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In the neighborhood for good!



I See You

I am in the unique and somewhat strange situation, due to my vocation as a preacher, of frequently having people watch me teach or preach. This weekend, on our mission team trip to Hinton Rural Life Center, I got to be in the wonderful position of watching some of you. It was a beautiful thing to behold, watching people I love like family work so hard to love one another and working to love strangers into becoming family. The way they (we) went about it confirms my belief in how God works to build us into the Body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 says, "Now there are variety of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." Decades ago, I attended a conference that shared an idea, not a new idea, just a good idea, that we were called by God to do what we love to do and what we were good at. While there are certainly times that we are called to do something that make us nervous or about which we don't feel confident, most often God simply calls us to do what we love to do for God, with love.

This past weekend I watched a person who loves gardening climb all over a hillside gathering native plants to put in our host's garden. I watched someone else do load after load of laundry. I saw a small group working on electrical issues in the house, another watching over our host's pets, etc. etc. etc. It would have been crazy at best and dangerous at worst for me to try to work with the electrical or to put myself in charge of the house cleaning or gardening. But, there were those there who loved to do those things and excelled at them. We didn't spend a lot of time at the beginning of the trip discussing who knew how to do this, and who would do what. We just got to work doing what we love. And that work worked! The job got done with us each working with our gifts the way we were built by a God who had a plan.

As I look at the summer and fall church calendar, we have an abundance of activities, classes and fellowship programs headed our way. As Jim Savage and I used to say, we need to be marathon sprinters. We have a lot of opportunities, but we are already prepared. I encourage you to look at what all is ahead—the farmers market, children's activities, fundraisers, classes, worship experiences—and plan to get involved. Find a way to do what you love for whom you love, and you will be loving one another as God has called to do. Let's get excited for all that God has planned for us.

Peace,

Sally

... from Leslie

Hi, everyone!

Two things are at the top of my mind:

1. How EXCITED and OVERJOYED I am to start working full-time at East Lake UMC this Summer! It has been an answered prayer getting to continue ministry with you all post-seminary graduation, and I am blessed to be able to serve, love, and grow together. It will be a time of transition, change, adjustments, and getting settled, but I am excited to see where it will take us. Thank you, thank you, thank you for loving and encouraging me and for celebrating this good news with me.

2. Very soon we hope to finalize our plans for Discipleship groups this Summer, so I encourage you to keep an eye and ear out for those details! Please email me at elumccomm@gmail.com to make sure you are on the list for Discipleship email announcements. Our Summer offerings are going to be some of the most requested items from feedback surveys that we've collected, and I expect them to be new/refreshing and super meaningful.

Much love,
Leslie

Don't miss the Boston Butt Sale!

Members of the Fundraising Committee are still taking orders for delicious smoked Boston butt roasts—but only until Sunday, May 12. Each roast is an average of eight pounds. Think about sharing with family, friends, or neighbors, having a gathering, or taking one to a gathering. It will be delicious! The cost is \$40, and you can reserve yours with a \$20 deposit by the 12th. Pickup is Saturday, May 18, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., in the church kitchen. Balance is due at pickup.

We will also offer barbecue plates on Saturday, May 18, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Barbecue plus two sides and bread is \$15.

Opening May 10!

The Bell Tower Players present

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST

Written by Oscar Wilde

Directed by Jane Phares

May 10, 16, 17
at 7:30

May
11, 12, 18, 19
at 2:30



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Parking and entrance on corner of 78th St & 2nd Ave S

Tickets: <https://btpelumc.booktix.com> • Cash/Check only at the door

\$15/person
Mother's Day Special on
Sunday, May 12:
Bring your mother,
daughter, or someone like a
mother to you: Two for \$25
See other dates on the
poster art above
It's Wilde-ly funny!

May Birthdays

			1	2 *Eric Christian	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 *H.N. Gibson	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	

Congratulations!

To **Lillian Nelson**, who is being awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Fisheries and Marine Sciences from the University of Alaska Fairbanks;

And to **Leslie Norris Williams**, who will receive her Master's of Divinity from the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University.

Both of these young women have answered their callings, though they are in vastly different fields of study, and we are proud to claim them both as members of the East Lake United Methodist Church family!

Congratulations from all of us!



Senior friends!

May is movie month, although it is tempting to repeat our "Lunch and Learn" activity from last month. I thought it was great! We learned how to make delicious stuffed strawberries (thanks, Susie K); all about Hayes Aircraft, where Jane Walker spent many, many years working (thanks, Jane); and how to make origami hearts (thanks, Peggy); and Carole E and Zan L told us other useful information. We'll look forward to more presentations next time we do this, so think on!

This month though, we'll watch *Maytime*, a 1937 top-grossing musical starring Jeanette MacDonald, Nelson Eddy, and John Barrymore. Between now and next movie month (August), let me know your request(s)! *Jane P.*

“Keep on praying for the saints. . .”

Ephesians 6:18

Please pray for the members of our church family who have been in the hospital, who have recently had surgery, are scheduled for surgery, or who otherwise need our prayers:

Alma Boggan

Carol Ruth Devore

Kathy Bassham Jackson

Kevin Rutledge (one of our “neighbors” who was shot a few weeks ago and was/is in critical condition at UAB; Sally and other church members have seen marked but unexpected improvements over the past weeks)

Gary Sandridge

We extend our sympathies to

Billy Coupland and family, in the death of his sister, Jeanette Ward, in Fayetteville, North Carolina, on April 8.

Please keep Billy and his family in your prayers during this time of grief.

Memorials

Gifts have been received in memory of

Charles Walker

His Girls, on his birthday

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On May 18, 2024:

East Lake Mental Health Initiative presents

TALKING TOGETHER: Mental Health in the Black Community



ALL ARE WELCOME AS WE DISCUSS:

- What is Mental Health Equity?
- Barriers and Stigmas
- Mental Health and Faith
- Local Resources for Accessing Mental Health Services

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?

We'll spend time doing Q&A and want to know what you are interested in discussing together. Submit your questions to elumccomm@gmail.com by Sunday, May 12.

DETAILS

- Saturday, May 18
- 10AM -12PM
- East Lake United Methodist Church First Floor Meeting Room
- Optional lunch (pay as you can, recommended donation of \$15)

RSVP

- **RSVPs requested by Sunday, May 12.**
- RSVP via the Facebook event (scan above or click [HERE](#)) or by calling/emailing below.
- Submit your questions as you RSVP!

MORE INFO

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- Parking details & more: www.eastlakeunitedmethodist.org/connect



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Christa is a graduate of Auburn University and earned her Master of Social Work from Alabama A&M University. She owns and practices at C. DeVaughn Brown Counseling and Consulting, LLC. She also works at Cooper Green Mercy Health Services, helping people in poverty with anxiety, depression, and trauma disorders. She provides free treatment for economically-disadvantaged residents. She has worked at a local non-profit raising awareness about diseases like HIV and continues to help people at the Living Well Clinic of AIDS Alabama. She is a veteran of the US Army Reserves and Alabama National Guard, and has done research on caring for people in the armed forces.

Christa is person-centered and community-minded. She is interested in advocating for improving the quality of life of Alabamians, Mental Health for BIPOC (black, indigenous, and other people of color), making healthcare more accessible, and reducing the stigma of using healthcare services.



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Shawn is a graduate of UAB with a Bachelor of Science in Social Work and a graduate of the University of Alabama with a Master of Social Work.

She found her passion in Clinical Social Work when she started working in Mental Health with a specific love for adults and older adults. She has worked in hospital and outpatient clinical settings for over 35 years as a Clinical Social Worker. She also enjoys teaching Social Work courses at UAB and training upcoming Social Workers which she has been doing for 12+ years.

She has been married for 36 years and is a mother of three adult children. She and her husband are local Pastors and enjoy serving others.



See posted flyers to read fine print, or talk to Karen Marks. (If you get *The Chimes* online, simply enlarge the poster on the screen.)

From your Lay Leader

As I am one-handed at the moment (and it's not even my dominant one), my article will be short this month. There is so much going on around here! With General and Annual Conferences either having just happened or on the horizon, there is much to discuss as far as church matters go, and I'm sure you will be hearing a lot about both as days go by. Sally and I will attend Annual Conference beginning the end of this month. Thankfully, it will be held at Asbury UMC across town instead of in Huntsville as it has been the past number of years. We always look forward to this time with other United Methodists. We'll keep you posted.

Jane P.

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 5 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-5

John 15:9-17

Sunday, May 12 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

Sunday, May 19 – Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35B

Romans 8:22-27

John 15:26-27

Sunday, May 26 – Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17



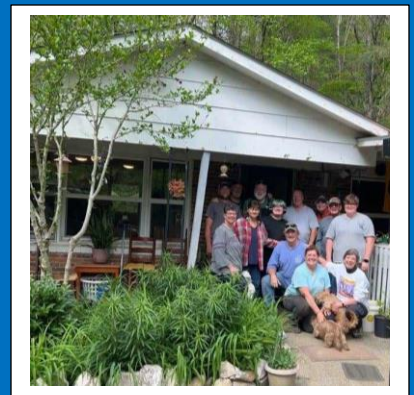
(Above: Lillian Nelson receives her degree from University of Alaska Fairbanks; see page 3)



Until recently, we had a church chicken!



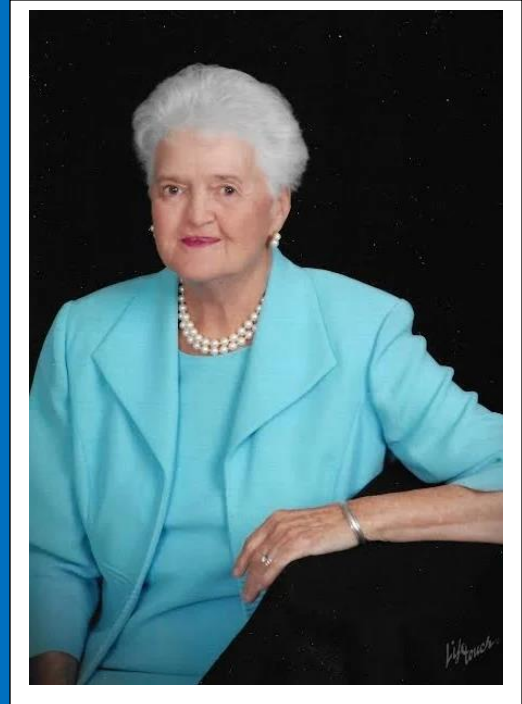
HINTON TEAMS!



Ode to a Mom

Dear Ones, with Mother's Day not far away, I wanted to share a few words about my "Williamsburg Mom," some of which I penned recently for her daughter's Facebook page. My family and I met her in August 1972, when a mutual friend was preaching a revival at her church, James River Baptist, near Williamsburg. My folks and cousin went home soon; I stayed and played (the piano).

"There are no words to describe the impact that Betsy Jernigan had on us. Even though she never drew attention to herself, Betsy was grand. While not being married to an ordained minister, she was the quintessential "traditional" pastor's wife. She opened her home to countless folks over the past half century. Her kitchen table on Gilley Drive was an altar; numerous Bible studies and prayer meetings were held around it. Betsy was also a wonderful cook and hostess. Her cherry dessert was the stuff of legend. And then there's, "Want some Pepsi?"



I'm so glad that I got to spend time with her a few weeks ago. Like a mother, she wanted to know what was going on in my life; she praised, counseled, and admonished. Most of all she loved me, as she did so many of you! Now she is with her beloved Jesus, husband Leon (Junior), and son Jack. Can't you just hear Leon now? "Come 'ere, Betsy, I want to show you all around heaven!"

To paraphrase friend Bill Gammon, "We pray, we remember, we shed our tears. For Susan, we offer our deep love for her consistent, loving care to her mother. But most of all, we are thankful, so very, very thankful. Our lives are all the better because of Betsy. To God alone be the glory!"

I love you,

Barry

Remember our community ministries!

Snack Bags: Fruit cups Vienna sausages Water
Granola bars Peanut butter or cheese crackers

Food Co-op: Cleaning supplies Paper goods (toilet paper, paper towels, etc.)

Wellness Pantry: Bar soap Toothbrushes Toothpaste
Shower gel Mouthwash Deodorant Band-Aids
Lotion Vaseline Baby Aspirin Toilet Paper
Paper Towels Feminine Hygiene Products
Baby and Adult Diapers Hydrogen Peroxide Wipes



Diner Offerings for May 2024

Wednesday, May 1	Baked chicken, roasted vegetables, rice
Thursday, May 2	Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans
Friday, May 3	Fried or baked fish, baked beans, potato salad
Monday, May 6	Cheeseburger, baked beans, potato salad
Tuesday, May 7	Taco Salad with corn and Spanish rice
Wednesday, May 8	Macaroni and cheese, collard greens, blackeyed peas
Thursday, May 9	Fried fish, fried okra, coleslaw
Friday, May 10	Chicken salad, sliced tomatoes, fruit
Monday, May 13	Chicken Alfredo, garden salad, corn
Tuesday, May 14	Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, cabbage
Wednesday, May 15	Stuffed chicken, collard greens, macaroni and cheese
Thursday, May 16	Baked spaghetti, salad, corn
Friday, May 17	Fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, green beans
Monday, May 20	Baked pork chops, sweet potatoes, cabbage
Tuesday, May 21	Lasagna salad, corn
Wednesday, May 22	Chicken sandwich, green beans, potato salad
Thursday, May 23	Salmon croquettes, rice, roasted vegetables
Friday, May 24	Barbecue pulled pork, French fries, coleslaw
Monday, May 27	CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY
Tuesday, May 28	Shepherd's pie, garden salad, roll
Wednesday, May 29	Baked chicken, bean soup, rice
Thursday, May 30	Pork roast, vegetables, mashed potatoes
Friday, May 31	Loaded beef hotdogs, French fries, coleslaw

May 2024

Wednesday, May 1

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (by phone)
 Luke Bible Study – 6 p.m. (1st floor mtg room)

Thursday, May 2

Thrift store – open 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Saturday, May 4

Opening Day at East Lake Farmers Market –
 8 a.m. – Noon (Small Parking Lot)

Sunday, May 5

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
 Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)
 Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)
 Finance Committee meeting – 12:30 p.m.
 (Office Conference Room)

Tuesday, May 7

Thrift store - open 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
 Crochet group – 12 noon (Diner)

Wednesday, May 8

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (by phone)
 Luke Bible Study – 6 p.m. (1st floor mtg room)

Thursday, May 9

Book study – 10 a.m. (Jane Phares's house)
 Thrift store - open 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Friday, May 10

The Importance of Being Earnest – 7:30 p.m.
 (Wesley Hall/Bell Tower Theatre)

Saturday, May 11

Farmers Market – 8 a.m. til Noon
The Importance of Being Earnest – 2:30 p.m.
 (Wesley Hall/Bell Tower Theatre)

Sunday, May 12

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
 Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)
 Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)
The Importance of Being Earnest – 2:30 p.m.
 (Wesley Hall/Bell Tower Theatre)

Tuesday, May 14

Senior Movie – 10 a.m. (Office Conf. Room)
 Thrift store - open 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
 Crochet group – 12 noon (Diner)

Wednesday, May 15

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (by phone)
 Luke Bible Study – 6 p.m. (1st floor mtg room)

Thursday, May 16

Book study – 10 a.m. (Jane Phares's house)
 Thrift store – open 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
 Ponder w/ the Pastor – 5:30-7 p.m. (True Story)
The Importance of Being Earnest – 7:30 p.m.
 (Wesley Hall/Bell Tower Theatre)

Friday, May 17

The Importance of Being Earnest – 7:30 p.m.
 (Wesley Hall/Bell Tower Theatre)

Saturday, May 18

Farmers Market – 8 a.m. til Noon
 Boston Butt Pick-Up – 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. (Kitchen)
 Barbecue plates on sale – 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
 (Kitchen)
The Importance of Being Earnest – 2:30 p.m.
 (Wesley Hall/Bell Tower Theatre)

Sunday, May 19

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
 Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)
 Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)
 "Feeding Our Friends" – 12:00-1 p.m. (Diner)
The Importance of Being Earnest – 2:30 p.m.
 (Wesley Hall/Bell Tower Theatre)

Tuesday, May 21

Thrift store - open 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
 Crochet group – 12 noon (Diner)

Wednesday, May 22

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (by phone)
 Luke Bible Study – 6 p.m. (1st floor meeting room)

Thursday, May 23

Thrift store – open 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Saturday, May 25

Farmers Market – 8 a.m. til Noon

Sunday, May 26

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

Tuesday, May 28

Thrift store - open 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
 Crochet group – 12 noon (Diner)

Wednesday, May 29

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (by phone)
 Luke Bible Study – 6 p.m. (1st floor meeting room)