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In the neighborhood for good!

Gifts of the Spirit

When I was young, my mother had a large, king-sized, fluffy blanket on her bed that she jokingly called "the holy comforter." I remember happy times, and some sad and scary times, when she would (I would, we would) crawl in that bed and pull those covers up over our heads and wrap that "holy comforter" around us. It did indeed bring comfort and peace and calm. I imagine that is the way that most of us have thought of the Holy Spirit throughout our lives, as a comfort, as a peaceful presence, even as a place to hide when the world became too much.

This season, I wonder if God might be encouraging us to peek out from under those covers, to feel the sun on our faces, and to see what else this gift of the Spirit might mean to us. Perhaps we have too often thought of the Spirit as a gift to each of us individually to help us through our personal struggles and as a reminder that we are never alone. That is always true, but scripture also makes it very clear that the Spirit is a gift to us together to share with one another.

The scriptures we have been reading in worship from the book of Acts tell us of the Spirit being a gift of courage. The Spirit inspired the previously frightened and confused disciples to speak out about the power of the living Christ. The Spirit filled them with an abiding presence for sure, but also an overflowing joy that they could not help but share. It gave them an understanding and an assurance of what they had seen and heard in the life and teachings of Jesus, but also an ability to see and hear what the risen Christ was doing to transform the world. What have you seen and heard? What are you looking for? Who are you listening to? The Spirit gives us the ability to see with the eyes of Christ and have the same mind and heart that was in Christ Jesus when we are willing to open ourselves up.

May the Spirit be to us not just holy comfort, but holy boldness to witness to our faith in all that we do and say.

Peace,

Sally

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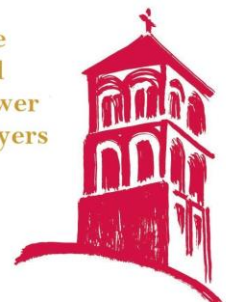
Opening Day
this Saturday!
8-12
Come get your
strawberries!
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New feature:
**Kids'
Corner**



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The
Bell
Tower
Players



Successful return to the ELUMC stage! Read all about it, Lay Leader article, page 6

Last meeting of Women's Group for the Spring



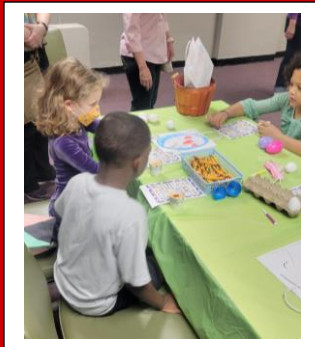
This Sunday, May 8, will be the last East Lake Women's Group meeting of the Spring. We will be meeting in the first floor meeting room at 10 a.m.

- It will be lots of fun! Plans include:
- practicing a fun, new Body Movement prayer (don't worry . . . it's very easy and simple!)
 - sharing some yummy treats together!
 - sharing feedback on the group and input for future ELWG endeavors
 - spending time together!

I am excited to see you all on Sunday and am here for any questions you may have!

With love,
Leslie

Photos from last month's Egg-Stravaganza:



More smiles, page 5!

The East Lake Market is back!

Join with the community each Saturday for great fun and delicious food at the East Lake Farmers Market. Opening day is May 7. You can expect enticing baked goods, beautiful produce, activities, and community resources. The Market runs through October 8, each Saturday 8-12. While you're there, check out the thrift store and the bookstore.

Don't forget!

You can "attend" Wednesday morning Bible Study on the phone!

Call (705) 802-5362, key in 5935026#

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May Birthdays

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 *Danielle Self	12	13	14
15	16 *Kay Miller	17	18	19 *Wesley Harbin	20	21
22	23	24 *Sally Allocca	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 *Alma Boggan				

“Keep on praying for the saints . . .”

Ephesians 6:18

There are many unspoken prayers in our congregation, in addition to these listed:

Please pray for

**Gary Sandridge
Bill Self**

Jane Phares (shoulder surgery on May 10)

And continue praying for

Our world leaders

The people of Ukraine and all affected by the war

*We extend our sympathies to the family of **Roy Stegall**, who passed away on May 1. Roy and his late wife Lou were faithful members of the church before they moved across town to Galleria Woods. He continued to follow the activities of the church after moving.*

Please keep the Stegall family in your prayers as they go through this time of grief.



After a rather confusing plan for April, the Boomers had a wonderful time going to Rusty’s Barbeque in Leeds. Delicious barbeque and other entrees, plus pies that were out of this world, had us leaving there more than satisfied! Plus, the fellowship is always the best.

In May, let’s go to one of our old favorites, Niki’s West. We’ll meet there at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 20.

We’ve had wonderful crowds at our last two gatherings, even with a number of our regulars out of pocket. Let’s keep it up, and hope that those absent regulars will be able to join us this month! Be sure and give one (or more) of them a call and tell them we need them with us this time!



Music Notes 'midst Organ-izing

Some have asked, "What is Barry so intensely involved with in his organ world these days? Well, first of all, thank you for your thoughtful care. Secondly, here's the short version answer.

St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Southside, like us at ELUMC, has a special mission to minister to the needy, the outcast, those who are "different," those not welcome elsewhere, and they've been actively living out that mission for 70 years. I've always loved them. Coupled with that is their original 102-year-old Austin organ. It had fallen into disrepair, and about 20 years ago, the church bought another organ and placed it in a gallery. Nonetheless, it's always been my dream for much longer than that to bring the old organ back to life; I was even sitting in a service there way back then, and thinking about how I would go about it, and which pipes I could find for it!

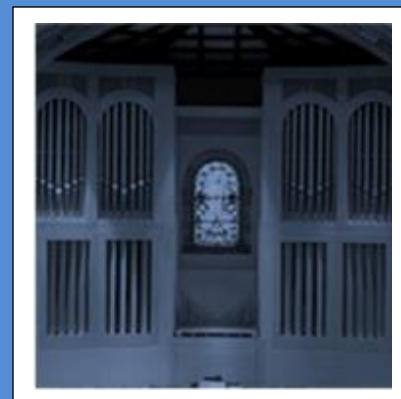
Fast forward to 2012, when my (our) good friend, Steve Calvert came there as organist and choir master. He wanted the same thing as I, and called on his old friend, Bair, to put together a local crew, with some help from elsewhere, to bring it about. Beginning in 2015, we set out to accomplish the impossible with very few resources. Like us, they try to give back a lot of their resources!

First, Jim Schmidt, Brant Duddy, and John Schwandt, over a number of trips here (sound familiar?), made the newer 2000 organ into a better service-playing instrument, along with some of my stash from the house organ. It had some issues also! Then came the time to find a better console to control all the pipes; the existing one needed a good bonfire!

To be continued next month.

Love,

Barry



Diner Days!

We are excited the Downstairs Diner is now open for in-house dining. If you haven't already, come meet our new kitchen crew and experience the delicious food they have to offer. In addition to a hot meal at a great price, you can also purchase baked goods and casseroles for a treat for a friend or when you want to take a break from cooking.



In addition to this good stuff, we are also offering some fun for your dining pleasure. Look for craft groups to learn a new skill or enjoy your crafting with good company. Wednesday is game day. Join with friends for a game of Mexican Train Dominos or Bingo. Don't know how to play? It's high time you learned. And Thursdays is music day. We will have live music every first Thursday and coming soon, Barry will offer either a mini concert on the organ or have a hymn sing on second Thursdays. We are also planning to offer a fun class to learn to play the Melody Bells. Sign-ups are available in the diner.

Kids' Corner

Prayer for the Easter season

When Jesus was raised from the dead, all the people were amazed at what You had done. God, please help us be amazed at the small miracles of resurrection all around us. Sunshine, rainbows, soil, friends, and family all remind us that Your presence is everywhere. Thank You for the small and big miracles of life. Help us to notice and pay attention to the new and growing things all around us: baby birds in their nests, buds on plants and trees, flowers in bloom. These new things teach us about resurrection and show us the joy of new life. God, help us to notice and pay attention to the new and growing things all around us. Amen.

Ways to celebrate the Easter season:

Look for rainbows! Buy a suncatcher at the Dollar Tree or find a prism to hang in a window. Use it as a cue to remember to thank God for miracles of new life, light, and color.

Compost: food scraps and trash can become deep, rich soil. It is a great example of transformation and resurrection. It doesn't take much space or effort. Research the method that works best for your family or find a community garden near by.

Upcycle or recycle: Make something old and worn out new again. Make a birdfeeder from a milk jug. Turn old and broken crayons into new creations by melting them down in mini muffin tins. Make art out of egg cartons or plastic lids.

And join us for Kids Corner in person!

Join us once a month for a special day at the Farmers Market just for kids! We will meet at the kid's tent from 10 – 12 for stories, games, and lots of fun. Come and learn about how God made you very special and how much you are loved. Listen out for specific dates.

SUPER SENIORS

Hi, friends!

What a lovely time we had eating at Chicken Salad Chick in April! Again, we were missing some of our group, but we continue to hope those folks will join us this month and the months to come.

Here are my ideas for the next three months:

- *Tuesday, May 3 (early, I know) – Movie at 10 a.m. in the office conference room
- *Tuesday, June 14 – Lunch at the Three-Earred [sic] Rabbit in Leeds
- *Tuesday, July 12 – BINGO!

Hope to see you at all these! - Jane

More smiles from the Easter Eggs-stravaganza!



Lectionary Readings for May

I keep your word close, in my heart, so that I won't sin against you.
Psalm 119:11 (CEB)

Sunday, May 1 – Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)
Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

Sunday, May 8 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

Sunday, May 15 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

Sunday, May 22 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
John 14:23-29 or 5:1-9

Sunday, May 29 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26

from your Lay Leader . . .

Dear friends,

What a busy month it has been! The office has been buzzing, as the PEER employees work to get ready for the opening of the market on Saturday the 7th. The main building was buzzing, too, with the Diner going strong with in-house lunches, as well as the preparations for the production of *Blithe Spirit* last weekend, that kept some of us out after our bedtime! How joyful it is to see so much going on again!

I have to focus once again on the wonderful experience we had “putting on” the play for you and the other members of our congregation/church family who attended one of the four performances. We had great crowds, and I want to personally thank each of you who came and supported the Bell Tower Players. While the majority of cast and crew members are not members of our church, several of us are, so we really appreciated your presence. For those who didn't get to come, I wanted to share some photos, but space, once again, is limited. Here are a couple, though. Thanks again, and love to all of you!



Cheering for you,
Jane (Phares)

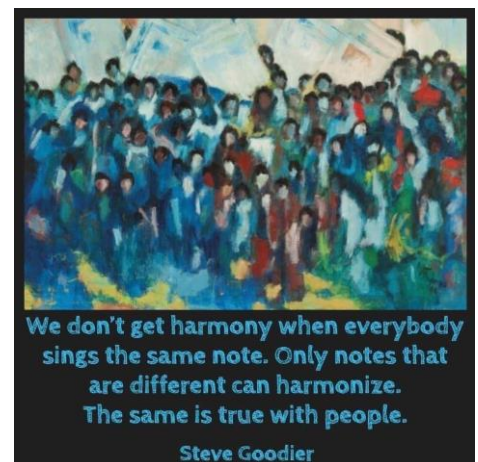
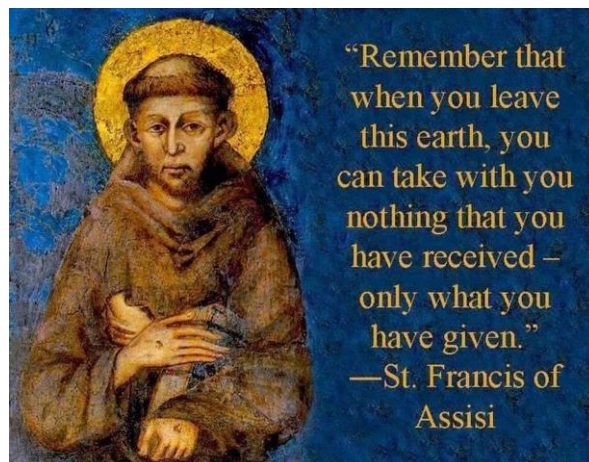


(That's Melinda Adkins on the left)



May 2022 Menus

Tuesday, May 3	Mac & cheese, pinto beans, collard greens, cornbread
Wednesday, May 4	Baked chicken, au gratin potatoes, green peas, bread roll
Thursday, May 5	Taco salad, kernel corn, tortilla chips, fruit
Tuesday, May 10	Chicken salad, sliced tomatoes, crackers, fruit
Wednesday, May 11	Mac & cheese, cabbage, butter beans, cornbread
Thursday, May 12	Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green peas, bread roll
Tuesday, May 17	Pork chops, roasted vegetables, rice pilaf, bread roll
Wednesday, May 18	Mac & cheese, collard greens, black eye peas, cornbread
Thursday, May 19	Baked or fried fish, French fries, cole slaw, bread roll
Tuesday, May 24	Beef patty with gravy, mashed potatoes, green peas, bread roll
Wednesday, May 25	Chicken tetrazzini, salad, bread roll
Thursday, May 26	Tuna salad, sliced tomatoes, crackers, fruit



May 2022

Sunday, May 1

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
 Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)
 Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)
Blithe Spirit – 2 p.m. (Wesley Hall)

Tuesday, May 3

Senior movie – 10 a.m. (Office conference room)
 Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wednesday, May 4

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (Parlor or by phone)
 Evening Bible Study – 6-7 p.m. (1st floor meeting room)

Thursday, May 5

Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Saturday, May 7

Farmers Market Opening Day – 8 a.m-12 noon
 Thrift Store - 8 a.m-12 noon

Sunday, May 8

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
 Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)
 Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)

Tuesday, May 10

Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wednesday, May 11

Adult Bible Study - 11 a.m. (Parlor or by phone)
 Evening Bible Study – 6-7 p.m. (1st floor meeting room)

Thursday, May 12

Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Saturday, May 14

Farmers Market – 8 a.m-12 noon
 Thrift Store - 8 a.m-12 noon

Sunday, May 15

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
 Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)
 Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)
 Staff-Parish Committee meeting – 2 p.m.
 (Office conference room)

Tuesday, May 17

Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wednesday, May 18

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (Parlor or by phone)
 Evening Bible Study – 6-7 p.m. (1st floor meeting room)

Thursday, May 19

Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Friday, May 20

Boomers dinner event – 6:00 p.m. (Niki's West)

Saturday, May 21

Farmers Market – 8 a.m-12 noon
 Thrift Store - 8 a.m-12 noon

Sunday, May 22

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
 Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)
 Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)

Tuesday, May 24

Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wednesday, May 25

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (Parlor or by phone)
 Evening Bible Study – 6-7 p.m. (1st floor meeting room)

Thursday, May 26

Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Saturday, May 28

Farmers Market – 8 a.m-12 noon
 Thrift Store - 8 a.m-12 noon

Sunday, May 29

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
 Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)
 Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day – OFFICE AND DINER CLOSED



Tuesday May 31

Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.