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Happy 100th Anniversary St. Luke!

Happy Mother's Day!



Who's Who at St. Luke: Kathy Lockett, Women's Fellowship Chairman



Kathy Lockett, youngest child born to Syral and Tressa Easley – July 5, 1954, Urbana, Illinois. Sister to Sheila Seward, Columbus, Ohio and the late Wayne Easley of Crystal Lake, Illinois. Kathy is a mother to Chris and LaShaundra Lockett and has five grandchildren, ages 7 years to 11 months.

Kathy graduated from Urbana High School in 1972, and she began her working career at the University of Illinois in October of the same year. She has worked at the Personnel Services Building in the records department; WILL-TV and the UI Extension Office where she has been employed for 34 years, currently in the position as Office Manager. She has been a member of St. Luke all her life. Her involvement at St. Luke has been a member of the choir, current member of the Missionary Society; Board of Christian Education; chair of the Women's Fellowship, and has been the church secretary for 25+ years. Kathy has been instrumental on the District Level as a delegate to the SE Missouri, Illinois, and Wisconsin Annual Conference; mentor/chaperone for the youth attending Annual Conferences and a representative of St. Luke at the District Conference and Spring Convocation.

When she is not working, either at the U of I or at the church, she can be found taking care of her parents or spending time with other family members – especially her grandchildren! When she can find time, she enjoys reading and watching movies – especially those that bring laughter.

Kathy is one who finds joy in helping others and believes – “If I can help somebody as I pass along, then MY living will NOT be in vain!”

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St. Luke CME Vision Statement:

Our vision is to be a church where we live under God's new covenant, following His commandment to love one another as He has loved us. By giving and receiving the love of Jesus Christ, we will show to the world that we are His disciples. Through our discipleship, we will lead others to the way of eternal salvation. St. Luke will be a sanctuary where the Holy Bible is taught as the true and living word of God, where the preached word of God will go forth to the people, and where the people fervently pray for God's grace and mercy to flow here on earth. We see St. Luke providing a refuge for the homeless, being a haven of peace and rest for the old and weary, and a place of strength and encouragement for the weak and downtrodden. St. Luke will become like a light set on a hill, so that all can see the goodness of God here on earth and make them yearn even more for His treasures in heaven.

St. Luke CME Mission Statement:

Our Mission is to know Jesus Christ and to make Him known to others.

Bible Corner

God bless all the grandmothers who are raising their grandchildren!

Happy Mother's Day!

Thank God for Wonderful Mothers!

In Loving Memory
of
Mrs. Genora Jarrett

November 6, 1927-April 23, 2008



As Long as I Can~

I will look at this world for both of us.

As long as I can

I will laugh with the birds,

I will sing with the flowers,

I will pray to the stars,

for both of us.

As long as I can

I will remember how many things on this earth were your joy.

And I will live as well as you

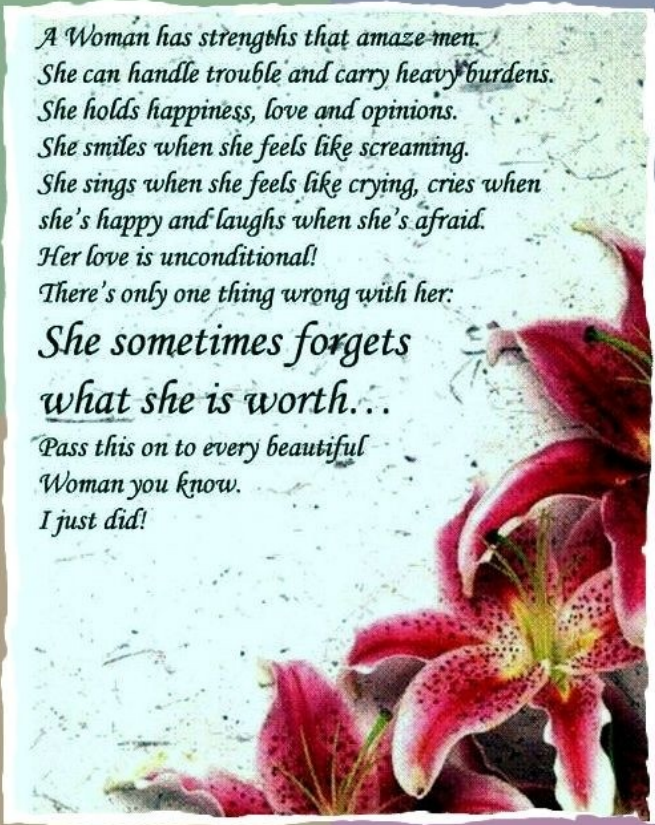
would want me to live

As long as I can.

Sascha

Submitted by Jo Samuel

*A Woman has strengths that amaze men.
She can handle trouble and carry heavy burdens.
She holds happiness, love and opinions.
She smiles when she feels like screaming.
She sings when she feels like crying, cries when
she's happy and laughs when she's afraid.
Her love is unconditional!
There's only one thing wrong with her:
She sometimes forgets
what she is worth...
Pass this on to every beautiful
Woman you know.
I just did!*



Congratulations

United Council of Negro Women
Living Legend Honoree
DORA JAMERSON



¹⁶Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. **Matthew 5:16**

**Mrs. Jamerson will be honored on
May 2, 2009**



A Mother's Day Tribute

Mama was my greatest teacher, a teacher of compassion, love and fearlessness. If love is sweet as a flower, then my mother is that sweet flower of love.

- Stevie Wonder

Mama exhorted her children at every opportunity to 'jump at de sun.' We might not land on the sun, but at least we would get off the ground.

by Zora Neale Hurston

In Loving Memory of

Sister Bertha Williams



October 20, 1933-March 29, 2009

Your St. Luke family will miss your kind, gentle spirit.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW BLACK HISTORY?

FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA

CORRETTA SCOTT KING



Coretta Scott King played an extremely important role in the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s. Martin wrote of her that, "I am indebted to my wife Coretta, without

whose love, sacrifices, and loyalty neither life nor work would bring fulfillment. She has given me words of consolation when I needed them and a well-ordered home where Christian love is a reality." However, Martin and Coretta did conflict over her public role in the movement. Martin wanted Coretta to focus on raising their four children, while Coretta wanted to take a more public leadership role.

Coretta Scott King took part in the Montgomery Bus Boycott of 1955 and took an active role in advocating for civil rights legislation. Most prominently, perhaps, she worked hard to pass the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Not long after her husband's death, Coretta approached the African American entertainer and activist Josephine Baker to take her husband's place as leader of The Civil Rights Movement. After many days of thinking it over Baker declined, stating that her twelve adopted children (known as the "rainbow tribe") were "*... too young to lose their mother.*"

Coretta Scott King decided to take the helm of the movement herself after her husband's assassination in 1968. King broadened her focus to include women's rights, LGBT rights, economic issues, world peace, and various other causes. As early as December 1968, she called for women to "unite and form a solid block of women power to fight the three great evils of racism, poverty and war," during a Solidarity Day speech.

As leader of the movement, Scott King founded the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change in Atlanta. She served as the center's president and CEO from its inception until she passed the reigns of leadership to son Dexter Scott King.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



When people ask Michelle Obama to describe herself, she doesn't hesitate. First and foremost, she is Malia and Sasha's mom.

But before she was a mother — or a wife, lawyer, or public servant — she was Fraser and Marian Robinson's daughter.

The Robinsons lived in a brick bungalow on the South Side of Chicago. Fraser was a pump operator for the Chicago Water Department, and despite being diagnosed with multiple sclerosis at a young age, he hardly ever missed a day of work. Marian stayed home to raise Michelle and her brother, Craig, skillfully managing a busy household filled with love, laughter, and important life lessons.

A product of Chicago public schools, Michelle studied sociology and African-American studies at Princeton University. After graduating from Harvard Law School in 1988, she joined the Chicago law firm Sidley & Austin, where she later met the man who would become the love of her life.

After a few years, Michelle decided her true calling lay in encouraging people to serve their communities and their neighbors. She served as assistant commissioner of planning and development in Chicago's City Hall before becoming the founding executive director of the Chicago chapter of Public Allies, an AmeriCorps program that prepares youth for public service.

In 1996, Michelle joined the University of Chicago with a vision of bringing campus and community together. As associate dean of student services, she developed the university's first community service program, and under her leadership as vice president of community and external affairs for the University of Chicago Medical Center, volunteerism skyrocketed.

As First Lady, Michelle Obama looks forward to continuing her work on the issues close to her heart — supporting military families, helping working women balance career and family, and encouraging national service.



BIRTHDAYS

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6 Helen Creighton
DeAndre Hill
20 Michelle Carr
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Jeanette Wright