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Sunday, September 30, 2007

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY at ST. LUKE'S

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

Scripture: Jeremiah 1:4-10

**At the 10:50 service, St. Luke's children will lead us
in a unique worship experience! (*No Children's Church*)**

Coming Up ...

- ... "Just Go to the Movies" musical is October 12, 13, & 14 in Fellowship Hall. Tickets are going quickly! Hurry!
 - ... October is Stewardship Month at St. Luke's. Our theme: "Every Heart, Every Mind, Every Hand."
 - ... Churches Uniting in Christ (CUIC) offers a World Communion Sunday service on October 7th (*see article*).
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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,

We appreciate your input, prayers and support as the St. Luke's Vision continues to evolve. Many are asking "What next? What's going to come of all this?" Here's a summary of what we hope will happen.

1. Some things are urgent and are already getting under way: by action of the Church Council on August 18th, two new task groups are being nominated at this week's Lay Leadership meeting. One is nicknamed "The 300 Task Force" and will begin plans to reach our new neighbors scheduled to move into the apartments at Mynders and Highland next fall. The other group will go to work developing a third St. Luke's worship service, likely to be offered on a day and time other than Sunday morning.

2. Meanwhile, based on many of YOUR ideas and grouping of our ministries under Heart, Mind and Hands, the Vision Team is crafting a concise document for Council approval by December. First drafts should be available by the end of October.

3. On January 6, 2008, we hope to have Covenant Day services celebrating our dedication under God's grace to pursue the St. Luke's vision for 2008-2013.

Please be in prayer for this exciting process. Questions or suggestions? Contact co-chairs **Linda Hensley** or **Tom Eubank**, or **Virginia Hathorn** or **Pastor Mark**.

May it be true and "for real" that we are becoming a faithful community of disciples striving to share the heart, mind and hands of Jesus Christ.

In service,

...Pastor Mark

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

During the four Sundays of October, we will be emphasizing themes drawn from our mission statement as follows:

October 7 - Heart

October 14 - Mind

October 21 - Hands

October 28 - "Every Heart, Mind & Hand,"
financial commitments for 2008

ALSO, here are two SPECIAL FEATURES:

1. On the 7th, 14th and 21st, there will be displays in the CLC Lounge highlighting the ministries and service opportunities under Heart, Mind & Hands (formerly known as Witness, Nurture & Outreach). Be sure to visit "the Fair" all three Sundays!

2. A special Prayer Vigil will be observed on Wednesday, October 24. Pray where you are or come to the Chapel any time between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

WOW! Local and Worldwide Mission

Our UMW Unit meets Tuesday, October 2 at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The speakers will be Rebecca Foote, Neighborhood Center Director and Gertrude Perdue, M.W.U. with "Tools of Hope". Lunch will follow the program. Reservations may be made in the church office by Sunday, September 30. The UMW Executive Committee will meet at 9:45, October 2 in the UMW Room.

CALLING ST. LUKE'S BAKERS

We need your help with finger desserts October 12, 13, and 14. You can bring the desserts on Thursday (October 11) or Friday (October 12) to the kitchen in the Fellowship Hall. If you are bringing any diabetic desserts, please label it. If you have any questions, please call **Shirley Robinson** @ 901.827-9511.

Ecumenical CUIC Service at First Presbyterian on the 7th

We are all invited to the annual World Communion Sunday service sponsored by Churches Unit-ing in Christ, an alliance of ten denominations dedi-cated to Christian unity. United Methodist Bishop Will Willimon of North Alabama will be the guest preacher.

The service will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Octo-ber 7, at historic First Presbyterian Church, 166 Pop-lar Avenue in downtown Memphis. Let's have a good "delegation" from St. Luke's!

Sherwood Elementary Update

Thanks so much for the abundance of school supplies. They were much appreciated and put to use right away. Tutoring began September 24. It's not too late to sign-up to tutor or volunteer for other tasks. The children love to see volunteers willing to share time and themselves with them. Interested? Contact **Barbara Caldwell** 323-0919. Don't forget Wednes-day night, October 10, will be Celebrate Sherwood. Come and find out more about the school.

SPONSORS are needed for the RADIO BROAD-CAST MINISTRY. If you are interested in sponsor-ing a broadcast in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact **Vickey Hobbs**, 452-6262.

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. Sing along with Judy. Whistle while you work. You can even wish upon a star. Don't miss out on this year's "Just Go to the Movies" October 12 -14. The evening promises delightful music and delicious desserts.

Very few tickets remain for the performances. Tickets are \$15 and 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 .

"Ring Dem Bells"

"Peter, gonna ring dem bells." So goes the spiritual. Well, since no one named "Peter" is ringing handbells, we are looking for YOU. The Wesley Bells are looking for a couple of handbell ringers. No previous experience is required but the ability to read music is helpful. Contact **Jay** for more info at 452.6262 or Jay.Walker@StLuke'sUMC.org .

CHILDREN, be sure to make every effort to attend choir practice this week! All choirs are singing for Children's Sunday and this is an important rehearsal.

Grace and peace -- Jay

UNITED METHODISM for **NEWCOMERS** quarterly class will be **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 9:30 a.m.**, church parlor. **Rev. Lynn** will teach this one-time session for visitors. Continental breakfast will be available at 9:15 a.m. No reservations required. Members are also welcome.

ACOLYTE TRAINING

Calling all new third graders!

When? September 30, 12:00 in the choir room

If you are a current acolyte, drop by and meet the new acolyte coordinator, **Dana Griffin**. Sign up for the fall. *See you there!*

YOUTH NEWS

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

Sun., Sept. 30

9:30 - 10:30 - Sunday School

3:00 - Youth Band

4:00 - Youth Choir (Choir Room)

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

Wed., Oct. 3

5:45 - Dinner

6:30-7:20 - Time with Denise and Renee
(3rd Floor)

I miss you guys!

I'm praying for all of you!

Peace...Beth

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

This Sunday is **Children's Sunday!** Choirs will be singing, kids will be participating, and it will be a great worship experience for all! **Parents**, don't forget the "practice party" this Saturday at 5pm in the Sanctuary. We will eat pizza and run through the entire service.

We will officially kick off our new fifth grade ministry, **Level 5**, with a trip to the corn maze at Shelby Farms in October...I can't wait! If you are the parent of a 5th grader, be on the lookout for more information coming soon.

See you at church,

...Beth Mac

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

WANTED: Volunteers to sit at CLC lobby desk during the days: Mon-Thurs 8-12 & 1-4. We need help to be able to have the CLC open.

SOCCER games are ongoing. See the schedule in the CLC lobby.

BASKETBALL signups are ongoing thru November 9, 2007.

1st/2nd thru 11/12th \$60.00

Jr. Jammers - Jan. 2008 \$55.00

REMEMBER HIM ALWAYS

...Coach Day

CONGRATULATIONS to Brad and Amanda Aubert of Slidell, LA on the September 19, 2007, birth of their son, Mason Augustine Aubert. Great-grandmother is **Catherine Thomason**.

Let's all invite someone to church this week!

CHURCH CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, September 26

- 6:45 am – Men’s Prayer Breakfast (FH)
- 10:30 am - HARC Meeting (211)
- 5:00 PM - Nominations Committee (Parlor)
- 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 27

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

FRIDAY, September 28 – CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

SATURDAY, September 29

- 4:30 pm – Soup Kitchen (FH)
- 5:00 pm – Children’s Sunday Practice & Party (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY, September 30 – CHILDREN’S 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 – Acolyte Training (Choir Room)
- 3:00 pm – Youth Band (3rd floor)
- 4:00 pm – Youth Choir (Choir Room)
- 5:00 pm – Wesley Bells (207)
- 5:00 pm – Youth (3rd floor)

MONDAY, October 1

- 7:00 pm – Coin Club (106)
- 7:00 – 10:00 pm – Jesus Is Lord Basketball (CLC)

TUESDAY, October 2

- 9:00 am – Sit & Be Fit Chair Aerobics (CLC)
- 9:45 am – UMW Executive Meeting (UMW room)
- 10:00 – 11:30 am – Women’s Bible Study (211)
- 11:00 am – UNW General Meeting & Lunch (FH)
- 5:30 pm – UDI (211)
- 6:30 pm – Cub Scouts (Children’s Building)
- 7:00 pm – Just Go to the Movies Rehearsal (FH)
- 7:00 pm – Boy Scouts (CLC)

WEDNESDAY, October 3

- 6:45 am – Men’s Prayer Breakfast (FH)
- 9:00 am – 12:00 Noon – American Sewing Guild (CLC Mtg. Rm)
- 10:30 am – Stewardship Ladies (CLC Lounge)
- 5:45 pm – Fall Wednesday Dinner (FH)
- 6:30 pm – Musical Bible Study led by Pastor Mark (FH)
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Intersection (CLC Lounge)
Youth (3rd floor)
Children’s Choirs
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THURSDAY, October 4

- 7:00 am – 7:00 pm – Election (CLC Lounge)
- 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 (FH)
- 7:00 – 10:00 pm – Jesus Is Lord Basketball (CLC)

FRIDAY, October 5 – CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

SATURDAY, October 6

- 4:30 pm – Soup Kitchen (FH)

ST. LUKE’S STAFF

Dr. R. Mark Matheny, Minister
Rev. Shirley Lynn, Minister of Evangelism
J. G. Walker, III, Director of Music
Beth Ryan, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries
David Day, Director of Recreation & Outreach Ministries
Beth Masters, Director of Children’s Ministries
Virginia Hathorn, Ministry Assistant
Cathy Cooley, Day School Director
Dawn Kimble, After-School Director
Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist
Candy Williams, Communications Secretary
Rorie Read, Scheduling Coordinator
Vickey Hobbs, Business Manager

RADIO BROADCAST - WREC 600 AM

Sunday, September 30, 2007

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

In appreciation of St. Luke’s Ministries

10:50 ANTHEM “Children of God”
Chancel Choir and Choristers

ACOLYTES for SEPTEMBER 30
Caleb and Isaac Anderson

RECORD OF LOYALTY - SEPT. 23, 2007

Attendance

Sunday School				<u>243</u>
Worship	8:30	<u>75</u>	10:50	<u>302</u>
				<u>377</u>

Pledge Update

Budget received \$9,497.00

SCOUT REPORT

We had two projects going on this weekend; one on the building and the other was Michael Flesner’s Eagle Scout project. We’re proud to report that *both* projects are almost completed.

Cub Scouts are now meeting on Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Luke’s Children’s Building. Bring your cubs back!

Thanks for the aluminum cans!

...Burgess

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