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SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2007



Scripture: I Corinthians 13

Sermon: “Next Chapter?”

Pastor Mark Matheny



Lectio Divina (Praying the Scriptures)

can strengthen your personal spiritual journey.

Sign up right away. Registration deadline is January 28th!



★ *Mark this Date!*



REVIVAL

at St. Luke's

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, March 25, 26, 27

7:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary

The Rev. Ross Olivier, preaching

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,

An early Spring? That's what comes to mind as we draw closer to one of my favorite holidays of all, Ground Hog Day. The classic comedy movie starring Bill Murray and Andie McDowell comes to mind, too.

As legend has it, if the furry creature named Punxsutawney Phil is not frightened of his shadow, Spring will come early. This has gotten me thinking about signs of that season of Rebirth we already see around us at St. Lukes ...

*...Victory over death: it's heartening to see loved ones of persons like **Mary Lee Hill** and **Charles Underhill** sharing in the spirit of Resurrection*

... Our children continue to inspire us in Word and Wonder, Sunday School and special ministries such as Day School, Ministry of Love and Challengers

...With our active help, the Highland community is coming alive, with strong relationships growing among the University and all its neighbors

Well, what's on your list? Are you ready for Spring?

In service,

...Pastor Mark

WELCOME, Interim Music Leader-to-Be!

By action of the Staff Parish Relations Committee and the Church Council, St. Luke's will contract with **JAY WALKER** to serve as interim Director of Music from February 19 through June 30th. Jay is no stranger to us, having been with us as Youth Choir Director for several months. He and **Marcy Mittelstadt** will be working with us for a smooth transition.

Search Committees to be Appointed

Two search teams are being formed. One will pursue applications for a full-time Director of Music, while simultaneously the other will seek a part-time Program Ministry person. If you have questions, please call **Katie Kaler** or **Pastor Mark**.

SYMPATHY

The members of St. Luke's extend sincere sympathy to the family of **LILLIAN POWERS** of Madison, AL, who died January 1, 2007.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Jeffrey** and **Mary Claire Bolton** on the birth of their son, **Jeffrey Randolph Bolton, Jr. (J.R.)**, who was born January 16, 2007. Grandparents are Ron and Shirley Darby and Gary and Deborah Bolton. **Dorothy Bolton** is the proud great-grandmother.

TIME CHANGE! U.M.W.

The UMW Unit Meeting will be on February 6, **11:00 A.M.** in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be **Rev. Emily Matheny**. Lunch will follow the program and reservations may be made in the church office by Sunday, February 4. Everyone is welcome to join the UMW for this program. *Childcare will be available upon request.*

The UMW Executive Committee will meet at **9:45** in the UMW Room.



ADULT COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, January 28th - 8:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

All Adult Sunday School Class

Presidents & Vice-Presidents are asked to attend!

SCOUT REPORT

This past weekend's trip to Reelfoot Lake was a disappointment. We did not get to see any snakes, mosquitos, fire ants or rodents! However, we did get to see snow, sleet, rain, poison ivy, two eagles, flocks of ducks and geese, petted a screech owl; visited the National Guard Armory in Tiptonville, Reelfoot's Visitor Center, saw the spillway in action, Hickman Columbus-Belmont Battlefield State Park (where the big chain was placed across the Mississippi River during the Civil War), visited Fort Defiance State Park at the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers and visited Grandfather Parker's saw mill. *Whew!*

This week we'll be back to leaves. Thanks for all the cans!
...Burgess

GIFTS RECEIVED IN HONOR OF:

MARCY MITTELSTADT'S BIRTHDAY from Dr. & Mrs. Gene McKenzie; DON BOWSHER from John & Diane Chick; DAN GREER from Marjorie M. Nevin; CAROL CRAIG, BARBARA CALDWELL, ANNE DEAN, STELLA DAY, JOANNE WILLIAMS, BETTYE JO MASTERS from Miss Mary Lee Hill, JOANNE WILLIAMS, KATIE & LARRY KALER, JACKYE STINNET from Barbara Caldwell; MARY LOU CUSHING from a friend; ST. LUKE'S STAFF from Virginia Hathorn; SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & INACTIVE MEMBERS from Loyalty-Fellowship Sunday School Class.
(Partial Listing)



Notes from Marcy...

Calling All Parents

The children's choirs have returned to their Wednesday night schedule. We had a great turnout last week, but there were a few empty chairs. Now is the time to get back into the habit of Wednesday night supper and children's choir rehearsals. We have a lot planned for this quarter. Any questions? Call **Marcy** at 452-6262.

Seniors Alert

Don't forget, the Senior's Choir will begin rehearsing, this Tuesday at 10:15 a.m. Come join this group of very active and talented singers. We will be singing both sacred and secular pieces. The only requirement is to have the desire to have fun!

See you in the Loft! ...Marcy

The following Thank You note was received from Justin Allen, Director of Wesley Foundation.

"Brother Mark & the Congregation at St. Luke's UMC,

Thank you so very much for the recent donation to Wesley Foundation at the University of Memphis. This will help us out as we continue to have more and more students pouring through our doors. In an effort to lower apportionment dollars, the Wesley Foundations in our Conference will cut our budgets by 25%. Donations like yours help us continue our ministry at such a high level in the midst of lowering budgets. Thank you again!

Your Brother in Christ, Justin Allen"



Welcome Our New Church Member

Mrs. Norma C. Holcombe, 905 Sweetbriar Lane, Conyers, GA 30094, 770-929-0407. Mrs. Holcombe unites with St. Luke's by transfer of membership from another United Methodist Church. **Ava Louise Seacat** will serve as her Covenant Companion.

YOUTH NEWS

Hello! Here's what we have going on this week:
Sun., Jan. 28th - 9:30-10:30 - Youth Sunday School
(Faith Building Path studying Revelation, Servant Leadership Paths working on Youth Worship and Children's Sunday School)

3:00 - Youth Band

4:00 - Youth Choir AND YOUTH PARENT MEETING

5:00-7:00 - Dinner & Youth Activities (Our first Youth Worship in our "new" worship space!)

Wed., Jan. 31st - 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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

On Sunday, **February 11**, the X-Boaters will have a special time in the fellowship hall to celebrate **"Make a Difference Day."** We will celebrate the completion of our unit during the Sunday school hour with a Roman banquet, cookie baking, and other exciting activities. You won't want to miss it!

The **Children's Council** meeting for Monday, January 29 will be held at 7:00 pm instead of 6:00. Members, please make note of the change.

Keep reading The Epistle for information on special events for **preschoolers** now being planned!

See you at church,

...Beth Mac

SPORTS SHORTS from the Jack H. Henton Christian Life Center / Recreation Ministries

REMINDER #1 - Check out the Youth Basketball / Adult Basketball schedule in the CLC Lobby. These players and coaches would love to see your familiar face at a home or away game.

REMINDER #2 - Your Fitness Room is open. Hours are M-Th 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.

REMINDER #3 - Athletic Ministries Sunday is February 25th. Each player is admitted free for lunch. Cost: Adult \$5; 12 & up \$3; 11 and under - free; family of 5 \$15. Sign up sheets will be available soon.

REMEMBER HIM ALWAYS

...Coach Day

CHURCH CALENDAR

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)
Christ is our Center -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 25

- 7:00 am – 7:00 pm – Election (CLC Lounge)
- 8:30 am – Senior Walking & Fitness (CLC)
- 9:00 am – Sit & Be Fit (CLC)
- 10:00 am – Archives Work (213)
- 10:15 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 Trip
- 4:30 pm – Soup Kitchen (FH)

SUNDAY, January 28, 2007

- 8:30 am – Adult Council Meeting (FH)
- 8:30 am – Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:00 – 11:00 am – Library open (211)
- 9:15 – 9:45 am – Adult Coffee Fellowship (Lobby)
- 9:30 am – Sunday School
- 10:50 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 3:00 pm – Youth Band (3rd floor)
- 4:00 pm – Youth Parent Meeting
- 4:00 pm – Youth Choir (Choir Room)
- 5:00 pm – Wesley Bells (207)
- 5:00 pm – Youth (3rd floor)

MONDAY, January 29

- 8:30 am – Senior’s Walking & Fitness (CLC)
- 1:00 pm – Worship Committee (Parlor)
- 6:15 pm – Challenger’s Board Meeting (Parlor)
- 7:00 pm – Children’s Council (211)
- 7 – 10 pm – Jesus is Lord Basketball (Gym)

TUESDAY, January 30

- 8:30 am – Senior Walking & Fitness (CLC)
- 9:00 am – Sit & Be Fit (CLC)
- 6:00 pm – CONECT (Mullins UMC)
- 7:00 pm – Scout Potluck (FH)

WEDNESDAY, January 31

- 6:45 am – Men’s Prayer Breakfast (FH)
- 8:30 am – Senior Walking & Fitness (CLC)
- 5:45 pm – Wednesday Night Dinner (FH)
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THURSDAY, February 1

- 8:30 am – Senior Walking & Fitness (CLC)
- 9:00 am – Sit & Be Fit (CLC)
- 10:00 am – Archives Work (213)
- 10:15 am – Disciple Bible Study (Highland Heights UMC)
- 11:00 am – Small Group (211)
- 5:30 pm – Vision Team Meeting (Parlor)
- 7 – 10 pm – Jesus Is Lord Basketball (Gym)

FRIDAY – February 2 (CHURCH OFFICES / CLC CLOSED)

SATURDAY, February 3

- 4:30 pm – Soup Kitchen (FH)

SUNDAY MUSIC

January 28, 2007

10:50 MUSIC: “Here’s One” Mark Hayes
Linda Hensley, soloist

ACOLYTE REMINDER:

- 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 28, 2007

In appreciation of St. Luke’s Ministries

RECORD OF LOYALTY - JAN. 21, 2007

Attendance

Sunday School		<u>205</u>
Worship 8:30	<u>63</u>	10:50 <u>335</u>
		<u>398</u>

Pledge Update

Budget received \$5,842.00

GIFTS RECEIVED IN MEMORY OF:

RUBY TOSH from Maxine Turner, Marcy Mittelstadt, Rorie, Brooke and Wesley Read, Dot Dickey, Helen & Foster Rosebrough, Dr. & Mrs. Gene McKenzie, Paul and Mary Evelyn Goodwin, Vickey Hobbs, Danny and Jessie Hobbs; ALICE ROSS from Helen & Foster Rosebrough; THELMA STEIG from Jewell Scarborough; RUBY HARRISON from Christian Homebuilders Class; HAROLD McRAE from Dr. & Mrs. Joe Anderson. (Partial Listing)

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