Kristen Smith |
| 12 Mary Fagen | 23 Chris Huston |
| 12 Eleanor Ray | 23 Callie Kehoe |
| 12 Gabrielle Zartman | 23 Chad Leitch |
| 14 Robert Hinrichs | 26 Paula Martens |
| 14 Jennifer Pregler | 29 Susan Peil |
| 15 Dale Nederhoff | 29 Griffin Plumley |
| 15 Judy Nemmers | 30 Joe Nemmers |
| 16 Keith Cook | 30 Betty Quade |
| 16 Shelbie Ede | 30 Chuck Layton |
| 16 Jared Gevock | |

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



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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 8:30 a.m.*
(Communion 1st Sundays) *Sunday at 10:45 a.m.*

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

- 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
- Sep 24th** **16th Sunday after Pentecost (green)**
 Exodus 16: 2-15; Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45 (UM828);
 Philippians 1: 21-30; Matthew 20: 1-16
- Oct 1st** **17th Sunday after Pentecost (green)**
 Exodus 17: 1-7; Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16 (UM799);
 Philippians 2: 1-13; Matthew 21: 23-32

STAFF

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

CHURCH COUNCIL

Chair Nancy Hessler

Officers:

Recording Secretary. Kristen Smith
 Lay Leader Mark Tilson
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 Sue Hattel, Nancy Bradley

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 Financial Secretary Carol Clark
 Membership Secretary (vacant)

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 Board of Trustees Mike Loveless
 SPPRC. Dave Kubik

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Facilitators:
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 Chris Kohlmann

Worship & Celebration Sue Hattel
 Care & Compassion Deb Albert &
 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
 At-Large: Matt Crow, Chris Becker, Gary
 Reid, Lesley Stephens, Steven & Kathy
 Lamb, Nancy Bradley, Vicki Tilson,
 Rhonda Kubik

Month of September 2017 Volunteers

Saturday Bread Run

9/2/17 Jacobsen/Sanders
9/9/17 McGovern?
9/16/17 Breese/Young?
9/23/17 Hull family?
9/30/17 Rusch/Young?

Saturday Food for the Soul

9/2/17 Team 3
9/9/17 Team 2
9/16/17 Team 1
9/23/17 Team 4
9/30/17 Team 5

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

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9/3/17 R.R.S. Stewart
9/10/17 Heather Williams
9/17/17 R.R.S. Stewart
9/24/17 Heather Williams

8:30 Organist/Pianist

9/3/17 Dr. Chuck Barland
9/10/17 Kristen Eby
9/17/17 TBD
9/24/17 TBD

10:45 Organist/Pianist

9/3/17 Dr. Chuck Barland
9/10/17 Dr. Chuck Barland
9/17/17 TBD
9/24/17 TBD

10:45 Worship Drivers

9/3/17 Dan Jacobsen
9/10/17 Otto Krueger
9/17/17 Dan Jacobsen
9/24/17 Chris Becker

8:30 Greeters/Ushers

9/3/17 Les & Sue Bettcher
9/10/17 Deb & Sara Albert
9/17/17 TBD
9/24/17 TBD

8:30 Offering Depositor

9/3/17 Scott Zartman
9/10/17 Rich Young
9/17/17 Erick Kephart
9/24/17 Mike Loveless

8:30 Liturgist

9/3/17 Terry Stewart
9/10/17 Otto Krueger
9/17/17 Susan McGovern
9/24/17 Sue Lane

8:30 Projectionist

9/3/17 Paul Clark
9/10/17 Chris Kohlmann
9/17/17 Denny Brimeyer
9/24/17 Chris Kohlmann

Videographer

9/3/17 John Hessler
9/10/17 Greg Albert
9/17/17 TBD
9/24/17 Bobby Martin

10:45 Greeters/Ushers

9/3/17 NA
9/10/17 Reid/Watters
9/17/17 TBD
9/24/17 TBD

10:45 Offering Depositor

9/3/17 NA
9/10/17 Mark Tilson
9/17/17 Dick Landis
9/24/17 Kathy McWethy

10:45 Liturgist

9/3/17 NA
9/10/17 Dan Jacobsen
9/17/17 Rev. Dianne Christopher
9/24/17 Rev. Robert Armstrong

10:45 Projectionist

9/3/17 NA
9/10/17 Matthew Hull
9/17/17 Paul Clark
9/24/17 Matthew Hull

Slides

9/3/17 Paul Clark
9/10/17 Paul Clark
9/17/17 Matthew Hull
9/24/17 Chris Kohlmann



Upcoming Worship Dates

School Year Schedule:

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 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
10:45 a.m. Word on the Third Contemporary

Sep 24 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Services

Sep 30 10:00 a.m. Blessing of the Pets (portico)

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!

If you've been blessed with the gift of voice, join us and sing God's praises at 8:30 a.m. Worship Services Sunday mornings!

St. Luke's Singers Family Choir sings three Sundays a month (usually enjoying third Sundays off), and we share special music for Christmas and Easter. We are a welcoming group and like our name, we are a "family" that enjoys coming together as a community in music.

Have questions? ... Uncertain? ... Not a problem! Give it a try and experience the joy of singing! We look forward to seeing you 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



Chancel Choir

Wednesdays, 7:15 - 8:15pm

Beginning September 6th

Under our new director, Roxanne Rollefson, Chancel Choir will meet for our first rehearsal this Wednesday. Come join us in song, meet our new director, and welcome her to our always musical St. Luke's family!

St. Luke's Wind Ensemble

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

Wind Ensemble will practice 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, and other events. Music will be provided. **Contact Sue Hattel (556-1394 h).**

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!**



Kindling New Fires of Hope

Friday, September 8th

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

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) at the Visitor Center porch. **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



Going Down River Monday Sept 18th



Lunch at the Off Shore Restaurant
& Tour of Bellevue State Park in
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 for SOA!



We need drivers for Seniors Out & About (SOA) Contact **Laurinda Brimeyer** at: **563-543-5341.**

Terrific Tuesdays

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



- Sep 19** Jitterz Coffee & Café
Sep 26 8:30am Breakfast at Village Inn
10:00am Sit & Knit at St. Luke's Parlor
Oct 3 Caribou Coffee (Dodge & Wacker)
Oct 17 Panera Bread



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**.

Thanks from Kathy & Gary

On behalf of our family, we would like to thank our St. Luke's family for helping us celebrate our 50th anniversary with a surprise family gathering at St. Luke's on August 27th.
— *Kathy & Gary Reid*



Sanctuary Tour Greetings

Each week, we receive hundreds of visitors here to view our Tiffany Windows. Some have left messages for the congregation:

August 17th, I was happily surprised to see Don, Linda, and Heidi Potratz. They were members 20 some years ago, and left Dubuque in the mid-1990's. They are now living in GA and were traveling on a family trip. They said to tell everyone hello and fondly remember their time here. You may remember we called Linda "The Screamer," because she couldn't stop yelling when she went down the water slide at the church pool parties.

August 23rd, a member of the UMC church in LeMars brought us a message from Pastor Lundula. Pastor Lundula suggested touring St. Luke's and said to tell us all hello. The man said his church is growing under Pastor's leadership, and they really enjoy his sermons.

It's fun meeting all the people from all over. If interested in giving tours, please contact R.R.S. Stewart. Training will be provided. Thanks for considering being part of this ministry.
~ *Laurinda Brimeyer*

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. **See previous page for more info.** Event hosted by St. Luke's UMW. **All are invited!**

September 8 — Kindling New Fires of HOPE. Dubuque Arboretum Porch; 9:30 a.m. Gather; 10:00 a.m. Worship & Program. **Speaker:** Dr. Farris Muhammad, Director, Multicultural Family Center. Hosted by Church Women United. **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.)

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; with pianist Sharon Jensen and guitarist Marcus DeJesus. A reception will follow the performance. Goodwill dona-

Positions at St. Luke's!

Fulfillment opportunities are now available at St. Luke's! If someone you know is interested in a position, please contact us.



First Service Organist

8:30am service during the school year, 9:30am service during the summer. If you are a good pianist, our Lead 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.)



Greetings from Bettye Herold's Daughter

Dear St. Luke's: my parents, Bettye and Harry Herold, were active church members for 40 years. St Luke's was an enormous part of their lives while they were living in Dubuque. Harry passed in 2008 and

we held his final service at the church. We moved Bettye to Colorado Springs in 2009 so she could be close to me and my family. She is going to be 91 next month and lives in a wonderful facility called Pikes Peak Care Center. I pick her up several times every week and take her on outings. There is much that she no longer remembers, but she still has a great love of music and the beautiful weather and scenery we have here.

I received a card yesterday from St. Luke's Cares, addressed to her. I will share it with her on my visit this morning. Though she may not clearly remember, I certainly do and appreciate all that St. Luke's and its community have meant to her over the years. I hope you'll share my gratitude with any of those who might remember Bettye and Harry. Here's a recent picture of my mom just for fun (above). She's still a sassy gal!~ Sarah Ryals

Items Needed for the Food Pantry

Potatoes any kind, sugar, mac & cheese, tuna, cooking oil, laundry soap, dish soap, garden produce

Items can go in the South Hall shopping cart.



Church Building Freshened Up

As you walk around the church, please notice the freshened-up areas. Caprice and his crew of helpers have been taking on one or two specific areas each week for the last few weeks. You will notice a new freshness to the front entry and stairwell, the sanctuary, and the hallway outside the office. This in addition to regular weekly custodial tasks. Caprice and Pastor Chuck are choosing the areas for the "special treatment" each week.

And a big thank you to Paula Pins (Susan Bettcher's sister) and her crew for a deep cleaning of the kitchen, as well as working with Caprice. ~ Pastor Chuck Layton

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**.



Thanks From Kathy Lomax

Thanks to the many members and friends of St. Luke's who sent memorial donations, kind expressions of sympathy and condolences in the lovely cards, consoling words and heartfelt messages upon the death of my dear mother. She was a very religious person, the third generation of the founders of Emmanuel Baptist Church where her funeral was held.

I was truly blessed by all of the many cards. Memorials have been donated to the Raymond and Fannie Byrd scholarship of the Back to Beloit African American Homecoming. Thank you for remembering me during my time of bereavement.

Yours in Christ, Kathy Lomax

International Day of Peace Festival

On September 21st, the UN International Day of Peace, a 36 year tradition, marks progress toward peace in the world. Dubuque's festival spans 2 weeks around the date.

Our 2017 keynote speaker, Jim Bear Jacobs, will explore what it means to be American, how race enters into that discussion and indigenous perspectives.

I'm a Dubuquer

Sunday, September 10 - Saturday, September 16
Alumni Campus Center, Loras College

Photographic display expands what it means to be a Dubuquer. Instead of using this word to draw a line, let's expand the circle to all who call Dubuque home.

Play: *Vang* by Mary Swanders

Sunday, September 17 — 2:00 - 5:00 pm
Shalom Retreat Center, 1001 Davis St.

Former Iowa Poet Laureate presents a 1-hour play about the experiences of immigrant farmers. Discussion after.

How Does One Become a Naturalized Citizen?

Monday, September 18 — 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Presentation Lantern Center, Ste. LL5-1, 900 Jackson

Get to know how immigrants become citizens, including a panel of citizens, tutor volunteers, and Lantern staff.

Illegal Immigration: Challenges and Solutions

Tuesday, September 19 — 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Myers Center 146, University of Dubuque
Speaker: Jesus Nebot

Film: No Turning Back by Jesus Nebot
Tuesday, September 19 — 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Myers Center 146, University of Dubuque

Jim Bear Jacobs, "Who is an American?"
Thursday, September 21 — 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Alumni Campus Center, Loras College

Full events schedule at: www.dbqdayofpeace.org



UMCOR Responds to Hurricane Harvey

Dear Friends of UMCOR,

By now, we have all seen the horrific images of Hurricane Harvey's destructive path through Houston, Southeast Texas, and Southwest Louisiana, producing record-shattering rains and flooding in some communities.

Before Harvey made landfall, UMCOR was working with United Methodist Church conferences to ready resources and volunteers for the relief and recovery efforts. UMC volunteers from these conferences are UMCOR's feet on the ground, and they are actively responding to this ongoing and developing disaster.

The people of Houston and other affected communities need your help today! A catastrophe of this size and magnitude will require UMCOR to be there for the long-term as UMC conferences address the urgent needs of those affected. UMCOR will be with them every step of the way. Please pray for the millions of people affected by this disaster. And make a gift so we can provide the help they need to rebuild their lives.

Blessings, Catherine G. Earl, MSW, UMCOR Director of Disaster Response and U.S. Partnerships

P.S. Your gift today will be immediately put to work through UMCOR to help those who are currently facing crises in their lives. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Special offering envelopes are available in the back of the Sanctuary.

Return
Service
Requested

*St. Luke's United Methodist Church
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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 dbqsluke@gmail.com. If you know someone who would like to receive The Chimes, please contact the church office.