

THE EPISTLE

The Monthly Newsletter of St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Networking and Net Mending #3

Caring as an intergenerational team in our Net Working and Net Mending

As shared in previous Networking articles, John and James left their father and other crew members behind. They for a long time had worked together side by side in their fishing and networking enterprise. They were a team with each one having certain responsibilities blended into the other.

Upon Jesus calling them, they soon found themselves with 10 others from various backgrounds. Unknown to all of them, Jesus was beginning "a three-year Christ Style Body Building" project preparing them to be One in heart, mind, and spirit to be Fishers of People.

It was essential for them to effectively work as a team in their new networking and mending of nets calling if there were to be a spectacular catch of many others to share the Good News down through ages. Throughout their time together a lot of spirited sharing for better and for worse occurred with Jesus present and away. In those three years, they became a unified "One" by way of their "weaver" guiding them along in the quest for them to be like minded and like hearted in Christ.

At St. Luke's we are definitely not at ground zero as Jesus was with the disciples after the initial invitation to follow. We have a 100 plus years of Christ Body building which has secured our place at 480 South Highland bearing fruit. With that said, I believe spending some extra time in our Christ body building dedicated to strengthening our Net Working and Net Mending would be beneficial.

In these Summer months, I propose two paths for volunteers across the age spectrum in our church family to participate in. The first is for representatives from each of our 4 generations to write about their life ride presently traveling through. The second is hosting an intergenerational experience where members across the generations will gather at the table to share their stories.

By sharing our different journeys, the awareness gained enhances stronger relationships, nurtures empathy, strengthens established ministries, as well as initiates new outreach. Both are dedicated to being a unified "One" in Christ to be fishers of people.

In the Fall, we will share our summer homework or "heavens work" as I call it with the church family and how it fits into our Net Working and Net Mending mission.

To all those who are interested to participate, please give me a call and we can discuss ways to write out or verbally share our stories of who we are so far. If by the end of June volunteers are scarce plan B will be implemented.

Kind regards

Pastor Dennis Neenan

We are glad to be back home from holiday at the Outer Banks. Thanks for allowing us the freedom to take three weeks.

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COLOR ME AMERICA!

SUNDAY, JUNE 30 AT 11:30 AM

INDOOR PICNIC & PATRIOTIC FUN FOR AGES 1 TO 101

\$8 PER PERSON WITH \$25 FAMILY MAX

MAKE RESERVATIONS BY TUES. JUNE 25

AT HOSPITALITY DESK, 452-6262 OR AT

STLUKESUMC.ORG

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ASP 2024

ASP this year will be from June 30 - July 6. We'll be in Breathitt County, KY staying at Mount Carmel School. We'll need monetary donations for gas and individually wrapped snacks such as chips, Little Debbie's, granola bars, fruit snacks, etc. If anyone has any questions, they can email Carson Blount at ceblount1@gmail.com



Get excited for Vacation Bible School
at St. Luke's UMC!

WHEN: June 10-13, 2024

TIME: 5:30-7:30 pm (light dinner served
nightly)

WHERE: 480 S. Highland, Memphis, TN
38111

WHO: JK-5th Grade

Parents you can REGISTER NOW on our
website at stlukesumc.org

DAY SCHOOL NEWS

We closed out our school year last Friday. Our End of Year Program was delightful as always. It is incredible to see the growth of these children in a quick 10 months. Our teachers are the best! They encourage creativity, which fosters a love of learning. We are so blessed. Parents and Grandparents shared so many positive thoughts about our sweet school. It is truly a special and loving place.

We continue to be so grateful for the church members that support us in so many wonderful ways - volunteering, financially and providing our beautiful renovation. The ministry of St. Luke's Day School is far reaching!

Summer Camp begins Tuesday, May 28!!



Join Us for Sweet Sunday on June 23rd, 2023

The fourth Sunday of each month, we have a time of sweet treats and sweet fellowship between Sunday School and Church. Join us for our next Sweet Sunday in Hospitality Hall on June 23rd, from 10 a.m. to 10:25 a.m. Treats and Coffee will be there. We just need you to come share a little sweetness.

Golden Cross members, please check out the Golden Cross website for important messages.
<https://goldencross.org/>

Sit & Sew is paused for the time being.
Please pray for Ms. Marty Cobb as she is still hospitalized.

MAY 2024 HONORIUMS AND MEMORIALS:

Memorials:

In Memory of Steve Hall from Rita Richardson, Harry and Bette Colter

In Memory of Jere Dean Croft from Harry and Bette Colter

**TOTALLY
FREE!**

FRIDAY SUMMER FUN!



JOIN US FOR OUR SUMMER SERIES!

We will have Movie Nights,
fun hands-on Science experiments and more!

JUNE 7, & 21 & JULY 12 & 26

5:30-7:30 PM

CHILDRENS MINISTRY

As we enter May, we are nearing the end of the school year which means Summer Fun can soon begin! Summer will begin with the big kick-off of Vacation Bible School being the week of June 10-13 from 5:30-7:30! And the Sunday right before on June 9th, we will have worship in Nazareth to get everyone excited for VBS and the children will be our leaders! This will be a super special day you surely do not want to miss. VBS will be so much fun and full of excitement. Kids will get to make crafts, sing songs of Worship, play games, learn lessons, eat good food, and so much more every single night while they go back in time to Nazareth, when Jesus was a little boy! The link to sign up is on our website under the Children's Page, so sign up and tell your friends and neighbors too! Volunteers of all kinds are still needed too! Reach out to Mary Page Contreras to see how you can serve!

The fun will continue throughout the Summer with 4 Fun Friday Night events every other week in June and July! These events will be in the evening from 5:30-7:30 so parents can enjoy some time off and kids won't miss their camps! We will alternate between Movie Nights and Science Experiment Nights. Dates are June 7th and 21st and July 12th and 26th. More information to come so stay tuned!