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JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR Newton Community Theater
 March 31, April 1,6,7,8 at 7:30 pm
 April 2 at 2:00 pm

Sunday, April 2
 NO 8 am Worship
 9:15 am Sunday School



10:30 am Last Supper Drama
Communion & Love Offering
11:30 am Potluck with "Disciples"
 See details inside on Page 1

Palm Sunday, April 9

8/10:30 am Worship
 9:15 am Sunday School




Bake Sale to benefit
 Days for Girls
 Details on Page 1 & 5



Palm Sunday

Maundy Thursday, April 13

6:30 Worship
 With Communion
 Planned by Worship Team




Easter Sunday April 16:
 8/10:30 Worship - Choir Sings
 9:15 am Easter Egg Hunt and
 Sunday School Party



Easter Offering 1/2 each to
Discover Hope 5:17 &
U.S. Disaster Recovery through UMCOR

Saturday, April 22 Laity Day with Bishop
 Laurie Haller will be hosted by First United Methodist
 Church in Indianola, Iowa. Details on page 2.


Holy Humor Sunday, April 23



Risen Christ Has the Last Laugh on Death!
 Worship at 8 & 10:30 am
 Sunday School at 9:15 am

Sunday, April 30

Guest Speaker
 Worship at 8 & 10:30 am
 Sunday School at 9:15 am



VBS 2017  **Monday-Friday**
JULY 10-14 9-11:30 am
3 yrs - 6th Graders




Financial Update
 Apportionments are missions. For United Methodists the apportionment method of giving has become a strong, generous tradition. **Episcopal Fund:** Bishops have always had a very special role in our church...elected and consecrated to speak to the church...and from the church. The apostle Paul called it "a noble task," but it is practical, too, since our bishops oversee and promote the church's spiritual and temporal interests as well. See more at www.umc.org/how-we-serve/apportioned-funds. We'll continue 2nd Sunday Noisy Offerings for "A-PORTION-MEANT-FOR-OTHERS." Checks can be written anytime to *St Luke* with *Apportionments* in the memo.

These offerings have been received:
Feb 26: \$2462 including \$500- Apportionments; \$20-Kies Missionaries; \$7-Upper Room; \$2-St Andrews; \$95-Building Fund.
March 5: \$4597 including \$218-Building Fund; \$14-Sunday School Supplies; \$456-St Nick Books.
March 12: \$1694 including \$15- Apportionments; \$305-Building Fund; \$6-Kies Missionaries.
March 19: \$2739-including \$105-Building Fund; \$50-Apportionments; \$10-Kies Missionaries; \$205-UMCOR; \$950-Rental Income.
March 26: \$2280 including \$20-Kies; \$637-Building Fund; \$489-Discover Hope; \$46-UMCOR.
 The balance on the building loan is \$11,572 thanks to your generous giving. You are Amazing!
Thank You!


April 2 10:30 am Communion and The Last Supper Drama followed by Potluck with Disciples

The Last Supper Drama by West Des Moines United Methodist Men, at 10:30 worship followed by a potluck with Disciples. With a cast of 20-25, we'll want to bring additional food for the potluck for them and in gratitude to them. They personally donate their time and efforts, while receiving a \$40 fee for supplies and receive a Love Offering for missions.




The scene for the drama is the last supper the apostles had with Jesus in the Upper Room, but based on the scene in Leonardo de Vinci's painting of the Last Supper, which depicts that moment just after Jesus had said, "One of you will betray me." Communion will be served.
NO 8 am Worship April 2 so sanctuary is free for setting up.
 Sunday School will be held at 9:15 as usual.

Palm Sunday, April 9 Bake Sale Update



Along with the delicious baked goods and treats that we are all planning to bring, Hiap Thonganh is making egg rolls for our Bake Sale. They can be eaten right away or frozen for later consumption. We will be selling them for \$1.00 per egg roll. We may be pricing some other items but will accept free will offering for others. Please be generous. Our proceeds are going to help support Days for Girls Newton chapter who is raising funds for a special cutter to expedite the making of kits for girls needing supplies for their monthly personal care. See page 5 for more information about Days for Girls, Newton.

CROSS WALK 
GOOD FRIDAY

Mission Coalition is sponsoring The Good Friday Way of the Cross Walk which from 12 noon to 1 pm on April 14. Walkers will meet at St Stephen's Episcopal Church and walk to seven downtown churches, share scripture readings and prayer before quietly processing to the next church. If anyone is interested in participating by being a scripture reader, leading a song accapella, carrying the cross between churches, please contact Joyce Stonehocker or Carol Macksey.

Easter Sunday Morning April 16: 8/10:30 Worship
 9:15 am Easter Egg Hunt and Sunday School Party



Dear St Luke Family,

We have all sinned & fallen short of the glory of God, writes Paul in his Letter to Christians in Rome 3:9



We all have *flaws*. We all have an *as is* tag attached to our toe or finger. And even though we try hard to hide them—those flaws are going to show up on occasion.

We all have a *sin-covered* mat on display similar to the story of the paralyzed man who was carried by four men to Jesus (Mark 2.)



We all sin, whether a small debt, or a large one, like Jesus' story to Simon as the woman-of-the-night anointed Jesus' feet with her tears and oil, and dried them with her kisses and hair (Luke 7.)

It matters not who we may feel akin to in the Bible stories, we are all sinners with *as is* tags and *sin-covered* mats on display for all to see.

Like the woman-of-the-night, we can come to Jesus with all our flaws and sins hanging out all over the place, drop to our knees and without saying a word, Jesus knows what we are feeling as we lovingly and tenderly serve Him by loving, forgiving and serving one another.

And while the hand of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, Son of God, is on our heads He speaks those same words to us: *Your many sins are forgiven.* Luke 7



Do you feel it? Are you experiencing His forgiveness? Friends, Jesus himself says to us, *Your many sins are forgiven. The one who is forgiven much, loves much.*

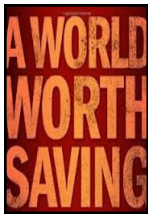
Paul also informs us *God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.* (Romans 5:3.) While we were still sinners, God loved us, accepted us, forgave and served us. We have been purchased with the blood of Jesus Christ. God, through Christ, paid the punishment, the price, for our sin by dying on the cross in our place, and exchanging our *as is* tags and *sin-covered* mats with a brand new label: *Made in the Image of God—Priceless.* When we have confessed and repented of our sin to our Savior, life will never be the same.

Our response to God's great unconditional love for us would be to live with one another with the same love, acceptance, forgiveness and servanthood as God has shown us. Think of how that would look at St Luke. Before, we even sin against one another we have already forgiven one another! Now that would be amazing!

When all sins are forgiven...no one has anything to hold against anyone else! And there will be love all around, acceptance, forgiveness and service galore! *Jesus said with God, all things are possible* (Mark 10.)

So, while we think of *giving up* something for Lent, let's *take on* this one great thing for God & for one another this Lenten season, live it through Easter & beyond.

In order to help us make that happen, I began the Lenten series, *A World Worth Saving* on March 19. It also suggests we *give up* something for Lent: Apathy.



Then offers the idea of *taking on serving God by serving others*, partly as an antidote for our apathy. If you will allow it, you'll note a deepening of your commitment to God's work in the world with themes like *Feeding Others & Starving Our Guilt* & singing songs like *Love Divine All Love Excelling*.

On March 26 we heard from the folk of *Discover Hope 5:17 Ministries*, Newton, to which half our **Easter Offering** will be given. The other half goes to Disaster Recovery by UMCOR.

On April 2 at 10:30 am only, the UMMen of WDSM will present their expressive impressions of the disciples who shared in the **Last Supper with Jesus**. Corinne has seen this in previous years and highly recommends it as a time of worship and inspiration. The disciples will serve us Communion, then join us for a potluck lunch.

May this Season of Lent and Easter be a blessing to you and your loved ones. I will always pray for you and ask for your prayers for me.

Pastor Audrey

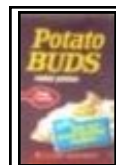


The 2017 Laity Day with Bishop Laurie will be held on **Saturday, April 22, 2017** and hosted by First United Methodist Church in Indianola, Iowa.

This year's special feature will be Bishop Laurie's presentations. Bishop Laurie Haller is a prolific writer, including a weekly blog, "Leading From the Heart" at www.lauriehaller.org. She will have her book, *Recess; Rediscovering Play and Purpose*, available for purchase and signing. Her book speaks to her spiritual journey which she will also share in her afternoon presentation.

Also available will be two books by Rev. William Cotton, a founder of the School for Lay Ministry and writer of *Memo for Those Who Preach*. Rev. Cotton's books fit the 2017 Laity Day themes of *Making a Difference* and *Spiritual Growth*.

There will be lunch, worship, hymns in addition to opportunities to look at the displays and visit with Mission, Cokesbury and Iowa Religious Media Services representatives. Laity Day is FREE! Register today.



April Salvation Army Food Pantry Request
Instant Potatoes
Powdered Milk



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS			
April 2	NO 8 AM		10:30 AM
		Ushers	Sue Crook/Karen Clark
		Greeters	Peg Ehler
		Readers	Pastor Audrey Young
		Nursery	Volunteer Needed
		Keyboard	Jan Lewis
		Special	Last Supper Drama
		Projection	None
		Care Core	Karen Clark
		Communion	Barb Pherigo
		Counters	B Patty/B Kaldenberg
April 9	8 AM	Palm	Sunday 10:30 AM
Ushers	Larry/Darlyne Howard		Jeff/Amy Murphy
Greeters	Rose Hartschen		Carolyn Cook
Reader	Dale Dorrell		Pat Patty
Acolytes	Ron Lisk		Evan Grimm
Nursery	Parents take turns		Kali Draper
Keyboard	Jan Lewis		Jan Lewis
Special	Praise Team		Praise Team
Projection	Peg Ehler		Pam Smith
Fellowship	Pam Andrews		Carolyn Cook
Care Core	Jan Lewis		Lisa Marston
Counters			Pat Patty/Russ Leix
April 16	8 AM	Easter	Sunday 10:30 AM
Ushers	Bill/Linda Hotger		Deb/Austin Stoullil
Greeters	Ann/Ben/Caleb/ Leonard		Karen Clark
Readers	Jenni Patty		Dennis Smith
Acolytes	Ron Lisk		Emma Grimm
Nursery	Parents take turns		Volunteer Needed
Keyboard	Bev Thomas		Jan Lewis
Special	Choir		Choir
Projection	Brad Patty		Carolyn Cook
Fellowship	Mike/Barb Kaldenberg		Lori Leix
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg		Karen Clark
Counters			Jan Lewis/Deb Stoullil
April 23	8 AM	Holy Humor	Sunday 10:30 AM
Ushers	Dick/Pam Stiles		Dennis/Pam Smith
Greeters	Larry/Darlyne Howard		Sue Crook
Readers	Russ Leix		Amy Murphy
Acolytes	Ron Lisk		Jacob Murphy
Nursery	Parents take turns		Pat Patty
Keyboard	Bev Thomas		Jan Lewis
Special	Corinne Kleppe		Corinne Kleppe
Projection	Peg Ehler		Karen Clark
Fellowship	Dick/Pam Stiles		Kari Ann Munson
Care Core	Joyce Stonehocker		Jan Lewis
Counters			Rose Evans/Brad Patty
April 30	8 AM	Guest	Speaker 10:30 AM
Ushers	M Gullett/T Lloyd		Rose Evans/Peg Ehler
Greeters	Joyce Stonehocker		Roy/Pat Patty
Readers	Jan Lewis		Marianne Spaur
Acolytes	Ron Lisk		Kleo Walker-O'Brien
Nursery	Parents take turns		Volunteer Needed
Keyboard	Bev Thomas		Jan Lewis
Special			
Projection	Brad Patty		Pam Smith
Fellowship	Betty Skaggs		Barb Ponder
Care Core	Jan Lewis		Marianne Spaur
Counters			Pat Patty/Russ Leix

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St Luke News

I would like to thank the St Luke family for the encouragement given to Ken while he was in the hospital and rehab, I also appreciated your prayers, cards and support.

Jean and Ken Schnell

On behalf of Self-Help International, thank you for your recent gift. We are so blessed by your investment in the people we serve as we work to alleviate hunger by helping people help themselves. Nora Tobin, Dir

St Nick's Christmas Club would like to say, "THANK YOU!" We successfully helped almost 600 underprivileged children in 2016. This only happens with your help.

Our sympathies are with the Jeff Murphy family upon the loss of Amy's sister, Penny Kleeman, in Texas. And to Ray Pherigo and family on the passing of his parents, Clara and Connie Pherigo. Also to Dave and Deb Miller on the death of Dave's Mother, Anna Miller.

Thank you for the diapers, school bags, quilts and sewing machines donated to MMDC in early March.

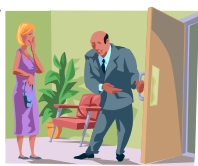
Please--Update All Addresses









including college students. We are constantly updating addresses of our members & friends. Help us by supplying us with those you know. We don't want to lose track of our church family. Thank you.



Worship Assistants

Please find a sub or trade if you cannot do it as scheduled. Then contact the church office so we can print correct names. It's a way for us to get to know one another.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
2 NO 8 am Worship 9:15 Sunday School   10:30 Last Supper Drama, Communion served by Disciples & 11:30 Potluck with the Disciples & crew.	3	4 *Autumn Schuler 6:30 pm Trustees Meeting	5 *Jeffrey Guillaume 6:30 pm Praise Team 7:15 pm Choir	6	7 *Ian Barnes	1 *Ava Smith 8 *Dawn Bleeker SHARE Orders due By 11 am	
9 Palm Sunday 8/10:30 Worship 2nd Sunday Apportionment 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all. 8-12 Bake Sale 	10 *Jacob Murphy *Pane Thongvanh	11 *Bernice Adams *Karen Clark *Kelly Murphy	12 *Rod Arrowood 6:30 pm Praise Team 7:15 pm Choir 7 pm Page Turners Book Club - Entry	13 Newsletter Articles Due *Paul Bleeker 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship	14 12 Noon Downtown Cross Walk Meets @ St Stephens 	15	
16 Easter Sunday 8/10:30 Worship Offering - Choir 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all. 6 pm ICIW Worship *Mark Spaur	17	18 7 pm Council Meeting	19 1:15 pm UMW at Park Centre 6:30 pm Praise Team Practice 7:15 pm Choir Practice	20 *Mary Onstot *Wes Breckenridge 7 pm Quilt Guild - F Hall	21 *Dale Dorrell *Mallory Umbarger	22 Laity Day with Bishop Laurie, Indianola UMC - pg 2 SHARE Pick-up *Savannah Reicks	
23 Holy Humor Sunday 8/10:30 Worship 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all. 6 pm ICIW Worship 	24	25 *Dolores Mawdsley 6:30 pm SPRC meeting	26 8:30 am Collate Newsletter 6:30 pm Praise Team Practice 7:15 pm Choir Practice	27  9am-2pm Day for Girls 1st Presbyterian Church	28 *Barb Ponder	29 *Joelly Scheff	
30 8/10:30 Worship - Guest Native American Ministries Sunday & Offering 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all.			 *Denotes Birthdays! If your birthday is missing or incorrect, contact the office.	Easter Offering is 1/2 to Discover Hope & 1/2 to U.S. Disaster Relief			

Read Calendar closely for events not appearing elsewhere in Newsletter. Thank you.



United Methodist Women Wednesday, April 19

1:15 pm
At Park Centre

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade, kept in heaven for you."
 1 Peter 1:3-4
 Program: Mass Incarceration
 By Martha Stewart
 Hostess: Katie Jones
 April 29 - District Mission Study @ Polk City UMC

Sunday School Mission Offering

Larry and Jane Kies have spent much of their adult lives in mission service. They currently live and teach in Zimbabwe, Africa, at the Africa University. Larry works as the Technical advisor to the Africa University Farm at Mutare. And Jane teaches English at the Africa University in Mutare.

Once again this year we have covenanted with the Kies with our goal being \$1 per member for each of them. The NOW committee has chosen Larry and Jane as our January through April Sunday School Mission offering. The first Sunday of each month will continue to go toward Sunday School administrative costs including our Sunday school materials and resources.
 Corinne Kleppe- NOW missions

Native American Ministries Sunday Sunday, April 30

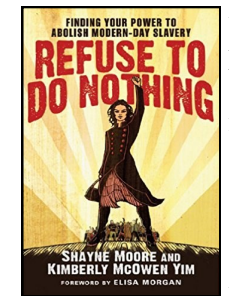
Gifts to Native American Ministries Sunday Fund scholarships for Native American seminarians and strengthen, develop and equip Native American rural, urban and reservation congregations, ministries and communities and annual conference Native American Ministries.



News from our Librarian ~ Karen Clark

This month's highlighted book is one from the UMW shelf. Shane Moore and Kimberly McOwen Yim authored *Refuse To Do Nothing* in response to questions about modern day slavery and what individuals can do about it. People continue to exploit powerless men, women, and children in horrific ways throughout the world.

However, there have been good people fighting a war on slavery all along. Most of these people look like us, just everyday people who discover they have power to abolish slavery here as well as in far corners of our world. This book tells how we can illuminate the shadows where hide those who traffic in people, how we can compel corporations to fight slavery in how their products are made, how to motivate politicians to fight for human dignity, and how to mobilize friends and strangers to become abolitionists, too. The book reads as both story and manual. I dare you to read it. You will find it in our little library in the corner. Look on the newsletter shelf. Check it out.



VBS 2017 - July 10-14

VBS for this year will be July 10-14 from 9-11:30. This year's theme is *Hero Central-Discover Your Strength in God* - from Cokesbury.
 Anyone interested in volunteering that week, please contact Amy Murphy @ 641-417-9458. Be watching for more information coming up-it takes many great minds and hands to make this successful! Any help is greatly appreciated!! You never know whose hero you may end up being with God's help!!



2017 Easter Offering

This year as the NOW committee discussed where we should designate our Easter offering, our thoughts went in two directions. First nationally and then locally.

Already this year the United States has seen ice storms, flooding, mudslides and tornados. And, as in most years, there is always the possibility of forest fires, earthquakes and hurricanes. Natural disasters happen - and the Disaster Relief fund is there to respond. This Easter, one half of our offering will go to the United States Disaster Relief Fund.

Locally, we talked of a couple of options & landed on Discover Hope 5:17. Discover Hope is a faith based addiction support group that is available days and evenings. Founders Robbie Robinson and Aaron Groves based their program on 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV) *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here!"* The other half of our Easter offering will go toward support of this life transforming group located right here in Newton, Iowa. To learn more about Discover Hope 5:17, go to: www.discoverhope517.org.

N.O.W. Committee - Missions





My Story

I recently finished reading the book *Fly a Little Higher* by Laura Sobiech. The book tells the story of Laura's son Zach and how he taught others how to live, truly LIVE, all while he was dying. Zach had osteosarcoma, but he wanted his life to mean something. He wrote a song called CLOUDS – which touched people all around the world and the song and Zach's story inspired those same people to see beauty in the world around them.

Zach was inspired by *Matthew 25:14-30* which is the parable of the talents. The scripture encouraged Zach to make more from what he was given. He used his talent for music and his story to teach and to inspire others to find faith and beauty in every day... no matter how many days we are given.



We all have the ability to take our GOD given talents and touch the lives of others. We all have the option to choose to LIVE each day and have our lives mean something. We need only to look up to God, and to trust God. Take that step and we can all fly a little higher too.

Corinne Kleppe - Editor

Children's Sunday School

Pre-K through 4th graders are on a faith journey called *Deep Blue*, the awe-inspiring resource for children which includes adventure, exciting stories, science experiments, arts and crafts, animated video storytelling, and active games -all combined into a living-faith experience that will help children discover what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ today!



Lenten Study Adult-2 Class

We will be finishing the Lenten study, *He Chose the Nails*. Starting on April 23, our next book will study the issue of Israel through the eyes of a Palestinian Christian. It is *Blood Brothers* by Elias Chacour. As a group, we decided that we really don't know a lot about the conflict in Palestine. Hopefully, this book will give us some insight and deeper understanding of life in the most volatile region of the world.

There is always room for more to join the discussion in the 3rd room on the left in Ed Unit at 9:15 on Sunday mornings.

St. Luke BIBLE STUDY
 Seasons OF THE Spirit
 Sunday School Class meets 9:15 a.m. in the choir room

Hope Against All Hope Honoring Doubt and Belief As We Witness God's Steadfast Love in the Midst of Death John 11:1-45

When Jesus was traveling with his disciples He received word that one of His friends, Lazarus, brother of Mary and Martha, of Judea, was sick. "Lord, the one you love is sick." Jesus declared that the sickness would not end in death, "It is for God's glory that God's son may be glorified through it." After two more days Jesus began his journey to Judea, telling His disciples, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up." His disciples thought he meant a natural sleep. Jesus clarified the situation by telling them Lazarus was dead. "And for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe."

Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days by the time Jesus arrived in Bethany. Located less than two miles from Jerusalem, many (Jewish) friends were present to comfort the two sisters at the loss of their brother. Martha, hearing of Jesus' impending arrival, went to meet Him, outside their village: "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died..." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die."

Martha went back to her sister Mary, telling her Jesus was arriving and calling for her. Mary, along with their visiting friends, traveled to greet Jesus. Falling at His feet she proclaimed, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." Jesus was deeply moved by the grieving and weeping of the mourners of Lazarus and wept, Himself.



Jesus came to the tomb and ordered the stone covering it be taken away. "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." Because of witnessing Jesus' miracles, many more persons believed in Him.

The Seasons of the Spirit Bible Study Class meets Sunday mornings at 9:15 to read about and discuss issues related to each week's prescribed lectionary readings. Come, join in the learning!

Below are the lectionary scriptures that the Sunday school class participants will be learning about each week in April. Even if you can't come to class, consider taking the time to read them at home!

∞ Lectionary Readings for April 2017 ∞

- April 2: John 11:1-45 | Hope Against All Hope
To honor doubt and belief as we witness God's steadfast love in the midst of death.
- April 9: Matthew 26:14 - 27:66 | To Explore Together the Stories of Holy Week - To risk transforming encounters with Jesus.
- April 16: John 20:1-18 | Yes!
To celebrate the good news of Jesus' resurrection.
- April 23: John 20:19-31 | It's True
To delve into the richness of the peace that is ours through Jesus the Christ.
- April 30: Luke 24:13-35 | Followers of the Way
To open our hearts to recognize the risen Christ and respond in witness.

Days for Girls Report

The next work day is Thursday, April 27th from 9 pm - 2 pm. You can come anytime during those hours and stay as long as you want. Lunch is provided. You don't need to know how to sew.

We are hoping to purchase a "cutter." This machine greatly speeds up what is a very time-consuming, cutting process. Cash donations toward this major purchase are welcome. We can also purchase snaps, ribbon, labels at a greatly reduced price, so money is also needed for those purchases.

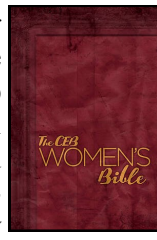
St Luke is having a Palm Sunday Bake Sale to benefit Days for Girls.



Gift Idea for Women

Are you looking for a gift for a special woman in your life or maybe for yourself? Consider the recently released CEB Women's Bible.

Written by women and for women, the features in The CEB Women's Bible help readers relate the cultural needs and practices expressed in the ancient text to the cultural and identity



needs expressed in today's world. Included in the CEB Women's Bible are seven commentaries/reflections written by Rev Amy Spaur, daughter of Marianne Spaur.



Women At The Well 10th Anniversary Events Saturday, April 1, 2017: 10 AM-3 PM The Crisis of Mass Incarceration Right Next Door: Becoming Stations of Hope A Right Next Door Workshop

America now incarcerates more of its citizens than any country in the world. That means incarceration affects all our communities and a large share of the families in our midst, although the challenges are rarely openly discussed and supported in church. To help us think about and tackle this deficit, nationally recognized speaker and author Harold Dean Trulear will offer his signature *Healing Communities* training, which lays out a framework for congregations in their ministry to families affected by incarceration. Our goal is that church leaders will be inspired, empowered and equipped to build relationships of healing, redemption and reconciliation in families and communities impacted by crime and mass incarceration.

Register online at <https://uevent.com/registration?code=9UK6V4XXPC> and follow announcements at www.facebook.com/events/434591636883342/. The cost for the workshop and lunch is \$25 per person if registered by March 10, and \$30 per person afterward or at the door. Scholarships are available for formerly incarcerated attendees. Lunch will be provided for those who register by March 27. Questions? Please contact Pastor Lee Schott at 515-360-3977 or revlas333@gmail.com.

That evening, Saturday, April 1, 2017: 6:30-8:30 pm House Concert with Trish and Richard Bruxvoort Colligan,

The River's Voice

We'll gather for an informal concert celebrating ten years of vital ministry through Women at the Well. There will be a dessert bar and an assortment of beverages, and we hope you'll come by for music, community and some Women at the Well memories.

The River's Voice is an acoustic duo featuring the soulful and winsome Trish and Richard Bruxvoort Colligan. Musically, Trish's piano and Richard's guitar offer an acoustic backdrop to their smooth harmony vocals. In concert, expect stories, laughter and lots of music for all ages.

We'll gather at 6:30 p.m. in Wesley Hall, downstairs at Collegiate UMC in Ames. All are welcome. You don't need to RSVP, but please contact Dan Schott, 515-822-4599 or womenatthewell@iaumc.org with any questions. We can't wait to welcome you to this time of music and celebration!

Sunday, April 2: 2:30-4:00 pm with reception following 10th Anniversary Celebration Worship - Bishop Laurie Haller, preaching.

All are invited to join in doing what we do best—worship together!—as a way of marking and celebrating the ten years of ministry we have done together through Women at the Well. We are delighted to welcome Bishop Laurie Haller to open the Word to us, and will welcome other special guests including Mary Mortenson, Director of Prison Congregations of America. We will sing, and come to the Communion table, and delight in what God has done and will continue to do through this congregation behind bars. Watch for updates at our Facebook events page: www.facebook.com/events/418065645197118/. All are welcome. Bring a friend!

All events will be at Collegiate UMC in Ames.

