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SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2007

Scripture: I Corinthians 12:4-13

Sermon: “One Body”

Pastor Mark Matheny



Lectio Divina (Praying the Scriptures)

can strengthen your personal spiritual journey.

Registration deadline is January 28th!



Congratulations, Marcy...

We hold in prayer our Director of Worship Arts and Programming, Dr. Marcy Mittelstadt, as she enters a new chapter in life at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church (*see Pastor Mark’s inside article*).

Coming Up...

... 3 p.m. Sunday the 21st: *Bi-District Leadership Training Event, Colonial Park UMC*

... *Seniors’ Trip to Reelfoot Rural Ministries and Reelfoot Lake, Saturday the 27th, 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (see inside article)*

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,

*"In every change, God faithful will remain..." This line comes from the beautiful hymn, "Be Still, My Soul." It certainly serves as encouragement for St. Luke's as we send forth **Marcy Mittelstadt** next month to her new ministry in North Carolina. Let's all be in prayer for her, for Mt. Zion UMC where she will share her immense talents, and for ourselves as we make this transition.*

*Our Pastor/Staff/Parish Relations Committee met last Sunday under **Katie Kaler's** capable guidance. We will have an interim music leadership plan to announce next week and search committees will be in place both for music and for program coordination.*

Meanwhile, mark this date -- Thursday, February 15th, 6:00 p.m., for an Appreciation Dinner for Marcy. Also, know that her wish is that honoraria go to the Jack Gerrie Moore Organ Fund, with completion of the repair project now on the calendar and representing one of many wonderful accomplishments of Dr. Mittelstadt's time among us.

Gratefully,

...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.

ORGAN FUND UPDATE as of January 16, 2007

We have \$178,456.18 raised for the rebuilding of the sanctuary organ. We need a total of \$220,650.00.

SYMPATHY

The members of St. Luke's extend sincere sympathy to Angie Allen in the death of her grandmother, Esther Mills Varner of Oxford, MS, who died December 29, 2006; to the family of **MARY LEE SNEED HILL** who died January 12, 2007; to the family of **ELIZABETH HALL** who died January 14, 2007; and to the family of **CHARLES UNDERHILL** who died January 16, 2007.

CALLED MEETING OF CHURCH COUNCIL

Chairperson, **Mary Katherine Moorhead** summons us to meet next Sunday, January 21 at Noon in the Chapel. The purpose is to hear the report of Pastor/Staff/Parish regarding interim music leadership.

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!*

THANKS go to **Rev. Dennis Neenan** for the 3-part Bible Study he is leading on Wednesdays, January 17, 24 and 31!

Sherwood Elementary News

Thank you for your generosity in filling the Mitten Tree abundantly with mittens, gloves, socks, underwear, caps, outerwear for the children at Sherwood Elementary. Your response to their need was overwhelming and very welcome and appreciated. We have seven tutors working each week with students, **Beverly** and **Lee Nicholson**, **Betty** and **George Green**, **Avis Foreman**, **Loretta Rosenbush**, and **Barbara Caldwell**. We will be asking for volunteers to proctor for the TCAP tests in April. Traditionally, we have provided dresses or pants and shirts for Easter. If you would like to help in anyway give me a call. *Thanks, ...Barbara Caldwell*

CONGRATULATIONS to **Jesse W. Morrison** on the birth of his son, Eli Holden, born December 27, 2006. Proud grandparents are **Warren** and **Ruth Morrison**. **CONGRATULATIONS** to **Mary Lou Cushing** on the birth of her great-niece. Katherine Marcella Cushing, born January 8, 2007 to John and Leigh Cushing, Jr. of LeClaire, Iowa; she is the great-granddaughter of the late Marcella and Elliott Cushing.



Notes from Marcy...

After much thought and prayer, I have accepted the position of Director of Music Ministries at Mount Zion United Methodist Church in Cornelius, North Carolina. My last Sunday at Saint Luke's will be February 18th. The decision to leave was a very difficult one. My prayer for the last three months has been "I am your servant, God. Where you want me to go, I will go. Point the direction. Show me the way."

My time here has been filled with exciting and significant changes for Saint Luke's. You have supported me in many ways, both professionally and personally. I will always remember my time at Saint Luke's as one of fulfillment and love. Saint Luke's is in a good place and I know the work and successes we have achieved together will continue. For the opportunities of service, the support and love, and the chance to work with all of you, I humbly thank you.

Don't Forget Lectio Divina!!!!

The deadline is quickly approaching for enrolling in the Lectio Divina study. The registration sheet may be found in the hall by the reception desk.

Upcoming Dates

- Board of Trustees January 16; 7 p.m.
- Wednesday Nights begin January 17;
- Chancel Choir will return to 7:30 rehearsal time
- Day School Advisory Board Meeting
January 22; 6 p.m.; Library
- Finance Committee January 23; 7 p.m.
- Worship Committee January 29; 1 p.m.; Parlor
- Challengers Advisory Board Meeting
January 29; 6:15 p.m.; Parlor

The following letter was received from Rev. Martha Wagley, Pastor, First UMC:

"Dear Members:

On behalf of First United Methodist Church, please accept our deepest thanks for your generous donation. This gift is so vital in helping us with many of the tasks facing our Church at this critical time.

Supporters like you help us generate the funds we need to continue to make possible our mission of changing the community by changing lives, as well as beginning the first steps in rebuilding First Church.

Thank you for believing in our future and supporting our goals with your gifts, your prayers and your presence."

YOUTH NEWS

Hey guys! We've have a change to the schedule this week, so here's what's up:

THE DUCT TAPE BALL HAS BEEN CHANGED TO MARCH 3rd! Mark your calendar!

Sun., Jan. 21st - 9:30-10:30 - Youth Sunday School
3:00 - Youth Band

4:00 - Youth Choir

5:00-7:00 - Dinner & Youth Activities

Wed., Jan. 24th - 5:45 - Dinner

6:30-7:20 - The Loser's Club Study - Lessons from the LEAST likely heroes in the Bible.

I'm praying for all of you!

Peace,

....Beth

ADULT COUNCIL MEETING - Sunday, January 28th - 8:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hall. All Adult Sunday School Class Presidents and Vice-Presidents are asked to attend!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Thank you to **Sarah Cobb** and **Kelly Blount** who helped to get the children's storage areas looking much straighter!

We need glue sticks... if you would like to donate some, bring them to me or drop them outside my office.

Wednesday night activities start back this week, so I will be looking for you at

Creation Station!

See you at church,

...Beth Mac

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

REMEMBER Junior Jammers resumes January 20. 4, 5, 6 year-olds (*not already playing*). Register your child today!

Get the temple of God ready for spring. The Fitness Room is open for your use. Call **Coach Day** for details.

REMEMBER HIM ALWAYS

...Coach Day

GIFTS RECEIVED IN MEMORY OF:

KEITH JOHNSON from Dorothy Ham, Helen & Foster Rosebrough, Dot Dickey, Tom & Edna Majors, Blanche Vaughan, Betty Fly, Jewell Scarborough; NELLE WEDDINGTON from Maxine Turner, Louise Gearin, Jewell Scarborough, Blanche Vaughan, Jim & Mary Kate Wyatt. (*Partial Listing*)

CHURCH CALENDAR

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 by Bettye Masters (Room 213)
- 6:30 pm – "Managing Change" by Rev. Dennis Neenan (FH)
 - Christ is our Center by April Carpenter (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)

SUNDAY, January 21, 2007

- 8:30 am – Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:15 – 9:45 am – Adult Coffee Fellowship (Lobby)
- 9:30 am – Sunday School
- 9:30 am – United Methodism for Newcomers (Parlor)
- 10:50 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 noon – Called Church Council Meeting (Chapel)
- 3:00 pm – Bi-District Leadership Training Event (Colonial Park)
- 3:00 pm – Youth Band (3rd floor)
- 4:00 pm – Youth Choir (Choir Room)
- 5:00 pm – Wesley Bells (207)
- 5:00 pm – Youth Dinner & Activities (3rd floor)

MONDAY, January 22

- 8:30 am – Senior's Walking & Fitness (CLC)
- 6:00 pm – Day School Board Meeting (211)
- 7 – 10 pm – Jesus is Lord Basketball (Gym)

TUESDAY, January 23

- 8:30 am – Senior Walking & Fitness (CLC)
- 9:00 am – Sit & Be Fit (CLC)
- 10:15 am – Senior's Choir (Choir Room)
- 10:30 am – Joy Club (FH)
- 6:30 pm – Cub Scouts (Children's Building)
- 7:00 pm – Finance Committee (211)
- 7:00 pm – Boy Scouts (CLC)

WEDNESDAY, January 24

- 6:45 am – Men's Prayer Breakfast (FH)
- 8:30 am – Senior Walking & Fitness (CLC)
- 5:00 pm – Rev. Earl David (CLC Lounge)
- 5:45 pm – Wednesday Night Dinner (FH)
- 6:15 pm – Disciple Bible Study by Bettye Masters (Room 213)
- 6:30 pm – "Managing Change" by Rev. Dennis Neenan (FH)
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 - Intersection (CLC Lounge)
 - Youth Bible Study (3rd floor)
 - Children's Choirs

7:30 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, January 25

- 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)
- 7 - 10 pm - Jesus Is Lord Basketball (Gym)

FRIDAY – January 26 (CHURCH OFFICES / CLC CLOSED)

SATURDAY, January 27

- 7:30 am – 5:30 pm – Reelfoot Senior Trip
- 4:30 pm – Soup Kitchen (FH)

SUNDAY MUSIC

January 21, 2007

10:50 MUSIC: "Kumbaya" arr. Paul Sjolund
Chancel Choir

ACOLYTE REMINDER:

- 1/21 Aoife Shanley & Cameron Caldwell
- 1/28 Raina Smallwood & Madison Walker
- 2/4 Matthew Bowsher & Nelson Meredith
- 2/11 Ethan Fesmire & Miranda Rozanski
- 2/18 Katie Taylor & Cameron Caldwell
- 2/25 Miranda Rozanski & Madison Walker

RADIO BROADCAST - WREC 600 AM

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 21, 2007

In honor of

MR. and MRS. VICTOR FEISAL
from Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heckle III

RECORD OF LOYALTY - JAN. 14, 2007

Attendance

Sunday School				<u>249</u>
Worship	8:30	<u>64</u>	10:50	<u>401</u>
				<u>465</u>

Pledge Update

Budget received \$16,934.00

SCOUT NEWS

The leaves are still on the ground, sacks are waiting to be filled. If you can see your way to sponsor a zone, please sign up on the sheet on **Vickey's** window. *Thanks to those who have already helped.*

Keep the cans coming. We're off to Reelfoot for our Winter Camp. ...Burges

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