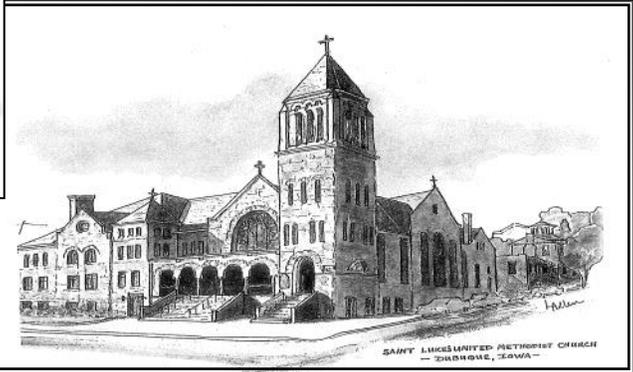


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Chuck's Chat - January 23, 2019

In *A Christmas Carol*, by Charles Dickens, Scrooge has almost finished his time with the Ghost of Christmas Present when he notices something sticking out from under the ghost's robe.

"Forgive me if I am not justified in what I ask," said Scrooge, looking intently at the Spirit's robe, "but I see something strange, and not belonging to yourself, protruding from your skirts. Is it a foot or a claw?"

"It might be a claw, for the flesh there is upon it," was the Spirit's sorrowful reply. "Look here."

From the foldings of its robe, it brought two children; wretched, abject, frightful, hideous, miserable. They knelt down at its feet, and clung upon the outside of its garment.

"Oh, Man, look here! Look, look, down here!" exclaimed the Ghost.

They were a boy and a girl. Yellow, meagre, ragged, scowling, wolfish; but prostrate, too, in their humility....

Scrooge started back, appalled. Having them shown to him in this way, he tried to say they were fine children, but the words choked themselves, rather than be parties to a lie of such enormous magnitude.

"Spirit, are they yours?" Scrooge could say no more.

"They are Man's," said the Spirit, looking down upon them. "...This boy is Ignorance. This girl is Want. Beware them both, and all of their degree, but most of all beware this boy, for on his brow I see that written which is Doom, unless the writing be erased....!" cried the Spirit, stretching out its hand towards the city....

"Have they no refuge or resource?" cried Scrooge.

"Are there no prisons?" said the Spirit, turning on him for the last time with his own words. "Are there no workhouses?"

The bell struck twelve.

I think that we mistake Dickens' meaning if we think he is referring only to that ignorance that comes from a bad education – as debilitating as that is for underprivileged people. I think he is talking of that *willful* ignorance that refuses to see: to see the poor as fully human; to see the immigrant as a beloved sister or brother; to see the stranglehold that wealth and power have on justice and prosperity for all.

We dare not look away from Want (poverty) and Ignorance—those twin children of our sinful human greed and lust for power. But we also dare not despair, sinking into a profound hopelessness in the face of that sin. Rather, we must both own up to our own part in creating the systems that keep people hungry, ignorant and weak, and commit ourselves to overturning those money-changers' tables that block a just and holy exchange of resources to all people. We Christians have more ability to create change than we want to admit! Some groups – Evangelicals for example – have learned something of making politicians do what they think is right. Those of us who perhaps are more progressive also need to flex our muscles a bit and let our representatives know when *our* Christian faith demands action!

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 people who are currently dealing with a recent illness, surgery, injury, medical or other concern:

Marcy Cooper - breast cancer (early diagnosis)

(Coni Stephenson's cousin's wife)

CJ Tuthill and family

Terrie Berry - broken ribs/vertebrae

Prayers for people in Care Centers:

Eddie Bruehahn

Mary Dempsey

Margerie Kreassig

Sally Wiegand

Barb Boettcher

Prayers for people with ongoing health concerns:

Jon Romaine

Cheri Loveless

Ron Liskey

Peggy Lemke

Brett Cooper

Jeanne Patterson

Judy McKahin

True Mills

Susan Funke

Johnny

Bonnie Jorgensen

Prayers of consolation for those who recently lost loved ones to the families and friends of:

Bettye Herold

Kathy Lamb (wife of Rev. Steven Lamb)

A special prayer of comfort and relief for those who have no family to share the holiday season with, who are amidst domestic strife, who struggle with mental health, or other difficulties particularly during this season.

Our prayers also turn to prayers for Peace and Justice around the world. We especially remember all those who currently serve in our country's armed forces.

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.



January Birthdays *February Birthdays*

20 Gail Huston	1 Brianna Rohner
21 Drake Ludowitz	2 Barney Bishop
21 James McGovern	2 Mark Updegraff
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 Schrumppf
24 Sandy Horsfield	8 David Updegraff
25 Bevin Olson	9 Tom Flowers
26 Aiden Blum	9 Lydia Johnson
26 Kaylee Olson	9 Michael McTague
27 Brennan Kreimeyer	10 Aaron Hunold
28 Tammy Lynch	10 Mary Jane Stotlar
28 Barbara Vrotsos	10 Joshua Viertel
28 Allison Waters-Kutsch	11 Joseph Delaney
29 Gavin Herr	11 Sandra Fals
29 Richie Lehnhardt	11 Zachery Taylor
31 Lauren Hunold	

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, 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

Fall-Spring Worship Services Sunday at 8:30 a.m. &
Communion 1st Sundays 10:45 a.m.
Summer Worship Services Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
Food for the Soul Saturday at 5:30 p.m.
Saturday Night Praise Saturday at 6:00 p.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
2nd Monday	6:00 p.m. Worship & Celebration
1st Tuesday	5:30 p.m. Invitation & Welcome
3rd Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Finance
1st Wednesday	6:30 p.m. Trustees
2nd Thursday	6:30 p.m. SP/PRC
3rd Thursday	7:00 p.m. UMW Kaleidoscope
4th Thursday	6:30 p.m. Church Council OR Council on Ministries
Quarterly	Care & Compassion

Official UMC Lectionary Texts

- Jan 27th** 3rd Sunday after Epiphany (green)
 Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19 (UMH 750);
 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a; Luke 4: 14-21
- Feb 3rd** 4th Sunday after Epiphany (green)
 Jeremiah 1: 4-10; Psalm 71: 1-6 (UMH 794);
 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13; Luke 4: 21-30
- Feb 10th** 5th Sunday after Epiphany (green)
 Isaiah 6: 1-8 (9-13); Psalm 138 (UMH 853);
 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11; Luke 5: 1-11
- Feb 17th** 6th Sunday after Epiphany (green)
 Jeremiah 17: 5-10; Psalm 1 (UMH 738);
 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20; Luke 6: 17-26

STAFF

Pastor Rev. Charles (Chuck) Layton
 Children / Youth: Rachel Potter
 Administrative Assistant Ora Uzel
 Custodian Chuck Lynch

CHURCH COUNCIL

Chair Nancy Hessler

Officers:

Recording Secretary. Kristen Smith
 Lay Leader Gary Reid
 Lay Members of the Annual Conference Sue Hattel, Amy Schadle
 Treasurer Amy Schadle

Historians Betty Phillips, Barbara Bishop, and R.R.S. Stewart
 Financial Secretary Carol Clark
 Membership Sec. Mark & Vicki Tilson

Administrative Committee (Chairs):

Lay Leadership/Nominations Pastor
 Finance Ruth Veley
 Board of Trustees Kristen Cadman
 SPPRC. Susan McGovern

Council on Ministries

Facilitators:
 Invitation & Welcome Lisa Viertel & Chris Kohlmann
 Worship & Celebration Sue Hattel

Care & Compassion Margie Breese
 Spiritual Growth & Discipleship Rachel Potter, Zo Landis
 Service & Giving (vacant)
 Witness & Mission
 Community Outreach John Hessler
 Conference & Global Rev. Robert & Mary Armstrong
 Social Justice RRS & Terry Stewart
 UMW Marcia Young

At-Large: Coni Stephenson, Kathy Reid, Rhonda Kubik, Nancy Bradley, Dick Landis

January - February 2019 Volunteers

Saturday Bread Run

1/26 Hull family
 2/2 Smokey & Susan McGovern
 2/9 Hull family
 2/16 Mike & Cheri Loveless
 2/23 Jacobsen/Sanders

8:30 Greeters/Ushers

1/27 UMW
 2/3 TBD
 2/10 TBD
 2/17 TBD
 2/24 TBD

10:45 Greeters/Ushers

1/27 Kathy Michel, Ruth Veley
 2/3 TBD
 2/10 TBD
 2/17 TBD
 2/24 TBD

Saturday Food for the Soul

1/26 Team 6
 2/2 Mountain T.O.P.
 2/9 Team 8
 2/16 Team 9
 2/23 Team 10

8:30 Offering Collector

1/27 Scott Zartman
 2/3 Nancy Hessler
 2/10 Sue Hattel
 2/17 Denny Brimeyer
 2/24 Scott Zartman

10:45 Offering Collector

1/27 Keith Unangst
 2/3 Gary Reid
 2/10 Ruth Veley
 2/17 Kathy McWethy
 2/24 Sharon Kress

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

8:30 Liturgist

1/27 UMW
 2/3 Susan McGovern
 2/10 Rick Larson
 2/17 Scouting Sunday
 2/24 Laura Carstens

10:45 Liturgist

1/27 UMW
 2/3 Mark Tilson
 2/10 Dan Jacobsen
 2/17 Praise Team
 2/24 Terry Stewart

Chimer

1/27 David Patterson
 2/3 Heather Williams
 2/10 Ann Duchow
 2/17 David Patterson
 2/24 R.R.S. Stewart

8:30 Projectionist

1/27 Chris Kohlmann
 2/3 Denny Brimeyer
 2/10 Chris Kohlmann
 2/17 Denny Brimeyer
 2/24 Chris Kohlmann

10:45 Projectionist

1/27 Paul Clark
 2/3 Matthew Hull
 2/10 Paul Clark
 2/17 Matthew Hull
 2/24 Paul Clark

Organist/Pianist

1/27 8:30 Ward 10:45 Barland
 2/3 8:30 Ward 10:45 Barland
 2/10 8:30 Ward 10:45 Barland
 2/17 8:30 Ward 10:45 Barland
 2/24 8:30 Ward 10:45 Barland

Videographer

1/27 Bobby Martin
 2/3 *Volunteer Needed!*
 2/10 John Hessler
 2/17 Ann Duchow
 2/24 Bobby Martin

Slides

1/27 Paul Clark
 2/3 Susan McGovern
 2/10 Chris Kohlmann
 2/17 Matthew Hull
 2/24 Paul Clark

10:45 Worship Drivers

1/27 Rich Young
 2/3 Mark Tilson
 2/10 Mark Tilson
 2/17 Mike Loveless
 2/24 Dan Jacobsen

Wonderful Wednesday Schedule

5:00-5:45 p.m. Meal Served: \$5 per person; \$15 family
5:25 p.m. Joys & Concerns and Prayer
5:45 p.m. Meal clean-up (helpers needed)

6:00-7:00 p.m. Joyful Noise (3-yr-old to 1st grade)
6:15-6:30 p.m. Singing (3yr-1st) with Heather Williams

5:45-6:30 p.m. St. Luke's Saints—2nd to 5th Grades
 Wesley Rm (Laurinda B. & Kelley S.)
6:30-7:00 p.m. Randall Ringers (handbells)—2nd to 5th
 Upstairs Music Rm (#203) (Heather W.)

5:30-6:00 p.m. Wesley Ringers (handbells) (Gr 6-12)
 In Sanctuary (David P.)
6:00-7:00 p.m. Impact in MS/HS Room (#201)
 (Rachel P.)

5:30-6:25 p.m. St. Luke's Singers Rehearsal in
 Downstairs Music Room (Keith R.)
6:15-7:15 p.m. JuBELLation Bell Choir Rehearsal in
 Sanctuary (Dave P.)
6:30-6:55 p.m. Wind Ensemble –Downstairs Music Room
7:15-8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Downstairs
 Music Room (Roxanne R.)

Upcoming Worship Services

- Jan 27 United Methodist Women Sunday**
8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Services
- Feb 3** 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Services
with Communion
- Feb 10** 8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
with Handbells
- Feb 17 Scouting Sunday**
8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
10:45 a.m. Word on the Third
Contemporary Worship Service
- Feb 24** 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Services
- Saturday Night Praise — Every Saturday**
6:00 p.m. Praise Service in the Wesley Room

Sunday School

Sundays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Preschool to 1st Grade — Room 202
2nd to 5th Grades — Room 204
Middle School & High School — Room 201
Nesters (parents with children at home) — Wesley Room
Families and Faith (Adult Class) — Fellowship Hall



SAVE THE DATE!

All Church Birthday Lunch

Sunday January 27th - Noon
Fellowship Hall

Come Join the Celebration and the Fun!



Offering Envelopes Are In!

If you ordered offering envelopes (with your address and dates for 2019), your envelopes are on the **back table in the Sanctuary**. There are spare blank sets in the office for those who missed the ordering period. For more information, feel free to contact Ora at the church office.

Terrific Tuesdays

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

- Jan 29** Caribou Coffee (Wacker & Dodge)
- Feb 5** Big Apple Bagels (1675 JFK)
- Feb 19** The Point (2370 Rhomberg Ave.)
- Feb 26** 8:30 a.m. Breakfast at Village Inn
10:00 a.m. Sit & Knit in Parlor



St. Luke's UMC

United Methodist Women

FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

† January is *National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month*.

It is estimated that more than 20 million men, women and children around the world, including the Dubuque and tri-state area are victims of human trafficking. Forms of human trafficking: **1) sex and sex & labor trafficking combined, including escort services and outdoor solicitation; 2) labor trafficking types including domestic work, agriculture and peddling and begging.**

This is a form of modern-day slavery. This is a crime when a trafficker uses force, fraud or coercion to control another person for engaging in acts or services against his/her will.

* **IF** you see or hear something suspicious, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline **888.373.7888**, or your local law enforcement at **911**.

More info at: <https://polarisproject.org>
<https://humantraffickinghotline.org/states>

† Prayers for the families of **Kathy Lamb** and **Marie Herrig**. Their funerals were held this past week. Remembering these members of United Methodist Women.

Mountain T.O.P. Meeting

Sunday, January 27, 2019
after 2nd service in the Fellowship Hall
just before the All Church Birthday



A reminder to Mt. Toppers there will be a meeting on Sunday, January 27 after second service. We will meet downstairs for about 20 minutes in the fellowship hall. We have several things to discuss, like serving Food for the Soul and the Masonic breakfast at Oxus Grotto.

Weather-Related Cancellations

St. Luke's will make every effort to notify you of any cancellations due to weather, using the following:

**KCRG-9, KWVL-7, WDBQ-1490,
KDTN-1370, St. Luke's Facebook pages**

If you see no notifications from these outlets, you may call these people as a last resort:

Pastor Chuck 712-420-5963
Dan Jacobsen 563-580-5156
Sue Hattel 563-599-4497
Paul Clark 563-590-0158



Prescott Partnership

Mentors Needed: Those who have transcended the effects of poverty often identify caring adults as the most influential factor in their ability to succeed. You have an opportunity to be a caring adult. Apply to be a mentor at Prescott. Pick up an application packet located in the South Hall, complete, and return to the church office.

Donate School Supplies:

facial tissues, glue sticks, Ticonderoga pencils, markers, colored pencils and crayons, and dry erase markers.



Thank You St. Luke's Volunteers: Thank you to Kathy Michel, Laura Carstens, Mary Armstrong, Sharon Kress, Keith Cook and Terry Stewart for helping serve a catered meal to Prescott students and their families on Wednesday January 16th. Terry Stewart stayed after the meal to assist with activities for the children while their parents participated in discussion about Prescott.

Mary Purdy
Prescott Partnership Liaison

Prescott Clinic Volunteer Opportunity

Friday, February 8th
8:30am to Noon & Noon to 3:30pm

Two volunteers are needed to assist the school nurse in conducting a dental sealant clinic. One volunteer is needed in the morning and the other in the afternoon or until all children that have signed up have been seen. The task of the volunteer will be to accompany two children at a time from their classroom to the room where the sealants are being done. Contact Mary Purdy:

mary_purdy@hotmail.com or call 590-5313



Grand View Soup Supper

Thursday, February 14, 2019

Seating Times: 4:45 p.m. or 6:15 p.m.

Grand View United Methodist Church
3342 John Wesley Dr., Dubuque, IA 52002

Tickets:

\$10 adults (\$12 at the door)

\$5 children (ages 3-10, \$6 at the door)

Call: (563) 582-8875

Email: office@grandviewdubuque.org

Includes: All you can eat soup (10+ varieties), grilled cheese, ice cream, a dessert, milk, and coffee.

Prescott Book Fair Volunteering

Tuesday, February 12 - 4-6pm, 6-8pm

Wednesday, February 13 - 4-6pm, 6-8pm

Thursday, February 14 - 8-11am, 11am-2pm

Once again, we have the opportunity to show our support as a Prescott Partner by helping at this event promoting reading. It should be a fun volunteer opportunity! Please note which date and shift(s) you are available for in an email or call to Mary Purdy:



mary_purdy@hotmail.com or call 590-5313



Lectionary Bible Study

Thursdays at 10am - Conf Room

Meet with Pastor Chuck to discuss scriptures for the upcoming Sunday.

Don't Litter or Jesus Will Be Bitter!

75% of people admit to littering. Be the change and be the 25% that doesn't litter.



Andrew Theisen 7th Grade
Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School




9 billion pounds of trash ends up in the ocean every year and kills 1 million marine creatures yearly.

50% of litter thrown out by people is cigarette butts.



Sources: litteritcostsyoun.org, ocean crusaders.org, google images.



St. Luker Andrew Theisen is in 7th grade at Roosevelt. The poster he made was for his Honors Science class. Earlier in the school year they took a field trip to the city landfill. Andrew and his class were asked to reflect on what they learned and come up with a way to spread the word at a place important to them that they frequent often for them to help make the world a better place by creating less pollution. Andrew chose our church as his place to display his poster and spread the word.

Call to Prayer for Dubuque Area Schools 2018-19 January 2019 - Prayer For Support Staff

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9

Eternal God, who sees all and knows all,

As one community of believers, we lift up all those in our schools who dedicate themselves to serving and supporting our administrators, teachers and students, and keep our schools running smoothly. Those who might, at times, go unnoticed, including office staff, bus drivers, janitors, maintenance crews, food prep staff, counselors, teachers' aides, IT staff, special service providers, and volunteers, we bring before Your throne.

You have placed each person in his/her position of service for Your glory. Bestow on each one a gracious, good-natured spirit, an unwearied forbearance and a patient heart in all of their interactions throughout the day. Though they often work “behind the scenes,” help them to know the work they do is essential to the care and education of our students. You see the fruits of their labor, Lord; bless them now, even as You will reward them with an inheritance later. Prompt those who interact with our valuable support staff to also notice them, and to treat them with respect and appreciation.

Fill all our school support staff with Your unending love, strength, and encouragement when they grow weary, discouraged, or overwhelmed. Pour out Your Spirit upon them, continually calling them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Anoint them for all that You've called them to be and do right where they are.

In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

For more information contact Becky Specht of Grand View UMC at: bspecht@yousq.net or 563-543-5411



Usher Volunteer Coordinator Needed

A scheduler for 10:45 a.m. worship service **Greeters & Ushers** is needed. The scheduler will contact “welcoming persons” for their available monthly dates to be listed in the bulletin. Please contact the Church Office (582-4543) or Sue Hattel (556-1394) if you would graciously consider volunteering for this scheduling position!

Additional **Greeters & Ushers** are always needed to be part of this ministry area for **8:30 am** or **10:45 am** worship services. Training provided. Sundays scheduled for your convenience. Please call Sue Hattel. **Thank you!**

— St. Luke's Worship & Celebration Ministry Area

Items Needed for the Food Pantry

PB&J, canned meats, ramen, soups, crackers, chili, hot chocolate mix, shampoo, laundry soap



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!



Let Us Brake for Bread Together

A ministry opportunity for early-risers!! A team of two people go to two Hy-Vee locations (Dodge & Asbury) between 6:30 – 8:00 a.m. on a Saturday morning to pick up leftover breads, desserts and purchase the milk needed for Food for the Soul ministry. It takes about one and half hours, and we will train the new team.

Teams in the rotation include: Mike and Cheri Loveless, Dan Jacobsen and Steve Sanders, the Hull Family, Smokey & Susan McGovern, Margie Breese and Marcia Young. Many hands make light work! Join us!

Please contact: Marcia Young 580-9650 or Dan Jacobsen 580-5156

Hospice Bereavement

Hospice of Dubuque will soon be sponsoring two six-week bereavement support groups. They will be open to anyone in the tri-state area who has experienced the loss of a loved one, through death, within the past twelve months. It is suggested that participants wait at least three months after a loss before attending.

The groups will meet on Tuesdays, beginning February 12 through March 19. A morning group will be offered from 10am to Noon, and an evening group will be offered from 6-8pm. Groups will meet at the Hospice of Dubuque office in the Theisen Education Center, 1670 JFK Road. The sessions are meant to be both educational and emotionally supportive. There is no requirement to have had a previous connection with Hospice of Dubuque. **Pre-registration is required by February 5** as group size is limited. Attendance at each weekly session is strongly encouraged. Please contact the hospice office at (563) 582-1220 for a registration form. Although there is no fee for the group, a contribution to defray the cost of materials would be appreciated.

The Potter's Wheel

Fabulous Friday was nothing short of fabulous. I am so glad I was able to attend the concert. Helen Johnston sure did have a great idea when she thought to start the concert series at St. Luke's. I can't wait for the upcoming concerts we are going to host. If you have never been able to attend a Fabulous Friday, I hope you can make it to one this year!

St. Luke's is truly blessed with all the musical talent we have in our church. Having attended a few other churches prior to St. Luke's, the talent here is a gift from God. Often times we get so used to the special things in our lives and they become normal. I hope that the music at St. Luke's never becomes a "normal" thing for the congregation members because it isn't common to find this much musical talent at a small Methodist church.

While I know everyone isn't the best singer or can play a musical instrument, I like to tell myself that God loves the sound of my voice especially when I'm singing praise to Him. Whether you are very musically talented or struggle a little I hope you never stop singing your praises to God.

There are many verses in the Bible referring to singing, but this is one of my favorites, "I will sing of your love and justice; to you, Lord, I will sing praise." Psalm 101:1

~Rachel Potter
Children's and Youth Director



Address
Service
Requested

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