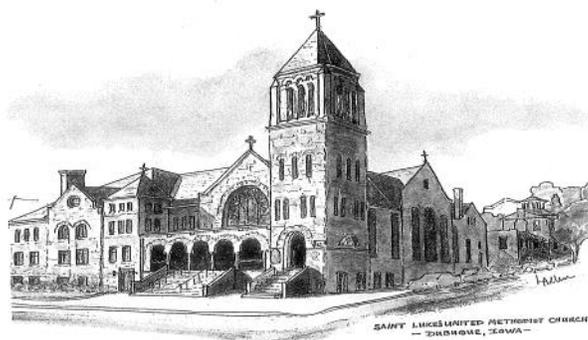


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## Newsletter

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### Office Hours

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

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*March 20, 2019*

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<sup>4</sup> In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. <sup>5</sup> And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as children— "My child, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, or lose heart when you are punished by God; <sup>6</sup> for God disciplines those whom God loves, and chastises every child whom God accepts." <sup>7</sup> Endure trials for the sake of discipline. God is treating you as children; for what child is there whom a parent does not discipline? <sup>8</sup> If you do not have that discipline in which all children share, then you are illegitimate and not God's true children. <sup>9</sup> Moreover, we had human parents to discipline us, and we respected them. Should we not be even more willing to be subject to the God of spirits and live? <sup>10</sup> For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share God's holiness. <sup>11</sup> Now, discipline always seems painful rather than pleasant at the time, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. <sup>12</sup> Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, <sup>13</sup> and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed. <sup>14</sup> Pursue peace with everyone, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. <sup>15</sup> See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springs up and causes trouble, and through it many become defiled. (*Hebrews 12:4-15*)

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## Chuck's Chat - March 20, 2019

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This passage has been helpful to me recently. Sometimes I wrongly believe that difficulties, pains and disappointments show that God doesn't love me, or is angry with me. But the writer says that, on the contrary, God “disciplines” us in order to make it possible for us to grow in faith, love and fruitfulness for Jesus. This helps me put pain in a different perspective. There are two main kinds of pain: the pain of injury and the pain of strengthening. The pain of strengthening is like the pain of a muscle that has been exercised hard and is sore. That muscle is getting stronger. (I believe that when we are experiencing pain from some form of injury, that God will treat us more gently.)

Then, at the beginning of verse 12 there is that wonderful word “Therefore!” “Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees.” Sometimes I can do this by myself. I can remember that “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” But other times, I am like Moses when God told him to stand on the hill and hold up his hands to bless the army. As long as he held up his hands, they were winning the battle, but when he let them drop, the enemy started winning. So helpers came and held up Moses' hands for him. This tells me that when my hands get too heavy and my knees get too weak for me to hold them up on my own, I can turn to my sisters and brothers in Christ. They can help me keep going! How good it is when a sister or brother *notices* that I need help and offers it without my asking. But verse 12 makes it clear that it is *my* responsibility to lift up those drooping hands and strengthen those weak knees. So I should not be too proud to *ask* for help!

Then, verses 14 and 5 give us our marching orders:

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The actual *commission* to us is the first part of verse 15: “See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God.” We United Methodists put it this way: “Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” And in order to do this, the section begins and ends with directions on human relations: pursue peace and holiness, and don't allow bitterness to take root.

*Shalom, Chuck*



## **March Rains and Flooding**

### **From the Iowa Annual Conference of the UMC's Disaster Response Ministry:**

“In the last few weeks, the ENTIRE State of Iowa has seen Flood Warnings. Heavy rain, coupled with a fast snow melt due to warmer temperatures and frozen ground, will result in water run-off, flooding, wet basements, flooded roads, and flooded rivers and streams. Due to the frozen ground, flooding will most likely occur anywhere and everywhere, including places that have ‘never flooded before.’”

### **Tips for dealing with rain run-off and flooding:**

- ◆ NEVER, NEVER drive thru moving water.
- ◆ Check your sump pump and the outlet. Be sure they are clear and in working order.
- ◆ Move any valuable items up off the floor.
- ◆ Keep your car full of gas and have a “go bag” ready (items that you might need if you have to leave your home).
- ◆ Have a plan for keeping outdoor pets dry and safe.
- ◆ Have some “emergency water” set aside. Simply fill some containers with water (old juice bottles, small trash cans, the bathtub) in case the water supply in your community gets contaminated.
- ◆ PRAY for our Sisters and Brothers who will be dealing with water AND those who come to our rescue.

**For more information see:**

**[iaumc.org/disasterministries](http://iaumc.org/disasterministries)**

## 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:

**Michelle Young** (S. Redding's friend) - broken ankle  
**Terrie Berry** - health issues  
**Marvin Kingery** (Janet Busch's brother) - lung cancer  
**Betty Phillips** - knee replacement  
**Avery Abney** - had heart surgery March 14th  
 (Rich & Marcia Young's grandson)  
**Jim Brimmer** - leg pain, cancer treatments  
 (Brimeyer's cousin)  
**Joanie Steffy** (S. Redding's friend) - had surgery  
**Kevin Katuin** - kidney failure & dialysis  
 (Kathy Michel's friend)  
**Sister Pat Conlan** (Hattel's friend) - had hip surgery  
**Dean Halverson** - recovering from back surgery  
 (Brimeyer's brother-in-law)  
**Norma Dobbert** (Coni S.'s aunt) - stage 4 lung cancer

Prayers for people in Care Centers:

**Eddie Bruehahn**                      **Sally Wiegand**  
**Mary Dempsey**                    **Barb Boettcher**  
**Margerie Kreassig**

Prayers for people with ongoing health concerns:

**Jon Romaine**                      **Judy McKahin**  
**Cheri Loveless**                  **True Mills**  
**Ron Liskey**                        **Susan Funke**  
**Peggy Lemke**                     **Johnny**  
**Brett Cooper**                      **Bonnie Jorgensen**  
**Jeanne Patterson**

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

**Kim Mackey** (daughter of Deb Mackey)  
**Roger A. Konrardy** (friend of Sue Hattel)

We also offer prayers of comfort and support for those who struggle with brain health, disabilities, or other impairments that make life difficult to support oneself.

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.



### March Birthdays

17 Calli Tilson  
 19 Debbie Tschiggfrie  
 20 Sue Lane  
 21 Chuck Barland  
 21 Joan Hanson  
 21 Grace Romaine  
 21 Nancy Van Milligen  
 22 Ladona Meineker  
 24 Bruce Leibold  
 24 Debby Mackey  
 24 Wolfgang Stechman  
 24 Coni Stephenson  
 25 Ronald Dueland  
 25 Jolene Miller  
 25 Samuel Stephenson  
 26 Tanner Lester  
 27 Dave Kubik  
 27 Terri Viner  
 29 Lester Bettcher  
 29 Aliyah Blum  
 29 Alyssa Blum  
 29 Isaac Wright

### April Birthdays

1 Zoie Bettcher  
 1 Jennifer Gloeckner  
 1 Terry Stewart  
 4 Allan Miller  
 5 Bobby Martin  
 6 Laura Carstens  
 7 Leah Sanders  
 8 Stephen Fiebelkorn  
 9 David Olson  
 9 Bonnie Sanders  
 12 Zodine Landis  
 13 Ellie Miller  
 13 Morgan Noel  
 14 Brittany Drake  
 14 Jaime Ellerie  
 14 Ora Uzel  
 15 Linda Duschen  
 15 Chad Richardson  
 17 Ryan Gabel  
 17 Lynn Glaser  
 17 Tom Mahan  
 18 Evan Guentherman  
 18 Dick Landis  
 18 Claire Sanders

### 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](mailto: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 <b>OR</b> Council on Ministries
Qtrly 3rd Tues	4:30 p.m. Care & Compassion

**Official UMC Lectionary Texts**

- Mar 24<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent (purple)**  
 Isaiah 55: 1-9; Psalm 63: 1-8 (UMH 788);  
 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13; Luke 13: 1-9
- Mar 31<sup>st</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent (purple); UMCOR Sunday**  
 Joshua 5: 9-12; Psalm 32 (UMH 766);  
 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21; Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32
- Apr 7<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent (purple)**  
 Isaiah 43: 16-21; Psalm 126 (UMH 847);  
 Philippians 3: 4b-14; John 12: 1-8
- Apr 14<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday (purple)**  
 Luke 19: 28-40; Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839);  
 Philippians 2:5-11;  
 Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23: 1-49

**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

## March 2019 Volunteers

### Saturday Bread Run

3/9 Margie Breese, Marcia Young  
 3/16 Hull family  
 3/23 Mike & Cheri Loveless  
 3/30 Jacobsen/Sanders

### 8:30 Greeters/Ushers

3/10 Les & Sue Bettcher  
 3/17 Margie Breese, Sue Hattel  
 3/24 Susan & Smokey McGovern  
 3/31 Joe & Kathy Lomax

### 10:45 Greeters/Ushers

3/10 Cindy Folsom, K. Unangst  
 3/17 Lynn Kerker, Ruth Veley  
 3/24 Conklin, Brack, K. Unangst  
 3/31 L. Boughton, K. Michel

### Saturday Food for the Soul

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

### 8:30 Offering Collector

3/10 Nancy Hessler  
 3/17 Sue Hattel  
 3/24 Denny Brimeyer  
 3/31 Nancy Hessler

### 10:45 Offering Collector

3/10 Gary Reid  
 3/17 Ruth Veley  
 3/24 Kathy McWethy  
 3/31 Sharon Kress

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

### 8:30 Liturgist

3/10 Nancy Hessler  
 3/17 Laura Carstens  
 3/24 Mark Tilson  
 3/31 Nancy Hessler

### 10:45 Liturgist

3/10 Rick Larson  
 3/17 Praise Team  
 3/24 Dan Jacobsen  
 3/31 Mark Tilson

### Chimer

3/10 Ann Duchow  
 3/17 David Patterson  
 3/24 R.R.S. Stewart  
 3/31 Heather Williams

### 8:30 Projectionist

3/10 Chris Kohlmann  
 3/17 Denny Brimeyer  
 3/24 Chris Kohlmann  
 3/31 Denny Brimeyer

### 10:45 Projectionist

3/10 Ann Duchow  
 3/17 Matthew Hull  
 3/24 Paul Clark  
 3/31 Matthew Hull

### Organist/Pianist

3/10	8:30 Ward	10:45 Barland
3/17	8:30 Ward	10:45 Barland
3/24	8:30 Ward	10:45 Barland
3/31	8:30 Ward	10:45 Barland

### Videographer

3/10 John Hessler  
 3/17 Ann Duchow  
 3/24 Bobby Martin  
 3/31 Bobby Martin

### Slides

3/10 Chris Kohlmann  
 3/17 Matthew Hull  
 3/24 Paul Clark  
 3/31 Paul Clark

### 10:45 Worship Drivers

3/10 Mike Loveless  
 3/17 Mike Loveless  
 3/24 Dan Jacobsen  
 3/31 Mark Tilson

***No Wonderful  
 Wednesday***

**March 27, 2019**

### 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,  
 KDTH-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



### 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

- Mar 24 Camp Sunday**  
8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Services
- Mar 31 UMCOR Sunday**  
8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Services
- Apr 7** 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Worship with Communion
- Apr 14 Palm Sunday** with Palm Processional  
8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Worship Services
- Apr 18 Holy Thursday**  
7:00 p.m. Worship Service with Communion
- Apr 19 Good Friday**  
11:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Community Worship  
Organ interludes every 20 minutes. Come for part of the service or come for the full service.
- Apr 21 Easter Sunday**  
8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Worship with Communion
- Saturday Night Praise — Every Saturday**  
6:00 p.m. Praise Service in the Wesley Room



### Easter Lilies

Deadline: Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>  
\$15 each, order in the South Hall

Beautiful white lilies may now be ordered in honor of or in memory of a loved one for the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Lilies are **\$15 each**. They will have gold foil and white bows with 5-7 blossoms, ordered from White's Florist across the street.

### Terrific Tuesdays

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

- Mar 26** 8:30 a.m. Breakfast at Village Inn  
10:00 a.m. Sit & Knit in Parlor
- Apr 2** Oak Park Place with Betty Phillips
- Apr 16** Starbucks at the Asbury Hy-Vee
- Apr 23** 8:30 a.m. Breakfast at Village Inn  
10:00 a.m. Sit & Knit in Parlor



**Tiffany Treasures Lecture**  
**Figge Art Museum in Davenport, IA**  
**Thursday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m.**



The Figge Art Museum in Davenport is currently featuring a Tiffany glass collection including a lecture on Tiffany by a Tiffany scholar this Thursday. The exhibit at the Figge Museum will run through May 19th, 2019. More information at: [figgeartmuseum.org/art/exhibitions/](http://figgeartmuseum.org/art/exhibitions/)

## Sunday School

Sundays at 9:30 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

## Appreciation Breakfast for Rachel Potter

Sunday, March 24, 9:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall

Join the SPPRC Committee for an appreciation breakfast for Rachel Potter, our Children's and Youth Director, serving breakfast casseroles, sweets, fruit and beverage.



## Children's Worship Bags



Can you spare a half hour each week to help prepare worship materials for St. Luke's kids? We are looking or someone interested in filling children's worship bags so children of all ages can feel engaged throughout the service. Please contact SPPRC or the church office if you are interested.

## Mountain T.O.P. Meeting

Sunday, March 31, 2019  
after 2<sup>nd</sup> service in the Fellowship Hall



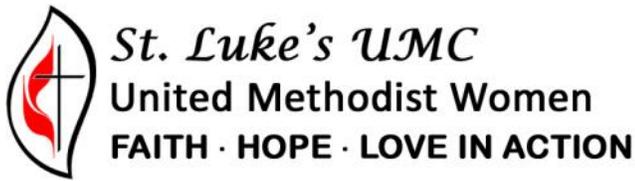
A reminder to Mt. Toppers there will be a meeting on Sunday, March 31st after second service.



## St. Luke's Safety Team Needs You

St. Luke's Safety Team is forming and is in need of volunteers. We are in need of 15 adults to serve during Sunday and other larger gatherings in various capacities to be able to enact St. Luke's safety policy. It is a safety committee not a security committee. Please consider helping keep St. Luke's safe.

Please contact: Gary Reid: 582-9811



**Lenten Study: Embracing Wholeness:**  
**An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living**  
**Wednesdays: March 13, 20, 27, April 3**  
**1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.**  
**Grand View UMC (3342 John Wesley Dr.)**  
 Materials will be provided.  
 ALL invited! Contact: Sue Hattel.

**Busy Bees**

**April 1st, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**  
 Dessert, devotions, tying Hillcrest residential youth quilts. All willing hands welcome! Host: Marcia Young.

**Spring Rummage Sale**

**Needed:** Clean usable **donations** for rummage sale. All sales support both **local and global missions.**

**Sorting:** April 4 at 8:30 a.m. **Volunteers needed.**

**Sale:** April 5 - 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Details below.

**Cleanup:** Volunteer “hands” needed during the sale and at 1:00 p.m. “Clean Up” (light lunch provided).

**UMW Spring Rummage Sale**

**Friday, April 5**  
**8:00 - 11:30 a.m.**

**\$3 Bag Sale:**  
**11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**



The annual UMW Spring Rummage Sale will be Friday, April 5, from 8:00-11:30 a.m. The Bag Sale will be 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m., with all you can fit in a provided bag for \$3.

Also available this year will be **colorful wreaths and home décor items** available for purchase during sale hours.

**Proceeds from this sale go to mission work here in Dubuque and overseas.** Thank you for your support.

**Items** for the sale may be brought to the church and placed in the Wesley Room. Please do not leave anything in the hallway. No furniture, please.

**Volunteers are needed** for sorting on April 4, beginning at 8:30 a.m. We also need workers the day of the sale, especially at 1:00 p.m. for clean up. A sign up sheet is in the South Hallway.

**“Is It Time?” Book Study**

*Study groups plan to meet on:*

**Sunday Mornings** at 9:30 a.m. - Wesley Room  
 Facilitator: Rev. Alice Shirley

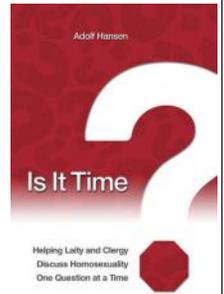
**Monday Mornings** at 10 a.m. - Parlor  
 Facilitator: Rev. Robert Armstrong

**Monday Evenings** 6-8 p.m. - 1965 Embassy West  
 Facilitator: Cheri Loveless

**Wednesday Evenings** at 5:30 p.m. - Parlor  
 Facilitator: Pastor Chuck Layton

Dates are flexible and can be determined by your group based on your schedules.

Please see the display on the table in the South Hall to preview the book and materials.



We need to be ready to adapt to the changes made by the Special Session of the General Conference.

*Is It Time?* is a book written to help United Methodists think through questions surrounding sexuality and the church. “Its goal is to help [us] begin a dialogue about this important subject by encouraging [our] congregation to reflect on questions about homosexuality instead of formulating answers. So they can grasp more accurately views different from their own. To follow the evidence wherever it leads. To share thoughts and feelings with others with whom they agree and disagree—all in a spirit of mutual openness.”

I am inviting you to join with others in our congregation to study and think together about how we will respond to these challenges. Though we will begin during Lent, I am not calling this a “Lenten Study” since it may well be that groups will want to take their time.

God bless, Pastor Chuck

**Food Pantry Needs**



Tuna, mac & cheese, rice, applesauce, ketchup, salt, brownie mix, sugar, ramen, graham crackers, toothpaste, deodorant, facial tissues, dish soap

**Items can go in the South Hall shopping cart.**

**Dubuque Interfaith Green Coalition Hosts:  
Faithfully Protecting Solar  
Workshop**

**Sunday, March 24, 2019 at 2:00-4:00 p.m.  
Westminster Presbyterian Church**



Iowans across the state are drawing on their faith and gathering to tell their elected leaders and the media they won't let utilities monopolize the sun. Iowa is a clean energy leader and must increase our investments in solar energy and maintain policies like net-metering that increase solar investments. "Iowa is a leader in wind energy and we can be a leader in solar," says Matt Russell, executive director of [Iowa Interfaith Power & Light](http://Iowa Interfaith Power & Light). "Increasingly, Iowans understand the right thing to do morally is also the smart thing to do economically. We're gathering as people of faith to raise our voices to support solar energy production."

**Register Here:** [http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50836/c/60/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event\\_KEY=11342](http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50836/c/60/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=11342)

**Dbq Interfaith Green Coalition:** [facebook.com/dbqiipl](https://www.facebook.com/dbqiipl)  
**Iowa Interfaith Power & Light:** [iowaip.org](http://iowaip.org)

Information and materials provided by **Dubuque Energy District:** [dubuquecounty.energydistrict.org](http://dubuquecounty.energydistrict.org)

**Quiet Day**

*Find your place in God's Story*

**Saturday, March 23, 2019**

**10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**St. John's Episcopal Church, 1410 Main St.**



Quiet days are opportunities to step away from the busyness of life and focus on your faith. The reality of God is vast. How do you fit into that? What is the story of your life about? Co-led by Dr. Susan Forshey, professor of discipleship and Christian formation at UDTs, and St. John's rector, Fr. Keving Goodrich, O.P.

Free will donation for lunch. Register with Susan Meyers at [office@stjohnsdbq.org](mailto:office@stjohnsdbq.org) or call (563) 556-0252.



**Parking Spots Available**

The church parking lot has two spots 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**

**Call to Prayer for Dubuque Area Schools  
March 2019 - Bullied/Marginalized Students**

"The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." Deut. 31:8

**El Shaddai, our God Almighty:**

Thank you that you hear us when we pray. As one voice through Jesus Christ, we lift up those students in our Dubuque area schools who are being bullied and/or marginalized because of their physical, mental, emotional or spiritual differences.

Protect the least of these from being bullied or ridiculed in any way. May they know that You are the Strong Tower that they can run to and be safe (Prov. 18:10) and that You will never leave them!

When they are distressed, lead them to seek refuge in Your promises to give them a hope and a future (Jer. 29:11). Surround them with faithful friends, trusted teachers, and attentive and encouraging parents to support and strengthen them through difficult times.

If fear, loneliness, despair, unworthiness, anger or even hatred seep into their hearts, Lord, let Your perfect love take root instead. Transform their minds so they can live in Your peace in such a powerful way that it is a positive example to all, especially those who are being unkind.

**In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.**

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

**Canticles of the Spirit  
Dubuque Chorale Concert**

**April 27, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. &  
April 28, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.**

**Clarke University's Sacred Heart Chapel  
1550 Clarke Dr., Dubuque**

The Dubuque Chorale, its chamber choir Cadenza, and the Dubuque Chorale Children's Choir are excited to announce their spring concert, Canticles of the Spirit, hosted by their guest collaborators, the Clarke Collegiate Singers. The concert will take place in Clarke University's Sacred Heart Chapel and will include spiritual music from the Christian religious tradition as well as songs from a myriad of other faiths. **There will also be opportunities for the audience to join the singing!** This concert is free and open to the public, though freewill offerings will be accepted.



## The Potter's Wheel

Most of you have heard by now that I will be living St. Luke's. STEMM, the organization that I went to Tanzania with, approached me with a PR/Marketing position with them. While it was a tough decision, I had to do what was best for me and my future. Missions have always been one of my biggest passions, and I am excited to see what I am able to do with STEMM.



I am so thankful for everything St. Luke's has done for me. I know it is dangerous to specifically thank people because I might forget people, but I'm going to take the risk.

Thank you to Pastor Chuck, Ora, and Chuck, it has been enjoyable to work with all of you. Specifically, I have learned so much from Pastor Chuck, I will miss when Ora takes her piano breaks, and very thankful for all the messes Chuck has cleaned up from some of my crazy ideas. I will miss you all when I leave.

Thank you to all the parents that have been such a huge support from day one. If I ever had a question, I knew I could come to you. More importantly, thank you for including me outside of the church. I love getting to know you and your children more outside the walls of St. Luke's.

My most important thank you is to all the youth and children at St. Luke's. There were definitely some Wednesday nights I wanted to pull my hair out, but I wouldn't trade it from anything. I always enjoyed spending time with the younger kids every Sunday morning. They always knew how to make me smile. The youth and children will always hold a very special place in my heart.

Thank you to everyone who I have asked to volunteer for something, and you said yes. I am so grateful for the Sunday School teachers. If it wasn't for you Sunday mornings would be much harder.

Thank you to the congregation of St. Luke's. You all have made me feel very welcomed here. I love getting to see all of you Sunday mornings. I am going to miss you all so much!

And lastly, thank you St. Luke's, you provided me my first job out of college, and you have taught me so much.

~Rachel Potter, Children's and Youth Director

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