

Together We Grow...

Wednesday Dinner and Activities

September 21: 5:45pm - Meatloaf, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Chocolate/Lemon Pie; Chicken nuggets for children

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

6:30 - Join us for our first Intergenerational Night as we celebrate being a part of God's family at St. Luke's.

Make reservations for dinner by noon on Tuesday.

...Come see how your faith can GROW!

Legacy of Lakeshore Friendship Dinners

Remember fun hot summer days at Lakeshore, experiencing God and his love, the wonderful Lakeshore rolls, making lots of wonderful new friends and having the time of your life. You cannot put a price tag on the time that you had at Lakeshore, the memories that you made and most importantly the life long impact Lakeshore has had on your life, We sincerely ask that you prayerfully consider how God would like for you to help in this amazing effort to help secure the financial Legacy of Lakeshore.

September 29, 2011, 6:30 p.m. - Emmanuel United Methodist Church

Table sponsorships, \$200 and individual tickets are still available, \$50.

Contact Mr. Bill Walker at Lakeshore (731-584-6102)

email bill@lakeshoreuma.com.

Young at Heart - Zoo Trip

Wednesday, October 5 is senior day at the Zoo. Anyone over sixty can have free admission, free parking and free tram rides. If you would like to go with a group from St. Luke's, please sign at the hospitality desk. We would like to have a minimum of ten to take the church bus. The only charge is \$3 for transportation. Sign up by Sept. 28.

Hospitality Award to be given on October 16

We are accepting nominations for the **Eppes Hospitality Award** which is given to someone who displays a genuine, friendly smile and welcoming attitude to all who enter the doors of St. Luke's. Nomination forms will be available at the Hospitality Desk or you may email Virginia Hathorn at virginia.hathorn@stlukesumc.org. Please turn in all nominations by October 9.

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 25

8:00am - 9:00am Breakfast and Sunshine Service - FH
8:30am - 9:30am Worship - Sanctuary
9:30am - 10:30am Sunday School - Lounge
10:50am - 12:00pm Worship - Sanctuary
12:15pm - 2:00pm Generosity Leadership Luncheon - FH
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 26

9:30am - 10:00am Staff Prayers - Chapel
10:30am - 1:00pm Young at Heart Bingo - Lounge
6:30pm - 8:00pm LIFE Group - MB, 211
7:00pm - 10:00pm Monday Night Basketball - Gym

Tuesday September 27

9:00am - 10:00am Sit & Be Fit - CLC Gym
10:15am - 11:15am Senior Choir - Choir room
10:30am - 12:00pm HARC Board Meeting - Parlor
6:00pm - 7:30pm SPRC - MB rm 211
6:00pm - 8:30pm Young Adult Ministry - Kitchen 310/311
7:00pm - 8:00pm Zumba - CLC, gym
7:00pm - 8:30pm Boy Scouts - Scout Hut

Wednesday September 28

6:45am - 7:45am UMM Prayer Breakfast - FH
5:45pm - 7:20pm Dinner & Activities - FH
6:25pm - 7:35pm Children's Choirs & Team Grow
7:30pm - 9:00pm Chancel Choir - MB Choir Room

Thursday September 29

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
6:15pm - 7:30pm Yoga - Lounge

Friday September 30

8:00am - 9:00am Muffins with Moms - FH
5:00pm - 8:30pm Making a Difference in Memphis Meeting - Lounge

Saturday October 1

All day Fall Retreat (All Ages) - Nelson Woods Retreat Center
8:30am - 4:30pm Making a Difference in Memphis Meeting - Lounge
2:00pm - 5:00pm Learn to Sew - CLC, 103
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

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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Senior Pastor
Minister of Mission
Director of Music Ministries
Organist



September 25, 2011
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?'

So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'



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 25, 2011

CENTERING MUSIC

WELCOMING HOSPITALITY

PRELUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" Wes Kirkpatrick, *organ*
JS Bach

INTROIT Lord, You Have Been Our Dwelling Place" Chancel Choir
text: Psalm 90 *music:* Eugene Butler

†CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Birgitte T. French, *liturgist*
(*adapted from Psalm 78*)

*Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.*

**We will tell to all generations the glorious deeds of the Lord
and the wonders that God has done.**

In the daytime I will lead you with a cloud, and each night with fire.

**God split the rocks open in the wilderness,
and continues to give us abundant water.**

Let us drink deeply of God's goodness as we worship together.

†HYMN "Let My People Seek Their Freedom" UMH 586

†PRAYER OF INVOCATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 17: 1-7

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

**Deep and wide, deep and wide,
There's a fountain flowing deep and wide.
Deep and wide, deep and wide,
There's a fountain flowing deep and wide.**

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MUSIC (8:30 service)

"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" Wes Kirkpatrick, *organ*
setting: Diane Bish

ANTHEM (10:50 service) "Day by Day" Chancel Choir
text: Carolina V. Sandell Berg *music:* Oskar Ahnfelt

*Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me, bringing comfort to my anxious soul;
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me, draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure, bring to naught the burdens of my quest.
Saviour, lead me to the home I treasure, where, at last, I'll find eternal rest.*

*Day by day, I know you will provide me strength to serve and wisdom to obey;
I will seek your loving will to guide me o'er the paths I struggle day by day.
I will fear no evil of the morrow, I will trust in you enduring grace.
Saviour, help me bear life's pain and sorrow till in glory I behold your face.*

DOXOLOGY UMH 94
tune: Lasst uns Erfreuen

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose pow'r uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

HYMN "As the Deer" TFWS 2025

**As the deer pant for the water, so my soul long after you.
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to follow you.
You alone are my strength, my shield;
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to follow you.**

LITANY

*God works wonders abundantly. God freed the Israelites from slavery
and sent them toward a Promised Land. Even when they rebelled, God
provided for them. Yahweh fed their hunger and quenched their thirst.*

Response



*We are spiritual descendants of these same people. Christ has set us free;
yet we rebel again and again. Our souls are hungry and thirsty in desola-
tion all around us. We need the Living Water.*

--Response--

**All: O God, we confess that we too often prefer to be your wayward
people, not your chosen people. Yet we cannot deny that we come
to you today hungry and thirsty in spirit. We need the miracle of
your grace. Fill our souls, O Loving One.**

--Response--

SERMON "The Massah/Meribah Syndrome" Dr. R. Mark Matheny

CALL TO PRAYER "As the Deer" Chancel Choir
text and music: Martin J. Nystrom

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AND MEMBERSHIP

†HYMN "God Will Take Care of You" UMH 130

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE "Hornpipe and Caro" Mr. Kirkpatrick
GF Handel

†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 memory of
Marjorie Walker
from Wilson and family.

Today's service will be broadcast on October 2, 2011.

WREC 600 AM, 8 a.m.

Dedicated to the Glory of God in memory of
Mr. & Mrs. Ebb Deaton
from Deborah Gibson

PRAYERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Deborah Lewis
Jean Hastings
Brian McKinley
James Fike
(*Melanie Mahan's father*)
Virginia Lawson
(*Melissa Galloway's mother*)
Judy Cristallino
(*friend of Marty Cobb*)

Lily Smith
Stephen Ministry Team
Sam & Betty Bennett
(*Aunt & Uncle of Beverly Parrish*)
Our missionaries,
David & Lorie Persons
Sue Porter

PRAYER CALENDAR FOCUS: Youth and College Age Ministries

the element
Sundays 6:00pm,
Fellowship Hall



Sept. 25: Naysayers
Jonah 3:10 - 4:11



Last Call for REGISTRATIONS

Church-wide Fall Retreat

October 1 and 2, 2011

St. John's Retreat Center, Nelson Woods

"It's Your Move"

Using games as a metaphor for our temporal lives, the sessions will help
us sort out what is fleeting and what is permanent in God's reign.

Being master of the board is not the point; being rich toward God is!
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.