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Who's Who at St. Luke



Stewardess Board
 President, Malinda
 Wallick

With the observance of Mother's Day in May, it is only fitting to feature the President of the Stewardess Board, whose members are regarded as "mothers" of the church. Sister Malinda Wallick, a humble servant, embodied with a quiet, gentle spirit, was born and raised in Collins, Mississippi. She attended school in Mississippi at Hopewell Vocational school, but earned her GED after moving to the Champaign-Urbana area.

Mrs. Wallick's early Christian life began in the Baptist denomination, but she became a Methodist when she joined St. Luke CME in 1979. As the president of the Stewardess Board, she oversees the preparation for Holy Communion, Baptisms, and the Love Feast. The Stewardess Board members can be found at church the Saturday before the first Sunday of each month getting ready for one of most important rituals in the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church: Holy Communion. The Stewardess Board is also in charge of providing flowers for the chancel table and arranging the pulpit lectern scarves as well as other duties.

Mrs. Wallick is the proud wife of Steward Emeritus, Nathan Wallick. They are the parents of three daughters: Audra and Brenda Owens and Marlene Lowe; one son, Willie Owens.

Mrs. Wallick is now retired, but worked at the University of Illinois as a supervisor and manager of food service for many years. In her spare time, she likes to cook and read mystery books. Valerie Wilson Wesley is her favorite author. When her health and weather permitted, she loved working outside in her yard and bowling. Her favorites are:

Scripture: 23rd Psalms
 Hymn: "God is Real"
 Color: Blue

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Beautiful Christian Sister By Maya Angelou

A woman's heart should be so hidden in Christ
 That a man should have to seek Him first to find her.'
 When I say... 'I am a Christian' I'm not shouting 'I'm clean
 livin"
 I'm whispering 'I was lost, Now I'm found and forgiven.'
 When I say... 'I am a Christian' I don't speak of this with
 pride.
 I'm confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.
 When I say... 'I am a Christian' I'm not trying to be strong.
 I'm professing that I'm weak and need His strength to carry
 on.
 When I say.. 'I am a Christian' I'm not bragging of success.
 I'm admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.
 When I say... 'I am a Christian' I'm not claiming to be perfect,
 My flaws are far too visible, but God believes I am worth it.
 When I say... 'I am a Christian' I still feel the sting of pain..
 I have my share of heartaches, so I call upon His name.
 When I say... 'I am a Christian' I'm not holier than thou,?
 I'm just a simple sinner Who received God's good grace,
 somehow!

Submitted by Jo Samuel

Bible Corner

By the Board of Christian Education

Which books of the bible are considered the poetic books?

The books of Job, the Psalms, the Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon are considered the poetical books of the Old Testament. Scholars have been unable to determine with any specificity when Job was written. Based upon the manners and customs recorded in the text, many believe that the book was written during the time of the Patriarchs of the faith. The individual Psalms, comprising the entire collection, were written from the days of Israel's Exodus to its restoration after the Babylonian captivity. Many of the Psalms were written by King David during his reign over Israel. The entire book was compiled between 1000 - 300 B.C.

Thank God for Wonderful Mothers!



Everything Mom

How did you find the energy, Mom
 To do all the things you did,
 To be teacher, nurse and counselor
 To me, when I was a kid.
 How did you do it all, Mom,
 Be a chauffeur, cook and friend,
 Yet find time to be a playmate,
 I just can't comprehend.
 I see now it was love, Mom
 That made you come whenever I'd
 call,
 Your inexhaustible love, Mom
 And I thank you for it all.

By Joanna Fuchs

When I say good morning I mean to say:

G-od

O-ffers us His

O-utstanding

D-evotion to

M-ake us

O-bedient &

R-eady for a

N-ew day with Him.

I-nspire others please, and

N-ever forget

G-od loves you!



HAVE A BLESSED DAY!

SOMETHING FROM NOTHING

"The earth was formless and void...and God said, Let there be light." (Genesis 1:2-3).

Are you believing God for something today that seems impossible? We serve a great and mighty God, and He can create something out of nothing. He can make a way when there seems to be no way! Genesis tells us that in the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. But before He spoke the world into existence, it was formless and void. If God can make the world out of nothing, He can take the empty places in your life and create something beautiful, too! He can speak light into your darkest hour. He can take your formless dreams and give them shape. He can resurrect your dormant gifts and talents! He can make your crooked places straight!

Remember, you are created in the image of almighty God. There's power in your words, and there's power when you're in agreement with Him. Start saying what God says about your situation. Speak life to your broken dreams, today. Stay in an attitude of faith and expectancy. As you do, God will take you places that you've never dreamed, and you'll live in victory all the days of your life!

A Prayer for Today

Father in heaven, I trust that You are willing and able to make a way where there seems to be no way in my life. Fill me with Your peace and faith and give me a vision for all You have for me. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

From: Joel Osteen Ministries

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW BLACK HISTORY?

Madam C.J. Walker (birth name Sarah Breedlove)



FAMILY BACKGROUND: Sarah Breedlove, who later became known as Madam C. J. Walker, was born into a former-slave family to parents Owen and Minerva Breedlove. She had one older sister, Louvenia

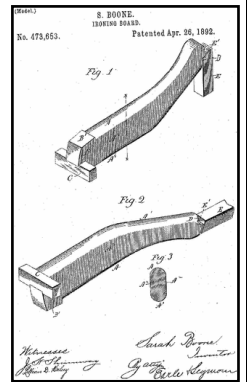
and brothers Alexander, James, Solomon and Owen, Jr. Her parents had been slaves on Robert W. Burney's Madison Parish farm which was a battle-staging area during the Civil War for General Ulysses S. Grant and his Union troops.

Madam Walker was an entrepreneur who built her empire developing hair products for black women. She claims to have built her company on an actual dream where a large black man appeared to her and gave her a formula for curing baldness. When confronted with the idea that she was trying to conform black women's hair to that of whites, she stressed that her products were simply an attempt to help black women take proper care of their hair and promote its growth .

Madam Walker died at Villa Lewaro at the age of 51 on Sunday, May 25, 1919 from complications of hypertension. Upon her death she was considered to be the wealthiest African-American woman in America and known to be the first African-American woman millionaire. Some sources cite her as the first self-made American woman millionaire. Her daughter Lelia succeeded her as president of the C. J. Walker Manufacturing Company.

Sarah Boone received a patent on April 26, 1892 for a device which would help to neatly iron clothing. This device, the predecessor to our modern ironing board was made of a narrow wooden board, with collapsible legs and a padded cover and was specifically designed for the fitted clothing worn during that time period.

Prior to her inventions, people were forced to resort to simply using a table or being creative in laying a plank of wood across two chairs or small tables.



HEART

Never take someone for granted;
Hold every person close to your heart.
Because you might wake up one day,
And realize that you've lost a diamond,
While you were too busy collecting
stones.



Submitted by Marvarine Pirtle

Birthdays

May

19 Clifton Buchanan
29 Christine Buchanan

June

5 Lincoln Huffman
8 Maurice Horton
Marshana

10 Kendra Huffman

Phillip March

12 Amanda Davis

Alvin DeSayles

Timothy Hill

13 Faye Weatherspoon

19 Nettie Howell

20 Shawn Robinson

Helen Warren

Bradley Wright

22 Rosa Mae Allen

24 Jada Minor

26 Darlene Easley

27 Mae Kendrick



Happy Mother's

Day!

May 11th