

East Lake United Methodist Church

*Pathways*

# NEWSLETTER

October 2013

## IRRESISTIBLE *Invitation*

The honor of your presence is requested, as we come together as an entire congregation, to explore the heart of our faith, and open the door to a fresh experience of God's presence. *Irresistible Invitation: Responding to the Extravagant Heart of God* is an opportunity to grow in faith and stretch your spirit. Beginning October 13, listen to Pastor Jay's sermons, read daily devotions for forty days, and participate in a Sunday School or small group study as our entire congregation moves through the study together. Expect God to move among us in amazing ways as we're all on the same page—literally. The devotional books and study guides will be available for sale, for \$12, in the courtyard before and after all services. It can also be downloaded for Kindle. The reading plan starts on Monday, October 14. You will find small group sign up information at the Welcome Center.

Please don't miss this church-wide opportunity to grow in your faith and to experience new levels of a relationship with God. He is more than able to surprise you with his blessings and surround you with his love. RSVP with your heart and soul.

*Irresistible Invitation :*

*Responding to the Extravagant Heart of God*

### Sermon Series

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|--------------|------------------------|
| October 13:  | Coming Home to God     |
| October 20:  | A Love Like No Other   |
| October 27:  | Alive in Christ        |
| November 3:  | Fit for Kingdom Living |
| November 10: | The Home of Grace      |
| November 17: | Partners in the Gospel |



# Pumpkin Patch

By Leslie Devitz



It's that time of year for the biggest fund raising event for our ministries and also one of the most enjoyable— the PUMPKIN PATCH. Please join us for the fun (GREAT for families) starting in October! On Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM we need help unloading the pumpkins. Bring your gloves and wear play clothes and help us unload the pumpkin truck! From then on we will have two hour shifts (starting at 10:00 AM and ending at 8:00 PM) through Halloween that need to be covered by volunteers. YOU are needed!

Join us on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> and also on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> for PASTOR JAY'S PUMPKIN PARTY right there in the patch. Come for fun and games from 3:00-5:00 PM. KIDS' CRAFT & MOVIE NIGHT is Thursday, October 24 starting at 6 PM. Create a craft in the Pumpkin Patch and then move into Fellowship Hall for pizza and a movie. Children ages 0-5th grade are invited (older kids are welcome to come and help).

We need many volunteers as we have over two hundred slots to fill. This is a fun and effective ministry that reaches many people in our community. Please sign up for a two hour shift. Volunteer sign up is in the courtyard on Sundays, and through our website online at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E44ACA722AA8-pumpkin> or email or call Leslie Devitz at [lesliedevitz@gmail.com](mailto:lesliedevitz@gmail.com) or 727-421-6069.

\*Volunteers must be at least 18 years old. Children and youth must be accompanied by an adult. Thank you for your help with this important ministry. We hope to see you out at the Patch!

## Missions & Outreach Update

By Annie Doraisingh

We have had a busy month of September, as we prepared sandwiches for Pinellas Hope and hosted the Cuban luncheon. The Missions Team has been busy working towards establishing the 2014 Missions Calendar. We have planned for six Special Offerings for the year 2014. Two are for local ministries going towards UCMC and The Children's Home, two more are international, going towards our Cuba and Haiti Ministries and the remaining two are United Methodist Special Sundays going towards UMCOR. and World Communion Sunday.

On Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 2013 we will celebrate World Communion Sunday. World Communion Sunday calls the church to reach out to all people and model diversity among God's children. The offering benefits World Communion Scholarships, the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program. Please look for the special offering envelopes in the pews on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Haiti Team will be leaving for a five day mission trip to Zamar on October 25th. We are a team of six, headed by Trevor Charlton. We have collected backpacks, shoes and personal hygiene items which will be given to the Haitian children in Zamar and Mirabelais. We are planning to run a Blood Pressure Clinic at the school/church and are looking for donations of used blood pressure equipment and small, travel sized flashlights. Most of all, we are in need of your prayers for a safe journey to meet and fellowship with our Haitian friends.



# Hearing



By Carol Toyer

Ears to hear and eyes to see - both are gifts from the Lord." Proverbs 20:12

We've all said it, "He hears what he wants to hear." Sometimes people seem to hear and understand without difficulty and other times they seem not to hear anything. We often assume that it is selective listening but it is usually more than just 'not listening.'

When hearing is lost, a great deal of energy and time goes into trying to understand what is being said. A person can be totally exhausted by the end of the day spent struggling to hear. Hearing aids help make conversation better - not perfect. Even with hearing aids some things will be missed. Most people with good hearing miss things but fill in the blanks. To ensure that one who doesn't hear well, will hear what you say:

-Face them so they can see your lips and facial expressions - be sure the light is not behind you as your face will be in the shadows.

-Try to eliminate as much extraneous noise as possible.

-Don't shout - use a normal voice.

-Try not to drop your voice at the end of a sentence.

-Enunciate your words without exaggerating them.

-Remember that speaking rapidly makes you difficult to understand so slow down.

-When you are not being understood, try rephrasing what you are saying. It often gives more clues to the meaning.

-Don't say "Never mind; it wasn't important." The person might feel that they are not important enough for you to repeat the statement.

Hearing impairment is complex. Get a person's attention first and you have a better chance of being understood. Be patient and keep trying. If the hearing impaired appear aloof or disinterested, they may not be aware of your presence or be able to understand what you are saying. Don't assume that hearing aids will help since adjusting to them can be difficult. This especially impacts older people who have lived in a very quiet world for a long time and suddenly experience painful, loud, and disruptive noise. Time and patience are needed to make the adjustment as the person must gradually increase both the wearing time and noise level before being comfortable with the aids.

If you are having difficulty hearing, ask for help. God is good and has provided many advances to help the hearing impaired. There may be no need to be isolated by hearing loss. Check with your doctor.

Source: National Institutes of Health:([www.nih.gov/](http://www.nih.gov/))



# Toymaker President Honored

Submitted by Gene Watson

On October 20<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Bob Helms was named Outstanding Business Leader of 2013! This annual award is given by the Greater Tampa Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. Helms is president and CEO of Pegasus TransTech Corporation, which provides software solutions that help trucking companies go paperless, reduce costs and improve operating efficiency. He has led the company since 2001.

In accepting this cherished award, Helms gave great credit to his Pegasus Trans Tech staff by saying this: "Coaches don't win National Championships; TEAMS DO! I owe a huge debt of gratitude to the employees of Pegasus TransTech. Thank you for making our team a success". Helms and his wife Janet, attend ELUMC. Bob has served as President of Toymakers for the past two years.

## Thank You

Since coming here in August of 2010, it has always been very clear that the ELUMC congregation is composed entirely of saints!

Thus saintliness shone as all of heaven's stars this spring, on the occasion of my accident. People drove me everywhere; encouraged my recovery with cards, gifts, and prayers; and made me inexpressively glad to be part of the church family. I am well now, thanks to you! God's love radiates in you. May I show His grace and beauty by returning your kindness and helping you, whenever I may.

In Christ, Faye Monroe

It is with our family's sincerest gratitude that we thank you for the gracious outpouring of calls, e-mails, texts, cards, and prayers that you so willingly and lovingly showered upon us during this painful time in our life. We found strength in knowing that so many were thinking and praying for Kimberly, David, and the rest of our family. The prayers were felt, and we will never forget your support of us.

Philemon 4,  
PB and Patti Martin

## Mark Your Calendar

10.5

Pumpkins Arrive

10.6

World Communion Sunday

Pastor Jay's Pumpkin Party 3-5 p.m.

10.14

*Irresistible Invitation* small groups start

10.20

Pastor Jay's Pumpkin Party 3-5 p.m.

10.24

Movie & Craft Night in the Patch 6-8 p.m.

10.25

Haiti Mission Trip Team leaves and returns 10.30

10.26

Youth Car Wash 8 a.m.-12 p.m

10.28

Scholastic Book Fair starts at Young Days

11.3

Daylight Savings Time Ends— Set Clock Back an Hour!



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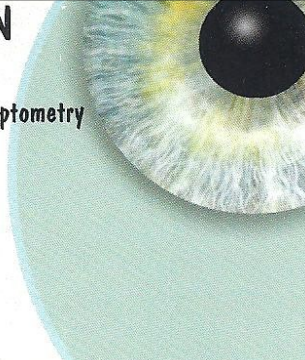
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