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This Sunday



BRING-A-FRIEND TO CHURCH



Sunday, September 16, 2007

..... *SHARE THE JOY OF ST. LUKE'S*

PRAY for those whom you invite.

INVITE friends, neighbors, acquaintances, and relatives with no church home in Memphis to attend church with you September 16, Bring-a-Friend Sunday, 8:30 or 10:50 a.m.

REMIND your guests on Friday, September 14th.

BE SPECIFIC about exactly where you will meet them or what time you will 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.

• *Smile!* • *Shake hands!* • *Share the joy of Christ!*

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

Scripture: Luke 15:1-7 • Sermon: "Re-enfolded" - Pastor Mark Matheny

"JUST GO TO THE MOVIES" Tickets Available...

Get 'em while they last! Oct. 12, 13 & 14; \$15 per person

CELEBRATE REBIRTH OF ORGAN!

...will be played in Sanctuary this Sunday, the 16th, for first time since repairs began last spring!

KALLEN ESPERIAN to sing

at Union Avenue UMC, 7:30 p.m. on Friday, September 28; call 274-3068 for details.

*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,

Much like David Letterman does on TV, here's a "Top Ten." However, it's for real, hopefully undergirding the upcoming "Bring-a-Friend" Sunday this week:

Top Ten Reasons to bring friends to St. Luke's:

10. We need them, and it's great to be needed.
9. They need us, and a friend like you can help reveal that.
8. Jesus calls us to "go into all the world" ... might as well start with people we already know.
7. The Gospel is relational, and friendship is our chief manifestation, beyond family, of relationships.
6. It's a nice way of letting a friend know you really are a friend.
5. "What a friend we have in Jesus" and what a "Jesus" we have in friends!
4. Scientific studies show that most new additions come via friends, relatives, associates and neighbors (the "FRAN" quad).
3. In the Gospel of John, when Jesus expresses his love for the disciples, he says, "I no longer call you servants but friends..."
2. What would Jesus do?...
1. And when would He do it, especially when asked?

Well, food for thought, but mostly food for action. We hope you'll have some folks with you Sunday! Thanks!

In service, ...Pastor Mark

Vision Process Continues...

Our Vision Team met on September 9, and will have four sub-groups working on Heart, Mind, Hands and Overview in the next two weeks. We are very grateful for the input of over 300 members in the survey process.

KAIROS Weekend Opportunity

September 27-30 are the dates for this special outreach at West Tennessee State Penitentiary. A Prayer Vigil is being set up, and you can sign up at St. Matthew's UMC, 1362 S. Prescott. **Rev. John Meeks** is one of the leaders. *Questions?* Call John, or **Judy Green**, at 323-2318.

LET'S ALL INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH THIS WEEK.

DO YOU FEEL like you don't **PRAY** enough, don't read your **BIBLE** enough or aren't **SPIRITUAL** enough? *Then, this study is for you!* Join us on Tuesday, September 18, at 10:00 a.m. in the church library. A study of Messy Spirituality by Mike Yaconelli may be the antidote for the spiritual perfectionism in us all. Any women interested in this 8-week study should call **Linda Hensley**, 755-8947. *Childcare is provided.*

More re: Memphis Theological Seminary (MTS)...

In last week's *Epistle*, we noted that our two cluster neighbor pastors are graduates.

We ALSO have at least two St. Luke's lay persons who are MTS alumni. They are **April Smith Carpenter** and **David Hensley**.

UMW OUTREACH



In keeping with our purpose of helping women and children, St. Luke's UMW was able to raise over \$800.00 for "Mary's Cradle." **Kathy Masters**, Project Director of the Maternal and Infant Resource Center in Bluefield, WV, heads the program "Mary's Cradle."

Just as all proceeds from our Silent Auction goes to Missions, so does this Outreach Mission.

What a busy and rewarding summer we've had!

ATTENTION all new 3rd graders and parents!

Acolyte Training is coming soon! Watch your *Epistle* for more information.

UMW Subgroup Meetings -Tuesday, September 18

MARY Circle, **Margaret Williams**, leader, will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Lounge.

PRISCILLA Circle, **Rose Owen**, leader, will meet at 12:30 p.m. in the CLC Lounge. **Louise Fairfax** will serve as hostess.

RACHEL Circle, **Loretta Rosenbush**, leader, will meet at 12:30 p.m. in the Parlor. (Reminder: **Louise Gearin** will review her book Separate Paths at the October 16 meeting.)



MUSIC NOTES



Breaking the Silence

After 4 months of silence, our magnificent Casavant pipe organ will once again lead our congregation in their songs of prayer and praise during weekly worship.

During this renovation time, the organ console was removed, completely rebuilt and rewired using the latest digital technology. An army of volunteers worked to remove, pack, thoroughly wash and clean hundreds of pipes before repacking them for storage. Numerous pipes were taken to Miller Organ Company's workshops for repair and revoicing. Additional pipework and new windlines have been installed. After all 3000-plus pipes were painstakingly re-installed (each pipe to its assigned spot,) 2 weeks of tuning and final tonal finishing have been completed.

Join us for worship on September 16 as "the king of instruments" joins us in praise and adoration.

Did you know ...that the organ blower (fan) produces enough wind pressure to inflate a hot air balloon in less than 10 minutes!

Just Go to the Movies!

Do you have your tickets? If not, call the church *today*. This year's "**Just Go to the Movies**" promises to be an evening of delightful music and delicious desserts. Take your seat at Graumann's Chinese Theater as the music of the Golden Age of cinema comes to life.

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 on Sundays following each service at the table in the glass hallway to the CLC.

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

Grace and peace

—Jay

MEEMAN CENTER CLASSES (Rhodes College) are beginning.

There is a full list of courses at <http://meeman.rhodes.edu>. Several to note in particular are: Biblical Archaeology, Conspiracy Theories, and Crises of Faith; Mormonism in America; Bawdy Bible; and Spirituality West and East. People may register online or by phoning 843-3965.

YOUTH NEWS

Hello everyone! Here's what's going on this week:
Sun., Sept. 16th - 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. 19th- 5:45 - Dinner

6:30-7:20 - Time with **Denise** and **Renee**

(3rd Floor)

I miss you all so much and look forward to seeing you and introducing you to **Nathan!**

I'm praying for you guys!

Peace...Beth

From the Jack H. Henton CLC/Recreation Ministry

SOCCER is going on now. The schedules are posted in the CLC Lobby. Come and support **your** teams.

VOLUNTEERS needed to staff CLC Lobby during daytime hours. Contact **Coach Day** for details.

YOUR Fitness Room is open. Come and get your temple in shape for God.

BASKETBALL signups start soon!!!

REMEMBER HIM ALWAYS

...Coach Day

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Elementary kids will begin a new unit called Peacemakers in Sunday school this week. We'll be learning about the special courage of Amos, Abigail and David, and of course, Jesus.

Boo Out is coming soon! This year's event will be held Friday, Oct. 26 from 6-8pm. Planning is underway and many volunteers are needed every year to make it a success. Be in prayer about how you might help!

Sunday, September 30 is **Children's Sunday!** All choirs will be singing for the first time this fall and our children will be participating in all areas of worship. You won't want to miss it, so invite your friends and families to join us.

See you at church,

...Beth Mac

SCOUT NEWS FLASH

St. Luke's Scout Troop survived the Arkansas rain! We assisted with clean up of Greer's Ferry Lake, ate BBQ, heard banjo strumming, then went fishing and water skiing.

Mark Wofford drove his ski boat and we got Matthew Allen up on skis; the other 5 are still trying. The fishing crew was led by Drew Denkler and Dylan Lucy bringing in the only fish. After supper, the rain started. Twelve hours and 5 1/2 inches of rain later, we headed back to St. Luke's with ideas of how to build an ARK!

CHURCH CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, September 12, 2007

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 (Fellowship Hall)
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)

SUNDAY, September 16 – BRING-A-FRIEND Sunday

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)
12:00 Noon – Stewardship Meeting (CLC Lounge)
3:00 pm – Youth Band (3rd floor)
4:00 pm – Youth Choir (Choir Room)
5:00 pm – Wesley Bells (207)
6:00 pm – Dinner & Youth Activities (3rd floor)

MONDAY, September 17

5:45 pm – Challengers Board Meeting (Parlor) (nursery available)
7:00 pm – Coin Club (106)
7:00 – 10:00 pm – Jesus Is Lord Basketball (CLC)

TUESDAY, September 18

9:00 am – Sit & Be Fit Chair Aerobics (CLC)
10:00 am – Women’s Bible Study (211)
10:30 am – UMW Mary (CLC Lounge)
12:30 pm – UMW Rachel (Parlor)
12:30 pm - UMW Priscilla (CLC Lounge)
7:00 pm – Just Go to the Movies Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 pm – Boy Scouts (CLC)

WEDNESDAY, September 19

6:45 am – Men’s Prayer Breakfast (FH)
5:45 pm – Fall Wednesday 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 20

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

FRIDAY, September 21 – CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

SATURDAY, September 22

4:30 pm – Soup Kitchen (FH)

RADIO BROADCAST - WREC 600 AM

Sunday, September 16, 2007

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

In appreciation of St. Luke’s Ministries

10:50 ANTHEM: “Rejoice, Sing and Praise”

by *GF Handel* Chancel Choir

RECORD OF LOYALTY - SEPT. 9, 2007

Attendance

Sunday School				<u>243</u>
Worship	8:30	<u>69</u>	10:50	<u>288</u>
				<u>357</u>

Pledge Update

Budget received	\$14,678.00
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THANK YOU! Our Lifeblood drive was a success and I wanted to thank everyone who came to the Fellowship Hall to donate. We collected 22 units of whole blood. Each unit, after being separated into its components, has the potential to save 4 lives. This blood we collected will be distributed to 88 individuals, and for each of them, that blood component may be a lifesaving one. That’s really incredible! Thank you especially for those new donors who joined the ranks of the regular donors. You are now on "The List" I use for recruitment. For those of you who were not able to participate in our drive yesterday, please try to get to a donor center this week. Then you will again be eligible to donate during our next drive, November 18.Carol C Likens

GIFTS GIVEN IN HONOR OF:

LINDA & ALLAN HENSLEY for their BIRTHDAYS from David & April Carpenter; JANIE HENDRIX for her BIRTHDAY from April & David Carpenter; MARY KATHERINE MOORHEAD for her BIRTHDAY from April & David Carpenter. (*Partial Listing*)

SAINT LUKE’S STAFF

Dr. R. Mark Matheny, Minister

Rev. Shirley Lynn, Minister of Evangelism

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