



**East Lake**  
United Methodist Church

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*In the neighborhood for good!*

## **Lessons from a Stray Cat**

I am a pet lover, which many of you already know. I've had pets all my life. Almost all of them were strays, animals that found me rather than the other way around.

Recently, I had an orange "teenage" cat hanging out on my carport, watching my birdfeeder and sleeping under my car. He was used to people. He let me pet him and eventually even let me pick him up. I fed him a few times, even let him in the house briefly, and, eventually, we had a regular thing going. I started making plans to bring him inside, to keep him safe from dogs and cars. I made an appointment to get him neutered and checked out by a vet before bringing him around my other animals on a permanent basis. He became a bright spot in my day before and after work, and then, one day, he was gone—just completely gone. I tell myself that he was probably running a scam with a number of the neighbors and someone else beat me to the punch of making him their own. I fear that something bad befell him. I have a hard time getting that out of my head. It's given me perspective on how I see not just animals, but also people on the margins of our society, people who have no real place to call home.

I wonder why he had no place to be. Did someone put him out or did he run away? I wonder with people if their misfortune is because they made bad choices, if they are lazy, or are just scamming me when they ask for help. Like Jesus' disciples asking him, "Teacher, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?", I wonder whose fault it is.

I wonder if I made him dependent or even vulnerable by feeding him. I wonder if he let his guard down and didn't see the predators coming because I had taken care of him. I wonder if I should not feed the next stray to come along. There are too many of them anyway, right? It's too hard, too expensive, and too painful when they eventually disappear or disregard your care, or eat the birds that you are also feeding. It's not my problem, I try to tell myself. Let them take care of themselves or let someone else do it.

But then, I remember Jesus' answer to the disciples, "Neither, it was so God's works might be revealed in him." Perhaps when we feed those who cannot repay us and who might never become a part of our family, we bring glory to God and joy to ourselves. I know that that little cat had some happy days on my carport and was well taken care of however briefly. I think that matters. I believe it is the same with people. I believe that we are called to care in our hearts and in our actions for those in our community. Even if we cannot save everyone or fix all the many problems, we can all love the person in front of us every single time. It is what Jesus asks us to do.

Peace,  
*Sally*

## A Letter from Leslie

Friends,

Another wonderful month at East Lake UMC! I am very excited for September as far as outreach goes! We are going to launch a new small group in just a few weeks that will, like our recent "Why Church?" event, be different from our usual programming. We are hoping that people not associated with East Lake or church at all sign up for this designated small group as a way to continue providing space for new people to talk about spirituality and our complex lives as human beings. I am praying that, through this small group, those who aren't coming to church still feel like they belong and that they are loved just how they are. It will be a space to ask hard questions and share experiences together, hopefully so that they might feel more connected to our church in the long run.

As we lead up to this small group starting, I hope that you will continue in prayer. Please pray explicitly for our church, for this group and for the friends we'll meet through the group, for people's hearts to feel open to joining the small group, and for your eyes to be opened to the people around you that you may invite to a fun church event sometime soon.

Remember that personal invitations are the most effective! I know that sharing about church can sometimes be intimidating and difficult to do in the right way. It's hard to find the courage or the right words to say. While we should always be very open, personable, friendly, gentle, and respectful, you don't have to say the perfect thing to anyone on the spot. God uses imperfect people to make wonderful things happen. Please reach out to me if you need help reaching out to others and inviting them to some of the fun programming East Lake offers, because I would love to help you and provide you with resources. You can do this! YOU and YOUR PRAYERS are our biggest resources for outreach in the church.

Love and peace,

*leslie*



## An update from your Finance Committee

Because of the faithful giving of so many of our members, we were able to keep our bills up to date in the first half of the year. We have seen a slight drop off in giving during the summer months. Since our utility expenses are higher in the summer, there was a deficit in August. We are asking for you to help by keeping your pledge up to date and by making an over and above gift if you are able. Thank you for your support.

## Wednesday Evening Bible Study Resumes

The Wednesday evening Bible study focusing on the Gospel of Luke will begin on Wednesday, September 14, at 6 PM.

If you plan to attend please read the following material before the first session of the study: Luke 1:1-4 and Luke 3:1-38.

Rev. Tom Duley



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# September Birthdays

				1 *Victoria Warren	2	3
4	5	6 *Joy Dorriety *Doreen Duley	7	8 *Jane Phares *Jeff Willoughby	9	10
11	12 *Nancy Anderson *Dennis Garner	13	14 *Martha Mosley	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

*“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*

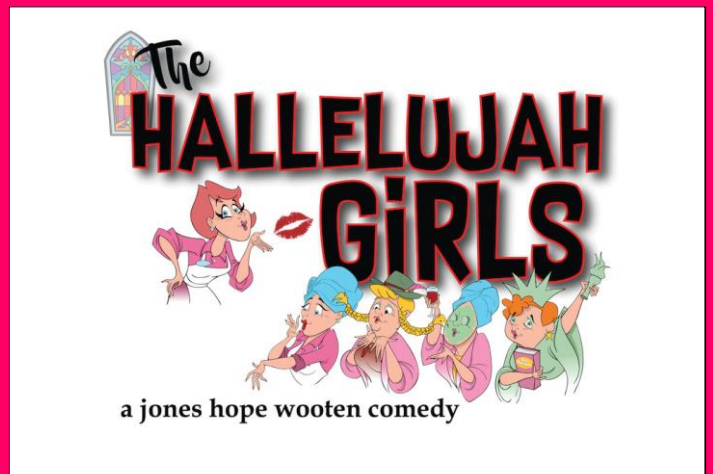
Alma Boggan  
 Mattie Lou Harrison  
 Kathy Bassham Jackson  
 Jane Phares  
 Tom Preston  
 Gary Sandridge  
 Bill Self

*And for*

All in our country affected by wildfires and  
 floods

Our world leaders  
 The people of Ukraine, and those all around the  
 world, affected by war

**The Bell Tower  
 Players Present . . .**

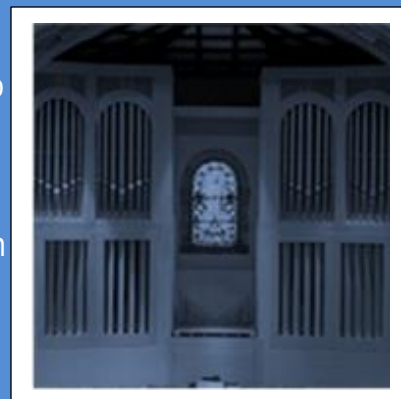


**September 29 – October 1  
 Nightly at 7:30 p.m.  
 and October 2  
 at 2:30 p.m.**

*Come laugh with us!*

## Music Notes 'midst Organ-izing

Last month, we talked about the voicing of flue pipes, and the voicing machine used to do such. Now, let's go with those that make up the "non flue" pipes in the organ (perhaps 15 percent in all). These are its "reed" pipes; they are more complicated animals! They give the organ a lot of its color, much of which is "copied" from the woodwind and brass sections of the orchestra (oboes, clarinets, French horns, English O horns, etc.). Then there are the reed ones that give the organ its fire (trumpets, trombones, tubas, and many varieties of such). Most all of an organ's reed pipes are not visible, because quite frankly, they aren't very pretty. There is one exception, that being when very loud trumpets are mounted horizontally in a prominent location in the organ's case. They are called "*trompette en chamade*." I don't choose to use them because I find them "blatty," sometimes even ugly. They are hard to tune and work on, and I, and some significant builders, see them as a fad, on the way out!



A reed pipe has a number of components. #1, there's its resonator which is approximately as long as a corresponding flue pipe. At the base of the resonator is #2, a lead block. Into that block goes #3, a brass shallot, sometimes cylindrical, sometime tapered; it has a flattening on about a fourth of its circumference. Vibrating against that is #4, a brass tongue, which must be flattened or curved. Said tongue and shallot are held into the block by #5, a brass wedge. The pipe is tuned by #6, a copper wire up and down. #3 through #6 extend partially into the resonator. The rest is covered by #7, a removable zinc boot.

Grrrr!

Love,

*Barry*



Due to the postponement of our August "Name That Tune" competition, we are rescheduling said competition and potluck for Friday, September 23, at 6 p.m. in the Diner

*Be there or be square!*



Hello, Senior friends!

After a month off in August, we will meet again in September for a movie. Our feature this month will be *Steel Magnolias*. Probably most of you have already seen it, but we can laugh and cry together this time as we watch this classic starring Shirley McClaine, Sally Field, and Dolly Parton, among a cast of all-stars.

We'll meet on Tuesday, September 20, at 10 a.m. in the office conference room.

As last month's *Chimes* said, this begins our rotation. In October, we'll either go to lunch or meet in the diner together. Then in November AND December, we'll do everyone's favorite—BINGO! Dates will be announced in upcoming issues of *The Chimes*. Stay tuned!



## Robert C. (Bob) Chapman: East Lake UMC's most honored member

It is true—we are all honored as children of God and as treasured members of East Lake United Methodist. But it could be argued that one of our members receives more honors than any of the rest of us as an alumnus of not one, but two, local universities. That member, as you see, is Bob Chapman.

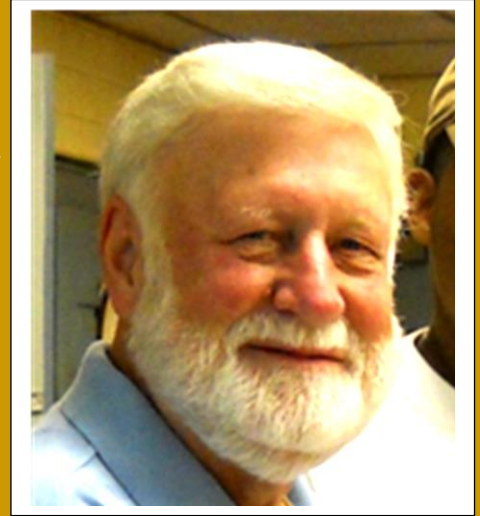
Most recently, Bob was named the UAB National Alumni Society Honorary Lifetime Member. Each fall, the UAB National Alumni Society recognizes outstanding alumni and university leaders during the annual Alumni Awards and Recognition ceremony. Bob and other recipients of the 2022 Alumni Awards will be honored during an evening event at the Alumni House on Friday, September 23.

As the recipient of the Honorary Lifetime Member award, Bob is in the company of two former Birmingham mayors and one former United States senator, among many other dignitaries.

Bob received his Master of Science in Health Administration in 1972.

Last year, Bob was inducted into the University of Montevallo Sports Hall of Fame. At Montevallo, then Alabama College, Bob was a member of the inaugural club basketball program. He completed his Bachelor of Science in Chemistry with minors in Biology and Math, and graduated in 1963. In 2016, the Robert C. and June Chapman Sports Medicine Facility was dedicated at Montevallo.

We could probably fill *The Chimes* with all of Bob's awards and honors, but we'll stop here. Congratulations, Bob! Your honors are well deserved.



## It's that time of year again . . . The Ninth Annual ELUMC Charity Golf Tournament

There are several ways you can score a hole in one! (1) Come play with us! Let Bob Chapman or Jane Phares know if you want to play. (2) Help us pack "goodie bags" on Sunday, September 25, after the 11:00 service. (3) Become a sponsor—sponsor a hole with your name, or in honor or memory of someone, for a \$100 tax-deductible donation, or sponsor a team, sponsor the food or the golf carts for a larger donation. (4) Make a donation of any amount!



**Who is my neighbor?  
Practice loving like  
Jesus**

# Lectionary Readings for September

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

## Sunday, September 4 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 18: 1-11

Psalm 139:1-6; 13-18

Philemon 1:1-21

Luke 14:25-33

## Sunday, September 11 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Psalm 14

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

## Sunday, September 18 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Psalm 79:1-9, or Psalm 4

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

## Sunday, September 25 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

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.

Kids'  
Corner  
at the Market  
Sept. 10  
10-12  
Theme:  
A Time for  
Every Season





### September 2022 Menus

- Thursday, September 1 Baked or fried fish, baked beans, coleslaw, roll
- Tuesday, September 6 Creamy Chicken Alfredo, garden salad, fruit, roll
- Wed., September 7 Hamburger steak with gravy, scalloped potatoes, roasted veggies, roll
- Thursday, September 8 BBQ chicken, baked beans, potato salad, roll
- Tuesday, September 13 Deli cold cuts, pasta salad, chips, fruit
- Wed., September 14 Macaroni & cheese, black eyes peas, collard greens, corn bread
- Thursday, September 15 Chicken salad, sliced tomatoes, crackers, fruit
- Tuesday, September 20 Taco salad, kernel corn, tortilla chips, cake
- Wed., September 21 Baked pork chops, mashed potatoes, steamed cabbage, roll
- Thursday, September 22 Baked or fried fish, roasted vegetables, rice pilaf, roll
- Tuesday, September 27 Lasagna, garden salad, corn, bread roll
- Wed., September 28 Macaroni & cheese, butter beans, collard greens, cornbread
- Thursday, September 29 Beef tips with rice, mixed vegetables, bread roll

*Yum, Yum!*

**Food  
for  
Thought**

If you think you are too small  
to be effective,  
you have never been  
in the dark with a mosquito.

Betty Reese

**“ WHEN LIFE BRINGS  
BIG WINDS OF CHANGE  
THAT ALMOST BLOW YOU OVER,  
CLOSE YOUR EYES,  
HOLD ON TIGHT, AND BELIEVE.  
LISA LIEBERMAN-WANG**



# September 2022

## Thursday, September 1

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

Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

## Friday, September 2

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

## Saturday, September 3

Farmers Market – 8 a.m-12 noon

Thrift Store – open 9 a.m-12 noon

## Sunday, September 4

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)

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

Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)

## Monday, September 5

**LABOR DAY HOLIDAY**

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

## Tuesday, September 6

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

Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

## Wednesday, September 7

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

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

## Thursday, September 8

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

Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

## Saturday, September 10

Farmers Market – 8 a.m.-12 noon

Kids' Corner – 10 a.m. – 12 noon

Thrift Store – open 9 a.m-12 noon

## Sunday, September 11

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)

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

Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)

## Tuesday, September 13

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

Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

## Wednesday, September 14

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

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

## Thursday, September 15

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, September 17

Farmers Market – 8 a.m-12 noon

Thrift Store – 9 a.m-12 noon

## Sunday, September 18

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)

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

Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)

## Tuesday, September 20

Senior movie – 10 a.m. (Office Conference  
Room)

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

Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

## Wednesday, September 21

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

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

## Thursday, September 22

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

Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

## Friday, September 23

Boomers Pot Luck – 6 p.m. (Diner)

## Saturday, September 24

Farmers Market – 8 a.m-12 noon

Thrift Store – open 9 a.m-12 noon

## Sunday, September 25

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)

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

Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)

## Tuesday, September 27

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

Thrift Store – open 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

## Wednesday, September 28

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

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

## Thursday, September 29 and Friday, September 30

*The Hallelujah Girls* – 7:30 p.m. (Wesley Hall)  
(also Saturday at 7:30 and Sunday at 2:30)