

The Chimes

of East Lake United Methodist Church

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In the neighborhood for good!



Thankful to be in Connection

Scripture reminds us to stay connected to God in order to bear good fruit (John 15:5-11), the fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). We are also reminded that we are connected to one another. Sometimes this can be a challenge as we struggle to get along, to understand, to help one another, but more often it is a great help and a joy.

I was thinking about this originally in terms of my connection in the larger United Methodist Church. I am newly a member of the Conference Board of Trustees. I am honored to be a part of a group that makes important decisions regarding property across our conference. I am still learning all that involves. For many years, I have also been a member of an Operational Team which is now called Poverty Action Ministries. This is one of the priorities of the North Alabama Conference and works to empower every church across our conference to be involved in service with poor communities. We have sponsored workshops that help people understand what it is like to live in poverty and to understand the origins of systems that have kept people locked in poverty for generations. We offer resources to read and learn together how we can best serve our neighbors. And, I serve on our district's Council on Ministries. This group interviews candidates for ministry and local pastors to see where they are in the process and how they are doing in their ministry placements. In all of these positions, I meet new people and learn more about the exciting ministry going on throughout our conference. It gives me a wider perspective of how God is working through people connecting us to one another.

And here, at East Lake UMC, with the Diner and the Farmers Market, worship and the food co-op, small groups, and the Drop-In Center, I connect with people who are very different than me – different backgrounds, different opinions, different likes and gifts – yet all seeking hope and belonging and love. I am so grateful to serve in a place with so many opportunities to connect. I hope you will find more and more ways to be connected to our ever-present God and to each other.

*There is only one God.
There is only one King.
There is only one body.
That is why we sing.
Bind us together, Lord.
Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord. Bind us together. Things
Bind us together with love.*

Peace,
Sally

... from Leslie

Hey, friends!

We often use "Discipleship" to refer to programs like Bible studies which explicitly connect to spiritual education, accountability, and inspiration. However, of course, there are many other components of faithful living which contribute to spiritual growth. For example, practicing and growing deeper into discipleship isn't complete without serving your neighbor. Therefore, although the "Discipleship" label is helpful and keeps things simple, it isn't perfect.

You may not think of becoming a certified nursery volunteer, or learning where we keep welcome gifts for visitors, as "Discipleship" programming. Yet caring for kids and building relationships with new people are central to our call as disciples.

This September, we're taking a break between Summer and Fall Sunday School groups and using this timeframe to host various trainings: de-escalation (9/8), greeting (9/15), Sunday morning set-up (9/22), and Safe Sanctuaries/Children's Ministry (9/29). Read more on the flyer (page 6) and decide which one(s) best fit you.

Come October and November, our seasonal Fall Discipleship programming will begin. If you haven't heard about our two Fall Sunday School options, let me know and I'll talk you through it! Even though the registration period for the Book Study has closed, we can still hurry to get everything in place for you. Better late than never!

We'll have midweek Fall programming, too! Stay tuned for that!

Love and Peace!

Leslie

*The best thing of all
is God is with us.*

John Wesley



SAVE THE DATE

A SERVICE CELEBRATING
THE EPISCOPAL
ASSIGNMENT
OF

Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024
ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM
4PM

Reception immediately following the service

We will carpool to Asbury for this service. Please let Sally or Jane know if you would like a ride.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to welcome Bishop Holston to our conference, and to let him know about East Lake UMC!

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September Birthdays

1	2	3	4	5	6 *Joy Dorriety *Doreen Duley	7
8 *Jane Phares	9	10	11	12 *Nancy Anderson	13	14 *Martha Mosley
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 *Arlen Oliver	27	28 *Roger Thomas
29 *Karen Skilling	30					



Hello, my friends!

Since “Lunch and Learn” apparently wasn’t a very popular idea last month (even though Jane Walker and I had lovely conversation), this month we’ll return to an old faithful—a movie.

We’ll gather on Tuesday, September 10, at 10 a.m. (in the office conference room) to watch *A Man Called Otto* with Tom Hanks (I mean, he stars in it; he won’t really be there to watch it with us—snicker!). He plays a grumpy old man whose neighbors break down his gruff personality. It’s a good movie, so invite a friend and come watch with us!

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:

Jay Thornley

Rosalind Bray

What dreadful hot weather we have! It keeps one in a continual state of inelegance.

Jane Austen

Crafts, homemade goods, Christmas gifts, Thanksgiving hostess gifts, and MUCH more!

Fall Craft Sale

Saturday, Nov. 2 | 9am-1pm
 Corner of 78th St + 2nd Ave S | Fellowship Hall
 (205) 836-3201 | elumccomm@gmail.com

There's a place for you at

East Lake
 United Methodist Church
 "In The Neighborhood For Good!"

This annual opportunity for shopping, lunch, & fellowship is for a great cause! Proceeds help support the ministries of ELUMC.

Crafters! Bakers! Snack-mix makers!

We are counting on YOU to make our Fall Craft Sale a resounding success! We will have flyers like the one at left (←) that you can take and put up in your place of employment, your hair salon, anywhere that will let you. Or you can share the church's Facebook post on your personal page so all your friends will know about it and come! Any way you can think of to spread the word, we hope you will do it. Attendance from church members AND non church members will be the secret to a profitable and enjoyable day. Also, don't forget we need lots of volunteers on that day. There's nothing hard about it—just sitting and writing (if you've done this before, you know what this means; if you haven't, it's easy to learn). Tell Jane Phares if you are willing to help all or part of the time.

It goes without saying that we need things to sell, so let's all get crackin' with our crafts, etc.!

Get ready for our pecan sale!



In the next couple of weeks, you'll be hearing about the Fundraising Committee's (and yours, we hope) sale of Priestler's Pecans for Thanksgiving or Christmas. You'll have the opportunity to sell pecans (pieces, whole, or chocolate covered) to your friends, neighbors, and family members. The pecans will be available for pick up or delivery on the day of the Craft Sale (November 2). Stay tuned for more details!

Thanks, Bell Tower Players!

... for *The Merry Wives of Windsor*! You all did a tremendous job on a long and difficult Shakespearean play! We especially recognize the members of our church family that were in the cast: **Melinda Adkins, Lewis Armstrong, Ellis Lipp, Karen Skilling, and Ichabod Temperance.** Kudos to Ichabod, too, for building an amazing set—if you didn't get to come to the play, you missed what really made it amazing, but we hope you at least caught a glimpse of it as you passed through Wesley Hall. Bravo (and brava)!

Keep an eye out for the next production coming in December!

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 1 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

James 1:17-27

Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 or Psalm 72

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sunday, September 8 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17

Psalm 125 or Psalm 124

Mark 7:24-37

Sunday, September 15 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 1:20-33

James 3:1-12

Psalm 19

Mark 8:27-38

Sunday, September 22 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 31:10-31

James 3:13-4:3

Psalm 1

Mark 9:30-37

Sunday, September 29 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

James 5:13-20

Psalm 124

Mark 9:38-50

... from your Lay Leader

I was sort of overwhelmed (in a good way) thinking and writing about all the things going on here at the church this month and beyond. To be honest, I didn't think I would have room to write. As usual, though, I'm glad that I do.

As of this writing (and because I haven't included the notice anywhere else), we are postponing the study I was going to lead in September. This study is called "Cultivating Kindness," and it originated at well known preacher and author Adam Hamilton's church in Leawood, Kansas. It will be on four Wednesday night in October, so I hope you will consider coming. We will also do this study in the Thursday group that meets in my home. It will start (tentatively) on September 19. We meet at 10 a.m., so if you'd rather come to a daytime group, here's your opportunity.

Coming soon is the 11th Annual ELUMC Golf Tournament on September 30. Please listen out for ways you can help, even if you aren't a golfer. You don't even need to show up—you can help beforehand.

Also on the agenda for the coming months is the Bell Tower Players' next production, which will be performed on December 6-8 and 12-15. Of course, it will be Christmas-themed, and we hope, even now, that you will make plans to attend. We'll start working on it the first full week of October. I'll be directing this time.

And then there is Hinton. There's still room on the team for you if you're still deciding. What a wonderful experience it always is, and coming as it does right before Thanksgiving (November 21-24), it will give us a whole lot to be thankful for.

Cheering for you, as always, *Jane P.*

GET INVOLVED AT ELUMC! SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL TRAININGS

Find a way (or two, or more!) you'd like to serve and come to the respective training!
10am in the Meeting Room

SEPT. 1

NO TRAINING

Even though we won't have training on Labor Day Weekend, we will worship as usual at 9am and 11am!

HAPPY LABOR DAY WEEKEND!

SEPT. 8

DE-ESCALATION TRAINING

Occasionally we have people join us in worship and beyond who, for various reasons, need some extra attention and support. We can all be better prepared to help people who are struggling and make this place welcoming and secure for everyone to enjoy.

QUESTIONS?
ASK KAREN MARKS

SEPT. 15

GREETER TRAINING

One of the most important things we do is welcome visitors. There are many ways we connect with new people and help them feel at home in this place. If you like talking with people, come learn some of the best practices and things to do when we have visitors.

QUESTIONS?
ASK LESLIE WILLIAMS

SEPT. 22

SUNDAY SET-UP TRAINING

Anyone can do a little setting up! Our majestic Sanctuary, cozy Chapel, and engaging Welcome Area all need taking care of. If you like helping behind-the-scenes, come learn what it entails to get things ready on Sunday mornings. Tasks are simple and directions straightforward!

QUESTIONS?
ASK LUCY LIPP

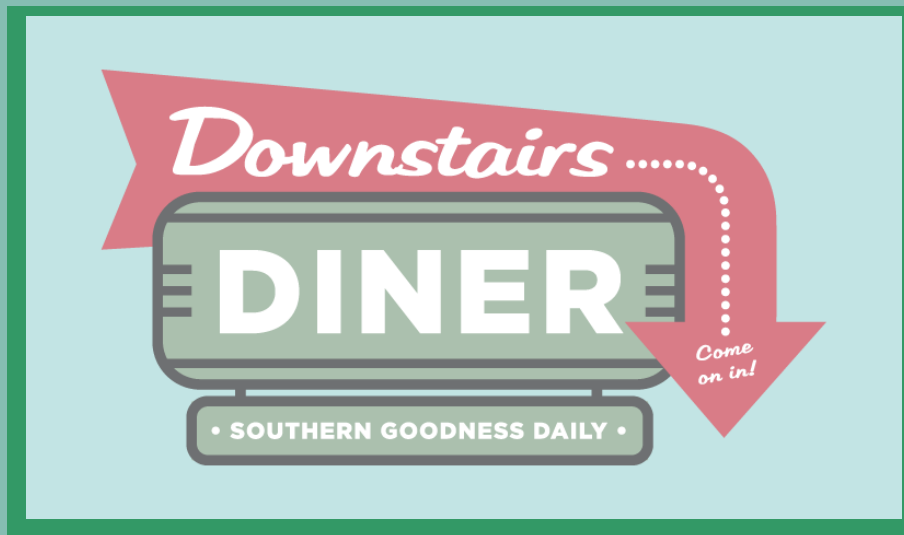
SEPT. 29

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

Safe Sanctuary is a program that helps protect and nurture children/youth. If you're interested in helping with Nursery, Kids' Corner, etc., you need to be aware of these guidelines!

Those who are not participating in the Safe Sanctuary training are invited to help Jane and Bob pack gift bags for the golf tournament during Sunday School!

QUESTIONS?
ASK PASTOR SALLY



DINER OFFERINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Monday, September 2	CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY
Tuesday, September 3	Salisbury steak, lima beans, mashed potatoes, cornbread
Wednesday, September 4	Spaghetti with meat sauce, corn, garden salad
Thursday, September 5	Baked chicken, cabbage, sweet potatoes, cornbread
Friday, September 6	Fried or baked fish, seasoned potatoes, roasted vegetables
Monday, September 9	Baked chicken, green beans, scalloped potatoes
Tuesday, September 10	Taco salad with pinto beans
Wednesday, September 11	Hamburger steak, rice and gravy, green beans
Thursday, September 12	Pork chops, broccoli and cheese, and rice
Friday, September 13	Chicken tetrazzini, garden salad, corn, roll
Monday, September 16	Shepherd's pie, garden salad, roll
Tuesday, September 17	Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans
Wednesday, September 18	BBQ chicken, potato salad, baked beans
Thursday, September 19	Chicken, cornbread dressing, cabbage, yams
Friday, September 20	Baked or fried fish, coleslaw, fried okra
Monday, September 23	Chicken spaghetti, garden salad, roll
Tuesday, September 24	Taco salad, corn, Spanish rice
Wednesday, September 25	Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans
Thursday, September 26	BBQ pork chops, cabbage, macaroni and cheese
Friday, September 27	Loaded baked potatoes with chicken or pork
Monday, September 30	Chicken Supreme casserole, garden salad, roll

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Sunday, September 1

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

Monday, September 2

CHURCH AND DINER CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

Tuesday, September 3

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

Wednesday, September 4

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

Thursday, September 5

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, September 7

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

Sunday, September 8

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

Tuesday, September 10

Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (cont.)
 Senior movie – 10 a.m. (Office conference room)
 Crochet group – 12 noon (Diner)

Wednesday, September 11

Adult Bible Study – 11 a.m. (by phone)
 Downstairs Diner – open 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
 No Luke Study tonight

Thursday, September 12

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, September 14

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

Sunday, September 15 (continued, next column)

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

Sunday, September 15 (continued)

Alternative worship – 11 a.m. (Chapel)
 Lunch with Our Neighbors – 12:30 p.m. (Diner)

Tuesday, September 17

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, September 18

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

Thursday, September 19

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.
 Ponder with the Pastor – 5:30 p.m. (True Story Brewery)

Saturday, September 21

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

Sunday, September 22

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

Tuesday, September 24

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

Wednesday, September 25

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

Thursday, September 26

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, September 28

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

Sunday, September 29

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

Monday, September 30 – 11th Annual Golf Tourney!