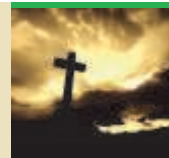




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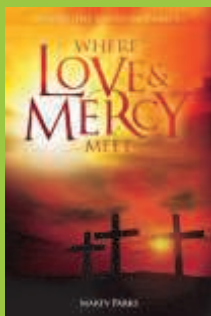
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Easter Cantata
Sunday, March 24
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 am

Maunder Thursday Service
Thursday, March 28
7:00 pm
Sanctuary



Easter Sunday Service
Sunday, March 31
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 am



Easter Eggstravaganza
Saturday, March 23
9:30-11:30 am

Offer Christ

Compass Connection Class

By Lucy McGee



Compass Connection is an opportunity to get to know East Lake United Methodist Church and the various ministries we embrace to Offer Christ, Grow in Faith and Serve Others.

The next class is: Sundays, April 7-28 from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

There will be an opportunity to join the church at the service of your choice following the final class. Sign up online or at the Welcome Center. For information contact Lucy McGee at lmcgee@eastlakeumc.org or 727-784-9250 Ext. 118

Welcome New Members!

By Lucy McGee



On February 24, Laura Smith and her son Wes joined East Lake UMC after completing the Compass Connection class. After practicing law for fifteen years, Laura has answered a call into ministry and will graduate from Eden Theological Seminary in the spring of 2014. She is enjoying ministering to others at Morton Plant Hospital in Clearwater, as part of her clinical pastoral education and is looking forward to being part of our community of faith.

Prayer Garden Pavers Available



We all enjoy spending quiet, prayerful time in the beautiful Peg Gordon Memorial Prayer Garden. Many people have had pavers engraved and installed in the prayer garden to honor or memorialize a loved one or to share a favorite Bible verse with all the people who visit this beautiful place. As we approach Confirmation, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and Father's Day, and Fourth of July, it is a great time to order a prayer garden paver in memory or honor of a loved one. Pavers are available in two sizes (8"x8" or 4"x8"). Order forms and a sample paver are available at the Welcome Center. The order form is also available on the church website at www.eastlakeumc.org.

Disabilities

By Carol Toyer



"For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: Love your neighbor as yourself." Galatians 5:14

There are approximately 54 million people living in the United States with various kinds of disabilities that impact the way they lead their daily lives. Conditions causing disability include mental illness, blindness, military injuries, mental retardation, learning disabilities and problems with hearing. A large portion of this population have physical disabilities or mobility problems because of a link to diseases like multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, polio, or various spinal injuries.

Historically we have handled this population poorly and rather than encourage them, have kept them isolated in their homes. How welcoming were the sweeping staircases in the churches of the 1900's? Are we doing better today, or are we keeping people "trapped" at home with caregivers that are just as isolated? Churches need to include the disabled into the active life of membership as well as support the families who care for them. Check in with the family of those with disabilities to see how you can be of help. Offer to sit with the husband disabled from a stroke so the wife can get her hair done. Sometimes it's the small things that mean the most.

Those with disabilities want to be productive at home and at church so we need to look for ways to be inclusive. Is the building handicap accessible? Can a person get into the sanctuary as easily as they can the bathroom? Are there classes, small groups, or ministries in which the disabled can participate? Evaluate the tools that are currently available in the church. Are there devices and magnifiers to help the hearing and visually impaired? Have classes been adapted to welcome those with Down's Syndrome or other mental disorders? Are there groups to support the families of those with disabilities? Christ welcomed everyone to his table; what about you? Ask your parish nurse for additional ways to welcome all to your family. (Source: Interfaith Disability Connection (www.interfaithdisability.org))

Grow in Faith

Children's Ministry

By Erin Lowe, Director of Children's Ministry



As reported last month the Children's Ministry Design Team, along with parents and interested church members, participated in a two-day retreat with Children's Ministry Architects. During three four-hour sessions, the participants worked to develop a mission statement, core values, and goals for the next three years aimed at refining and enhancing our Children's Ministry. Details of our work will be shared with everyone very soon. We are excited about the energy and spirituality of everyone connected to our Children's Ministry.

As the Design Team continues to work on the development of a three-year strategic plan to "Kick It Up a Notch" in the Children's Ministry, please pray with us. We pray for continued support from the entire church and that we are able to grow this ministry to be exactly as God desires it to be.



The **Easter Eggstravaganza** will be Saturday, **March 23** from **9:30 to 11:30 am**. This fantastic event will be a special treat for families with children (age two years through fifth grade). We reach out to the entire East Lake community through this event, so please **invite friends and neighbors to attend with your family**.

Save the Dates...

We are planning two **VBS** programs this summer.
June 17-21 from 9:00 am to noon
July 8-12 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm



Our children and youth will attend **Warren Willis Camp** during the week of July 15-20.

Please remember to check out our Children's Ministry on Facebook!



Young Days News

By Jackie Kaller, Director



Happy Easter! Spring is in the air. During the month of March, we will learn that Lent is a time to remember. We will remember Christ's suffering in the desert. We will remember that God wants us to know His great love for us in Jesus and that He wants us to praise Him by listening to His word. We will remember that Jesus forgives all our sins and loves us unconditionally. Our Young Days students look forward to our chapel time this month when we will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

March is national literacy month; we look forward to plenty of story time. Plans are shaping up for Easter programming. Noah's Ark on Wheels will be here March 6 from 10 am to noon with many farm animals to pet. There will be a class Easter Egg Hunt on March 21 and 22 during playground time. Let's not forget the green for St. Patrick's Day!

We are initiating efforts to upgrade our class computer centers. If anyone has a laptop they would like to donate, please drop it off and get your tax donation letter from the preschool office.

We are implementing yoga into our movement program. Children derive enormous benefits from yoga. Physically, it enhances flexibility, strength, coordination, and body awareness. In addition, concentration and sense of calmness and relaxation improves. During yoga, children exercise, play, connect more deeply with their inner self, and develop an intimate relationship with the natural world that surrounds them. Yoga brings that marvelous inner light that all children have to the surface.

Ms. Debbie, our M-F 3's teacher, recently attended the United Methodist Association of Preschools (UMAP) Conference. UMAP is a special conference that focuses on training teachers to connect and support Christian education. She brought back lots of ideas to share with the entire staff. Have a super month!

United Methodist Men

Start your day right on the second Saturday of the month, **March 9**. All men are invited to the Gathering of Men from 7:30-9:30 am in Fellowship Hall. It's a time to center yourself for the month and meet other men who face the challenges of keeping Christ alive in their lives. All are welcome!



Mary Martha– Reaching Out



A new day! - THIRD THURSDAY - March 21
Guest - Judy Keats

A new time! - 11:00 AM - Glasgow Room

Devotions - Program - Mission Craft Time
Bring sack lunch



Mary Martha Circle is a gathering of United Methodist Women and friends. Your choice: 11:00 Devotions/program OR bring your lunch OR following lunch join in Craft Time as we make angels. All are welcome. Questions? Call Mae Drummond at 727-781-7591.

The Working Singles Group

The members of the Working Singles meet the second Saturday of each month at 6:30 pm for dinner. Each month they go to a different restaurant. Please join them for fellowship and conversation at their March 9 event at Sea Dog Brewing Company located at 26200 US Hwy 19 in Clearwater. For more information or to RSVP to the dinner contact Linda Kapsa at lmk2922@hotmail.com. Hope to see you there!



Serve Others

Habitat for Humanity

By Hilary Wagner



Our next work day for the Habitat for Humanity mission team is scheduled for Saturday, March 23rd from 8:00 am-12:00 pm; we'll meet at church at 7:15 am and carpool to the site. All interested Adults and Youth (16 and older) are encouraged to participate. Required paperwork will need to be completed prior to the work day. To sign up or for more information, contact Hilary Wagner at wagnerha@yahoo.com; Youth contact Mary Treichel at mtreichel@eastlakeumc.org to sign up.

One Great Hour of Sharing

ELUMC will join with United Methodists worldwide as we participate in One Great Hour of Sharing this month. This special offering supports UMCOR's vital work. Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing lay the foundation for UMCOR to manifest God's steadfast love throughout the world. Please give generously.

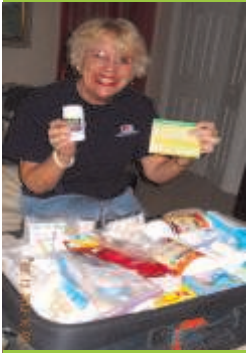
Walk for the Dream

By Annie Doraisingh



We have a team of people from East Lake who will be walking in **Walk for the Dream**, sponsored by United Methodist Cooperative Ministries (UMCM), on **March 9**. Let's do our best to support them as they walk to help UMCM programs such as Pack-A-Sack 4 Kids, Family Support Services, Quality Early Learning Initiative and Children of the World Preschool, PASS Program, and Families Learning Together. United Methodist Cooperative Ministries is one of the major ministries we support through missions and outreach at East Lake United Methodist Church. The team of walkers asking for your support includes: Trevor Charlton, Annie David, Nikita David, Vickie Downing, Pam Dubov, Judy Keats, Eileen

Kowalski, Diane Lambert, Pat Peterson, Judy Salvador, Ethel Smith, Joe Truman and several members of our youth ministry. Please sign up to sponsor our team or individuals on the team at the Missions Booth. Thank you for your support!



Reverend Gene Watson and Reverend Lois Rogers-Watson embarked on a two week Volunteer in Mission trip to the Holy Land. They wish to thank all who generously contributed over-the-counter medications and first aid items to distribute during their work there. After the Holy Land, they will be going on to Africa where they will do volunteer work at Africa University in Zimbabwe, sightsee in three countries, and visit friends. If you would like to follow their adventures on a blog they developed, go to www.geneandlois.wordpress.com.



NOMADS – Nomads On a Mission Active in Divine Service

By John Little

Most of you know that we were visited by a group of NOMADS for six weeks from January 6 through February 14. NOMADS are a ministry under the General Board of Global Ministries of the Methodist Church. Their mission statement is: *Rebuilding lives, homes and facilities with God's love and our hands*. The NOMADS are retirees who travel throughout the country in their recreational vehicles providing volunteer services to Methodist Churches, camps and other locales. They charge nothing for their services and request only a place to park their RVs. They pay their own travel and living expenses, provide their own tools and give of themselves to God's glory. This winter we have been truly blessed as two teams of four couples each spent three weeks painting, cleaning and performing repairs of all types on our campus. They provided 1,150 man-hours of labor which, if we had paid for, would have cost us in excess of \$20,000.

The NOMADS blessed East Lake UMC by:

- Power washing and painting the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, Education Building, Parsonage, most of the annex and the shed near the cell tower.
- Replacing several sections of fascia boards on the Sanctuary
- Repairing fences around the dumpster and next to the shed
- Cleaning out enough junk and trash from behind the parsonage, cell tower and in and around the shed to fill two 20 cubic yard dumpsters
- Trimming trees and shrubs and weeding flowerbeds
- Painting parking places and driveways
- Finishing the painting the youth had started upstairs in the Education Building

Their efforts made our campus look the best it has in a long time, and we owe them a debt of gratitude for all they have done for us. The NOMADS truly demonstrated God's love by the work of their many hands and long hours of service to East Lake UMC.

If you are interested in supporting the NOMADS ministry either through your gifts, prayers or by becoming a nomad yourself please visit their web site at: <http://nomadsumc.org/>.



Missed a sermon? Download it to your ipod or listen to it online. Go to www.eastlakeumc.org and click on play under the latest sermon tab.



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MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9:30 am 252 Basics - Sunday School 9:30 am Journey Class 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 11am Youth Sunday School 11am Youth Confirmation Class 4pm Youth Green Market Team 5pm Youth Praise Band 6pm Youth Group	4	5 9am Toymakers 12:30 pm Son-Kissed Sisters 6:45 pm Stephen Ministry Class 7pm Missions & Outreach Team 7pm Praise Band	6 9am Toymakers 6:45 pm Bell Choir 7pm Lenten Study 7:30 pm Church Choir	7 9am Toymakers 1pm UMW Meeting 2pm L.I.F.E 4pm Children's Choir 5:30 pm Family Pizza Night at Vettore's 8pm Al-Anon	1 <i>Office Closed</i>	2 9am Toymakers 9am Bicycle Ministry
10 9:30 am 252 Basics - Sunday School 9:30 am Journey Class 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 11am Youth Sunday School 12pm Youth return from retreat 1pm 45 Club 4pm Youth Green Market Team Meeting 5pm Youth Praise Band 6pm Youth Group	11 6:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm Staff Parish Meeting	12 9am Toymakers 12:30 pm Son-Kissed Sisters 6:45 pm Stephen Ministry Class 7pm Praise Band	13 9am Toymakers 6:45 pm Bell Choir 7pm Lenten Study 7:30 pm Church Choir	14 9am Toymakers 2pm L.I.F.E 4pm Children's Choir 7pm UMW-Sarah Circle 8pm Al-Anon	15 <i>Office Closed</i>	16 9am Toymakers 9am Bicycle Ministry
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24-Palm Sunday- Easter Cantata at all services 9:30 am 252 Basics - Sunday School 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Journey Class 11am Youth Sunday School 11am Youth Confirmation Class 5pm Youth Praise Band 6pm Youth Group	25	26 9am Toymakers 12:30 pm Son-Kissed Sisters 6:45 pm Stephen Ministry Class 7pm Praise Band	27 9am Toymakers 6:45 pm Bell Choir 6:45 pm Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:30 pm Church Choir	28 9am Toymakers 2pm L.I.F.E. 4pm Children's Choir 7pm Maundy Thursday Service 8pm Al-Anon	29 <i>Office Closed</i>	30 9am Toymakers 9am Bicycle Ministry
31-Easter Sunday 9:30 am 252 Basics - Sunday School 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Journey Class 11am Youth Sunday School 11am Youth Confirmation Class						

Offering Christ, Growing in Faith and Serving Others-All Good News!

- We were excited to have Reverend Jackie McMillan here to worship with us on Sunday, February 3.
- Our support for Zamar Ministries in Haiti continues to grow. We had a great response to the special offering on Sunday morning and at the Haiti Benefit Concert Sunday afternoon.
- The Children's Ministry Open House was a great success. Many people came to learn about our programs, and we now have several new servants. We would love to have more people serve in the Children's Ministry. Please contact Erin Lowe to find out how you can use your gifts to support our children as they Grow in Faith.
- Janet Pointas is the newest member to join the Faith Community Nurse Team.
- Thank you to everyone who donated non-perishable food for "Souper Bowl" Sunday.
- Ten youth are enrolled in Confirmation class.
- The Bicycle Ministry donated twelve bicycles to Sallie House in St. Petersburg and two bicycles to AMI Kids in New Port Richey.



Happy Birthday! If you have a birthday in March and it is not listed, email dmuller@eastlakeumc.org so we can update our database.

1 Dick Tome	9 Nancy Kerr	19 Rita Schnell	26 Jane Lane
2 Emma Peterson	Jimmy Murray	Sean Iverson	Shawn Strausser
3 Hannah Slutz	Caroline Master	Jeremy Devin	27 Nolan Baine
Lynn Kirkwood	10 Lydia Maguire	Andrew Yount	Bob Reinshagen
4 Stan Orr	12 Peggie Sherwin	20 Gordon Lerch	28 David Gilmore
Karen Ritzel	Jordan Bertke	Nancy Weineke	Scott Gardner
5 Darrell Newland	13 Cheryl Corrente	Shirley Smith	Lauren Hawley
Jan Double	Kris Kulp	Kellie Kulp	Adam Treichel
Shane Moore	Lindsey Miller	21 Ronald Robinson	30 Shirley Howes
Audrey Kowalski	14 Nancy Dickman	Taylor Uselis	Nancy Lamont
6 Sue Bailey	Stephen Mooney	22 Adrienne Lesko	Stephanie Stefanelli
Alice Beehner	David Dempsey	Katherine Barlow	31 Neil Knouase
8 Lori Bast	15 Trent Favaro	Mary Squires	Gerry Mason
Morgan Mahoney	18 Chuck Peterson	24 Dave Marsico	
Kaitlyn Mahoney	Dee Mayfield	25 Joe Bailey	
Laura Parker	Kalli Hartel	Jim Rowe	
John Baker			



Join us the first **Thursday** of the month, **March 7**, at **Vettore's** Pizzeria and Restaurant for fun and fellowship from 5:30 pm till 8:30 pm. Identify yourself as being from East Lake UMC; and Rick Maida, the owner of the restaurant, will donate 10% of the check to the church. Vettore's is located at 36137 East Lake Road in the Brooker Creek Publix Shopping Plaza.



We want to include all events in the Bulletin/Announcement Loop/ Newsletter. Please help us by making sure all events get correctly recorded on the calendar program in the church office. To add an event or meeting or to cancel one,, please contact the church receptionist, Vickie Downing at 727-784-9250 or vdowning@eastlakeumc.org



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