

St. Luke's United Methodist Church invites you to find new life through Jesus Christ. Engage your heart and mind within a community of faith that seeks to integrate scripture, tradition, reason and experience. Wherever you are in your life, you will be accepted and encouraged to grow spiritually, live relationally and walk in mission, as you relate your daily life and your faith. Join us in growing toward full humanity through living the teachings of Christ: Love, Acceptance, Justice and Hope.

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9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. – Adult, Youth & Children's Classes  
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ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



# The Chronicle

## So it's good-bye

Dear St. Luke's,

As I have told several groups, good-byes are among my least favorite things to do, but I also know they are important to do, and important to do in each setting. So I am driving some people nuts as I say good-bye.



The last ten years (half of St. Luke's life) with you have been wonderful.

Two building programs, from 600 to 1300 members; mission experiences in Zimbabwe and Cambodia; Columbine and 9/11; baptisms and conversations; a new vision—IRM; and an engaged and committed and generous congregation. We have been a part of each other as we have sung together and prayed together and worked and cried and laughed and fought and served and loved together. As we have grown "together toward full humanity, through living the teachings of Christ . . ."

There were some things I didn't get done. There was something new to learn every day. There is so much I will miss. I may even miss trying to write a sermon every week. I will miss the little girl who came up to me last Sunday, pulled down her lower lip, and said, "My big teeth are coming in!" I will miss sharing life with you. I will miss you.

But St. Luke's will go on. You have a great staff, congregational leadership, members and constituents. I may be the most visible, but I am not the church. It is not "my" church. It is God's church, and yours. Ministry through St. Luke's happens all the time, all over the place. That will continue. And as Henry David Thoreau said, "The future is worth expecting."

"Good-bye" originally meant "God be with you" – then it got contracted and lost its real meaning. Now it's more like, "See ya." I mean it: God be with you. You will be in my prayers during this transition time, and as you welcome a new senior minister. It was my honor to serve you for ten years. Thank you.

Shalom,  
Dick

## From the interim pastor



Back in '75 while at Littleton, I was asked to transfer to a church in Boise, Idaho. Tricky, because Boise is in the Oregon-Idaho conference and Littleton is in the Rocky Mountain conference. But the maneuvering of transfer was completed, and I left at the end of February. My replacement was not to arrive until April, and that left a month, with five Sundays, one being Easter, in the capable hands of the associate minister, one Richard O. Evans. All the reports I got were that he did a masterful job of handling the transition of the church from my ministry to that of Jim Barnes. Now the reversal of roles continues. Dick is leaving for a sabbatical and into lands unknown, and I, the associate, will be taking over as the interim pastor until "who knows when."

Unlike back then, we don't know who is coming to St. Luke's, or when. If someone who is appropriate for St. Luke's is lurking in the shadows within the Rocky Mountain Conference, then finding that person could be easily and fairly quickly accomplished. If not, discovering someone in New Mexico or Indiana or, of all places, Alabama, could take longer. Whom do you know that might be a possibility? Let our committee know.

The reason I was tapped for Boise is that a man in the Boise church had been in my church in Salida, sixteen years previously, and turned my name in to the committee in the Boise church, and they passed it on to the bishop, who had no idea who I was. You never know.

What is before you and me is to keep St. Luke's humming. I'd like to propose my first slogan: "NO SUMMER SLUMP, HERE!" Here's what I mean: I'd like our summer attendance not to go down, as is customary, but actually go up! And I'll tell you why. As I wrote in the last "Chronicle," we'll get who we deserve. If interest is down, if attendance is down, if enthusiasm is down, if excitement is down, if participation is down, if giving is down, then we'll likely get a new senior pastor who is just right for a "down" church. He'll/she'll be a "down" type person, and what a tragedy that would be. If we present ourselves as a disillusioned, discouraged, disinterested, and dispirited, then that "top" person we're looking for will dismiss us in a hurry.

What I'm saying is YOU, BY YOUR INTEREST, PARTICIPATION, AND ENTHUSIASM WILL HELP DETERMINE WHAT KIND OF NEW SENIOR PASTOR WE WILL GET! I mean that! If we are humming with enthusiasm, we'll get a humming, enthusiastic type pastor. And we'll go on humming to an even higher frequency. I want to help make that happen, and I invite you to join me in making it happen.

I'll see you in church Sunday morning, and at the events of St. Luke's which will show some terrific pastor "lurking out there" that we're ready, and we're eager, and we want to make St. Luke's the greatest ever. Remember, "NO SUMMER SLUMP, HERE!"

Fred Venable, Interim Pastor

Mark your calendars  
**20th Anniversary Pancake Breakfast**  
July 20 between the services.  
8:45-9:30 and 10:30-11:00

More information and details will be in the bulletin and on the church announcements in the coming weeks.

## 'IT'S A GOOD THING THAT DICK EVANS IS MOVING ON'

By Rev. Dave Money, Associate Pastor



Huh?!? What?!? Let me explain. No, I don't mean that we're glad to see Dick go. Quite the opposite: he'll be greatly missed. It's never easy to say good-bye to someone who has meant as much to a church as Dick has meant to St. Luke's.

So how could his leaving possibly be a good thing? Because it gives Dick a chance to grow in new directions, explore new possibilities, learn new things, and try something different. The same could be said about the people of St. Luke's under the guidance of a new senior minister. It also gives other United Methodist clergy a chance to serve in an extraordinary church like St. Luke's, and to take that experience to other churches when their time comes to move on.

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, recognized all this when he established a network of travelling preachers in colonial America. Those wide-ranging circuit riders made the rounds and ministered to the people in distant communities. Ever since then, Methodist pastors have been "itinerant"—a fancy word for "moves around a lot."

Now it's true that American Methodists are much less spread out than they were 250 years ago, and that modern vehicles travel a lot faster than a circuit rider's horse (except on I-25). But one important reason for having an itinerant clergy remains unchanged: in the long run, having churches served by different clergy is healthier for both the church and the clergy. This belief is based on a principle that was especially important to John Wesley: a local church—like St. Luke's—is all about its people, and the community in which they seek to be one with Christ; it's not about a particular pastor or any other individual.

So... we can be grateful that St. Luke's had Dick Evans for as long as we did. (In fact, several years longer than the average appointment for United Methodist pastors.) We can be glad that Dick will be exploring new life and new possibilities. And we can celebrate the conviction that St. Luke's will continue to evolve and grow as a faith community with its new senior minister, and the next one, and the next....

And all of that is a good thing.

## Ministry Advocates key to distributed leadership model at St. Luke's

I'm Martha Boon, chairperson of the Ministry Council here at St. Luke's. For those of you who have been here awhile, you've seen tremendous growth in our programs and educational offerings. The reason this has been possible is our distributed, broad-based leadership model. No one person makes St. Luke's a great place to worship. It takes a family of caring and dedicated members who, guided by the spirit of God, have stepped into leadership roles. At monthly council meetings, team representatives called Ministry Advocates share their successes, plan for the future, and bring issues to the group for problem solving.

These team leaders are doing God's work here at St. Luke's with the help of their team members. The next time you see them, thank them for being a part of St. Luke's and ask them why they do what they do for our church. You'll be surprised by their answers!

### Missions Ministry Team

Marie and David Fornof are the Co-Advocates of our Missions Ministry Team. This team coordinates and supports the budgeting, communications and planning for all St. Luke's missions teams and small groups related to missions. This includes The Caring Connections Team, reaching out within St. Luke's and our Missions Team, reaching out to our community, nation and world.

### Education Ministry Team

Dave Guavara serves as the Advocate to the Education Ministry Team. This team supports education for all age levels of children, youth and adults. It provides processes for making sure that teaching methods and curricula support and further our core values as we grow in our faith journey. This team is constantly developing new ways to provide everyone with opportunities for Christian education.

### Worship Ministry Team

Meet Kay Coryell is the Advocate for the Worship Ministry Team. This team coordinates, evaluates and enriches the whole worship experience through services and activities. Small groups that make up this team include all our music groups, the Acolytes, Ushers, Altar Guild, Drama and our Sound & Video Teams. There is a place for everyone, whether you sing, play an instrument, greet or want to enhance our place of worship.

### Operations Ministry Team

We need a team to support a building, a schedule, and ways to let everyone know what the other teams are doing. Ken Fong, the Advocate for our Operations Team, heads the group that is often working behind the scenes. They provide guidance and a central point-of-contact for all day-to-day activities and responsibilities that support the church's programs. Small groups that work together as part of this team include Communications, Grocery Certificates, Trustees, and Wedding and Funeral Teams.

### Fellowship & Support Ministry Team

This team provides guidance and support for small groups that engage in fellowship or gather to support each other in a common issue. This Team assists these small groups with resources, planning and coordination of schedules. The Fellowship and Support Ministry Team wants to provide a way for all of us to connect at St. Luke's with a small group. New groups are formed often, so if there is an area of interest and we don't have a group we can start something new! The small groups on this Team allow you to meet someone with a common interest or struggle. Some of the groups on this team include: Softball, Bowling, Bridge, Week Day Bible Studies, Parents of Teens, Parents of Kids with Special Needs, Family Camp, and Dinner for Eight. The Advocate position for this Ministry Team is currently open.

### Ministry Development Team

Co-Advocates Danny McIntosh and Michelle Mallory lead the Ministry Development Team which provides support to the other five Ministry Teams. Groups that operate as part of this team are Leadership Development, Care & Assimilation, Lay Leadership (new name for Nominations) and Stewardship. This team assists in the formation of new small groups, provides leadership training and helps to connect all members and constituents to the Ministries at St. Luke's.

Please join the **Women of Note** on August 10 for a very special inspirational service. These seven women of St. Luke's would like to share their spiritual journey with you. At 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00

## Search for new senior pastor one of many concerns of your SPRC

I am Sean McCurdy, the Deputy Chair of St. Luke's Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC). With the current Senior Pastor Search process underway, you have probably heard a great deal about SPRC. But you may be wondering what the SPRC does when we are not supporting the process of placing a new Senior Pastor.

SPRC is made up of nine volunteer members of our congregation. The nine members meet monthly or more often as needed, to discuss the staff's needs and act on various staffing issues. Each year three new members are added to the SPRC as three members leave the Committee. Thus, each volunteer member serves for three years.

The responsibilities of SPRC include selecting, nurturing, and assisting the St. Luke's staff. SPRC is focused on helping staff members be as successful and effective as possible in their positions, so they may fulfill St. Luke's tri-part vision to be Invitational, Relational and Missional. As St. Luke's ministries continue to grow, along with our congregation and facilities, the SPRC hires new professional staff. The SPRC, with staff input, also updates the Staff Administrative Handbook, providing essential guidelines and procedures for our staff.

In addition to guiding and hiring, each SPRC member serves as a liaison to one or more staff members to help ensure that the ideas and concerns of the staff are understood by all. It is also very important to keep the communication flowing from the congregation by sharing your staff-related joys and concerns. We invite your communication directly to any member of the SPRC.

SPRC is, of course, also charged with supporting the process of placing a new Senior Pastor. SPRC is committed to providing an open, invitational, and relational process designed to involve the entire congregation. St. Luke's is an incredibly special place with an inspirational vision and many wonderful and dedicated individuals. Together, we will work to insure that St. Luke's has a spiritual leader that is appropriately suited to our Church.

Moreover, SPRC and the leadership of your Church want you to know that, as a United Methodist Church, we have certainly been here before. In the twenty-year history of St. Luke's, we have had three Senior Pastors and one Interim Pastor. In that time, with each new member we have kept the important traditions and beliefs of the past, while learning new ways to grow spiritually. St. Luke's is a strong Church with a clear identity. We have a clear vision of our mission, and with God's grace we will continue to be blessed as we worship and serve together in a community of faith.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and our Church.

Sean McCurdy

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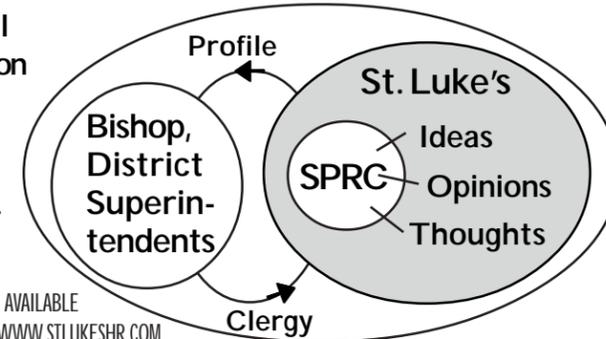
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