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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2007

8:30 & 10:50 a.m. Worship

Scripture: Philemon 1:8-21

Sermon: “Obedience Plus”

Pastor Mark

---**BLOOD DRIVE** this Sunday! Give through Lifeblood,
8:30 a.m.-Noon, CLC Lounge

---**GET your TICKETS!** Our annual musical extravaganza,
known this year as “Just Go to the Movies,” is right
around the corner, October 12, 13, & 14!

---**FELLOWSHIP DINNER**, 5:45 p.m., Sept. 5th - Vision;
September 12th - “Plug In” to the new courses.

September 16

is

“Bring-A-Friend” Sunday

(more informaton 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

A "University Church"

Dear Friends,

We are now experiencing the hustle and bustle of students going to and from classes at our nearby neighbor, The University of Memphis.

Recently, one of our longtime members voiced the idea that St. Luke's become "The University Church." Would you believe there are actually several ways this is happening? Pray for and work on the list below, knowing we won't have some "exclusive contract," but celebrating our existing and our new relationships along this line:

---Honor our many alumni and current and former faculty and staff;

---Welcome our current graduate and undergraduate U. of M. students;

---Support the Wesley Foundation ministry led by Justin Allen; Justin has agreed to help us plan a new worship service, too;

---HARC (Highland Area Renewal Corporation) is working with University links on several community projects, including NOAH (Neighborhood Older Adult Histories);

---Continue getting ready for our new next-door neighbors at The Stratum (capacity of 300 to open August, 2008).

You see, in these ways and more, we are on our way to fulfilling our mission in the unique territory God has given to St. Luke's.

Persevering by Faith, ...Pastor Mark

Welcoming our New D.S.

We are invited to greet new **Superintendent Barry Henson** and "**First Lady**" **Selena Henson** on Sunday, September 16th, at the Installation Service, 3 p.m. at Emmanuel UMC.

Memphis Theological Seminary Recognition

During our services this Sunday, September 9, we will express appreciation for Cumberland Presbyterian partner institution, Memphis Theological Seminary. It is the Alma Mater of both of our "cluster colleagues," **Rev. John Meeks** of St. Matthew's and **Rev. Emily Matheny** of Highland Heights.

Lectio Divina Meeting

Join us in the Chapel Monday, September 10th at 5:45 p.m. This is a wonderful experience in silent meditation and Scriptural reflection. You are welcome!

...Pastor Mark

CONGRATULATIONS to **Beth** and **Adam Ryan** in the August 27th birth of their son, **Nathan Joel Ryan**.

BRING - A - FRIEND

Sunday, September 16



This week invite friends, neighbors, acquaintances and relatives who have no church home in Memphis to attend worship with you on BRING-A-FRIEND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th. Pick up invitation cards to worship on the reception desk and bring others to share the joy of worship at St. Luke's. *Questions?* Call Evangelism Chair, **Pat Anderson**, or **Shirley Lynn**.

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE???

NO, MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!!!

The Silent Auction held by St. Luke's UMW was a huge success! Thanks to the many Treasures of the Past that were contributed and to the purchasers. The proceeds came to over \$3000! Under the leadership of **Betty Padgett**, **Judy Moffett**, **Carolyn Jennings**, and **Margaret Tanner**, a well-planned project was carried out.

Our UMW came through with delicious goodies served on lovely tables and supported the project in any way they could.

United Methodist Women are striving to be the heart, mind and hands of Jesus Christ. What a group to carry out God's mission. WOW!! ...Avis Foreman

ALTAR FLOWER DATES

The following dates are available to place flowers on the altar in honor or memory of a loved one: September 30, October 14, 21, 28, and beyond.... Call **Marilyn Sadler**, 452-1347.

WORSHIP CHANGE. Beginning Sunday, September 9, worship attendance registration sheets will be collected by the ushers AFTER the offering during the Doxology. If you are seated in an aisle seat nearest the center of the sanctuary, please tear off the signed sheets from the black pad and hand to the usher. Remember, too, when MEMBERS write in address and phone, visitors usually do the same, enabling us to welcome them.

Monday, September 10th, at 10:30, **LOYALTY FELLOWSHIP LADIES** in the CLC Lounge.

LET'S ALL INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH THIS WEEK.



MUSIC NOTES



Just Go to the Movies!

Take your seat at Graumann's Chinese Theater as the music of the Golden Age of cinema comes to life. Relive those magical moments from "Breakfast at Tiffany's," "Three Coins in a Fountain" "Cinderella," Mary Poppins," and many more. Directed by our own **Galen Colbert** and featuring a cast of St. Luke's singers and friends, this year's "**Just Go to the Movies**" promises to be an evening of delightful music and delicious desserts. Shows are October 12 and 13 at 7:00 pm and the 14th at 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the church welcome desk or at the table outside the Choir Room on Sundays following each service.

For more info contact **Rorie** at 452.6262 or **Jay** at Jay.Walker@StLuke'sUMC.org . Get your tickets today.

10:50 Anthem: "Covenant Prayer" Chancel Choir

Grace and peace

—Jay

Would you like to join a team of St. Luke's folk who serve on a rotating schedule to neaten our Sanctuary for worship services? Duties are to restock envelope slots in pews, replace hymnals and Bibles in book racks, collect and discard used bulletins and other papers and re-fill attendance registration folders. Volunteers may come anytime the church is open, Monday-Thursday, 8:30-4:00. We currently have enough helpers so that each person's name comes up about every 3 months, and we can always add more volunteers to this loyal team. If you are already on the team and are willing to continue, or if you will join us, please call **Virginia Hathorn at 327-3962 or the church office at 452-6262.**

Remember, even if you feel you cannot serve on this team, just replacing your hymnal and Bible in the rack and taking your bulletin with you after worship services will be a big help. Thanks in advance for your help.

...Virginia Hathorn, Worship Committee

Kallen Esperian will give a concert at Union Avenue United Methodist Church on September 28th. Call Union Avenue, 274-3068, for details.

YOUTH NEWS

Hello everyone! Here's what's going on this week:
Sun., Sept. 9th - 9:30 - 10:30 - Sunday School
3:00 - Youth Band
4:00 - Youth Choir (Choir Room)
5:00 - 7:00 - Dinner & Youth Activities

Wed., Sept. 12th- 5:45 - Dinner

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

I'm praying for you guys!

Peace...Beth

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

This Sunday, September 9 is Teacher Appreciation Day! We will honor our elementary and preschool teachers and shepherds with a brunch during Sunday school. Children should report to Sunday school as usual, but the elementary kids will be going to the gym, **so wear your tennis shoes!**

Parent's Day Out began this week and I have had the pleasure of greeting the new babies! Spaces still remain for infants and toddlers age 6 weeks to 24 months, so enroll today. See you at church,
...Beth Mac

CUB SCOUT MEETING

There will be an organizational meeting on Tuesday, September 11, 5:30 p.m., in Fellowship Hall for ALL PARENTS OF PROSPECTIVE CUB SCOUTS and NEW CUB SCOUTS.

At 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel there will be a meeting of PARENTS OF EXISTING CUB SCOUT MEMBERS.

For more information, contact **Tim Taylor, 937-7982.**

SCOUT REPORT

A few scouts labored this past Labor Day weekend on the Troop building. The outside of the east wall, as of now, is finished. Boards are stained for the north wall. Windows are sealed AND the north door on the west wall is hung. This weekend the Troop is taking a break from the building to go to Greers Ferry Lake annual cleanup. After the cleanup, swimming, trout fishing and water skiing will happen.

See you next week!

...Burgess

New Books in the Church Library

Allison, Helen, The Clown and The Laughing Bear; Gentzler, Richard, The Graying of the Church.

CHURCH CALENDAR

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)

SUNDAY, September 9

- 8:30 am – Noon – LIFE BLOOD (CLC Lounge)
- 8:30 am – Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 9:00 – 9:30 am – Blood Pressure Check (UMW/1st Aid Room)
- 9:00 – 11:00 am – Library open (211)
- 9:15 – 9:45 am – Adult Coffee Fellowship (Lobby)
- 9:30 am – Sunday School
- 10:30 – 10:50 am – Blood Pressure Check (UMW/1st Aid Room)
- 10:50 am – Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 3:00 pm – Youth Band (3rd floor)
- 4:00 pm – Vision Team (211)
- 4:00 pm – Youth Choir (Choir Room)
- 5:00 pm – Wesley Bells begin (207)
- 5:00 – 7:00 pm – Dinner & Youth Activities (3rd floor)

MONDAY, September 10

- 10:00 am – Veterans (FH)
- 10:30 am – Loyalty-Fellowship Ladies (CLC Lounge)
- 1:00 pm – Hospice (Parlor)
- 5:45 pm – Lectio Divina (Chapel)
- 7:00 – 10:00 pm – Jesus Is Lord Basketball (CLC)

TUESDAY, September 11

- 9:00 am – Sit & Be Fit Chair Aerobics (CLC)
- 10:15 am – Senior Choir (Choir Room)
- 10:00 am – Bible Study Meeting led by Linda Hensley (211)
- 10:30 am – 1st Methodist UMW (CLC Lounge)
- 5:30 pm – Worship Committee (UMW Rm.) (Nursery provided)
- 5:30 pm – Cub Scout Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 pm – Cub Scout Meeting (Chapel)
- 7:00 – 8:30 pm – Just Go to the Movies Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 7:00 pm – Finance Meeting (211)
- 7:00 pm – UMW Naomi Circle (Parlor)
- 7:00 pm – Boy Scout Meeting (CLC)

WEDNESDAY, September 12

- 6:45 am – Men's Prayer Breakfast (FH)
- 11:00 am – King's Daughters (CLC Lounge)
- 5:45 pm – Wed. Night Dinner (FH)
- 6:30 pm – Musical Bible Study led by Pastor Mark (FH)
 - Leadership from the Heart -Bettye Masters (CLC Mtg. Rm)
 - Intersection (CLC Lounge)
 - Youth (3rd floor)
 - Children's Choirs
- 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)

THURSDAY, September 13

- 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)
- 7:00 – 10:00 pm – Jesus Is Lord Basketball (CLC)

FRIDAY, September 14 – CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

- 6:30 pm - Deaton Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 pm - Deaton Rehearsal Dinner (CLC Lounge)

SATURDAY, September 15

- 4:30 pm – Soup Kitchen (FH)
- 6:00 pm - Deaton Wedding (Sanctuary)

RADIO BROADCAST - WREC 600 AM

Sunday, September 9, 2007

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Given in loving memory of

RUTH G. GIBSON

by her daughter, Deborah Gibson

RECORD OF LOYALTY - SEPT. 4, 2007

Attendance

Sunday School				<u>234</u>
Worship 8:30	<u>69</u>	10:50	<u>296</u>	<u>365</u>

Pledge Update

Budget received \$17,109.00

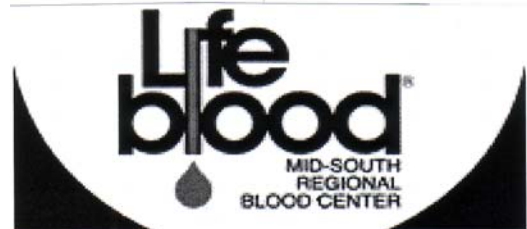
BOOK REVIEW POSTPONED: Louise Gearin will review her book, Separate Paths, October 16, in the Parlor at the Rachel Circle Meeting.

UMW SUB-GROUP MEETINGS

LYDIA Circle, **Mary Katherine Moorhead**, leader, will meet MONDAY, Sept. 10th at 6pm at the home of **Mary Palmer** (8020 Crossbow, G'town).

NAOMI Circle, **Stella Day**, leader, will meet in the Parlor on September 11, at 7:00 p.m.

RACHEL Circle, will meet at 12:30 p.m., Sept. 18th, in the Parlor. **Louise Gearin** has postponed her book review until our October meeting.



St. Luke's United Methodist Church Blood Drive

Sunday, September 9, 2007

8:30 – 12 in CLC Lounge at SLUMC

This will require about 30 minutes of your time.

Call **Carol Likens (454.0961)** to make appointment.

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