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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2007

Communion Sunday

Scripture: Luke 14:7-14

Meditation: "Guest of Honor"

Pastor Mark Matheny



Welcome, University of Memphis Students!



Fellowship Dinner and Vision, September 5 (*see article*)

Sunday, September 16: BRING-A-FRIEND SUNDAY (*Share the Joy*)

- PRAY, starting today, for guidance on whom to invite.
- PICK UP Invitation Cards at worship or reception desk.
- INVITE two weeks ahead neighbors, acquaintances and relatives who have no church home in the area to attend church with you September 16, 8:30 or 10:50.
- REMIND your guests on Friday, September 14.
- BE SPECIFIC about where you will meet them or what time to pick them up.
- PRACTICE HOSPITALITY at worship. Welcome every visitor. Make room on your pew or move if necessary. Be sure every visitor near you has an opportunity to fill out the attendance register. Set the example by listing your own address and phone, as well as name.



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,

As we go "back to school" and this hot summer draws to a close, let's be grateful for all the progress being made at this somewhat unlikely time of the year. PARENTS' DAY OUT, which gets going next week, has been put together in an amazingly short time, and is sure to bless many, many children and families.

Our August 18th Planning Retreat went very, very well, with leadership actively geared into the "Heart, Mind and Hands" understanding of discipleship. Next, our Vision group will be tackling some of the resourcing issues that also lie ahead for a viable St. Luke's future. Meanwhile, our Stewardship Team is preparing an inspiring emphasis for October.

In all those things, may we not "grow weary in well doing," but involve more and more people in the work of God's Kingdom. Give yourself some rest next Monday for Labor Day and rejoice in God's vineyard bearing fruit!

In service,

...Pastor Mark

"Farewell" and "Hello" for Rev. Karamoko

St. Luke's was well represented at the reception thanking Rev. Sharon Lewis-Karamoko. **Stan Craig, Ernie Sigman, Rev. Shirley Lynn and Pastor Mark** were on hand at Colonial Park on August 26th. Next, we should lend our prayers as Sharon launches into the Urban Vision focus for thirty-eight Memphis churches, including St. Luke's.

September 5th Dinner to Feature

Further deepening of our Vision will highlight our time together at Fellowship Dinner on the 5th. Make your reservations right away. Our delicious menu will include: ham/baked chicken/hot dogs, sweet potatoes, squash, pinto beans, tomatoes & cucumbers, cornbread, peach cobbler/sugar free pie. *See you!*

The following **THANK YOU** note was received from the **Neenan** family.

Dear Church Family,

How fortunate we are to be under your care and watch. Your thoughtfulness and ministry through prayer, cards, calls and embracing before and after Mom's service will always be a precious memory. I'm grateful -- we are grateful for all this Christ care and look forward to more.

Love, Dennis, Marilyn and Faith

CONGRATULATIONS to **Jonathan and Amanda Pennington** on the August 21st birth of their son, **Elijah James Falk Pennington**.

The U.M.W. Unit Meeting will be Tuesday, September 4 at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Rebekah Jordon, Director of Mid South Interfaith Network for Economic Justice. Dinner reservations may be made in the church office (452-6262) by Sunday, September 2. *Childcare will be available upon request.*

GET IN ON THE BEGINNING!

Sunday, September 2: The Study of John, Fellowship Hall, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, September 12: "Leadership From the Heart". Register TODAY so we can order the books.

UNITED METHODIST NEIGHBORHOOD

CENTER'S 9th Annual Golf Tournament and Silent Auction event is scheduled for Friday, September 14, 2007. The Golf Tournament will begin at 8:00 a.m. at Stonebridge Golf Club. Winners will be announced at the Dinner/Silent Auction at Colonial Country Club that evening, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Golf teams will receive 8 tickets for the dinner at Colonial, or teams may choose to pay only for golfing. Many of you may choose not to golf, but may wish to attend the dinner/auction event. This year, we will have great music by Rene Koopman, a fashion show during dinner, and a large silent auction. Please join us for all or part of this wonderful day, including great food, fun, and many auction items to tempt all! Proceeds from these events will benefit all of the programs of United Methodist Neighborhood Centers. For more information or to reserve golf or dinner spaces, call Becky at 323-4993. (Team of golfers with dinner: \$600, team of golfers without dinner: \$400.00; dinner tickets: \$25.00 each)

"Senior Day at the Zoo"

The Memphis and Shelby County Council on Aging is sponsoring the annual "Senior Day at the Zoo" on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3rd from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. There will be free admission, free parking, and free tram rides for seniors 55 and older. Bring a picnic lunch if you wish.

LET'S ALL INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH THIS WEEK.



MUSIC NOTES



Can't Wait to Sing! NOW...

Take note—or lots of “notes.” Children’s choirs are beginning!! That’s right. Now is the time to join the fun of singing in one of the children’s choirs here at St. Luke’s. All choirs meet on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm.

Cherub Choir—ages 3 and 4. 1st floor, Masters Children’s Building. Our preschoolers learn songs in a fun engaging atmosphere. They participate in group rhythm activities and games and lead in morning worship several times each semester. Directors: **Amanda Pennington** and **Shea Kaler**

Jubilate—age 5 through 1st grade. Rm 213, Children’s Building. Children in this beginning choir develop their concept of pitch and tone production while mastering listening and rhythm skills. This choir participates in Sunday morning worship during the semester. Director: **April Carpenter**

Choristers—grades 2-5. Choir Room. Choristers begin to “read music” as they learn anthems for services and special events. This choir shares in worship services once a month. Director: **Jay Walker**

Feel free to contact Jay (452.6262 or Jay.Walker@StLukesUMC.org) for more info. Can’t wait to have *YOU* sing—and play—with us!

Grace and peace —Jay

GOOD NEWS!

YOUR CLC had a very busy summer. We hosted 3 successful basketball camps led by former U of M Tiger, Rodney Newsom, and **Coach Day**.

In addition, we had 12 groups totaling about 400 adult and youth workers staying in your CLC over the summer. These groups, from Wisconsin to Texas, were on mission trips. Thank the Lord that we can be a part of these groups’ lives.

Pay attention to *The Epistle*. New and exciting programming is on the way! ...Coach Day

YOUTH NEWS

Hello everyone! Here's what's going on this week: Sun., Sept. 2nd

9:30 - 10:30 - Sunday School - Special Bible Trivia Day with Pastor Mark and Carla.

No Evening Activities

Wed., Sept. 5th

5:45 - Dinner

6:30-7:20 - Gym time with Renee, David, & Phil.

I'm praying for you guys from Levelland! Pray for us, too! Peace...Beth

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday, September 9, will be Teacher Appreciation Day! We will honor our elementary and preschool teachers and shepherds with a brunch during Sunday school.

Maps are needed for a new Route 66 mural in the children's building. If you have old road maps, bring them to **Beth Masters!**

Parent's Day Out begins 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.

See you at church, ...Beth Mac

GIFTS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:

LENITA DEATON from Carol Knodel, Evelyn Horn, Terri Townsend, Paul & Mary Evelyn Goodwin, Joanne Williams, Jo Ann Perryman, Myra C. Rayburn, Bill & Barbara Caldwell, Mazie Norton, Bill & Shirley Bell; VIRGINIA MANERS from Evelyn Horn, Mamie Ross & Betty Labry, Paul & Mary Evelyn Goodwin, Helen & Foster Rosebrough, Marjean Love, Nadine Hicks, Joanne Williams, Elizabeth Rogers; E.C. STIMBERT from Mary & Grover Bowles, Dr. & Mrs. Richard Dixon, Mr. & Mrs. R. D. Rose, Jr., Dr. & Mrs. C. H. Householder, The Dean E. Hill family, N. Hunt Moore, Edgar & Ann Bailey, Assoc. in Psychology & Psychiatry, St. Luke's Loyalty-Fellowship Class, Ruth O'Donnell, John G. Harris, Helen & Foster Rosebrough, Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Weiss, Rhonda & Jerry Morton, John & Billie Pickett, Ann Holley, Mary Ann & Bill Bettison, Dorothy & Al McRae; BILL EPPES from Steve & Brenda Swan, Judy Camp, Elizabeth Rogers, Mary & Steve Palmer, Karen Kinney, Delores Kinsolving, Kathleen C. Montgomery, Mary Katherine Eppes; JOHN H. SMITH from Nan Smith.

(Listings continued on back page.)

CHURCH CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, August 29, 2007

- 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)

SUNDAY, September 2

- 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)

MONDAY, September 3

CLC & CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

TUESDAY, September 4

- 9:00 am – Sit & Be Fit Chair Aerobics (CLC)
- 10:00 am – Bible Study Meeting led by Linda Hensley (211)
- 5:30 pm – UDI Meeting (211)
- 6:00 pm – UMW Dinner & Meeting (FH)
- 7:00–8:30 pm – Just Go to the Movies rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 7:00 pm – Boy Scouts (CLC)

WEDNESDAY, September 5

- 6:45 am – Men's Prayer Breakfast (FH)
- 9:00 – 12:00 Noon – American Sewing Guild (CLC Mtg Rm)
- 10:30 am – 2:30 pm – Stewardship Ladies (CLC Lounge)
- 5:45 pm – Wed. Night Dinner (FH)
- 6:30 pm – Vision Night (FH)
- 6:30 pm – Children's Choirs
- 6:30 pm – Youth (Gym)
- 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)

THURSDAY, September 6

- 9:00 am – Sit & Be Fit Chair Aerobics (CLC)
- 5:30 pm – Day School Board Meeting (Parlor)
- 6:00 pm – Ministry of Love Meeting (211)
- 7:00-8:30 pm – Just Go to the Movies rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 7:00 – 10:00 pm – Jesus is Lord Basketball (CLC)

FRIDAY, September 7 – CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

SATURDAY, September 8

- 4:30 pm – Soup Kitchen (FH)

RADIO BROADCAST - WREC 600 AM

Sunday, September 2, 2007

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Given in loving memory of

DR. HEBER RUMBLE

FOR HIS BIRTHDAY (SEPTEMBER 4)

from his wife, Kathleen Rumble

10:50 Anthem: Chancel Choir
"Whoever Would Be Great Among You"

RECORD OF LOYALTY - AUGUST 26, 2007

Attendance

Sunday School				<u>257</u>
Worship	8:30	<u>82</u>	10:50	<u>288</u>
				<u>370</u>

Pledge Update

Budget received	\$8,740.00
Katrina Offering	\$1,188.00

GIFTS RECEIVED IN MEMORY OF:

JAMES H. GALLOWAY from Jim & Frances Gillpatrick, Kaye, Bill, & Bert Lowe; LES BROOKS from Spence & Becky Wilson, Ann Holley, Elizabeth Rogers; MARTHA BROUGH from Dr. & Mrs. Carl Flinn; THOMAS W. DAY from Mary McKinley; RICKY PHILLIPS from Marie Phillips; DOROTHY KINSER from Anne Reynolds. (*Partial Listing*)

GIFTS RECEIVED IN HONOR OF:

REV. MARK MATHENY from Kent & Pamela Stratton; JANE HERRINGTON from National Business Aviation Association.

SAINT LUKE'S STAFF

Dr. R. Mark Matheny, Minister

Rev. Shirley Lynn, Minister of Evangelism

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