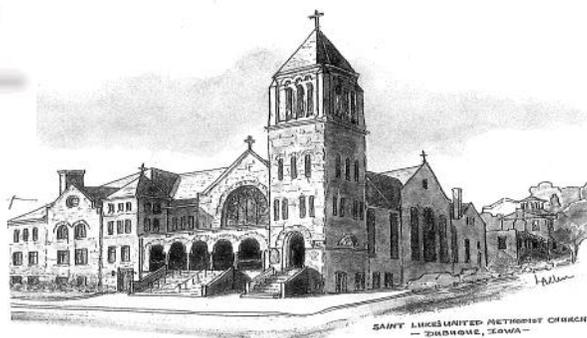


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Chuck's Chat — July 27, 2016

Last time, I talked about books, and how John Wesley called himself a “Man of One Book”, the Bible. I said that for me the Bible is the place where we can meet the mind of God. As promised, I’m writing more about this in this article. It probably doesn’t come as any surprise to anyone that different groups approach the Bible differently. My whole life I’ve tried to clarify my own thinking on why this is so. Recently, I found an article that brought me great clarity on the question, written by Morgan Guyton, called “[Why We're Ethically Incomprehensible To Each Other](#)” ([online Chimes readers click here](#)).

I hope you will read Guyton’s full article, so here’s the jist of it: In general, Christians approach the Bible from two different ethical (his word) perspectives. Here’s a little of what he writes:

“Conservatives tend to use a deontological ethics, in which you find an authority figure to give you a duty to obey. Progressives tend to use a consequentialist ethics, in which you decide what to do on the basis of what will cause the most good and least harm.

When I say that the Bible is an authority for my life, I mean something different than a person operating with deontological ethics. I don’t do what the Bible says because it says so. I consider the Bible to be the most authoritative resource for learning how to live with the most love. I believe that all of it is “God-breathed and useful” (2 Timothy 3:16). And when Paul says “useful,” I see that as a confirmation of his consequentialism.

To a deontological perspective, my consequentialism looks like I’m refusing to submit to the Bible’s authority. People with deontological ethics only feel assured that they are submitting fully to an authority if they perform duties that make no sense from a consequentialist perspective. The duty must be opaque to be fully deontological. Deontological ethics says that unless I do what makes no sense to me, then my sense is my authority rather than the Bible. (op. cit.)

Guyton claims that Jesus was a consequentialist. As one proof, he quotes the Gospel of Mark: “Jesus makes his consequentialist stance explicit when he says, ‘The Sabbath was made for humanity, not humanity for the Sabbath, and the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath’ (Mark 2:27). So to me, respecting Jesus’ lordship as the chief interpreter of scripture means reading it consequentially rather than deontologically.”

Of course, Guyton’s article isn’t the be-all and end-all of this question, but it helps me give a name to the tension that many people, myself included, feel when different groups both claiming the authority of Scripture come out in such different places. I am in the “consequentialist” camp. But I have great respect for persons whose commitment to Scripture carries them into the “deontological” camp. And for me, having a way to understand their approach to scripture also helps me to respect and appreciate their approach.

Shalom, Chuck

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Our Caring Community

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

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 or injury: **Bruce Redding's sister Anna Jane Redding, sister Donna Moss, and brother-in-law Larry Laster; Laurinda Brimeyer's cousin and aunt, Jennifer Crow's friend Julie Steffen-Kutch, Martha Laaker, Ruth Jone's daughter-in-law Anne, Angela Osterkamp & her mother A. J. Osterkamp, Nick Ashbrook's grandmother Mary K. Benefiel, Johnny, Margie Breese's cousins Ben & Carissa, and Margie Tayloe.**

Prayers for people in Care Centers:

Barb Boettcher	Margerie Kreassig
Mary Dempsey	Romayne Schmitt
Anne Van Etten	Don Kirschbaum
Sally Wiegand	Jon Hardenbergh
Carol Pins	

Prayers for people with ongoing health issues:

Edie Bruehahn	Marian Thomas
Sharon Clark	George Sinn
Bonnie Jorgensen	Marjorie Tayloe
Marlin Jorgensen	Ardeth Kirschbaum
Ron Liskey	Judy McKahin
Jeanne Patterson	Kathy Reid
Donna Atkinson	Loretta Bahl
Gail Bear	Sue Sullivan
Bruce Liebold	John Duggan
Dianne Fritsch	Eve Hickey
Angela Osterkamp	A. J. Osterkamp
Bill Brown	Mary K. Benefiel

Prayers of consolation to families who have recently lost loved ones: **the Stewart family and family of Chrissie Banks, the families of Thomas & Suzanne Bainbridge, the family of Ellen Hoefler, and Sara Albert whose 'Grandma' Pat passed away recently.**

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

We would like to 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.

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.

	<i>July/August</i>		<i>August (partial)</i>
22	Donald Tschiggfrie	5	Marissa Ede
22	Marcia Young	5	Mike Basten
24	Lorie Foley	6	Vicki Tilson
24	Jared Lester	6	Kenaniah Stechman
24	Derek Lester	8	Eleanor Jach
24	Keera Meloy	8	Ashlyn Gross
26	Clara Burchett	9	James Gabel
26	Christopher Craven	10	Becky Doty
27	Ronald Francois	10	Cody Ede
28	Becca Johnson	11	Larry Loepke
28	Nathan Sanders	13	Emilie Flanigan
29	Brent Hunold	13	Amy Schmitt
30	Arnold Van Etten	13	TJ Sanders
30	Stacy Stechman	15	Jodi Johnson
31	Paul Clark	16	Cassidy Wehr-Flowers
31	Chase Kreimeyer	16	Aulanda Krause
31	Chris Stechman	17	Robert Glab
31	Chelsey Kephart	17	Heather Demaio
1	Lisa Viertel	18	Heather Williams
1	Rhonda Kubik	20	Christian Borgwardt
2	Maura Lawler	20	Cole Beecher
2	Cheri Vahl	20	Madeline Roling
2	Gavin Gross	20	Rylee Neuendorf
4	Landon Schmitt	21	Jeanne Updegraff
5	Eva Schneider	21	Jackson Glaser

Please check the prayer request list in *The Chimes* and the bulletin. If you see an outdated or no longer relevant prayer request, please contact the church office at: **563-582-4543** or **dbqstluke@gmail.com**

Check St. Luke's website for the online calendar, Chimes, bulletin, contact information, and even listen to a sermon you may have missed!

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Month of August (including Sept 4) 2016 Volunteers

Saturday Bread Run Driver

7/30/16 Breese/Young
 8/6/16 Schrupf/Rusch
 8/13/16 Mike & Cheri Loveless
 8/20/16 Jacobsen/Sanders
 8/27/16 McGovern
 9/3/16 Matt & Foster Hull

9:30 a.m. Greeters

7/31/16 Joe & Kathy Lomax
 8/7/16 Hessler/Romaine
 8/14/16 Keith Cook & Sharon Kress
 8/21/16 Stephenson/Sheldon
 8/28/16 Romaine/Schadle Family
 9/4/16 Schrupf Family

9:30 a.m. Slides

7/31/16 Craig Allen
 8/7/16 Craig Allen
 8/14/16 Paul Clark
 8/21/16 N/A (Arboretum)
 8/28/16 Chris Kohlmann
 9/4/16 Craig Allen

Saturday Food for the Soul

7/30/16 Team 3
 8/6/16 Team 4
 8/13/16 Team 5
 8/20/16 Team 6
 8/27/16 Team 7
 9/3/16 Team 8

9:30 a.m. Ushers

7/31/16 Lomax/Breese/Sue Hattel
 8/7/16 Hessler/Romaine
 8/14/16 Keith Cook & Sharon Kress
 8/21/16 Stephenson/Sheldon
 8/28/16 Romaine/Schadle Family
 9/4/16 Schrupf Family

9:30 a.m. Projectionist

7/31/16 Denny Brimeyer
 8/7/16 Denny Brimeyer
 8/14/16 Paul Clark
 8/21/16 N/A (Arboretum)
 8/28/16 Chris Kohlmann
 9/4/16 Denny Brimeyer

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

9:30 a.m. Chimer

7/31/16 R.R.S. Stewart
 8/7/16 R.R.S. Stewart
 8/14/16 Heather Williams
 8/21/16 N/A (Arboretum)
 8/28/16 Larry Loeppke
 9/4/16 TBD

9:30 a.m. Offering Depositor

7/31/16 Mike Loveless
 8/7/16 Cheri Loveless
 8/14/16 Erick Kephart
 8/21/16 Scott Zartman
 8/28/16 Kathy McWethy
 9/4/16 Sharon Kress

9:30 a.m. Videographer

7/31/16 John Hessler
 8/7/16 Ron Liskey
 8/14/16 Bobby Martin
 8/21/16 Bobby Martin
 8/28/16 John Hessler
 9/4/16 Greg Albert

9:30 a.m. Hymn Sing Leaders

7/31/16 Robert Armstrong
 8/7/16 Brittany Drake
 8/14/16 Rippe/Kohlmann
 8/21/16 No Hymn Sing (WOT)
 8/28/16 Andrea Beacham
 9/4/16 Keith Rippe

9:30 a.m. Liturgist

7/31/16 Dan Jacobsen
 8/7/16 Susan McGovern
 8/14/16 Sue Hattel
 8/21/16 N/A (WOT)
 8/28/16 Lynn Kerker
 9/4/16 Deb Albert

9:30 a.m. Acolytes

7/31/16 Margie Breese
 8/7/16 Sara Albert
 8/14/16 Sara Albert
 8/21/16 Sara Albert
 8/28/16 Sara Albert
 9/4/16 Sara Albert

9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

7/31/16 Finance Committee
 8/7/16 Worship & Celebration
 8/14/16 Community Outreach & Social Justice
 8/21/16 Invitation & Welcome at the Arboretum
 8/28/16 UMW
 9/4/16 Youth

9:30 a.m. Organist

7/31/16 Chuck Barland
 8/7/16 Keith Rippe (piano)
 8/14/16 Chuck Barland
 8/21/16 N/A (Arboretum)
 8/28/16 Chuck Barland
 9/4/16 Jeremy Mims

9:30 a.m. Worship Driver

7/31/16 Dan Jacobsen
 8/7/16 Mike Loveless
 8/14/16 Dan Jacobsen
 8/21/16 Mark Tilson
 8/28/16 Otto Krueger
 9/4/16 Mike Loveless

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

Check St. Luke's website for the latest bulletins, issues of *The Chimes*, online calendar, contact information, and even listen to a sermon you missed! If you have something that you would like to see on our website, please call the office at 563-582-4543.

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THANK YOU! July 3rd Event



July 3rd, 2016 was a celebration of Independence and Harmony at St. Luke's UMC. To date the event has raised \$3,247.82 — before expenses — with more donations still coming in. This event supported Mighty Man Ministries in Hayti, MO. and St. Luke's outreach programs. This was a vision by our own Caprice Jones who gathered volunteers from St. Luke's and support from the larger community. We'll hear from Caprice in our next Chimes, but for today... **THANK YOU** to the St. Luke's community for your donations, participation and prayers. Stay tuned!! — Cheri Loveless

Sunday School "Dig IN – The Life of Jesus"

Ever wanted to be part of the teaching staff for Sunday School, but didn't want to commit to every week? It's easy with *Dig IN*! All material is online or can be printed out as needed. It takes less time to prep, because each class has different blocks you can choose. Classes are divided into grade levels, with two teachers on a rotating schedule. You can teach once a month, twice a month, or each week; the choice is yours. Please let us know you want attend the **August 14th** meeting to decide on being a part of this exciting team.



Contact Mark Beard:
563-663-4599 or dbqstlukeskids@gmail.com



Bible Study Thursdays at 10 am

You're invited to meet with Pastor Chuck on Thursdays at 10 am in the Wesley Room to talk about the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday.

Terrific Tuesdays

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

August 2	Café Manna Java
August 9	Jitterz
August 16	Big Apple Bagels
August 23	Panera
August 30	8:30 am Breakfast @ Village Inn 10:00 am Sit & Knit, Parlor



John Duggan is continuing treatment for his cancer. Cards/funds can be sent to: 694 Kaufmann Ave., DuBuque, IA 52001 or dropped off at the Church Office.

SENIORS Out 'n About

Gone Fishin' August 12, 2016

We'll travel to the Bluff Lake Catfish Farm near Maquoketa, IA. Everyone is invited to join us. We don't discriminate based on age.

Bluff Lake Catfish Farm specializes in All-You-Can-Eat meals that will keep you coming back for more. They take pride in their food and strive to create the best customer satisfaction possible.



Their menu covers all tastes and preferences and is competitively priced for all budgets. The rural location is located in the beautiful Iowa River Valley between two lakes, a 50 foot waterfall, and the Maquoketa River.

Cost: **\$5 per person** (transportation)
Registration Deadline: **August 5, 2016**
We leave **Woodlands** at **3:00 pm**
Contact: **Marcia Dubbels** at **582-6634**

Loan a Workbook

Several small fellowship groups have already finished the **Workbook for A Disciples Path**. Helen Johnston's group is over halfway finished, but they have a new person who would like to read the material. It doesn't matter if you have written in it, and Helen will see that it is returned to you. Please leave it in the church office and notify Helen at: **hj88keys1@gmail.com**

Children: the Future of Our Church

Our nursery needs more helpers, including beyond the summer time when we'll need extra help for Sundays and Wonderful Wednesdays. Teens can get community service hours. Help foster the future of our church!

Contact Mark Beard:
563-663-4599 or dbqstlukeskids@gmail.com

Lunch With Chuck August 8th at 11:30am

Please join Pastor Chuck Wednesday August 8, 11:30am at the downtown McDonalds, 620 Iowa Street.



Schedule a Ride to Worship

Need a ride to worship? Leave a phone message at the church office at **582-4543**. When the voicemail starts talking, dial 104, and leave your message as instructed.

Habitat for Humanity Update

767 University Avenue is transforming into the current Habitat for Humanity faith build. Cement foundation was poured and the walls are up on schedule. With work on each Saturday, the house will be finished in November, and a family of five moving in! How exciting!

Help needed:

- 1) Volunteering on Saturdays;
- 2) Providing meals for workers; and
- 3) Donating to fund builds.

Questions/scheduling, contact:

Habitat Board member, Elaine Mitchell
563-588- 1691 | diettou@gmail.com

Individuals or groups from St. Luke's are invited to become involved! Sue Hattel – St. Luke's Habitat Liaison



4th Annual Alzheimer's 5k & 10k

Saturday August 13, 2016 at 8am

Heritage Trail Pond, Hwy 52

Early Registration: August 6th

5k walk/run and 10k run! For more info, check the purple flyer on the bulletin board downstairs or contact:

Terry Willenborg

563-451-7332 | whitesoxrunner@aol.com

Parking Spots Available

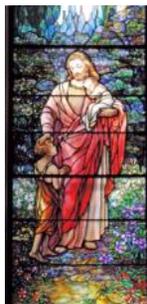
Our parking lot on the southeast corner of 12th and Main has two adjacent spots currently available for rent weekdays 8am-5pm. Rent is \$35/month. Please spread the word to see if anyone needs a spot to rent! Have them call or email Ora at the church office



Weekday church volunteers, remember to park in the church parking spots and save your meter money for offerings. The church has these spots specifically for this reason. Spots 1 & 2 are always open. Spots 13 & 14 are open until rented. Ask Ora, if you have questions.

Tiffany Windows Visitors

Many visitors pass through our open doors to appreciate the Tiffany Windows. Betty Phillips, Mary Armstrong, Cathy Schlickman, and others provide tours and information. June visitors totaled 457 and July will finish with around 700 visitors. Tours vary in size from very large scheduled tours (30-100 people) down to individuals, couples, and families. If you want to help with tours contact both Betty Phillips and Ora in the Church Office:



563-582-4543 | dbqstluke@gmail.com

UMW—Faith. Hope. Love in Action

August 1 – Busy Bees meet at 1:00 p.m. in St. Luke's Fellowship Hall. Devotion, dessert and tying of quilts for residential youth living at Hillcrest Family Services. Hostess: Janet Efferding. Caring hands create beauty and comfort for others. ALL women are welcome!!

Climate Justice—A Call to Hope and Action study edited by Pat Watkins was held in Marshalltown, July 17 -20 sponsored by UMW. Over 130 people including 6 pastors and 5 members of Dubuque UMW units took the course. Topics included: **1) Biblical Theology of Creation Care; 2) Biblical Model of Climate Justice; 3) What is Climate Justice? Why is it a Religious Issue?**

In understanding climate injustice, earth and human consequences were identified, we discussed how we can culturally make climate justice happen!

A call to hope – BE JUST. BE GREEN.

Upcoming Sundays

Aug 7th-Aug 14th — Regular Sunday worship service

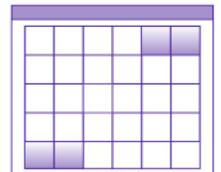
Aug 21st — **Word on the Third** at Arboretum

Aug 28th-Sept 4th — Regular Sunday worship service

Sept 11th is Kickoff Sunday! Sunday worship services will be held at 8:30 am & 10:45 am, with Sunday School at 9:30 am.

Online Chimes Archives & Online Church Calendar

The church website now has an online archive of the Chimes newsletters as well as



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National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

Become, informed, educated, and supporting of this experience that affects 1 in 5 Americans.

Resource table on display in the South Hall

Monthly meetings: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays,
900 Jackson St, Suite LL5-2B, Dubuque, IA

www.namidubuque.org

563-557-6264

Key Inventory



For regular security maintenance, we take inventory of our keys. If you have a church key, please notify Ora, including the letter (and number, if any) you have on your key: **582-4543 | dbqstluke@gmail.com**

Meet Bishop Laurie Haller

Iowa's new episcopal leader will be Bishop Laurie Haller, elected at the 2016 North Central Jurisdictional Conference, July 14th. Bishop Haller hails from Michigan and was serving as senior pastor of First UMC in Birmingham in the Detroit Annual Conference. Prior to that, she served 6 years as district superintendent of Grand Rapids, where she led a campaign to raise \$1,000,000 to build the 24-bed Ubuntu Retreat Center at Africa University in Zimbabwe.

Her previous appointments include: 13 years at First UMC Grand Rapids, Aldersgate and Plainfield UMCs in Grand Rapids, Hart UMC, Ludington UMC, and Ogdensburg UMC Traverse City.

Bishop Haller holds a B.M. organ performance from Wittenberg University (Springfield, OH), including a year studying sacred music at the Berliner Kirchenmusikschule in West Berlin, Germany. She also holds a M.M. organ performance from Yale University, and a M.Div. from Yale Divinity School. There, she was director of music at Stratford UMC (Stratford, CT). She was ordained in the General Conference Mennonite Church in 1982 and transferred her ordination credentials to the West Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church in 1987.



Bishop Haller served 8 years on the Board of Ordained Ministry in West Michigan, including 4 years as chairperson. She also served on the Michigan Area Committee on the Episcopacy. She was elected as a General Conference delegate from West Michigan Conference 1996-2016 and Jurisdictional Conference delegate 1996-2016. She is trustee at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, a director of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry 2000-2008, and served as a member of the North Central Jurisdictional Conference Committee on the Episcopacy.

Bishop Haller has been Bible Study teacher at the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference (2015), preacher at Lakeside Chautauqua in Ohio (2015), preacher at Epworth Heights in Ludington, Michigan (2009, 2004, 1997), and preacher and lecturer at Bay View Assembly in Petoskey, Michigan (2010, 2002). She was chosen to participate in the Academy of Preaching, and recipient of a Clergy Renewal Grant from the Lilly Endowment in 2000.

She is a prolific writer with essays and articles appearing in: *Michigan Christian Advocate*, *Worship Arts*, *United Methodist Reporter*, *Ministry Matters*, *UM Insight*, *United Methodist News Service Daily Digest*, *MICconnect*, and *Faith in Action*.

St. Luke's Garden Ministry News

Edible Garden News: Through a Sustainable Dubuque grant, edible landscapes are underway next door at the old parsonage house, and planned for the four corners of St. Luke's church parking lot. The parking lot is a perfect location to model edible landscapes to farmers' market goers. We need your help! Text or email Jennifer Crow at: **563-564-2176** or **jjcrow24@aol.com**

Purdy Produce Plot St. Luke's Church Garden: Wednesday July 20th, Jennifer Crow, Keith Rippe and Chris Kohlmann arrived like the answer to a prayer, picking 6 rows of beans, over 65 pounds. Kathy Michel, Marcia Dubbels, Terry Berry and Lynn Kerker washed, snapped and bagged beans. ALL the beans were eaten or went home with Food for the Soul guests. And there are more beans to pick! Help also needed for washing and snapping beans.



To volunteer, contact Mary:

563-590-5313 or **mary_purdy@hotmail.com**

Follow this garden ministry, and the church garden, on www.facebook.com/stlukescommunitygardens/ or www.dbqcommunitygardens.com

Food for the Soul: Grants at Work

Iowa is rated 50th, dead last for fruit and vegetable consumption. 60-80% of fruits and vegetables in Iowa come from California. That cost prohibits access and leads to poor nutrition. Grants and donations to address hunger and malnutrition in our community include:

- ♦ **Matthew 25** grant for healthy snacks, monthly food giveaway, and peanut butter sandwiches at meals
- ♦ **Elks Lodge's** \$700 donation gets us produce from St. Stephen's Food Bank, through which 120 lbs. of food only costs \$21
- ♦ **Dubuque Rotary Grant** funds the Purdy Produce Plot St. Luke's Church Garden, and offers reimbursement for up to \$60 of produce at Food for the Soul.

Our meals are often guests' only source of fruits and vegetables, and they love them! To donate produce, contact: **563-590-5313** or **mary_purdy@hotmail.com**

Tammy Lynch leaving Food for the Soul

Tammy Lynch served as substitute and part time Food for the Soul hostess the past few years. She welcomed guests, served them drinks, and listened to their stories. She has decided she can no longer act in a hostess capacity. Thank you Tammy, for all you have contributed to Food for the Soul. You have personified hospitality.

A Note on Bishop Karen Oliveto...

Dear friends, as you get to know me better, you will realize how rare it is that I am struck dumb. I have an opinion on just about any subject. So when I read about the July 16 consecration of Rev. Karen Oliveto as a United Methodist bishop, my reaction very much surprised me: I have no idea what to say. You see, Bishop Oliveto is an out lesbian who is married to her wife, Robin Ridenour. Let me clarify: I don't know what to say about this particular event. I do have something to say about the general life of the church and how our response to human sexuality impacts the church and individuals.

I am for the full inclusion* of all persons in the church who have received salvation through faith in God's gracious gift, given through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. I also believe that The United Methodist Church is called to be a place of welcome, safety, exploration of God's love, and discerning God's will – both for those who self-identify as Christians, and for those who do not.

I am decidedly NOT for schism. Until now, The United Methodist Church is one of the few large "mainline" protestant denominations that has not split over the issue of sexuality. I believe that God has allowed us to move slowly on this issue so as a church, we might "get it right." For that reason, I took some comfort in the actions of our last General Conference where some of our sisters and brothers only saw more dithering.

I said, "move slowly." In truth, by the norms of church history, we are moving through this issue at breakneck speed.

I know that for my LGBTQ brothers and sisters it seems like change is glacial. Their pain seems even more intense now that society as a whole is beginning to enter the phase where sexual orientation is a non-issue. They cry out at the injustices that still plague them, and frankly, many of those injustices happen within the church they love. It is small comfort then, to remember that fifty years ago, it would have been the fact of Oliveto being a woman that would have been disturbing to many.

I am committed to being pastor to all of the people of St. Luke's parish—rich and poor; black, brown, almond, white; people of different mental or physical abilities; different expressions of sexuality or gender; young and old. And, please note, that also includes folks who may be feeling that the world and church are changing far too quickly for their taste.

I take it back! I do have one thing to say about Bishop Oliveto's consecration: I pray that it will bring health to our beloved church, rather than further division. Amen.

Shalom, Pastor Chuck

* By "full inclusion" I mean the rights and responsibilities that come with full membership, from baptism all the way to consecration as a bishop. I do not mean that persons who cannot—or choose not to—formulate their spiritual experience in classical terms of Christian salvation should be seen as lesser, or be excluded from the general life of the church. Also, it is my experiential understanding that LGBTQ persons do respond to the saving grace of God without denying their innate sexuality.

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