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SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2007

Second Sunday After Epiphany



Scripture: Philippians 3:10-14

Sermon: "Going Through Change" - Rev. Shirley Lynn

WEDNESDAY NIGHT OPPORTUNITIES - BEGINNING JANUARY 17th

ADULTS

Invitation to the New Testament	6:15 - 7:30 pm, Heritage Room	Led by Bettye Jo Masters
Bible Studies -January 17, 24, 31, 2007	Fellowship Hall	Led by Rev. Dennis Neenan
	<i>February thru May, with Pastor Mark and other leaders.</i>	
Christ Is Our Center	CLC Meeting Room	Led by April Carpenter
Intersection		CLC Lounge

YOUTH

Youth Bible Study	Youth Big Room (3rd floor)	Led by Beth Ryan
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CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Cherubs (age 3 and 4) Room 105	Masters Christian Education Building
Jubilate (age 5 through 1 st grade), Room 216	Masters Christian Education Building
Choristers (grades 2 through 5 th)	Choir Room

Learn how **Lectio Divina (Praying the Scriptures)** can strengthen your personal spiritual journey. Registration deadline is January 28th!

See article inside.



Mission Statement

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

PASTOR MARK'S EPISTLE

Dear Friends,

It will be a joy to welcome to our pulpit on Sunday, the 14th, The Rev. Shirley G. Lynn. During these past three years, Shirley's Evangelism ministry and Worship leadership have been key ingredients in the spirited resurgence of St. Luke's.

Our 8:30 and 10:50 services will also reflect the deep meaning of our nation's newest holiday, Dr. M. L. King's birthday celebration on Monday. We, in Memphis, have a special vantage point on the reconciliation called for growing out of our nation's and our city's history. Let's move forward!

Thank you for all the many ways you helped make 2006 very special. Let's be in prayer that in 2007 we will ever more fully become "the heart, mind and hands of Christ..."

In Faith, Hope, Love,

...Pastor Mark

UNITED METHODISM FOR NEWCOMERS

quarterly class will be Sunday, January 21, 9:30 a.m. in the church parlor. A continental breakfast will be available at 9:15 a.m. **Rev. Lynn** will teach. *All are welcome and no reservation is required.*

"Paul's Missionary Journeys": a special pilgrimage to early church sites in Greece and Turkey, is set for November 2-14, 2007. Led by **Mark** and **Emily Matheny**, the itinerary includes Venice, Athens and Istanbul. *Interested?* Come to an introductory session **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 5-5:30 p.m.** in the CLC Lounge (*before Fellowship Dinner*).

JANUARY 27th, Older Adults Outing

REELFOOT TIME: Here's a great opportunity to tour Reelfoot Rural Ministries and look for eagles on Reelfoot Lake, PLUS a great family-style meal at Boyette's Restaurant. Sign up at the reception desk. Only \$25 per person. Questions? Talk to **Betty "Eagle" Fly**, 685-6319.

A Look Ahead ...

... Saturday, February 3: Grizzlies Game vs. Indiana, 7 p.m. at Fed Ex Forum; call **Coach Day** or **Pastor Mark** for details;

... REVIVAL at St. Luke's, 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, March 25-27; Guest Preacher: The Rev. Ross Olivier from Jackson, Mississippi.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, Monday, January 15 (Church Office Closed).

AN INVITATION TO STUDY!

New Testament Disciple Bible Study

Book \$5.00

Wednesdays, 6:15 p.m., beginning January 17th
Thursdays, 10:30 a.m., beginning January 18th
at Highland Heights UMC

A Journey Through Acts

Book \$7.00

Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall, begins Jan. 14th

CALL THE CHURCH TODAY SO YOUR BOOK(S) CAN BE ORDERED, 452-6262.

SYMPATHY

The members of St. Luke's extend sincere sympathy to Ann Al-Chokhachi in the death of her brother-in-law, Brasheer Al-Chokhachi of Iraq, who died January 6, 2006; and to Rorie Read in the death of her sister, Ann Gordon of Houston, TX, who died January 6, 2006.



Lectio Divina (Praying the Scriptures)

Learn how Lectio Divina (Praying the Scriptures) can strengthen your personal spiritual journey. This six-week program will begin on Saturday, February 10, from 9 am to 3 pm and Mondays, February 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12, and 19 at 7 pm. Cost is \$40 per person and includes the Saturday workshop, six follow-up sessions, and the book *Too Deep for Words* by Thelma Hall.

Call **Marcy** at 452-6262 or **Linda Hensley** for more information. You may register at the table located by the reception desk. Deadline is January 28th.

RADIO NEWS!

We are now on WREC AM 600 (instead of KWAM). SPONSORS are needed, as this vital project costs a little bit more. Please call **Vickey Hobbs** to help. *Thanks!*

UMW Circle Meetings - JANUARY 16

MARY, Margaret Williams, leader, will meet at 10:30 am in the CLC Lounge.

RACHEL, Loretta Rosenbush, leader, will meet at 12:30 pm in the Parlor.

PRISCILLA, Rose Owen, hostess, will meet at 12:30 pm in the CLC Lounge.

LYDIA, Mary Katherine Moorhead, leader, will meet at 6:00 pm in the Parlor.



Notes from Marcy...

Wednesday Nights

Have you read all of the exciting opportunities for Wednesday night study this quarter? A flyer was placed in your *Epistle* last week announcing the classes for the Winter/Spring quarter. If you missed it you can pick up the information at the reception area of the church. Make plans to join us for fellowship, fun and study beginning January 17th.

It's Time to Make Music

Did you make a New Year's resolution to become active in the church? If so, how about joining the **Chancel Choir** or **Wesley Bells**? We have a lot of fun and serve the church at the same time. What better combination. If you have any questions, call Marcy at the church. We have a robe waiting for you.

See you in the loft,Marcy

YOU MIGHT NOT HAVE NOTICED, but there were 3 big truck loads of leaves missing from the front of St. Luke's Sunday morning. To get the rest of the leaves to go missing, the Troop needs more sponsors. The Troop is raising funds for Summer Camp and Summer Tour. Call the church (452-6262) to sponsor an area or sign up on the sheet on **Vickey's** window (near the Information Desk). Individuals or Sunday School Classes are welcome as sponsors.

Also, thanks for your aluminum cans. Keep 'em coming.Burgess

Meeman Center for Lifelong Learning at Rhodes is pleased to announce our spring noncredit courses. This semester we have a number that may be of special interest to people at St. Luke's: Bawdy Bible, taught by Professors Steven McKenzie and John Kaltner; The Examined Life: Humanity on Trial, Professor Daniel Cullen; In the Footsteps of the Apostle Paul: Archaeology and the Origins of Christianity, Professor Milton Moreland; A First Look at the Greek Gospels, Professor David Mason; and The Blessed Virgin Mary, A Real Lady, The Rev. Ronald Thomas.

A full course list with descriptions can be found at <http://meeman.rhodes.edu>. One may register online or by calling the Meeman Center office, 843-3964.

YOUTH NEWS

Hey guys! We've had a couple of changes to the schedule this week, so here's what's up:

Sun., Jan. 14 th - 9:30-10:30 - Youth Sunday School
3:00 - Youth Band

4:00 - Leave for Winter Jam at Desoto Civic Center — Bring \$10 for the concert and either eat before you come, or bring money for concessions. The bands that will be playing include: NewSong, Jeremy Camp, Hawk Nelson, Sanctus Real, and Steven Curtis Chapman. If any parents are interested in chaperoning, let me know! We plan to return to the church by 11 p.m. at the latest, but will call when we're on our way!

Because of the concert, there will NOT be a Parent Meeting this Sunday. I will let you know when it is rescheduled!

Sat., Jan. 20th - 6:30-9:30 - Duct Tape Ball
(see Beth if you have questions!)

PeaceBeth

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Volunteer opportunity: If you are available during the morning hours this Thursday, January 11, I could use your help cleaning out the craft and storage areas of the children's building. Call my office or check the calendar for details.

Supply bulletin: If you would like to pick up a few glue sticks while you are out shopping, we could use them. The children are always running out of them! No particular brand, just glue sticks for crafts.

See you at church,Beth Mac

SPORTS SHORTS from The Jack H. Henton CLC/Recreation Ministry

JUNIOR JAMMERS is ongoing every Saturday from 9-10:30, ages 4, 5 & 6-year-olds (*not playing already*). Season goes through March 3.

YOUTH/ADULT BASKETBALL TEAMS are now playing on Thursday nights and Saturdays. Come and support YOUR teams. Current schedules are posted in the CLC Lobby.

SPORTS SUNDAY is now ATHLETIC MINISTRY SUNDAY. AMS is February 25, 2007.

REMEMBER your Fitness Room is open.
REMEMBER HIM ALWAYS ...Coach Day

CHURCH CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, January 10

- 6:45 am – Men's Prayer Breakfast (FH)
- 8:30 am – Senior Walking & Fitness (CLC)
- 11:00 am – King's Daughters Meeting (CLC Mtg. Room)
- 6:30 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, January 11

- 8:30 am – Senior Walking & Fitness (CLC)
- 9:00 am – Sit & Be Fit (CLC)
- 9:30 – 12:00 Noon – Clean Up Day (Nursery Available)
- 10:00 am – Archives Work (213)
- 11:00 am – Small Group (211)
- 5:30 pm – Vision Team Meeting (Parlor)
- 6:00 pm – Ministry of Love (211)

FRIDAY – January 12 (CHURCH OFFICES / CLC CLOSED)

SATURDAY, January 13

- 9:00 am – Lay Visitor Training (Parlor)
- 9 am – 1:00 pm – HARC Meeting (Buntyn Pres.)
- 10:30 am – Greeter Training (Parlor)
- 4:30 pm – Soup Kitchen (FH)

SUNDAY, January 14, 2007

- 8:30 am – Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:00 – 9:30 am – Blood Pressure Check (1st aid room)
- 9:15 – 9:45 am – Adult Coffee Fellowship (Lobby)
- 9:15 am – Christian Homebuilders Bake Sale (Lobby)
- 9:30 am – Sunday School
- 10:30 – 10:50 am – Blood Pressure Check (1st aid room)
- 10:50 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 3:00 pm – Youth Band (3rd floor)
- 4:00 pm – Youth meet to go to Winter Jam
- 5:00 pm – Wesley Bells (207)

MONDAY, January 15

- Office and Day School Closed (Day Care Open)
- Challengers Open 7 am – 6 pm

TUESDAY, January 16

- 8:30 am – Senior Walking & Fitness (CLC)
- 9:00 am – Sit & Be Fit (CLC)
- 10:30 am – UMW Mary (CLC Lounge)
- 12:30 pm – UMW Rachel (Parlor)
- 12:30 pm – UMW Priscilla (CLC Lounge)
- 6:00 pm – UMW Lydia (Parlor)
- 6:00 pm – Safe Sanctuary (Heritage Room - 213)
- 6:30 pm – Cub Scouts (Children's Building)
- 7:00 pm – Trustees Meeting (211)
- 7:00 pm – Boy Scouts (CLC)

WEDNESDAY, January 17

- 6:45 am – Men's Prayer Breakfast (FH)
- 8:30 am – Senior Walking & Fitness (CLC)
- 5:45 pm – Wednesday Night Dinner (FH)
- 6:15 pm – Disciple Bible Study (Heritage Room 213)
- 6:30 pm – "Managing Change" - Rev. Dennis Neenan (FH)

Christ is our Center (CLC Mtg. Room)
Intersection (CLC Lounge)
Youth Bible Study (3rd floor)
Children's Choirs

- 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, January 18

- 8:30 am – Senior Walking & Fitness (CLC)
- 9:00 am – Sit & Be Fit (CLC)
- 10:00 am – Archives Work (213)
- 10:30 am – Disciple Bible Study (Highland Heights UMC)
- 11:00 am – Small Group (211)

FRIDAY – January 19 (CHURCH OFFICES / CLC CLOSED)

SATURDAY, January 20

- 4:30 pm – Soup Kitchen (FH)
- 6:00 pm – Youth go to Duct Tape Ball at Germantown UMC

SUNDAY MUSIC

January 14, 2007

MUSIC:

10:50 "Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing"
Chancel Choir Gordon Young

ACOLYTE REMINDER:

1/14 Ethan Fesmire & Madison Walker
1/21 Aoife Shanley & Cameron Caldwell
1/28 Raina Smallwood & Madison Walker
2/4 Matthew Bowsher & Madison Walker

RADIO BROADCAST - WREC 600 AM

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 14, 2007

In appreciation of St. Luke's Ministries

RECORD OF LOYALTY - JAN. 7, 2007

Attendance

Sunday School				<u>227</u>
Worship	8:30	64	10:50	<u>371</u>
				<u>435</u>

Pledge Update

Budget received	\$21,008.00
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SILENT AUCTION!

Some extremely nice furniture will be on the stage in the Fellowship Hall. **STOP BY AND BID, starting at 8:00 a.m. Sunday the 14th and ending Wednesday, the 17th at 7:30 p.m.** The proceeds will go to mission at St. Luke's. *Questions?* Call Pastor Mark.

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