

Pathways



EAST LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MAY 2013

Explore East Lake UMC at *Compass Connection*



Compass Connection provides 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 offering of this four week class is:

May 5-26 from 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Following the last class there will be an opportunity to join the church at the service of your choice. Sign up online or at the Welcome Center. Please contact Lucy McGee at lmcgee@eastlakeumc.org or 727-784-9250, extension #118, for information.



Offer Christ

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THROUGH THE WORD, SACRAMENTS, HOSPITALITY, PRAISE AND GIVING



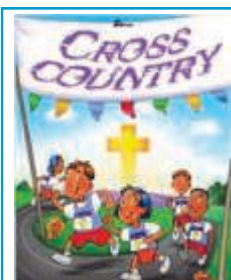
Grow in Faith

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THROUGH PRAYER, SMALL GROUPS, CLASSES, AND SUPPORT GROUPS



Serve Others

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THROUGH OUTREACH, MISSIONS AND CAREGIVING



Children's Celebration Choir Spring Musical
Date: Sunday, May 5
Time: 5 pm
Place: Sanctuary

Pot Luck Supper follows in Fellowship Hall.
Please bring an entrée dish to share.

Offer Christ



The butterfly symbolizes resurrection, Easter and the new life we have in Jesus Christ. As a caterpillar disappears into a chrysalis, so Jesus' dead body was hidden in a tomb. The emergence of the butterfly, rising into the sky in its beautiful new body, reminds us of Christ's resurrection and ours.

Stephen Ministers Offer Christ

By Karen Wubbenhorst

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who **provide one-to-one caring ministry** to people experiencing grief, divorce, loneliness, job loss, hospitalization and many other life difficulties. The care received is totally confidential, free and very helpful. ELUMC is very blessed to have 18 trained Stephen Ministers. These men and women have gone through more than 50 hours of training to be able to help in all situations. **Stephen Ministers bring Christ's presence into the person's life** and walk beside him/her so that he/she does not go through the crisis alone and has **spiritual and emotional support during this time of need**. If you or someone you know is in need of this care, please contact the church office, Margie Marks (Care Giving Ministry at 727-786-0005) or Karen Wubbenhorst (Stephen Ministry Leader at 727-375-1098) or any Stephen Minister in our church.



Prayer Garden Pavers Available

By Jim King



The Peg Gordon Memorial Prayer Garden is beautiful! Many people spend quiet time there in reflection and prayer. The **engraved pavers**, which have been placed in the garden to honor or memorialize a loved one or to share a favorite Bible verse, add to the beauty. Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, and Fourth of July are all great **opportunities to honor or memorialize a loved one** with a prayer garden paver. They are available in two sizes (8"x8" or 4"x8"). There is a sample paver at the Welcome Center. Order forms are available at the Welcome Center or on the church website at www.EastLakeUMC.org.

Summer Safety

By Carol Toyer

For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1.

After the long winter and rainy spring, everyone is anxious for summer and the activities that take us outdoors. To be sure you enjoy all that summer has to offer, remember to be observant and practice safety measures.

Don't miss out on the summer fun. Follow these tips when making your plans:

- ⇒ Camping - Be sure to plan for unexpected weather or storms, carry plenty of water if hiking, take a compass/map to prevent getting lost, wear comfortable walking shoes, wear a hat and sunscreen for sun protection, use insect repellent for mosquitoes and ticks, and wear a whistle to use in case you get lost.
- ⇒ Swimming or Boating - Drowning can occur in less than 2 inches of water so teach your children to swim, wear properly fitting flotation devices, keep children out of hot tubs (they can get dangerously overheated), use the buddy system, dive only in areas marked for diving, watch for shallow depth in lakes, supervise all activity.
- ⇒ Fireworks - Explosions of any kind are dangerous so handle with care, keep sparklers outside at arm's length (they can reach 1,800 degrees) have a bucket of water nearby in case of fire, don't allow children to handle them before or after firing, and keep pets indoors as they get frightened and may get injured.
- ⇒ Bicycling - Head injuries are common so protect children with properly fitting helmets, replace ones that have hit a hard surface, wear bright clothing for visibility, tie loose pant legs to prevent tangling in the chain, teach the rules of the road, never wear headphones, and maintain the bike (inflate the tires, oil the chain, adjust the handlebars, replace worn out brakes, and adjust the seat).
- ⇒ Sun Exposure - Sun damage is cumulative (children gather 50% to 80% of their lifetime exposure before 18) and causes wrinkles, cataracts, damage to the immune system, and skin cancer. Be extra careful with skin protection if you have very fair skin/hair, a family history of cancer, a family history of moles, or take medicine that causes increased sun sensitivity.



(Source: www.kidshealth.org)

Grow in Faith

Children's Ministry

By Erin Lowe, Director of Children's Ministry



MISSION STATEMENT

Our Children's Ministry exists to love and serve children, leading them to become Christ's disciples.

CORE VALUES: Christ-centeredness * Inclusiveness * Excitement * Love

Detail of the mission and core values for the Children's Ministry were shared in last month's newsletter. Our goals, which were developed at the visioning retreat, will allow us to put our mission and core values for the Children's Ministry into action. These goals fall into four broad categories.

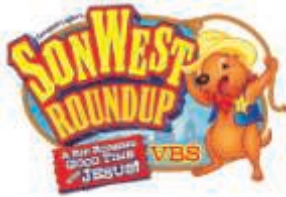
- ξ Worship/spiritual growth for children: The goals in this area focus on our format for helping children grow spiritually, how we help children learn to serve others, and how we support them in professing their faith.
- ξ Family-friendly/welcoming ministry: These goals look at how we attract and engage families in supporting the spiritual growth of their children, how we build a family fellowship ministry, and include an exploration of how we might support childcare needs of families with after school and summer programming.
- ξ Seamless programming infant to youth: The goals in this area help to ensure that we have strong articulation between Young Days Child Development Center and the overall Children's Ministry of the church, strengthen the integration among all components of the Children's Ministry, and provide orientation and connection to the youth program as children prepare to move from the Children's Ministry to the Youth Ministry.
- ξ Infrastructure/support: These goals look at the support needed to accomplish the other goals in our plan. They address facility and volunteer needs, provide for training and support of volunteers, and help communication through the use of a comprehensive branding strategy for the Children's Ministry.

As we take the first steps with these goals, we are excited about the work that lies ahead. Please continue to pray with us as we work to carry out God's plan for the children in our church and community.



2 OPPORTUNITIES FOR VBS THIS SUMMER...

June 17-21
9:00 am to noon
For children age 3 through 5th grade



July 8-12
6:00 to 8:00 pm
For children age 3 through 103!



Register online at www.EastLakeUMC.org.
The registration fee for each week is \$30.



Children and youth from East Lake UMC will attend **Warren Willis Camp** during the week of **July 15-20**. Register online at <http://www.warrenwilliscamp.org>. The camp is open to rising 4th graders through 2013 high school graduates.

Young Days News

By Jackie Kaller, Director



Young Days Summer Camp
THEME: Summer Safari

featuring animal interactions and lots of fun arts and crafts.

Date: Monday - Friday, August 5 - 9
Where: Education Building
Cost: \$100

Time: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Serving children ages 2 - 5.
Camp is lead by experienced Young Days staff.

Register now at the Young Days Office or call 727-789-3709.

YOUNG DAYS NEWS *continued*

The school year is winding down at Young Days Child Development Center. We thank the church for having the vision to start the preschool as an outreach to the community and the parents for entrusting their children to us this year. We enjoy working with all of the children in our care and have seen growth, development and skill acquisition in all of the boys and girls. The children have grown in so many ways, and we are proud of the care and concern they express for one another.



Young Days "Teacher Appreciation Week" is May 6-9. This time will be a celebration and tribute in honor of our wonderful teachers. Some of the other special events coming up at Young Days this month include Scholastic Book Fair, Mother's Day Tea, VPK Baccalaureate, VPK Graduation. The end of the preschool year is memorable, whether it means coming to the end-of-year celebration or attending graduation.



Youth News

Confirmation



On Sunday, April 21, we celebrated the confirmation of nine youth. They are James Arndt, Josh Cilmi, Jerome David, Ashley Hauser, Danielle Kelley, Haley Kravec, Emily Petty, Meg Smith and Austin Vautier. Supported by their families and sponsors, each of them has made the commitment to be confirmed and become a member of East Lake United Methodist Church. Please continue to pray for these incredible youth as they continue to grow in their faith.

During my confirmation experience my faith in God grew as well as my relationship with Him. I learned that God is like a spring, but instead of endless water it is endless love.

James Arndt

Curriculum Retreat

The recent curriculum retreat for the youth ministry was truly amazing! Last fall, Youth Ministry Architects (YMA) did an assessment of our children and youth ministries. A Youth Renovation Team was formed to oversee the transformation of the youth ministry into a dynamic, faith-building, and sustainable ministry. One of the discoveries from the assessment was that our youth are spiritually hungry to grow deeper in their faith! To address this need, we partnered with YMA and held a curriculum retreat. Volunteers, parents, and people from the congregation were invited to participate. We generated what we want our youth to know, feel and do by the time they leave youth ministry upon graduation of high school. We used a beach theme and focused on five stages of spiritual growth—come and see, belonging, explore, own, and live. YMA took all the things that we want the youth to know, do and feel and categorized them into areas like theology, Bible basics, and Christian living. Then we planned the youth group study time from August 2013 through May 2014, using an intentional development of curriculum so that our students will grow deeper in their faith. The draft curriculum is incredible!!!



Youth Curriculum

Using the month of November as an example will help to show how the curriculum has been designed to get maximum learning. The youth attend a retreat in November where they learn about a social justice or world problem. The Sunday before that weekend, the youth's study will focus on world missions. The Sunday following the retreat, the youth will discuss and share testimonies about the previous weekend and what they learned. Those who did not go on the retreat will be brought up to speed before the discussion. Then the next Sunday, the youth will see how they can take what they learned and impact the community around them. This is just one example. There are come and see events, some Sunday's devoted to helping the youth connect with each other, and then many Sundays for the youth to grow in their Christian walk.

After completing the youth group curriculum, we used the same process for Sunday school. The Sunday school curriculum, which is focused on theology and Bible basics, is designed to take the youth to a deeper level than what they will experience in the youth group. The youth will be given the topics that will be explored in Sunday school in advance so they can make informed decisions about which sessions they want to make sure to attend.

The next step is to develop the curriculum for the 2014-2015 school year, keeping in mind what we did for the first year so that we are not too repetitive. The goal is to design the curriculum so that it is fresh, new, and takes kids to new and deeper levels. This is a very exciting time to be a part of the youth ministry. If it has been on your heart to help our youth grow roots deep enough into their faith in God so that they continue to nurture their faith when they leave us, please let's have a conversation. Please contact Becky Bride for further information or to volunteer.



Graduation Sunday - On Sunday, June 3, high school and college graduates will be recognized. Graduates (or their parents) are encouraged to complete an information form and return it to the church office by May 5.

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, fun, and conversation at their **May 11** event at **Red Robin Gourmet Burgers** located at 27001 US Highway 19 North, #1130 in Clearwater (near Cobb Theater in Countryside Mall). For more information or to RSVP to the dinner **contact Linda Kapsa** at lmk2922@hotmail.com. Hope to see you there!



United Methodist Men

The next **Gathering of Men** will be **Saturday, May 11** from **7:30-9:30 am** in **Fellowship Hall**. Join us for fellowship and an opportunity to meet with other men who face the challenges of keeping Christ alive in their lives. All are welcome!



United Methodist Men's Golf Challenge Date: **Saturday, June 8** Time: 8:30 am Place: **Tarpon Woods Golf Club**



Shotgun Start—4 Person Scramble Cost: \$50 per person (includes Green Fees, Cart, Dinner, & Prizes)

Please make checks payable to East Lake UMC with "Golf Tournament" in the memo line.

Contact Chip O'Shell (woshell1@aol.com or 727-744-4324) for further information or visit the golf tournament display in the Courtyard on Sunday Mornings.

Serve Others

Missions Report

By Annie Doraisingh

Special Offerings Help Others



On **Sunday, May 5**, we will hold a special offering to support **United Methodist Cooperative Ministries (UMCM)**. UMCM sponsors many wonderful programs to support people right here in our community. They are currently expanding their early learning opportunities so they can serve the children of more low-income families. They have started **Cribs and Cots for Tots** to ensure that the children have a safe and comfy naptime at the preschool centers. It is a big project, and we can help!

Checks for this special offering should be made out to **East Lake United Methodist Church** with "**UMCM**" **printed in the memo** line of the check. Thank you for supporting this valuable agency and those they serve.



Making Sandwiches for Pinellas Hope



Our next lunch-making event is scheduled for **May 19th**. We will **make sandwiches** for the residents of **Pinellas Hope** between worship services that Sunday. We need volunteers to:

⇒ bring lunch meat, cheese, bread, fruit cups, and chips for the lunches
Sign-up sheets will be available in the courtyard on May 5 and 12.

⇒ make the sandwiches

Volunteers will be needed in Fellowship Hall between worship services on May 19. Please plan on being there to help.



Fourth and Fifth Graders Adopt Heifer Project

By Pat Peterson



The 4th/5th grade Sunday School class has adopted the Heifer Project for their annual mission project. This organization helps families support themselves by raising animals for food and sale. The class has set a lofty goal of raising enough money to purchase a water buffalo! Every week, they contribute money they have saved from their allowances or earned by doing chores. They have been collecting money from the congregation on Sunday mornings. With the help of everyone in the church family, maybe they'll raise enough money to buy an ark! Watch for their results as their project concludes.



Special thanks go to everyone who has supported our Habitat for Humanity work days. The **next work day is Saturday, May 25 from 8:00 am to noon**. We meet at the church at 7:15 am and carpool to the site. All interested Adults and Youth (16 and older) are asked to complete paperwork prior to the work day. Sign up or get more information from Hilary Wagner at wagnerha@yahoo.com.

Bicycle Ministry Continues to Grow

By Trevor Charlton

The Bicycle Ministry continues to grow in both output and regular help. Operating primarily on Saturday mornings, the workshop is consistently supported by up to 6 helpers, including 3 high school students. With the helpers, we have been able to refurbish and donate more bikes to children and adults in need around the Tampa Bay area.

Since January 1st the group has donated 132 bikes to organizations like AMI Kids, New Port Richey; Sallie House, St Petersburg; Pinellas Hope, Pinellas Park; St Timothy's Lutheran Church, Tarpon Springs; Union St UMC, Clearwater; and The Islamic Center, St Petersburg. Most recently, bikes have been donated to the VFW in New Port Richey for their April 27 Spring Stand Down.

We continue to receive a regular supply of bikes from church members, PSTA, the County Sheriffs in Pasco and Pinellas and many other sources. Thank you to all members of the church who support this ministry.



Handing over 18 bikes to Mark Goss, the manager of the VFW in New Port Richey, on Saturday April 20th, 2013

Blood Pressure Checks Available



The Caregiving Faith Community Nurses and Volunteers continue to take **Blood Pressure** readings the **third Sunday** of the month in Fellowship Hall from 9-11 am. Having this reading done could save your life. **Please Do Not Drink Coffee Before Your Reading.**

Caregiving News

By Margie Marks

Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works

James 2:26

- ♥ On Easter Sunday, the Caregiving servants delivered 27 of the donated Easter lilies to our church family shut-ins and those who are recovering from surgery as well as 15 lilies to Brookside Hospice and 15 to West Bay Nursing facility.
- ♥ The Caregiving Ministry made a prayer blanket for Ireland Nugent, the little girl who lost her feet due to a lawn mower accident. A blanket was also made for her parents. The ministry has been able to make and give five other blankets due to generous donations that have been made to the ministry as well as blankets being purchased for us to give as we see the need.
- ♥ The East Lake UMC Emmaus Community donated \$127 to Ireland Nugent fund raiser.
- ♥ The Caregiving Ministry gave the nine young people, who were confirmed on April 21, individually made cards and a Holding Cross made by the ToyMakers.
- ♥ The Caregiving Ministry would like to thank the Mary Martha Circle for the lovely little angels that they made. We are now adding them to our care baskets and our prayer blankets. We thank the ToyMakers for donating the holding crosses that we place in our prayer blankets, send with our youth on their mission trips, and give to each of our new members.
- ♥ A very special thank you goes to Tena Donahey for the gorgeous prayer blankets that she makes for the Ministry, to Lynn Kirkwood for her leadership of the Caregiving Prayer Team and getting the prayer requests sent out each Monday, to Carol Toyer who leads the Caregiving Faith Community Nurses and Volunteers and Bloodmobile, to Pat Peterson who leads to the Memorial Team, to Ethel Smith who leads the meal team, to Nancy Lewee who leads the Communion Team, and to Henny Oschmann who leads the flower team.



Mission Statement

To reach out in loving support to our Church Family and community in times of need by giving concrete expression of love and compassion through faith in action as taught by our Lord Jesus Christ.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9am Toymakers Noon Soul Sisters 6:45 pm Bell Choir 6:45 pm Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 pm Pathfinders 7:30 pm Church Choir	2 9am Toymakers 1pm UMW Board Meeting 2pm L.I.F.E (Living in Faith Effectively) 4pm Children's Choir 5:30 pm Family Pizza Night at Vettore's 8pm Al-Anon	3 <i>Office Closed</i>	4 9am Toymakers 9am Bicycle Ministry
5 9:30 am 252 Basics - Sunday School 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Journey Class 11am Youth Sunday School 1pm 45 Club 4pm Youth Green Market Meeting 5pm Children's Choir Presentation & Covered Dish Supper	6 6pm Children's Ministry Design Team 7pm Worship Task Force	7 9am Toymakers 12:30 pm Son-Kissed Sisters 7pm Missions & Outreach Team 7pm Praise Band	8 9am Toymakers 6:45 pm Bell Choir 6:45 pm Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:30 pm Church Choir	9 9am Toymakers 2pm L.I.F.E (Living in Faith Effectively) 7pm UMW-Sarah Circle 8pm Al-Anon	10 <i>Office Closed</i>	11 7:30 am UMM Meeting 9am Toymakers 9am Bicycle Ministry 6:30 pm Working Singles Dinner
12 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9:30 am 252 Basics - Sunday School 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Journey Class 11am Youth Sunday School 4pm Youth Green Market Meeting	13 6:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm Staff Parish Meeting	14 9am Toymakers 7pm Praise Band	15 *Newsletter Deadline* 9am Toymakers Noon Soul Sisters 6:45 pm Bell Choir 6:45 pm Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 pm Pathfinders 7:30 pm Church Choir	16 9am Toymakers 2pm L.I.F.E (Living in Faith Effectively) 6:45 pm MASH Meeting 8pm Al-Anon	17 <i>Office Closed</i>	18 9am Toymakers 9am Bicycle Ministry
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Offering Christ, Growing in Faith and Serving Others-All Good News!

- * Thank you to the many people who brought colorful flowers to decorate the cross in the courtyard on Easter Sunday.
- * Thanks to your support the Sarah Circle Bake Sale on April 7, raised \$800 to benefit The Haven of RCS Outreach Center for Domestic Violence of women and children.
- * As a special community service project, Brownie Scout Troop #1360 purchased and planted the Mandevilla shrubs along the fence at the entrance of the church property. This was their way of giving back to the church for allowing the troop to have a place to meet.
- * VBS registration is underway, serving children age 3 yrs. through 5th grade. Register online at www.EastLakeUMC.org.
- * We celebrate the important spiritual milestone of our 2013 confirmation class!
- * The Youth Ministry Renovation Team recently held a curriculum retreat, where they designed an amazing plan for the 2013-14 school year. This work has laid the foundation for areas of study for the next 3 years for Sunday night Youth Group, as well as Sunday morning Sunday School. Because of the team's hard work, our youth will have the opportunity to grow deeper in their faith while learning new things each year.
- * Our Faith Community Nurses took 27 blood pressures this month.
- * Last Sunday, seven pints of blood were donated to Florida Blood Services.



May Birthdays...



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

2 Jan Pearson	15 Phil Teta	24 Augustus Hodges	28 Jessica Vacca
3 Tom Bride	17 Laura Barello	Sebastian Hodges	Charlene Leichssenring
6 Jack Osburn	18 Nicole Platti	Steve Stokking	Madeline Hobbs
Nancy Roe	Steve Bianco	25 Henny Oschmann	Ken Waters
7 Austin Schnell	Bruce Lowell	Lynn Thomas	Nancy Cuckler
8 Ron Lane	Dustin Bride	26 Teresa Beck	29 Bobbie Belcher
Austin Treichel	19 Taylor Maslar	Martha Fewell	Jessye Brindle
9 Ginger Messer	20 Christopher Lambert	Jack Morris	Karen Hogan
10 Lari Walker	Chase Sloyer	27 Joe Lloyd	
11 Becky Bride	Stephen Perez		
Susan Smith	21 Sydney Pickrem		
Mae Drummond	22 Nancy Novick		
12 Opal Greathouse	Jeanne Larimore		
13 Pam Dubov	23 Mike Norcia		
14 Barb Frett	Adrienne Baine		
Chuck Hendrick	Justin Casper		



Join us the first **Thursday** of the month,
May 2, at **Vetture's**

Pizzeria and Restaurant for fun and fellowship from 5:30 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. Vetture's is located at 36137 East Lake Road in the Brooker Creek Publix Shopping Plaza.



Can't join us for the fellowship time?

Please consider visiting Vetture's anytime during their operating hours on the first Thursday of the month. The church will still receive the 10% donation for anyone who let's their server know they are from ELUMC.



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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.

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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