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SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2007

Twelfth Sunday of Kingdomtide

Worship at *8:30 a.m.

Scriptures: Jeremiah 1:4-10
Luke 13:10-17

Sermon: “I Knew You When”
Sarah Claire Matheny

Worship at 10:50 a.m.

Scripture: Luke 13:10-17

Sermon: “OK, Anytime!”
Dr. R. Mark Matheny

8:30 - *Special Feature: SARAH CLAIRE MATHENY!

Upcoming! ...

--- **Sunday afternoon, August 26th: Farewell Reception**
for Superintendent Sharon Lewis-Karamoko, 3-4 p.m.,
Fellowship Hall, Colonial Park UMC

--- **FELLOWSHIP DINNERS are back!**
5:45 p.m., Wednesday, August 29, Fellowship Hall (*see article*)

--- **PDO about to be born, September 4** (*see 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,

BIG THANK YOU'S go to all the leaders and good followers who made the SPIRITUAL/PLANNING RETREAT marvelous last weekend. You can see in another article a summary of specific Church Council actions. That only begins to tell the story of the intensive, inspiring and realistic ideas that percolated among us, pointing toward renewed and new ministries for 2007-2008.

"Heart, Minds and Hands" are our watchwords as our Mission Statement more and more takes root. The Vision Committee now has nearly 300 input participants listed (last call!) and the ideas as well as the spirit in which they are shared make us very, very hopeful. What next? Watch for spiritual deepening as we begin to tackle the challenges of stewardship, property, etc. By December, we hope to have a kind of "roadmap" ready to present to St. Luke's for the exciting next several years of our life in Jesus Christ.

*Please be in prayer that God will continue to lead and guide us as faithful servants. Thanks!
In service, ...Pastor Mark*

WEDNESDAY DINNER on 29th

In our second "at large" session before the beginning of this fall's studies, we will share an overview of the emerging Stewardship plans under a new theme and new comprehensive approach. In song and Scripture and prayer and inspiration, we will begin to prepare our hearts to be led by God.

5:45 p.m. is supper time and our menu will be fried chicken/baked chicken, hot dogs, rolls, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, tossed salad, cake/sugar free cake. Cost is only \$5 for adults; \$4 for youth, \$3 for children, \$15 for family.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED for dinner.
Call 452-6262.

Ministry Candidate Claire Matheny to Preach

Emily and I are delighted to have our daughter in a "circuit" of pulpits on Sunday, the 26th. Meeting a specific Board of Ministry requirement, she will preach at St. Luke's in the 8:30 a.m., and Don Bowsher has graciously consented to videotape the service. Then at 10:50 she will take the short hop up to Highland Heights and have an "encore" in their service. *Welcome, young woman of faith!*

BRING-A-FRIEND SUNDAY is September 16. Invite friends, neighbors, acquaintances, and relatives who have no church home in the area to worship with you at 8:30 or 10:50 a.m. Begin now to think and pray about the ones you may invite.

Don't Miss the last Book Review for 2007!!



BETTIE MASTERS will review What Can One Person Do?: Faith to Heal a Broken World. "Good news for the poor" is at the heart of Jesus' gospel. This wonderful book is for everyone who wants to share that good news but does not know where to begin."

Betty will bring this to us in such a way that we will all know where to begin. It will be up to each of us to respond to the challenge.

Everyone is invited to this review on Tuesday, August 28th, at 10:00 a.m., in the Loyalty-Fellowship Classroom. It will also be our last opportunity to bring a donation for Mary's Cradle.

....Janie Hendrix-372-1268



UMW Reminder

The Executive Board will meet immediately following the Tuesday, August 28 book review.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Jimmy and Jane Edwards** who will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on August 29, 2007. They were married August 29, 1947, at Highland Heights Methodist.

CONGRATULATIONS to another member of St. Luke's 90's club. **Johnny Erwin** will celebrate his 90th birthday on Sunday, August 26th.

SPORTS SHORTS from the Jack H. Henton CLC/Recreation Ministries

(Sorry, I have been very busy!)

IMPORTANT - WE NEED COACHES!

We have a JrK - 1st/2nd and 3rd/4th grade teams and no coaches. The kids are ready to practice and play. Contact **Coach Day** 338-5454 or his wife, **Renee**, 452-4038 (I am out of town this week.) Please help us with coaches so kids will be able to play.

REMEMBER HIM ALWAYS ... Coach Day



MUSIC NOTES



Can't Wait to Sing!

Summer's over and school has started. Now is the time to kick off this year's choir season. Many have expressed an interest in learning more about the musical opportunities here at St. Luke's. Take note and plan to join us soon! Feel free to contact Jay (452.6262 or Jay.Walker@StLukesUMC.org) for more info. Can't wait to have *YOU* sing—or play—with us!

- Chancel Choir** Wednesday, 7:30 pm in the Choir room (1st floor). Child care available
- Youth Choir** Begins August 19th. Rehearse Sundays, 4:00 pm in the Choir room
- Children's Choirs** Parent mtg. August 22; first rehearsal August 29. Rehearse Wednesdays, 6:30 pm
- Older Adult Choir** Begins September 11. Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 10:15 in the Choir room.
- Youth Band** Sundays, 3:00 pm in Rm 302
- Wesley Handbells** Begin September 9. Rehearse Sundays, 5:00 pm in Rm 207. Child care available.

Organ Notes

It's almost done! That's right. The renovation work on our beautiful organ is almost complete. Final tonal finishing and tuning will continue this week and possibly next week as well. Plan to join us for worship on Sept 16 as we join with our mighty Casavant in lifting our praise to God Almighty. Grace & peace ---Jay

BEGINNING SOON!

Two new Bible Study opportunities to learn about the heart, mind and hands of Jesus Christ.

1) Sunday, September 2, 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall. For many, the most precious book in the New Testament: THE GOSPEL OF JOHN.

2) Wednesday, September 12, 6:20 p.m., LEADERSHIP FROM THE HEART. Book \$10. PLEASE REGISTER in the RECEPTION AREA by September 2nd so books can be purchased.

SCOUT NEWS

Alex Acree is back. *Back from where?* The Boy Scout World Jamboree, which was held in LONDON, ENGLAND! *Ask him about it!*

YOUTH NEWS

Hello everyone! Here's what's going on this week:

Sun., Aug. 26th

9:30 - 10:30 - Sunday School - Come check out our new studies! Junior High - "Journey: Christian Living" with Susan and Judy. Senior High - "Thinking Theologically About Money" with Tim and Sheldon.

3:00 - Youth Band

4:00 - Youth Choir (Choir Room)

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

Wed., Aug. 29th - 5:45 - Dinner

6:30-7:20 - Gym time

I'm praying for you guys!

Peace...Beth

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

If you are reading this message, chances are you had a Sunday school teacher who made a difference in your life. You can be that person to one of our children at St. Luke's! Leaders and substitute shepherds are needed for the fall and getting involved is SO EASY! There are a variety of ways to help, call **Beth Masters** today.

Creation Station is back! This Wednesday marks the kickoff of our evening dinners, so look for the "sign" to be turned around as the signal it's time to come to the Creation Station.

Parent's Day Out is coming September 4, and registration is going on now. If you have a child age 6 weeks through 24 months, call the church today for enrollment information. If you would like to support our newest ministry, select an item from the WISH LIST and drop it off in the box outside Beth Masters' office.

WISH LIST

Diapers: sizes 1, 2, or 3

Snacks: Goldfish, pretzels, animal crackers

Juicy Juice (bottles please)

Baby wipes, paper towels, tissues

Clorox wipes, Lysol spray, bleach

Clear plastic Sterilite shoeboxes with lids

Toys: new or gently used and clean

Board books: new or gently used

Sponsors for nap mats \$8 each (total of 12 mats)

See you at church,

...Beth Mac

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ENROLLMENT OR EMPLOYMENT IN OUR PARENT'S DAY OUT PROGRAM, PLEASE CONTACT BETH MASTERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

LET'S ALL INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH THIS WEEK.

CHURCH CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, August 22

- 6:45 am – Men's Prayer Breakfast (FH)
- 5:45 pm – Wed. Night begins with UMM cooking!
- 6:30 pm – Introduction to Fall Programming (FH)
- 6:30 pm – Children's Choir Open House
- 6:30 pm – Youth (CLC)
- 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)

THURSDAY, August 23

- 8:00 am – 2:30 pm – Food Bank Conference
- 9:00 am – Sit & Be Fit Chair Aerobics (CLC)
- 10:00 am – Small Group (211)
- 7:00-8:30 pm – Just Go to the Movies rehearsal (Choir Room)

FRIDAY, August 24 – CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

SATURDAY, August 25

- 4:30 pm – Soup Kitchen (FH)

SUNDAY, August 26

- 8:30 am – Worship Service (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 – 4:00 pm – Farewell to Rev. Sharon
Lewis-Karamoko (Colonial Park UMC)
- 3:00 pm – Youth Band (3rd floor)
- 4:00 pm – Youth Choir (Choir Room)
- 5:15 – 7:00 pm – Youth (3rd floor)

MONDAY, August 27

TUESDAY, August 28

- 9:00 am – Sit & Be Fit Chair Aerobics (CLC)
- 10:00 am – UMW Book Review
UMW Executive Board (UMW room)
- 10:30 am – Joy Club (FH)
- 7:00 pm – Boy Scouts (CLC)

WEDNESDAY, August 29

- 6:45 am – Men's Prayer Breakfast (FH)
- 5:45 pm – Wed. Night Dinner (FH)
- 6:30 pm – Stewardship Presentation (FH)
- 6:30 pm – Children's Choirs
- 6:30 pm – Youth (CLC)
- 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)

THURSDAY, August 30

- 9:00 am – Sit & Be Fit Chair Aerobics (CLC)
- 7:00-8:30 pm – Just Go to the Movies rehearsal (Choir Room)

FRIDAY, August 31 – CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

SATURDAY, September 1

- 4:30 pm – Soup Kitchen (FH)

RADIO BROADCAST - WREC 600 AM

Sunday, August 26, 2007

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Given in appreciation of St. Luke's Ministries

10:50 Anthem: "The Kingdom of God"
Chancel Choir

RECORD OF LOYALTY - AUGUST 19, 2007

Attendance

Sunday School				<u>256</u>	
Worship	8:30	<u>71</u>	10:50	<u>311</u>	<u>382</u>

Pledge Update

Budget received	\$14,971.00
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KATRINA Still a Concern

The Council of Bishops of United Methodism named Sunday, August 26th as Church Recovery Appeal Day for the Katrina tragedy. Baskets will be placed at three Sanctuary points. Cash and checks (to St. Luke's, For Katrina Churches) are welcome.

In this round of giving, our donation will go specifically to our neighbors in Mississippi for supporting pastors and rebuilding Gulf Coast area churches. *Thanks in advance!*

SYMPATHY

The members of St. Luke's extend sincere sympathy to the family of RUTH JACKSON who died August 7, 2007 and to James Neal Williams in the August 20th death of his brother, Robert Hayes Williams of Covington, TN.

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