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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2007

Second Sunday In Advent

Scripture: Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon: "The Way of the Lord"
Pastor Mark



Celebrate...

4 @ 4p.m.

4p.m. Sunday events on the
9th, 16th and 23rd.

**This Sunday, the 9th,
CHILDREN'S CHOIRS'
PROGRAM.**

**December 16,
Lessons and Carols**

**December 23, Crafts
and Caroling**

VISION adopted (see article)

4 @ 4:00 p.m.
Christmas @ St. Luke's
'Silent Night'
birth of a carol

December 9
4pm - Fellowship Hall



**Children's musical featuring Cherub,
Jubilate & Choristers choirs.**

~ Please bring cookies to share ~

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,

Advent means "great things are a' comin'!" Just one example is the timing of our CHURCH CONFERENCE adoption of the VISION PLAN last Sunday afternoon. Thank you to the team that worked so hard and Thank you to the more than 300 persons who gave specific ideas!

Next, on December 9, we are going to give copies and share more about it, not separate from, but as a vital part of Advent worship. Then on January 13, we will have a Wesleyan Covenant Service kind of dedication as we start implementing the 5-year plan.

Be present, be prayerful, be purposeful as we move into this exciting new chapter in the St. Luke's journey of faith!

In service,Pastor Mark

LAST CALL! "ANGELS" TRIP!

This is "last call" (deadline of December 10) for our excursion to Jackson, Mississippi on Thursday, December 13. Departure is 7 a.m. and estimated arrival back at St. Luke's is 9 p.m. Cost is only \$25 plus meals.

Why go? Because of the Eudora Welty home, the "Angel" exhibit of the Mississippi Museum of Art, and great Christian fellowship.

Call 452-6262 to sign up, or stop by the Information Desk. Questions? Call **Pastor Mark** or **Pastor Emily Matheny** (Highland Heights UMC, 458-5966).

Welcome Our New Church Members



Beverly Parrish, 1993 Glendower Cv., Cordova, 38016, 737-4556. Beverly unites with St. Luke's by transfer from another United Methodist Church.

Cindy Rapp will serve as her Covenant Companion.

Carl Rosser, 366 S. Highland #903, 38111, 325-4086. Carl unites with St. Luke's by transfer from another denomination. **Billy Williams** will serve as his Covenant Companion.

Susie Lax, 4310 Fizer Avenue, 38111, 692-5684. Susie is the daughter of new member, Carl Rosser. **Joyce Massengill** will serve as her Covenant Companion.

Wouldn't a chicken sandwich and waffle fries from Chick-Fil-A hit the spot? Please check *The Epistle* dated December 18 and find out what's going on with Chick-Fil-A and St. Luke's?!?!

SYMPATHY

The members of St. Luke's extend sincere sympathy to Marge Utterback in the November 26, 2007 death of her son-in-law, Richard C. Indingaro of Memphis.

NAOMI CIRCLE, Stella Day, leader, will have their Christmas Potluck at 6:00 P.M., CLC Lounge, on Tuesday, December 11, 2007.

The **Christian Homebuilders Class** lesson schedule for Advent includes:

December 9: "The Gift of Hospitality"
led by **David Smith**

December 16: "The Gift of Giving"
led by **Mary Evelyn Goodwin**

December 23: "The Miracle of Christmas"
led by **George Green**

We welcome all who wish to join us for these lessons in Room 108 below the Sanctuary.

If you would like to purchase a POINSETTIA in honor or in memory of someone, please fill out the form below and return it, along with your payment, to the church office staff. Poinsettias this year are \$13.00 each.

...Gwynne McKenzie, Worship Committee

I/We would like to order _____ poinsettias in honor of:

from _____.

I/We would like to order _____ poinsettias in memory of:

from _____.

DEADLINE for ordering is Sunday, December 9.

MUSIC NOTES

Silent Night -- Children's Musical

The voices of children singing and warm cookies -- a great combination. Join us December 9 at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall as we enjoy both. All of our children's choirs will be singing and the Choristers will be presenting *Silent Night -- the birth of a carol*. Come see the antics of 3 mischievous church mice as they wreck the church organ before the Christmas Eve service. And in the process, our most beloved Christmas carol is born.

Thanks

Thanks to all who assisted in decorating the sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas seasons.

A Festival of Lessons and Carols December 9, 4 pm

Celebrate Advent and coming Christmas season with A Festival of Lessons and Carols. Based on the historic King's College Service of Lessons and Carols, the service will include music by the Chancel, Youth and Chorister choirs as well as Wesley Bells and instrumentalists. Don't miss this opportunity for scripture and beautiful music detailing the wonder, mystery, and joy of Christ's birth.

Prelude music will begin at 3:45 pm. A nursery will be provided.

Following Lessons and Carols, you are invited to a church-wide Christmas dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30. Menu: turkey and dressing, sweet potato casserole, green beans, cranberry sauce, rolls and pie.

Cost: \$5 - adults, \$4 - youth, \$3 - child, \$15 - family max. RESERVATIONS must be made by noon, December 13. Contact **Rorie** in the church office 452.6262.

LOYALTY-FELLOWSHIP bridge will meet in the CLC Lounge at 10:30 on December 10. **Rose Owen** and **Eleanor New**, hostesses.

SENIOR ADULT CHOIR will be sharing the joy of Christmas season with residents of Wesley Manor on Tuesday, December 11, 10:00. Join us for special music and a resident-sing a long.

GIFTS RECEIVED IN HONOR OF:

MARGARET WILLIAMS' BIRTHDAY from Margaret Harvey, Allen Williams, Mary Lynn Moore; BARBARA CALDWELL from Eleanor New; ABIGAIL SPENCE WEIDENHOFFER from her parents.

YOUTH NEWS

Hello everyone! Here's what's going on this week: Fri., Dec. 7

5-10 p.m. - Progressive Dinner
(Meet at the CLC at 5!)

Sun., Dec. 9 - 9:30 - Sunday School

3:00 - Band

4:00 - Children's Program

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

(There will be a short Choir Rehearsal during the first part of Youth, so come at 4 to the Children's Program!)

Peace

...Beth



Come one, come all! Please pick up your citrus fruit order by Sunday, December 9! Call **Beth Ryan** if you need to make alternate arrangements!

GIFTS RECEIVED IN MEMORY OF:

RUBY MOSS from Doris Eavenson, Nadine Hicks, Chuck & Nancy McPherson, Mary McKinley; BILL JENNINGS from Vickie Baselski & Bob Skinner, Ellie Appling, Ray & Margaret Tanner, Bill & Barbara Caldwell, Dr. & Mrs. Russell Wicks; DR. TOM JOLLY from St. Luke's Loyalty-Fellowship Sunday School Class, John Harris, N. Hunt Moore, Gloria & Jerry Buckaloo; CLARA MARTIN from Lola Roberts, Mr. & Mrs. B. G. Talley, Vickey Hobbs; ANN HOLLEY from Jim & Janice Sorsby, Nina Ruth Winn & family, Eula Mai Gates, Bill & Barbara Caldwell; IDA PFANSCHMIDT from Shirley Flint, Velma Simpson, Denise Embry, Heather Embry, Brittany Embry, Robert & Lori Simpson, Steve & Suellen Vann, Jewell Scarborough, Mary & Steve Palmer, Rodger & Martha Ramsey, Charles Lovelace III, Carolyn Biggert, Rhonda Jones, Mr. & Mrs. James Hightower, Blanche Vaughan, Mark & Amber Wofford, Helen & Foster Rosebrough, Vickey Hobbs, Gloria Buckaloo, Rorie, Brooke, Wesley & Price, Elizabeth Bloodworth, Jane Lovelace, Linda & Jimmy Siegfried, Stewardship Class, Cindy Earle, Mary Circle (St. Luke's UMW), Evelyn Horn, Dot Dickey, Maxine Turner, Ellie Appling, Ray & Fay Weatherly, Mary & Claude McCord, Mr. & Mrs. John H. Harris (*partial list*)ing

CHURCH CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, December 5

- 6:45 am – Men’s Prayer Breakfast (FH)
- 9:00 am – 12 Noon – American Sewing Guild (CLC Mtg. Rm)
- 5:45 pm – Wednesday Night Dinner
- 6:30 pm – Jacob’s Ladder Presentation (Chapel)
 - Leadership from the Heart (CLC Mtg. Room)
 - Helping Hands (CLC)
 - Intersection (CLC Lounge)
 - Children’s Choirs (Choristers in Fellowship Hall)
 - Youth (3rd floor)
- 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, December 6

- 9:00 am – Sit & Be Fit Chair Aerobics (CLC)
- 10:00 am – Small Group (211)
- 12:00 Noon – Loyalty-Fellowship Class Christmas Party (FH)
- 6:00 pm – Ministry of Love Meeting (Parlor)
- 7:00 pm – Trustee / Finance Meeting (211)

FRIDAY, December 7 - CHURCH OFFICES / CLC CLOSED

- 9:00 am – Day School Christmas Program (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, December 8, 2007

- 9:00 am – Noon – Children’s Dress Rehearsal
- 4:30 pm – Soup Kitchen (FH)

SUNDAY, December 9

- 8:30 am – Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:00 – 11:00 am – Library open (211)
- 9:00 – 9:30 am – Blood Pressure Check (UMW/first aid room)
- 9:15 – 9:45 am – Adult Coffee Fellowship (Lobby)
- 9:30 am – Sunday School
- 10:30 – 10:50 am – Blood Pressure Check (UMW/first aid room)
- 10:50 am – Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 Noon – Red Letter Christmas Party (CLC Lounge)
- 3:00 pm – Youth Band (3rd floor)
- 4:00 pm – Children’s Christmas Musical (FH)
- 5:00 pm – Youth Dinner
- 5:00 pm – Wesley Bells

MONDAY, December 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 pm – Jesus is Lord Basketball (CLC)

TUESDAY, December 11

- 9:00 am – Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics (CLC)
- 10:00 am – Senior Choir Singing at Manor
- 10:30 am – 1st Methodist UMW Meeting & Lunch (CLC Lounge)
- 5:30-7:00 pm – Neighborhood Meeting (FH)
- 6:00 pm – UMW Naomi (CLC Lounge)
- 6:30 pm – Cub Scouts Meeting (Children’s Building)
- 7:00 pm – Boy Scouts (CLC)

WEDNESDAY, December 12

- 6:45 am – Men’s Prayer Breakfast (FH)
- 11:00 am – Kings Daughters (CLC Lounge)
- 6:30 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, December 13

- 9:00 am – Sit & Be Fit Chair Aerobics (CLC)
- 10:00 am – Small Group (211)
- 5:30 pm – 300 Group Meeting (CLC Lounge)

FRIDAY, December 14 - CHURCH OFFICES / CLC CLOSED

SATURDAY, December 15, 2007

- 12:00 Noon – Stewardship Class Party (FH)
- 1:00 pm – Ford/Gouge Christmas Party (Parlor)
- 4:30 pm – Soup Kitchen (FH)

RADIO BROADCAST - WREC 600 AM

Sunday, December 9, 2007

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Given in appreciation of St. Luke’s Ministries

10:50 MUSIC: “Every Valley” Chancel Choir

RECORD OF LOYALTY - DEC. 2, 2007

Attendance

Sunday School			<u>248</u>
Worship	8:30	<u>67</u>	10:50 <u>348</u>
			<u>415</u>

2007 Pledge Update

Budget received	\$18,715.00
Thanksgiving Offering	\$ 4,178.00

A Tribute to Rorie

A person who is laudatory
Surely must give praise to Rorie!
She helps all of St. Luke’s tick,
With calls and prayers and notes that stick;
She cares and shares in spite of snares,
And counsels any soul that bares
Most any problem, glitch or woe;
Her spirit is so much aglow
That every person, woman, man,
Should be a true-blue Rorie fan.
So, “Love ‘ya, Rorie and, y’know,
We really hate to see ya’ go,
But we’re really glad you’re still aroun’
You’re Rorie Read, ‘Toast of the Town’!”

Dr. U. Noe Hoo

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