

The Chimes

of East Lake United Methodist Church

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In the neighborhood for good!



Doing a New Thing

Isaiah 43:19 says, “Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”

I marvel at how God has been sending new people at just the right time in the life of our church and renewing hopes and dreams in long-term folks. It is a beautiful thing to see the new and renewed ministries that are springing up in our church. I am thinking about the new community that has developed with our Food Co-op where one-time strangers now gather and laugh, share prayer concerns and neighborhood opportunities, and work side by side for the good of all. I see the hungry fed in body and spirit through our monthly Lunch with our Neighbors and the daily distribution of snack bags. Ponder with the Pastor is an opportunity for meeting new people for conversation in neutral territory. The grief group and the Drop-In Center offer space for people struggling to find a way through. Prayer studies and Bible studies ground us and remind us why we are here. There are children in the nursery and people becoming involved in visiting and teaching and liturgy. There’s even new furniture and engagement opportunity sign-up sheets in the Welcome Area!

When the world seems old and tired, or chaotic and terrifying, when you feel cracked and brittle or crushed by all the things that seem so overwhelming, look around for God’s love and hope springing up all over. What is springing green in you these days? Have you been inspired to take part in something new or share a gift or skill to help the church continue to thrive and that will let someone know they are loved? The Spirit is calling all of us to do just that. Keep your ears and hearts open. God is always on the move, leading us into a bright new day.

*This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on, time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that’s gone
Then let us with the Spirit’s daring step from the past and leave behind our disappointment guilt and grieving, seeking new paths and sure to find
Christ is alive and goes before us to show and share what love can do. This is a day of new beginnings, our God is making all things new. – Brian Wren*

Peace,

Sally

... from Leslie

Hey, everyone!

Our Summer Discipleship Groups have gotten in their groove, and I am so happy that many of you have been enjoying them!

We are putting together plans for the Fall right now! It's looking like Sunday School in September will consist of various trainings having to do with ways you can get involved. This may include greeting visitors, setting things up in the Glass Door Area, volunteering with kids, and so on! We need all the help we can get continuing to make ELUMC a warm and inviting place for everyone to belong, so please be on the lookout for announcements about that. Every area/role is different, so there is certainly something that fits your personality, abilities, preferences, and so on! Fall Discipleship Groups will follow in October and November. (In the meantime, you can stop by the new table in the Glass Door Area and sign up to bring snacks one Sunday Morning soon!)

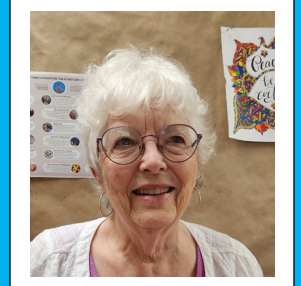
I've been keeping y'all updated about our current Co-op needs in worship announcements, and y'all beautifully came through with pet food and other things we desperately needed. Now, our biggest gaps are in Size 5, Size 6, and Adult Large diapers!

Love and Peace!

Leslie

Welcome, new members!

What a great pleasure it has been to welcome three new members during the month of July! **Carole Elrod** (pictured here) joined at the 9:00 service on July 14, although she has been attending for quite some time. Introduced to the church by Susie Knedlik, Carole came into our midst immediately showing her servant's heart, and she hasn't let up! She gives rides to those who need one, she serves at Lunch with Our Neighbors, and does many other things as needed. Welcome, Carole!



Like Carole, **Jamie Grimes** and **Jerry Handley**



(below) have been coming to ELUMC for quite awhile, bringing their grandsons Arlen and Barley. They "made it official" at the 11:00 service on July 21. They, too have shared their gifts with us, Jamie teaching and leading prayer ministries, and Jerry doing amazing flower arrangements for our altars and (little known fact) singing

an occasional (beautiful!) solo in the 11 o'clock service. Barley and Arlen, too, have made their mark in the nursery! Welcome, Jamie, Jerry, Barley, and Arlen!

Service of Prayer

Sundays, July 28 and August 25
6pm in the East Lake UMC Chapel



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August Birthdays

				1 *Gary Sandridge	2	3
4	5 *Tom Preston	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 *Karen Marks	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 *June Dodson	29	30	31



Hi again, friends!

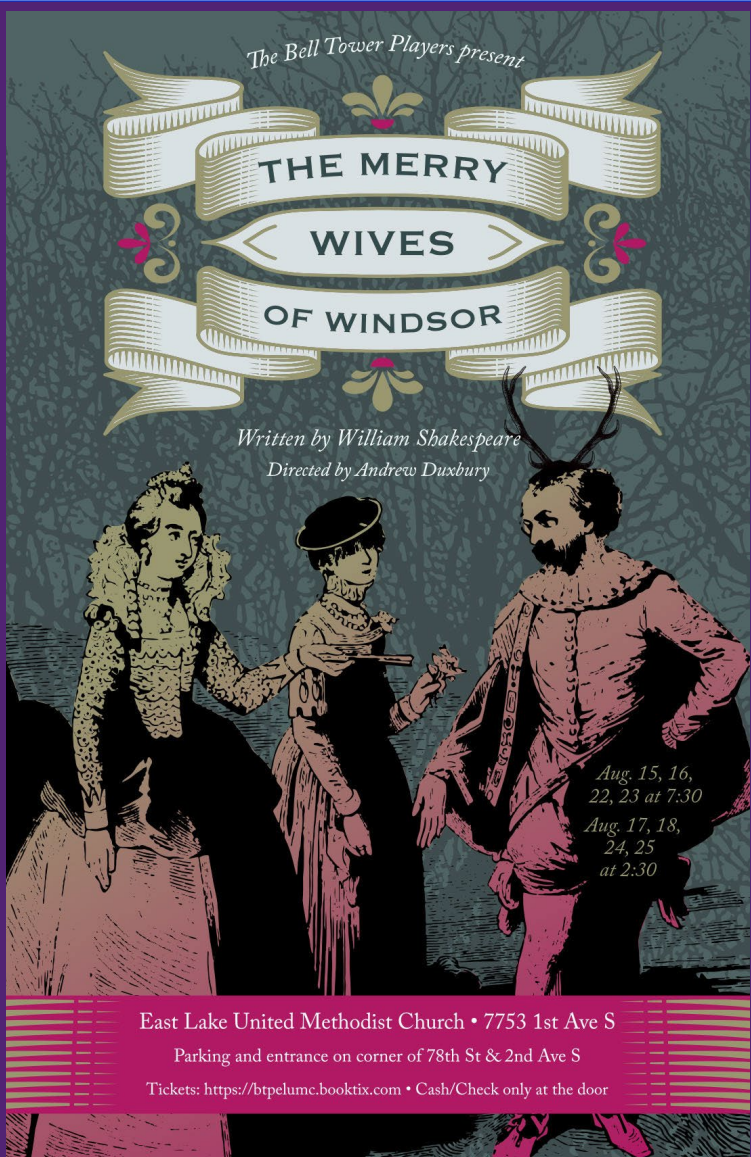
I think this month would be a good month to go for round two of “Lunch and Learn.” We had great and varied presentations last time, with delicious stuffed strawberries (**Susie K**), interesting history of Hayes Aircraft (**Jane W**), making origami hearts (**Peggy G**), and some other off-the-cuff lessons. So let’s tap some other folks to prepare and bring something you know about and can demonstrate for us. Visual aids are always good. Think about what you may know about growing things, about birds, or butterflies, about making a craft item, or cookies, or anything you know about! (And those who presented last time are welcome to go again!)

Tuesday, August 13, is the day. Ten o’clock in the back of the Diner. Lunch break at 11 (taco salad), then more learning!

Jane P.



Who is included in this group? Actually, anyone who would like to come, but so far, participants have been of retirement age (which seems to encompass more and more people). It’s all the Boomers, even those “young” ones ((like me—haha!). We would love to “grow” this group, and if you come to this particular activity on this particular Tuesday, we promise not to put you on the spot! On other days we watch movies or play Bingo, and hope to dream up some other fun things in the future. Come join us, and we can hope and dream and plan together!



Opening Thursday, August 15, at 7:30!

Also showing Friday, August 16,
Thursday, August 22, and
Friday, August 23,
at 7:30 p.m.

Plus four matinees:
Saturday, August 17
Sunday, August 18
Saturday, August 24
Sunday August 25
at 2:30 p.m.

All seats \$15.00*

*Cash and check only at the door. For credit card purchases,
go to <https://btpelumc.booktix.com>

“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:

Karen Brice

Kevin Rutledge

Gary Sandridge

We extend our sympathies to

Nancy Anderson and her family in the death of **Alma Boggan** on July 7. Alma was a long-time church member. To say she was active is an understatement. Her involvement in church and civic causes is too long to recount here, but Alma did everything she could to make her church, neighborhood, city, and world a better place. We will certainly miss her.

Please keep Nancy, Chuck, and John and their families in your prayers during this time of loss and grief.

Memorials

Gifts have been given to the church in memory of

Kathryn & Tom Lucius

Jane Walker

Alma Boggan

Bob Chapman

Joyce & Chuck Boggan (for Feeding Our Friends)

Billy Coupland (for Feeding Our Friends)

Kay Sharp (for Feeding Our Friends)

James & Sharon Stewart (for Feeding Our Friends)

Jane Walker (for Feeding Our Friends)

*When someone we love
becomes a memory, the
memory becomes a treasure.*

(Anonymous)

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 4 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a
Psalm 51:1-12

Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

Sunday, August 11 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
Psalm 130

Ephesians 4:25-5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

Sunday, August 18 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
Psalm 111

Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

Sunday, August 25 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43
Psalm 84

Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

East Lake Mental Health Initiative presents a

BACK-TO-SCHOOL WORKSHOP

on Mental Health Support & Services for Students



ALL ARE WELCOME AS WE DISCUSS:

- Mental Health services provided in Alabama public schools
- How parents can navigate special education, communicate their needs, know their rights, and use their voice
- Diagnostic criteria for ADHD, autism, and more
- Why & how to seek support from licensed psychologists outside of school



DETAILS

- Saturday, August 10
- 10AM -12PM
- East Lake United Methodist Church Meeting Room

RSVP

- **RSVPs requested by Sunday, Aug. 4.**
- RSVP via the Facebook event (scan below or click [HERE](#)) or call/email.
- Submit your questions as you RSVP!

MORE INFO

- (205) 836-3201
- elumccomm@gmail.com
- Parking details & more: www.eastlakeunitedmethodist.org/connect

Fall Hinton Team is Forming!

Yes, we are planning for our second trip to Hinton Rural Life Center this year, and we'd love for some new folks to join us! The dates are November 21-24 (Thursday through Sunday). We travel on Thursday, work on Friday and Saturday, and travel home on Sunday. The work days are always so fulfilling for those who work, as well as those people in the North Carolina mountains that we work for.

Most of the team we have taken the last four trips are planning to go again, which speaks well of the experience. There is a task for everyone, and we can take as many folks as want to go. Talk to Jane Phares if you are interested, or email her at jane.eastlakeumc@gmail.com.

Apologies for the small print on the flyer at left. There are full-size copies on church bulletin boards, on Facebook, and in the office.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?



We'll spend time doing Q&A and want to know what you're interested in. Submit your questions to elumccomm@gmail.com by Sunday, August 4.

DR. MAGGIE GIBSON

Dr. Maggie Gibson attended North Carolina State University where she completed her Ph.D. in Psychology with a concentration in School Psychology. She completed an American Psychological Association (APA)-accredited pre-doctoral internship and postdoctoral residency with the Florida State University Multidisciplinary Evaluation and Consulting Center (FSU MDC). Dr. Gibson now works as a Licensed Psychologist, School Psychology Specialization, in private practice where she provides therapy, comprehensive psychological and psychoeducational evaluations, individual therapy, and family and school consultation services with a particular emphasis on Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), and other neurodevelopmental conditions in childhood and adolescence.



DR. MELINDA ADKINS

Dr. Melinda Adkins is a retired psychology professor and special education director as well as a nationally certified school psychologist with thirty years of experience in the fields of special education and school psychology. Dr. Adkins has also worked as a faculty member (both full-time and adjunct) at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and Northeast Alabama Community College, as well as serving as an adjunct professor of psychology at Birmingham Southern College. Dr. Adkins holds degrees from Northeast Alabama Community College (A.S.) and the University of Alabama (B.S., M.A., Ed.S., and Ph.D.) in the fields of special education, educational psychology, and school psychology and completed postdoctoral work to receive her certification in educational administration.



Congratulations!

... to **Phyllis Davis**, on the birth of her great grandson, **Qatar Kelon Howard**, on July 8. Qatar's mom, **Aniyah Howard**, attends the 11 o'clock service (when she's not on bedrest awaiting Qatar's birth). Welcome to the world, Qatar, and congrats to Phyllis, her granddaughter and the proud dad.



... to **Lillian Nelson**, for completing the Yukon 1000 Canoe Race, from Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, to the bridge on Dalton Highway in Alaska. Lillian and her canoeing partner, the only all-female team and the youngest, raced for seven days, nine hours, and fifty three minutes, against 22 teams from the USA, United Kingdom, New Zealand, Portugal, and Australia. They came in fourteenth place, but in our hearts they came in **FIRST!**

... and to **Michael Sosa**, son of **Mindy** and **Toshi Sosa** and grandson of **Doris Ingrum**, who participated in the Hartford Nationals, a program of adaptive sports (for differently-abled athletes) sponsored by Move United, at Lakeshore Foundation. Mike brought home a silver medal in the "Male U18 standing class for compound" (an archery event). Way to go, Mike!



Congratulations to all these folks who are connected to us at ELUMC and are part of our church family. We are so happy for you and proud of you!

... From your Lay Leader

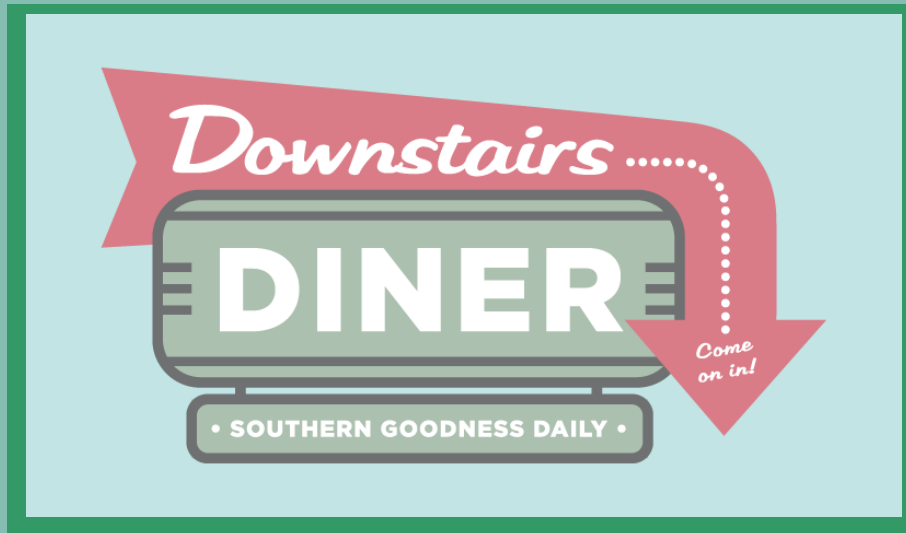
I am excited about so many things right now, and what a time to only have a little box of space! I needed to give up a little space —————> to get the ~~bazaar~~ craft show/sale on everyone's radar, so I was glad to do that. It excites me!!

I'm also excited about the upcoming Bell Tower Players production, *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, which I haven't been too involved in, and the Christmas production, *Dashing Through the Snow*, which I will direct.

And I'm excited about the Thursday study (please call me if you're interested) and all the other groups/activities/etc. we are offering. Jump in! *Jane*

CRAFT SALE (a.k.a. Bazaar) date is set!

Yes, our fall fundraising craft and homemade goods sale is set for **Saturday, November 2**, in Wesley Hall. We hope that our usual contributors will once again offer some of their wonderful craft items or their delectable goodies for sale. We hope to start early and spread the word far and wide this year! With **everyone's** help, we can do it! As usual, we will also need help from volunteers who will sit at tables to facilitate sale of our offerings. Be sure to put it on your calendar, and get to crafting! You might need to wait a bit on cooking (!), but be listening for a call for volunteers!



DINER OFFERINGS FOR AUGUST 2024

Thursday, August 1	Baked chicken, roasted vegetables, seasoned potatoes
Friday, August 2	Fried or baked fish, fried okra, coleslaw
Monday, August 5	Salisbury steak with gravy, lima beans, rice pilaf
Tuesday, August 6	Baked chicken, cabbage, sweet potatoes
Wednesday, August 7	Cheeseburger, French fries, baked beans
Thursday, August 8	BBQ chicken, green beans, scalloped potatoes
Friday, August 9	Chicken salad, tomato slices, crackers, fruit
Monday, August 12	Chicken supreme casserole, garden salad, corn, roll
Tuesday, August 13	Taco salad, pinto beans, Spanish rice
Wednesday, August 14	Macaroni and cheese, blackeyed peas, collards, cornbread
Thursday, August 15	Fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, cabbage, cornbread
Friday, August 16	Fried or baked fish, baked beans, coleslaw
Monday, August 19	Chicken sandwich, French fries, green beans
Tuesday, August 20	Lasagna (meat or vegetable), garden salad, corn, roll
Wednesday, August 21	Baked chicken, cabbage, sweet potatoes
Thursday, August 22	Salisbury steak, green beans, rice pilaf, roll
Friday, August 23	Fried chicken, seasoned potatoes, corn, roll
Monday, August 26	Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans
Tuesday, August 27	Taco salad, black beans, corn, rice
Wednesday, August 28	Chicken alfredo, steamed broccoli, garden salad
Thursday, August 29	BBQ pork sandwich, French fries, baked beans
Friday, August 30	Loaded baked potatoes with chicken or pork

August 2024

Saturday, August 3

East Lake Market – 8-noon (small parking lot)
Thrift Store – 9 a.m. – noon

Sunday, August 4

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)
Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)
Finance Committee meeting – 2 p.m. (Office)

Tuesday, August 6

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Thrift store - open 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Crochet group – 12 noon (Diner)

Wednesday, August 7

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (by phone)
Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Creeds Study – 6 p.m. (1st Floor meeting room)

Thursday, August 8

Book Study – 10 a.m. (Jane Phares's house)
Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Thrift store - open 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Saturday, August 10

East Lake Market – 8-noon (small parking lot)
Thrift Store – 9 a.m. – noon
Mental Health Initiative Back-to-School Workshop – 10-noon (1st floor meeting room)

Sunday, August 11

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

Tuesday, August 13

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (cont.)
Senior Lunch and Learn – 10 a.m. (back room of Diner)
Crochet group – 12 noon (Diner)

Wednesday, August 14

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (by phone)
Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Creeds Study – 6 p.m. (1st Floor meeting room)

Thursday, August 15

Book Study – 10 a.m. (Jane Phares's house)
Ponder with the Pastor 5:30-7 p.m. (True Story)
The Merry Wives of Windsor – 7:30 p.m.
(Wesley Hall) (*see other dates p. 4*)

Saturday, August 17

East Lake Market – 8-noon (small parking lot)
Thrift Store – 9 a.m. – noon

Sunday, August 18

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)
Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)
Lunch with Our Neighbors – 12:30 p.m. (Diner)

Tuesday, August 20

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Thrift store - open 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Crochet group – 12 noon (Diner)
Grief group – 5:45 p.m. (Parlor)

Wednesday, August 21

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (by phone)
Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Creeds Study – 6 p.m. (1st Floor meeting room)

Thursday, August 22

Book Study – 10 a.m. (Jane Phares's house)
Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Thrift store - open 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Saturday, August 24

East Lake Market – 8-noon (small parking lot)
Thrift Store – 9 a.m. – noon

Sunday, August 25

Traditional worship – 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Sunday School – 10 a.m. (various classrooms)
Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)
Prayer service – 6 p.m. (Chapel)

Tuesday, August 27

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Thrift store - open 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Crochet group – 12 noon (Diner)

Wednesday, August 28

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (by phone)
Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Creeds Study – 6 p.m. (1st Floor meeting room)

Thursday, August 29

Book Study – 10 a.m. (Jane Phares's house)
Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Thrift store - open 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Saturday, August 31

East Lake Market – 8-noon (small parking lot)
Thrift Store – 9 a.m. – noon