

*Together We Grow...*

## Wednesday Dinner and Activities

**September 14:** 5:45pm - Soup and Salad Bar, Garlic bread, Lemon Bars

6:25 - Children's Choirs and "Team Grow"

6:30 - Join us for an exciting year of choices: study, service, wellness and creative. Brochures are available in the Hospitality Hall where you can sign-up for your choice of activity.

Make reservations for dinner by noon on Tuesday.

**...Come see how your faith can GROW!**

It's time to start Registering for our

### Inter-generational Church retreat

October 1 and 2, 2011

St. John's Retreat Center, Nelson Woods

The modern accommodations and home cooked meals make it a memorable event, along with opportunities for "heart, mind, and hands" activities.

Saturday only attendees are welcome! Brochures and registration forms are available in Hospitality Hall. See you in the circle - where good stories and laughs abound.

### Young at Heart - Older Adult Seminar

On **Tuesday, September 27**, the Young at Heart will travel to Jackson, TN to attend the Memphis Conference Older Adult Ministry's fall seminar. We will leave the church at 7:30 am and return about 4:00 pm.

Speakers include

**Dennis Neenan** - "Staying Connected," ideas for our members who can't go to many of the Young at Heart activities.

**Jane Nuckolls** - "Eating for Vitality," Her talk will include food interactions with medications, nutrition pointers and how to store food for safe eating.

Make your reservation now and enjoy the entire day, including snacks, lunch and travel for only \$20. The deadline to signup is Thursday September 15. Please pay for the trip when you turn in your application to Betty Green, Virginia Hathorn or Vicki Hobbs.

The **United Methodist Women** and **United Methodist Men**

are cooking up a special treat for you on **October 16th**. An Italian spaghetti luncheon, with a secret recipe (lots of meat), garlic bread, salad, and those wonderful homemade desserts.

Tickets are \$6.00 each, with a family max of \$15.00. They'll start serving at 11:00, and you can eat there or take it home.

Um-um, I'm hungry already!

### THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S

#### Sunday September 11

8:00am - 9:00am Breakfast and Sunshine Service - FH  
8:30am - 9:30am Worship - Sanctuary  
9:00am - 10:00am Blood Pressure Check - CLC, 104  
9:30am - 10:30am Sunday School  
10:50am - 12:00pm Worship - Sanctuary  
1:30pm - 5:00pm McKendree UMW District Mtg - Sanc.  
5:00pm - 6:00pm Wesley Handbells - MB, 207  
5:00pm - 7:00pm Youth Dinner & Activities - MB, 3rd Fl.  
6:00pm - 7:00pm The ELEMENT - FH

#### Monday September 12

9:30am - 10:00am Staff Prayers - Chapel  
10:00am - 11:00am Veterans - FH  
10:30am - 2:30pm Loyalty-Fellowship Ladies - Lounge  
1:00pm - 2:00pm Grief Support Group - Parlor  
5:00pm - 8:00pm Program Ministry Team - Lounge  
7:00pm - 10:00pm Monday Night Basketball - Gym

#### Tuesday September 13

9:00am - 10:00am Sit & Be Fit - CLC Gym  
10:15am - 11:15am Senior choir - Choir Room  
6:00pm - 8:30pm Young Adult Ministry - Kitchen 310/311  
6:30pm - 8:00pm Naomi Circle UMW - lounge  
7:00pm - 8:00pm Zumba - CLC, gym  
7:00pm - 8:30pm Boy Scouts - Scout Hut

#### Wednesday September 14

6:45am - 7:45am UMM Prayer Breakfast - FH  
5:45pm - 7:20pm Dinner & Activities - FH  
6:25pm - 7:35pm Children's Choirs & Activities

#### Thursday September 15

9:00am - 10:00am Sit & Be Fit - CLC Gym  
9:15am - 10:00am Day School Chapel - Chapel  
9:30am - 12:00pm Food Pantry - CLC 108  
10:00am - 12:00pm LIFE Group - MB 211  
6:00pm - 8:30pm Stephen Ministry Training - MB 106  
6:00pm - 10:00pm Jesus Is Lord Adult BB - Gym  
6:30pm - 7:30pm Yoga - Lounge

#### Friday September 16

8:00am - 10:00am Donuts with Dad - FH

#### Saturday September 17

2:00pm - 5:00pm Learn to Sew - Lounge  
4:30pm - 5:30pm Saturday Supper - FH

MB-Main Building  
FH-Fellowship Hall  
CLC-Christian Life Center  
CB-Children's Building

For the most current calendar information  
visit our website - [www.stlukesumc.org](http://www.stlukesumc.org)

**Our new website went live on September 1!**

Check out our fresh new look.

*Please be sure to sign the Registration Pad  
located in the black folder at the end of each pew.  
Include your email address to be added to the E-pistle list.*

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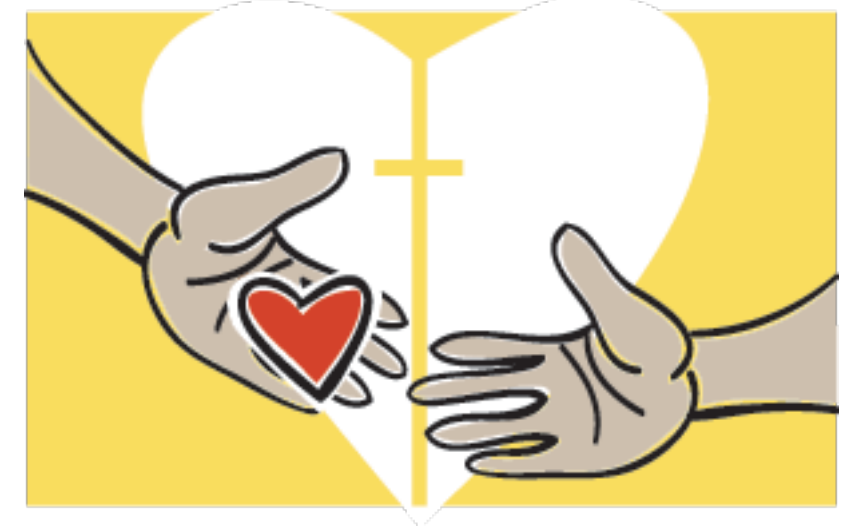
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September 11, 2011

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrating the Gifts of United Methodist Women



*"Truly I tell you,  
just as you did it to one of the least of  
these who are members of my family,  
you did it to me."*

Matthew 25: 40

#### Mission Statement

"We are becoming a faithful community  
of disciples striving to share  
the heart, mind and hands of Jesus Christ."

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

SEPTEMBER 11, 2011

CENTERING MUSIC

WELCOMING HOSPITALITY

PRELUDE "Built on the Rock" Wes Kirkpatrick, organ  
Ludwig Lindemann

†CALL TO WORSHIP Gwynne McKenzie, liturgist  
(adapted from Psalm 100)

Come, God is seeking to gather us together.  
Like a shepherd searching for lost sheep, God calls us.

**Something or someone has summoned us here.  
Dare we believe that God knows and welcomes us?**

God reaches out to rescue all who have strayed and those in distress.  
Scattered, weak and injured ones are drawn to God.

**We come, in need of comfort, seeking a blessing, seeking peace.  
Our faith draws us here.**

Come, above all else to worship and give thanks.  
Come with singing and prayer to the Creator of all worlds.

**God's steadfast love becomes real to us here.  
We are reminded of God's immeasurable greatness and love.**

†HYMN "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" UMH 117

†PRAYER OF INVOCATION Betty Carter

RECOGNITION OF FIRST RESPONDERS

HYMN "Here I Am, Lord" UMH 593  
(The children age 3 through kindergarten are invited  
to the Chancel steps during verse 2 for Word & Wonder)

WORD AND WONDER Beth Masters, Director of Children's Ministries

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25: 31-46 Joanne Williams

SERMON "The Top Six" Rev. Diane Harrison

ANTHEM "Prayer of St. Francis" Chancel Choir  
text: St. Francis of Assisi music: Allen Pote

Lord make me an instrument of thy peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love,  
Where there is injury, thy pardon, Lord.  
Where there is doubt, let there be faith.

Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.  
Where there's despair let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness, let there be light,  
Where there is sadness, let there be joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console.  
To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.

Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.  
Where there is hatred let me sow love.

For it is in giving that we receive, and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.  
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.  
Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Amen.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM "Creation Will Be At Peace" Chancel Choir  
text: Isaiah 11: 6-9 (adapted by J. Paul Williams) music: Anna Laura Page

In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease;  
In the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.  
The wolf will lie down with the lamb, the cow and bear will feed,  
their young will play together; a little child will lead.

In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease;  
In the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.  
The leopard and goat will graze, the lion will feed on straw.  
They will war no more, they will war no more;  
A child will lead them all, will lead them all.

In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease;  
In the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.

LITANY OF PEACE

ANTHEM "The Dream Isaiah Saw" Chancel Choir  
text: Thomas Troegger music: Glenn L. Rudolph

Lions and oxen will sleep in the hay, leopard will join with the lambs as they play,  
Wolves will be pastured with cows in the glade,  
blood will not darken the earth that God made.

Little child whose bed is straw take new lodgings in my heart.  
Bring the dream Isaiah saw; life redeemed from fang and claw.

Peace will pervade more than forest and field;  
God will transfigure the Violence concealed

deep in the heart and in systems of gain, ripe for the judgment the Lord will ordain.  
Little child whose bed is straw take new lodgings in my heart.  
Bring the dream Isaiah saw; life redeemed from fang and claw.

Nature reordered to match God's intent, nations obeying the call to repent,  
All of creation completely restored, filled with the knowledge and love of the Lord.

Little child whose bed is straw take new lodgings in my heart.  
Bring the dream Isaiah saw; life redeemed from fang and claw.

Little child whose bed is straw take new lodgings in my heart.  
Bring the dream Isaiah saw: knowledge, wisdom, worship, awe.

†BENEDICTION

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH 431

†POSTLUDE "Festive Intrata" Mr. Kirkpatrick  
Dale Wood

†You are invited to stand as able.

UMH United Methodist Hymnal TFWS The Faith We Sing Supplement

The Chancel flowers are dedicated  
to the Glory of God in honor of  
United Methodist Women



## PURPOSE

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

## PRAYERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Deborah Lewis Sam & Betty Bennett  
Jean Hastings (Aunt & Uncle of Beverly Parrish)  
Virginia Lawson Our missionaries,  
(Melissa Galloway's mother) David & Lorie Persons  
Stephen Ministry Team Sue Porter

## OUR SYMPATHY TO:

the family of **Tom Curry**, who passed away on Sept. 6. Services were Sept. 9.

PRAYER CALENDAR FOCUS: Board of Finance, Generosity Team and Tithing

the element  
Sundays 6:00pm,  
Fellowship Hall



Sept. 11: Picking Up the Pieces  
Romans 12