



East Lake
United Methodist Church

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In the neighborhood for good!

Back to School

As most of you know, it's back to school time. Parents are busily buying school supplies, new clothes, and shoes. Teachers and students are saying goodbye to summer and working on getting back into a routine. There is an excitement and a nervous energy in the air. Some children and teachers are happy to be back in the classroom, and others are anxious about how well they will succeed this year. If you have kids or grandkids headed off to school or college, we are praying for a healthy, happy year for all involved.

Around here, we are excited about the possibilities of getting after-school care started. We don't have all the details in place yet, and it will probably look a bit different, but we are excited to welcome children back into our building again after the long Covid hiatus. We are also connecting with an area junior high school located in the St. Barnabas building, I3 Academy, to support and pray for their teachers.

I wonder if all of us might look at this time as a time, not only as a time of prayer for others, but also as a time of preparation and learning for ourselves. In the book *Manna and Mercy*, Daniel Erlander talks about the time the Hebrew children spent wandering after God set them free from Pharaoh, and the time that Jesus spent facing temptation at the "Wilderness School." It was a time of questions and struggle. It was a time to decide what kind of person God was calling them to be and a time to decide their answer.

It seems that all of us are in trying times these days. A time when the questions are hard, and the answers are even harder to come by. Some of us have personal struggles that make these days even more difficult. Just like any school child, we need to be prepared for this Wilderness School in which we are all enrolled. We need to have the supplies we need – our experience, our reason, our tradition, and scripture. We need to make good friends, build new and strengthen old relationships. We need to make sure we are ready to focus by spending time in prayer, taking time to rest, and studying for the work we will be called to do. This time and how we spend it will determine the disciples we are and will become. Let us commit to this being a good school year for us all.

Peace,
Sally

A Letter from Leslie

East Lake family,

Many of you had been praying for our "Why Church?" gathering that happened near the end of July, and I wanted to update you that the gathering was fruitful, fun, and meaningful for all. I enjoyed making connections with some people I had not met before, and I hope these relationships continue to blossom as we explore life together. Thank you for your prayers.

We will be starting more similar outreach activities this Fall to continue connecting us with people we've never met or people we have not seen in a while. We will continue providing spaces for people that aren't active in church to belong and meet other good people. I ask you to continue praying explicitly for these relationship-building plans as they unfold. May God open our eyes to see the people around us who need a community. May God give us the peace and encouragement to personally and gently invite those people to a gathering this Fall. And may God open the hearts of those who may be interested in joining us for some fun and fulfilling conversations. We can plan and prepare all we want, but prayer is truly the greatest resource we have.

With love,
Leslie

What is the best remedy for the heat?



An ice-cold melon from the

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While several types of plastic can be recycled by curbside bins, those that have the number 5 imprinted on them won't be recycled that way. However, Community on the Rise downtown has the resources to clean, shred, melt down, and create new things out of #5 plastics (including yogurt tubs, laundry detergent lids, pill bottles, takeout containers, & storage bins). Check out their recycled coasters, mini pots, and jewelry pictured here.



#5 PLASTICS RECYCLING DRIVE

- 1) Bring #5s to church with you on Sundays and drop off in the marked box in the glass door area. **OR**
- 2) Bring #5s to the box in the church office and drop them off during the week.



Not only is this a benefit for the environment by eliminating post-consumer waste, COTR employs survivors of trauma, poverty, and homelessness in order to do so. This empowering ministry also sells the recycled goods as fundraising for their ID recovery program that helps people regather important documents. So, make sure to check the plastics in your home, collect #5s, and donate in the glass door entrance area or church office.

August Birthdays

	1 *Gary Sandridge	2	3	4	5 *Tom Preston	6
7	8 *George Coward	9 *Carol Duncan	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 *LeAnn Hill	19	20 *Lin Livingston
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 *Jim Briley
28 *June Dodson	29	30	31			

“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

Alma Boggan
Mattie Lou Harrison
Kathy Bassham Jackson
Jane Phares
Tom Preston
Gary Sandridge
Bill Self

And for

**The people affected by the floods in Kentucky
 and the wildfires in the western U. S.**

Our world leaders

**The people of Ukraine and all affected by the
 war**

The Bell Tower Players return!

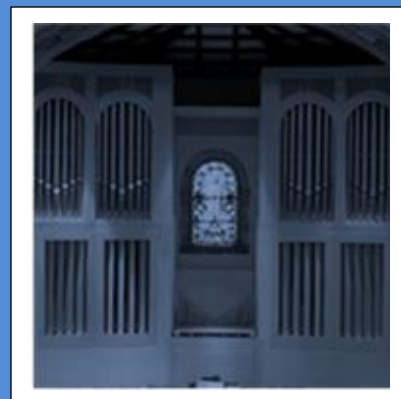
This fall, specifically September 29-October 2, the Bell Tower Players will present “The Hallelujah Girls,” a hilarious comedy about a woman and her friends who are determined to turn a dilapidated, abandoned church into a fine day spa.



Maybe you want to audition! We'll need six women in there 50s or 60s, and two men of the same age range. Auditions are Sunday, August 7, from 3-4 p.m., or from 6-7 on either Monday the 8th or Tuesday the 9th, all in Wesley Hall. We'll also need folks for the prop team and other crews. Let Jane Phares know if you are interested in being a part!

Music Notes 'midst Organ-izing

Before the pipes go onto their chests, Dr Schwandt has to voice them. Much work must be done on each individual pipe! Flue pipes, such as the ones you see from your place in the pew, are nothing but big and little whistles. Each must be adjusted for speed of speech, vowel sound (ah, oo, ee, uh, etc.), volume, tone color, just to name a few things. Then they all must be adjusted to match their neighbors (except in pitch!). Most organ keyboards in America have 61 keys, so there are 61 pipes in each rank (set) of pipes, one for each key. They range from eight feet long at low C to three inches at top C.



How do we go about doing all this? The raw or re-voiced ranks must go into a voicing room. Inside with the pipes and a human (voicer), is what is called a *voicing machine* (or jack). It consists of 1. a 61-note keyboard, 2. a chest with the appropriate sized hole for each pipe to sit on, 3. a wind source (blower) to generate the air, 4. a bellows (air reservoir) to make sure the air pressure remains the same no matter how many pipes are played, and 5. a rectifier to change AC to low voltage DC, along with an electrical relay to make sure air goes into the correct pipe when a certain key is pressed. Essentially, you now have a one-rank pipe organ. This “little organ” allows the voicer, in this case John Schwandt, to work on the pipes one at a time, and then all together.

I was able to put this all together from my “stash” of supplies from over the past 40 years! More next time, so “stay tuned.”

Love,

Barry



All right, Boomers, you asked for it! Well, *you* didn't ask for it, only Tom Duley did. This month we're having another potluck in the Diner (bring whatever you like), and we'll play “Name That Tune.” Last month, you were instructed to brush up on tunes from the 50s, 60s, and 70s (to cover all the eras of the Boomers, although we probably should include the 80s—and we may). There will be several types of rounds, including “Fastest Hands,” “Ring That Bell,” “Name That Artist,” “Taboo That Tune,” and “Bid a Tune,” among others. It's going to be loads of fun, and as always, great fellowship and food!

This event will be in the Diner on Friday night, August 26 (to give your host time to get it all together). Try to contact someone who hasn't been with us in awhile and invite them.



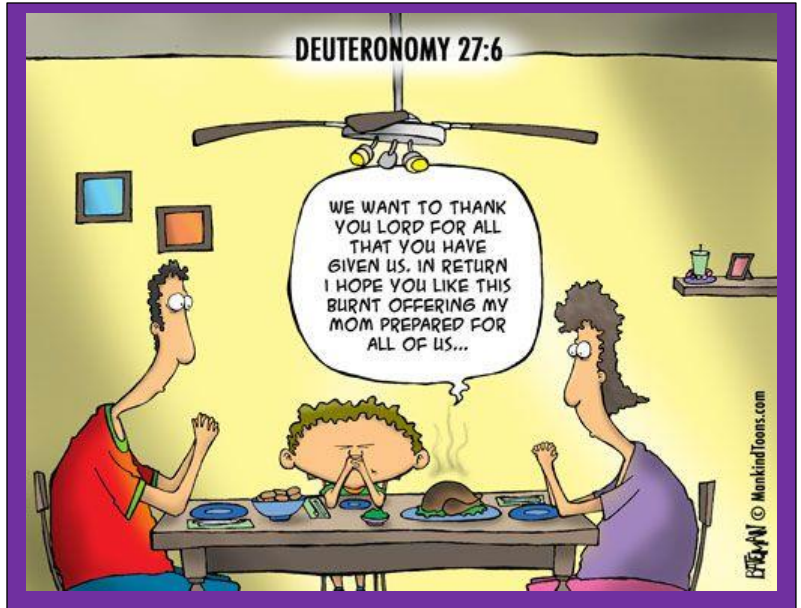
Seniors, we're going to take the month of August off, even though we had a wonderful group to pay Bingo in July (see photo below). In September we'll start back with our movie, food, and Bingo rotation. Let Jane know what movie you'd like to see when next we meet!



Bingo even brought out some newbies! Hooray!

Kids' Corner

Our next Kid's Corner at the Market will be on August 20 from 10 -12. Our theme is Back to School!



Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, ¹⁷learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. – Isaiah 1:16-17 (scripture on August 7)

New and exciting!

← Come jam with Leslie Adams on the first Friday of the month, and either add your instrument to the mix, or just listen, hum along, and enjoy!

ponder with the pastor AT THE PUBLIC HOUSE



Come chat with Pastor Sally every 3rd Thursday of the month at True Story Brewery from 5:30-7pm.

All questions of faith and life concerns are fair game. Call Sally at (205) 821-8804 for more information.

Join Sally at the Brewery to discuss any questions you have about faith or life. Following Jesus's → example of meeting the people where they are, Sally is going out of our comfort zone to see who she can meet.

Lectionary Readings for August

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

Sunday, August 7 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

Sunday, August 14 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19

Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56

Sunday, August 21 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6

Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

Sunday, August 28 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 2:4-13
Psalm 81:1, 10-16

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

from your Lay Leader . . .

A few weeks ago, we had the opportunity to send thank-you notes to those in our congregation who have been an inspiration to us, or who have contributed to our spiritual growth, or who have otherwise meant a great deal to us over the course of our lives. It made me think about how often we say “thank you,” or *don't* say thank you even when it is merited. I know I'm guilty of appreciating in the moment that I receive a card, or a phone call, or some other expression of love, support, or friendship, but I don't always take the time to say “thank you.” I know it's cheating to say thanks in my *Chimes* article, but due to my continuing shoulder problems, it's easier to type than to handwrite a note. So I want to first say thanks to **Jane Walker** and **Jan Briley** for writing me lovely notes in response to the “thank you note” activity we did several weeks ago. And then I want to say thanks to **Leatha Norman** for calling me and **Carol Hay** for checking on me almost daily during and after my recent hospital stay. And to **Bob Chapman** for all the birthday cards he has sent over the years. All of these expressions meant a lot to me, whether I said it out loud or not, but I should have said it out loud.

And as I enumerate the people I needed to thank (and I'm sure there are others I've let slip my mind), I realize the number of people I haven't reached out to to thank, to express my support, to let them know I was praying for them, to just say “I thought about you today.”

These expressions of love are important. We all get wrapped up in our own “stuff,” so much so that we don't “reach out and touch someone,” as the old commercial said. I promise to be better. Let's all promise to be better in showing our love for each other in this way.

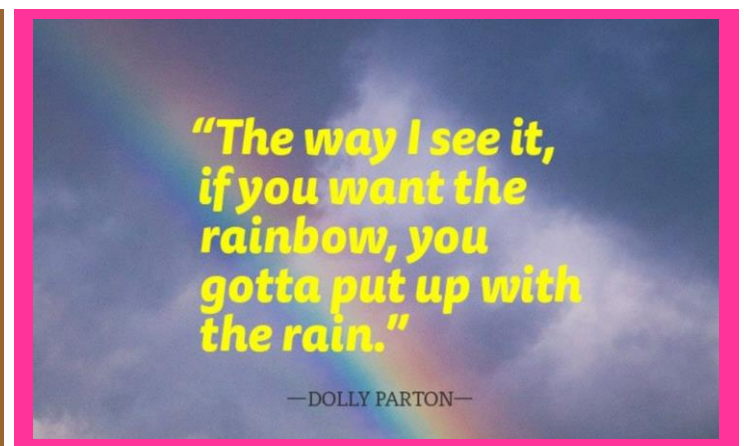
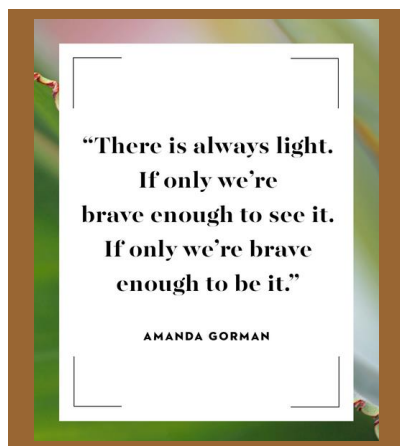
Cheering for you,

Jane (Phares)



August 2022 Menus

Tuesday, August 2	Hamburger with gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet peas
Wednesday, August 3	Chicken Alfredo, garden salad, roll
Thursday, August 4	Baked or fried fish, French fries, coleslaw
Tuesday, August 9	Macaroni & cheese, black-eyed peas, collard greens, cornbread
Wednesday, August 10	Pork chops, au gratin potatoes, green beans, roll
Thursday, August 11	Loaded baked potatoes with meat, dessert
Tuesday, August 16	Taco salad, kernel corn, tortilla chips, fruit
Wednesday, August 17	Macaroni & cheese, steamed cabbage, butter beans, cornbread
Thursday, August 18	Baked or fried fish, baked beans, coleslaw
Tuesday, August 23	Chicken salad with sliced tomatoes, crackers, fruit
Wednesday, August 24	Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, roasted zucchini, roll
Thursday, August 25	Baked chicken, rice pilaf, green beans, roll
Tuesday, August 30	Barbeque pulled pork, baked beans, French fries
Wednesday, August 31	Spaghetti with meat sauce, garden salad, roll
Thursday, August 28	Barbecue pulled pork, baked beans, fries



August 2022

Tuesday, August 2

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wednesday, August 3

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (Parlor or by phone)

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thursday, August 4

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Friday, August 5

Clean and Sober Jam Session – 6-8 p.m.
(Downstairs Diner)

Saturday, August 6

Farmers Market – 8 a.m-12 noon

Thrift Store – open 9 a.m-12 noon

Sunday, August 7

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)

Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)

Auditions for *The Hallelujah Girls* – 3-4 p.m.

(Wesley Hall unless otherwise announced)

Monday, August 8

Auditions for *The Hallelujah Girls* – 6-7 p.m.

(Wesley Hall unless otherwise announced)

Tuesday, August 9

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Auditions for *The Hallelujah Girls* – 6-7 p.m.

(Wesley Hall unless otherwise announced)

Wednesday, August 10

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (Parlor or by phone)

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thursday, August 11

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Saturday, August 13

Farmers Market – 8 a.m-12 noon

Thrift Store – open 9 a.m-12 noon

Sunday, August 14

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary) (cont.)

Sunday, August 14 (continued)

Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)

Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)

Staff Parish Committee Meeting - 2 p.m. (Office Conference Room)

Tuesday, August 16

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wednesday, August 17

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (Parlor or by phone)

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thursday, August 18

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Ponder with the Pastor – 5:30-7 p.m. (True Story Brewery, Crestwood Shopping Center)

Saturday, August 20

Farmers Market – 8 a.m-12 noon

Thrift Store – 9 a.m-12 noon

Kids' Corner – 10 a.m – 12 noon

Sunday, August 21

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)

Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)

Tuesday, August 23

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wednesday, August 24

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (Parlor or by phone)

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thursday, August 25

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Saturday, August 27

Farmers Market – 8 a.m-12 noon

Thrift Store – open 9 a.m-12 noon

Sunday, August 28

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)

Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)

OOPS! OUT OF ROOM. HOW DID THAT HAPPEN?