

Pathways



EAST LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MAY 2012

Explore East Lake

Have you been attending East Lake UMC and would like to learn more about us? Come to our Compass Class beginning May 6 from 9:45-10:45 am in the choir room of Fellowship Hall. The class is four weeks long. There will be an opportunity to join the church, at the service of your choice, upon completion of the class.

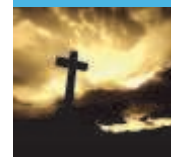
Week One-Head EAST to Explore East Lake
Week Two-Head SOUTH for Spirituality
Week Three-Head WEST to learn about Works
Week Four-Head NORTH to become New Members



Sign-up online or at the Welcome Center.

Thank You East Lake!

The Missions and Outreach team would like to thank all who helped make our Pinellas Hope sandwich-making project on April 22 a great success. With the help of those who donated supplies and those who helped assemble the finished products, we were able to provide approximately 150 sandwiches plus fruit cups, chips, and brownies. These results prove once again the old adage that many hands make light work!



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Financial Report

By The Finance Team

To-date through Week 17

Income needed	\$238,000.00
Income received	\$231,119.35
Net	(\$6,880.65)



Women's Health

By Carol Toyer



"Lord doesn't it seem unfair that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me!" Luke 10:40



Are you a Mary who is eager to sit back and learn things or a Martha who worries about the details of a job and is upset when others can't multitask? Throughout the ages women have been taught to be organizers, nurturers, and caretakers for others while neglecting their own needs and desires. Even today you are expected to be superwomen and excel in the roles of wife, mother, daughter, volunteer, employee, caretaker, protector, and businesswoman. Unfortunately, while accomplishing these tasks, women forget the most important tasks of a healthy life: balance and self care.

You probably intellectually understand the importance of annual checkups and health screening but often find excuses to ignore health issues because of the belief that caring for others is more important. In order to have energy to care for others, it is important that you practice holistic self-care. This means taking time to rest, enjoy friends, and care for yourself.

Caring for the mind, spirit, and relationships through hobbies, meditation, morning devotions, lunch with friends, date or family night with a spouse or family will establish balance and stability. These activities will result in lower blood pressure, peace of mind, greater enjoyment of family, and renewed energy to tackle the difficulties of life and are just as important as medical appointments and screening where health issues can be found before they become serious issues.

Being too involved in your work leaves very little time for other things in life so take a look at how your day is spent and ask yourself how to re-prioritize your activities. Plan ways to add personal time to your day and practice those changes. By balancing the work and fun in your life, you will experience immediate benefits of greater joy and fewer headaches.

(Source: National Women's Health Resource Center www.healthywomen.org)



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Grow in Faith

United Methodist Men's Golf Challenge

By UMM



The United Methodist Men's Golf Tournament will take place on

Saturday, May 19, 2012 at 1:00 pm

Magnolia Valley Golf Course
7223 Massachusetts Avenue
New Port Richey, FL 34653
(727) 847-2342

www.magnoliavalleygolfclub.com

Shotgun Start – 4 person scramble

\$40 per person covers: Golf, Cart, Prizes, and a Meal afterwards

There will be closest to the pin, long drive contests, and chipping and putting contests and a

Hole In One Contest for 2 to Hawaii
(8 Days & 7 Nights, Includes Air & Hotel)



For additional information contact: Steve Bianco
727-935-5703
sbianco3@tampabay.rr.com

Women of Faith Conference - Celebrate What Matters 2012

When was the last time you sat still enough for God to talk to you?

I want to personally invite you and your girlfriends to come with me to experience a Women of Faith conference like never before! Imagine God talking just to you while worshipping in an arena with 15,000 other Christian women... WOW! I have been there and done it, but this year there are new speakers, new staging, live worship bands, bible digging and much more. I am excited about what God has in store for all of us! In the past, light bulbs went off, aha moments happened and I always walk away from this weekend on a spiritual high and renewed faith.

If you have never attended, please consider joining me on this very special weekend. Our goal is to have a minimum of 25 women join our group. Everyone is welcome no matter what your situation is. We will begin fundraising for our weekend, so scholarships will be available if needed.

Tickets are \$91.00 for the event, but if you are a teacher (even Sunday School) or someone in your family is in the military or a Veteran, tickets are \$71.00. We are allowed 10 for each category, so get your \$50 deposit in quickly to earn this discount. **Deposit deadline is June 1, 2012 and the balance is due August 1, 2012.**

Hotel room double occupancy cost is \$55 and a possible \$10.00 for parking. Breakfast is included and lunch is \$10 provided by Jason's Deli or there will be nearby restaurants open for lunch.

Total weekend cost is \$156 or \$136 with discounted ticket. The Conference is Friday and Saturday, October 12-13 at the Amway Arena in Orlando.

You can contact me on my cell 941 223-0141 or home is 727 474-3400.

Hope you can make it!

Blessings,
Eileen Kowalski



Youth News



Date: July 16-21 (week 6)

Cost: \$385

for rising 4th-12th grade students

Our church will be attending Warren Willis Camp as a group the week of July 16-21. Children and youth, who are rising fourth graders and above, are encouraged to attend for a week of fun and fellowship at camp. This high-energy, life-changing week includes activities like daily praise and worship, a low and high ropes course and sailing, archery, crafts and ultimate Frisbee.

Register online at www.WARRENWILLISCAMP.org .
Spaces fill quickly so early registration is encouraged.

Confirmation

By Mary Treichel, Director of Youth Ministries

This has been an especially meaningful Confirmation class for me to teach and be a part of this year! One of our mentors summed it up best when she said that this class was a perfect example of quality over quantity. We had a smaller class this year than we have had in the past however, this allowed us to have many more meaningful conversations about what we were learning as we began our faith journey together.

I can only hope that Charlotte Arndt, Lily Caringer, and Kayla Dover got as much out of this class as I did. We have been meeting together as a class since February and Confirmation Sunday will be May 6 at the 9:30 am service. We have learned about “our story” which included teachings about creation, sin and redemption as well about the history of the church and the importance of our relationship with Jesus. We also talked about “confirming our faith” and the importance of grace and salvation and our worshiping together and what is involved in a worship service.

We learned about the Wesley Quadrilateral and finished our time together learning how to “live our commitment.” This included talking about what the vows that they will take on Confirmation Sunday really mean and how they will continue to uphold them as they continue on their faith journey. Our Confirmation class was also able to attend a retreat at Warren Willis Camp for a weekend full of fellowship and fun together with other youth from other churches from throughout the Florida Conference.

Our time spent with our mentors was also very rewarding. I would like to thank Vickie Downing, who was able to join us for many of our classes. Also some additional wisdom and all of the mentors for their patience, guidance and love they shared with Charlotte, Lily and Kayla during our time together.

This is a very special group of girls who have taken this class very seriously and were a joy for me to teach (as well as be taught by). They are all very active in our youth group and our Youth Praise Band and are already serving our church in several ways including serving our snack supper on Sunday nights and helping me out with many other projects I have had over the past few months. Their love of God and life is contagious, and I can't wait to see what God has planned for the rest of their lives!



It is hard to believe that this is our last article in the newsletter till Fall. Our preschool year is winding down and many of our preschoolers will be off to kindergarten in the fall.

We thank the parents for entrusting their children to us this year. We have enjoyed working with all of the children in our care and have seen growth, development and skill acquisition in all of the boys and girls. We have also witnessed how the children have grown in the way they deal with frustration and the care and concern they express for one another. We are really impressed with the extended attention spans of these little ones. It is not unusual for them to sit attentively through circle time in the morning. Hoorah for preschoolers!

We thank you for your support throughout the year. We feel a close partnership with our parents and send our best wishes to everyone in the congregation who has supported our efforts.

Please make note of the special events coming up. The end of the preschool year is memorable, whether it means coming to the end-of-year celebration or attending graduation.

Important Dates to remember:

- Scholastic Book Fair: May 7-11
- VPK Graduation: June 6
- Last Day of School for Young Days: June 7



Children's Chatter

By Erin Lowe, Director of Children's Ministry

May is here!!! Summer is right around the corner... This month we celebrate our wonderful mommy's and Grandma's on Sunday, May 13, 2012.

On May 17 -19, I will attend- Haiti Mission Partners Conference. This is hosted by the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). I am so excited to continue my passion and commitment to the Zamar Ministry with Pastor Guerry.

May 20 will be our **last 45 club** for the school year. We will go to Airheads in Tampa. Sure to be lots and lots of fun.

Save the date for **Vacation Bible School, June 18 – 22, 9:00 am -12:00 pm**. I still need lots of volunteers to make this another wonderful experience for the children coming to learn about God.

Music Camp this year is sure to be another outstanding week. It will take place **July 23 -27**, from **9:00 am – 2:00 pm** with a performance on Friday, July 27 at 6:30 pm.

Wishing you a month full of happiness and God's Blessing.



Serve Others

Missions and Outreach Projects

by Lynn Bianco & Annie Doraisingh

The missions and outreach team invites new members to help us *Serve Others*. If you are interested, please contact Lynn Bianco (727-935-5703 or sbianco3@tampabay.rr.com) or Annie Doraisingh (727- 939-9688 or annie_doraisingh@yahoo.com) or simply attend our next meeting on Tuesday, May 1 at 7:00 pm in the West Room of Fellowship hall. If you cannot make that meeting, we meet the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Our meetings are listed in the Sunday bulletin.

The team has many projects planned for the remainder of the year. Please see the information below for further details.



Thanks to Hilary Wagner and Mary Treichel for organizing our **Habitat for Humanity** work day on **Saturday, May 26**. We are thrilled to have a Habitat Team back at East Lake UMC. Let's support this team with lots of workers!



In **May and June**, we will collect **new children's tennis shoes** for the children who attend Kid's Camp at **Metropolitan Ministries in Pasco**. Young Days families will be helping with this project. The shoe collection will also be the service project for VBS in June. Watch for more information in the weekly bulletins starting early May.

In **July** we will collect **backpacks and school supplies** so the children attending Kid's Camp at Metropolitan Ministries in Pasco will have what they need to start school.

Volunteers are always needed for **Kid's Camp**. To sign up to help at Metropolitan Ministries in Pasco, go to their website (<http://www.metromin.org/page.aspx?pid=518>)



In September, we will join with the United Methodist Women to fill **Ditty Bags** for **United Methodist Cooperative Ministries (UMCM)**. We will also support the children served by UMCM through our Angel Tree in November/December. The bicycle ministry also supports UMCM with bicycles throughout the year.



We will provide **lunches** to Pinellas Hope residents again on **June 25** and **August 27**. Watch the bulletin for information about donations needed for the lunch project. The Missions and Outreach team hopes that the congregation will be as generous for these upcoming events as they were for the one in April.

Cuba and Haiti

We continue to support our Sister Church in Cuba and Zamar Ministries in Haiti. So far this year, people within East Lake United Methodist Church have offered prayers and provided money for our sister church to rebuild their worship area and to purchase additional pigs for their farm. We have also helped Zamar cover the cost of the annual rent for the building that houses their school. As Pastor Jay said, we have just seen the tip of the iceberg in how we can help in Cuba and Haiti! As we find additional ways to support them, we can learn a great deal from these wonderfully spiritual people.

Volunteers Needed for Pack a Sack

For the last couple of years we supported children who might otherwise not have enough to eat during the weekend through a United Methodist Cooperative Ministries (UMCM) program called Pack a Sack. These children are enrolled in the school breakfast and lunch programs, but their families do not have sufficient monies to keep their children from being hungry on the weekends. We hope to restart at the beginning of the next school year. We are in need of a volunteer or two to coordinate this program for our church. The coordinator(s) would work with UMCM staff and then find volunteers to provide the non-perishable food items (fruit cups, snack crackers, granola bars, etc.) to be delivered to the school we are assigned each week. Please contact Lynn Bianco or Annie Doraisingh to volunteer.



The Boy Scout Troop is Collecting Cereal

The Boy Scouts will be collecting cereal for FEAST food bank so that there is sufficient food available when children are out of school for the summer. Please consider helping the boy scouts by bringing boxes of cereal to the church during the month of May. We can give our troop a good head start for their summer project. Watch for further information in the Sunday bulletin.

Caregiving Ministry

By Margie Marks

Caregiving Flower Team Needs Volunteers & Vases

The Caregiving Flower Team needs volunteers and small flower vases. This team makes individual arrangements from the altar flowers that are donated. They deliver these individual arrangements to home bound, people in the hospital, those dealing with stress, or anyone that the ministry feels would have their day brightened or spirits lifted by receiving them.

The flowers are delivered on Sunday morning following the 11 o'clock service. If you can't deliver them on Sundays, but would like to be a servant on the team, the flowers may be delivered on Monday or Tuesday. Not only are you bringing a gift of God's magnificent creations, you are bringing a gift of love from your church family. If you would like to be a part of this team, see Henny Oschman in the Glasgow Room following the service. She will give you a delivery assignment and sign you up to be a member of the team. You may also call Margie Marks at 727-786-0005. Bring vases to the church office and designate them for Caregiving.

Toymakers:

A very special thank you to the Toymakers for the Holding Crosses that they make and donate to the Caregiving Ministry. The crosses are placed with the Prayer Blankets along with a special card explaining its meaning and purpose. I know that it means a lot to the one receiving the Prayer Blanket to also receive the Holding Cross. My mother held hers continuously through her battle with cancer and she went home holding it. She was buried with it still in her hand.

Thank you & Blessings
Margie Marks
Caregiving Coordinator



Caregiving Ministry & Bonnie,
Thank you for the lovely healing touch card. All the prayers certainly did help and my eye is much better. These new high tech implants are not the piece of cake one thinks they should be. It has taken me 3 weeks to get some resolution to the visual problems I have had with this one and not sure I will get the same implant put in the other eye. I am happy that most of the problems are resolving themselves. Thank you to the prayer team and you for your prayers and concern.
Many blessings.
Barbara Baker

To All Caregivers,

Thank you for the flowers in the past year, the Christmas Poinsettias, the Easter Lily and the good feeling each flower brought to me from you.

Sylvia Babor

Dear East Lake Members;

Thank you so very much for the prayer blanket, holding cross, phone calls, cards and prayers. I feel truly blessed by your support during the time since I was diagnosed. I love visiting your church when I am visiting Florida.

Love, Pam Bradley

Dear Caregiving Ministry and Bonnie:

Thank you so much for the card you sent to me on behalf of East Lake UMC! I consider ELUMC my church in FL when I am away from Southern Hills UMC in Lexington. It is such a blessing to know that so many of your members are praying for my health. I started a second round of chemo 3 weeks ago and all is going well because of thoughts and prayers like yours. I plan to visit your church on my next visit. We have really enjoyed Pastor Jay's sermons and worshipping with the members of ELUMC when we are visiting FL. Thank you so much for being a warm and welcoming church to outsiders.
Love,

Pam Bradley

Dear Members of the Caregiving Ministry of East Lake UMC,

Thank you so much for the Holding Cross that I received from Tena & Joe Donahey. I am truly blessed to receive such a symbol of hope and comfort. It is a beautiful work of art and gives me comfort during this trying time.

In God's Love
Judge Dee Anna Farnell



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8am Toymakers 12:30 pm Son-Kissed Sisters 7pm Praise Band	2 8am Toymakers 6:45 pm Wednesday Night Bible Study 7pm Pathfinder Mtg. 7:30 pm Choir Practice	3 8am Toymakers 1pm UMW Mtg. 5:30 pm Family Pizza Night at Vettore's 8pm Al-Anon	4 12pm Soul Sisters	5 8am Toymakers
6 - Confirmation 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Journey Class 9:30 am Live BIG - Sunday School 10:45 am Compass Class 11am Youth Sunday School 5pm Youth Praise Band 6pm Youth Group	7 6:30 pm Staff Parish Mtg.	8 8am Toymakers 12:30 pm Son-Kissed Sisters 7pm Praise Band	9 8am Toymakers 6:45 pm Wednesday Night Bible Study 7pm Pathfinders Mtg. 7:30 pm Choir Practice	10 8am Toymakers 7pm Sarah Circle-UMW 8pm Al-Anon	11 6:30 pm Parent's Night Out	12 7:30 am UMM 8am Toymakers TBD- Working Singles Group
13 - Mother's Day 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Journey Class 9:30 am Live BIG - Sunday School 10:45 am Compass Class 11am Youth Sunday School 5pm Youth Praise Band 6pm Youth Group	14	15 8am Toymakers 9:30 am UMW: Mary Martha Circle 12:30 pm Son-Kissed Sisters 7pm Praise Band	16 *Newsletter Deadline* 8am Toymakers 6:45 pm Wednesday Night Bible Study 7pm Pathfinders Mtg. 7:30 pm Choir Practice	17 8am Toymakers 7pm MASH Mtg. 8pm Al-Anon	18 12pm Soul Sisters	19 8am Toymakers 1pm Golf Tournament
20 9:30 am Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Journey Class 9:30 am Live BIG - Sunday School 10:45 am Compass Class 11am Youth Sunday School 5pm Youth Praise Band 6pm Youth Group	21 6:30 pm Board of Trustees 7:30 pm Church Council	22 8am Toymakers 12:30 pm Son-Kissed Sisters 7pm Praise Band	23 8am Toymakers 6:45 pm Wednesday Night Bible Study 7pm Pathfinders Mtg. 7:30 pm Choir Practice	24 8am Toymakers 8pm Al-Anon	25	26 8am Toymakers TBD - Habitat for Humanity
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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.**



Your event will only be placed in the Bulletin/Announcement Loop/Newsletter if your meeting or event is in the church's Event Management System. To add an event or meeting, or to cancel, please contact the church receptionist, Vickie Downing, at 727-784-9250 or vdowning@eastlakeumc.org



We will have a **Parents Night Out** on **Friday, May 11**, from 6:30 -9:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. This is for potty trained 3 year olds through 5 grade. Cost is \$10.00 per child, or \$25 max per family. We will offer Bible stories, crafts and a movie. Kids may bring sleeping bags and a pillow, if they wish. Contact Erin Lowe to sign up at elowe@eastlakeumc.org or 727-784-9250 ext. 110.

Metropolitan Ministries in Pasco County provides services, such as food and shelter assistance, to families experiencing hardship or homelessness. They are a proactive organization striving to strengthen the community by helping families get back on their feet and find stability through the many services they offer. The needs in our surrounding community are greater than most of us can comprehend. We invite anyone interested in their mission to visit their website at www.metromin.org and sign up to volunteer.



Join us the first **Thursday** of the month, May 3, at **Vetture'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. Vetture's is located at 36137 East Lake Road in the Brooker Creek Publix Shopping Plaza.



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.

Choir Members Needed: No experience is necessary. Please join us at 7:30 pm on Wednesday nights in the Sanctuary.



www.EastLakeUMC.org

Start your day right on the **second Saturday of the month**. 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!



Working Singles meets the second Saturday of the month, at local restaurants for dinner, fellowship, and fun. For more information, contact Linda Kapsa at 727-772-0017.

Feedback requested! The Lenten Devotion Survey is now available to you. You may access this survey on our website, in The Coming Up at East Lake weekly email, in our church office, and at the Welcome Center until Tuesday, May 15. Thank you for your participation.

Please mark your calendars for the next blood drive on Sunday, **July 15, 2012** from 8 am till 12:30 pm in the courtyard.



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

- The Bicycle Ministry donated fifteen bicycles to Project Hope and fifteen bicycles to the Islamic Center in St. Petersburg.
- Pastor Jay is visiting with Pathfinder & Sunday School groups.
- Praise to God for the five women who completed the Walk to Emmaus last month: Erin Lowe, Tammy Milcowitz, Debra King, Kirk Watts and Judy Salvador.
- Tuesdays Agape Pathfinders, small group is volunteering every Wednesday at Metropolitan Ministries in New Port Richey.
- Our Pastor, Jay Kowalski, returned from Cuba last month enriched with God's spirit.
- Last month, Jackie Kaller, Young Days Director, and Jan Segal, educator, shared fascinating facts about how to equip our children for success at the Precious and Precocious Brunch .
- The Bicycle Ministry donated fourteen bikes to VFW in New Port Richey for veterans.
- Erin Lowe would like to thank Annette Charlton, for teaching the Communion class to our children. The class starts on Sunday, May 6.
- A huge thank you to everyone that helped Erin Lowe, with the Easter Eggstravaganza.
- The Youth Ministry would like to thank Susan Hickman and Tiffany Pittman for coordinating our Youth Car Wash and Garage Sale. We were able to raise money for our summer mission trips and scholarships for those trips.



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

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| 1 Mike Clark | 11 Becky Bride | 19 Taylor Maslar | 28 Charlene
Leichssenring |
| 2 Morris Gibson | John Schultz | 20 Chase Sloyer | Madeline Hobbs |
| Jan Pearson | Susan Smith | Stephen Perez | Ken Waters |
| 3 Tom Bride | Warren Brindle | 21 Elizabeth Pickrem | Nancy Cuckler |
| 6 Nancy Roe | Mae Drummond | 22 Nancy Novick | 29 Bobbie Belcher |
| 7 Austin Schnell | 12 Opal Greathouse | Robin Caringer | Jessye Brindle |
| 8 Ron Lane | 13 Pam Dubov | Jeanne Larimore | Karen Hogan |
| Austin Treichel | 14 Chuck Hendrick | 23 Mike Norcia | |
| 9 Ginger Messer | Barb Frett | Adrienne Baine | |
| 10 Margie Papenhausen | 15 Phil Teta | Justin Casper | |
| Lari Walker | 16 Jeannie Arcieri | 24 Steve Stokking | |
| Mike Perez | 17 Laura Barello | 25 Henry Oschmann | |
| | 18 Iris Caralla | Lynn Thomas | |
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