

Pathways



East Lake United Methodist Church

Annual Community Fest

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2011

10:00AM – 3:00PM



October 2011

At East Lake UMC we **Offer Christ—Grow in Faith—Serve Others**. The Annual Community Fest (ACF 3) is our biggest outreach activity of the year.

We need everyone in the church family working together to help make ACF 3 a huge success for our community. Get involved! Use your spiritual gifts to help with this exciting activity.

Here's how you can serve...

Word of Mouth is always the best advertisement. **Please invite your friends, family, and neighbors** to ACF 3 for great food, fun activities for children, exciting live entertainment, and many informational exhibits.

Sign up to serve at ACF 3. We need people to set up, sell tickets, serve food, clean up, assist with the children's activities, serve as greeters, help with parking, and a variety of other important roles. Sign-up for the areas you are interested in at the ACF basket at the Welcome Center or on-line at www.EastLakeUMC.org.

JOIN US FOR THE FUN AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY!

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Offer Christ



Please join us for the fun events starting in October!

On **Saturday, October 8 at 9 am** we need help unloading the pumpkins. Bring your gloves and wear play clothes and help us unload the pumpkin truck!

On **Thursday, October 13 starting at 6:30 pm** we will have a movie night! We will be creating a craft in the Pumpkin Patch and then moving into Fellowship Hall for pizza and a movie. Kids ages 0 to 5th grade (older kids are welcome to come and help)

On **Tuesday, October 18 at 6:30 pm** come and purchase any size pumpkin and Art Rob Studios will supply the paint, brushes and instruction on how to paint the perfect decorative pumpkin! No experience required.

On **Saturday, October 22 from 10 am to 3 pm** we are hosting our Annual Community Fest!

Come and Celebrate the Community with music, food, games, face painting, and more!

Please sign up to volunteer at the Welcome Center or online!



Family Night at Vettore's!

Please Join us on Thursday, October 6, 2011

Join us the first Thursday of every month from 5:30pm to 8:30pm.

-Mention your church membership anytime during your dining experience and 10% of your check will be donated to ELUMC.

Come and enjoy the fellowship and pizza while helping out the church!

Vettore's Restaurant is located at 36137 East Lake Road in Palm Harbor in the Brooker Creek Publix shopping plaza.

“Extravagant Generosity”... being passionate and generous. This will be the topic of our next sermon series. I am so excited that our congregation will not only focus on this idea for four Sundays, but all will be given the opportunity to participate in this stewardship campaign by reading daily devotionals on the grace of giving.

Pathfinder groups, Sunday school classes, children and youth, will all have the chance to be involved in some way in this study.

God is opening the door at East Lake to spend quality time in prayer and to reflect on our gifts of time, talent and treasure to further His kingdom! I encourage you to begin thinking about these questions and how they tug at your heart:

- 1) WHAT do you love most about our church?
- 2) WHO among our church family, has made a difference in your spiritual life?
- 3) What is your VISION AND HOPE for ELUMC?

These are questions which would be fun to discuss with others. You'll find some of the devotions we are all reading, ones you would like to spend time discussing as well.

Do any of the following categories fit you?

- Not in a small group but would be interested in a short term study of only 4 weeks?
- Unable to join a group during the week but able to be go to one on a weekend?
- Need child care to attend a small group?
- Curious about Extravagant Generosity?
- Anxious to get acquainted with more people in the church?

If one or more of the above statements fits you, then one of these planned small group studies is for you!

- Sunday, October 2, 9, 16, & 23 - 9:30 a.m. - with the Journey class in Education Building Room 204
- Monday, October 3, 10, 17, & 24 at 7 p.m. - West Room of Fellowship Hall.
- Saturday, October 8, 15, & 29 - 10 a.m.-11:15 a.m. -West Room of Fellowship Hall (4th session will be incorporated into one of the three)
- Sunday, October 9, 16, 23, & 30- 10:45 a.m. -12 p.m. - West Room of Fellowship Hall

You may sign up by signing a list at the Welcome Center, signing up online, or calling the church office

and letting Vickie know your choice of times.

Questions? Call Lucy McGee at 727 - 784- 9250 Ex. 118

Before commitment Sunday, the sanctuary will be open for a time of prayer on Friday, October 28 between 12:00-5:00 and again Saturday, October 30 from 8:00-12:00.

As you know, “the people are the church”... “it’s not just the building with a steeple”... so my prayer is that YOUR heart be lit with passion and commitment to FULLY participate by listening to Pastor Jay’s sermons, by reading the short daily devotionals, and having rich discussions with your family and friends. Eastlake desires to be a family who is “Extravagantly Generous.”



The Youth Experience

by Katie Lamont, Youth

There is something about music that touches you in a way words simply can't. This is especially true when it comes to religion. The youth group here at ELUMC got to experience that magic once again... At Rock the Universe.

Rock the Universe is a two day event at Universal Studios in Orlando, FL. The event is a concert series including some of the most popular names in Christian rock like: Relient K, Switchfoot and Casting Crowns. It draws in many churches from across the state and aside from incredible music, it offers the amusement park pass as an added bonus.

Our youth group got to get away for the weekend and once again, connect with God in a fun, friendly atmosphere. With rocking concerts and breath

taking rides, the weekend was one you would not want to miss.

The wonderful part about the event, aside from rocking roller coasters and yummy food, was how close the bundle of youth that went got to God. The two days of uplifting holy word and a new space to connect with the Father, did nothing but good for our youth group here at ELUMC... and we couldn't be more thankful!

A special thanks to Mary Treichel for giving the youth this wonderful opportunity and for all she does as our youth director! We wouldn't be a group without her!

Tom and I have been involved in a master suite remodel for the last six months. It was long overdue. Some tile pieces had come up, others were chipped. The window treatments had faded significantly because of the sun. The shower door wouldn't close anymore. The carpet in the bedroom was 16 years old, that speaks for itself.

It was a lot of work. We knew it would be but we could vision the end product and knew that it would be worth all the work. Now as I enter the master suite it is like candy for the eyes. I am still awed by the end result.

As I pondered the before and after I began thinking about Jesus and our souls. When we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior he sends the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, into our souls. The Holy Spirit enters and does not complain about the state of His new dwelling. It is up to us to determine whether we treat him as a guest and give him only certain parts to reside in or whether we give him all and say "Make

yourself at home. My house is your house."

You see the latter requires total surrender on our part. It is not easy for us to do. Once the Holy Spirit makes himself at home, He wants to start to redecorate and remodel. He would like to throw out the hatred, envy, bitterness, selfishness, greed, pride, prejudice, and idols that we hold so dear. He would like to replace these things with love, compassion, kindness, selflessness, generosity, humility, joy, and peace. He would like to center everything around God so that all that we do will honor Him.

It takes longer than six months for the Holy Spirit to do this. In fact, he works a lifetime to bring about these changes. He will only do as much as we let him do. Have you or are you willing to totally surrender all that you are to Jesus—the master contractor? He already has the blueprint and is ready to start. How will you respond?

From the Board of Trustees

by Tom Bride

The Board of Trustees held a church work day on Saturday, September 17, 2011 and a great amount of work was done at the parsonage, landscaping the area, and general yard work.

The work day was a great success! Special thanks to Robin Borland for organizing the day along with other BOT members and a special thanks to all the hard working volunteers.

We would also like to say a special thank you to the youth that worked very hard. This was a team effort and the landscaping is much improved. PJ and Mrs. Kowalski also

worked very hard and the assistance was greatly appreciated.

The BOT is also in the process of installing a new fire alarm system in the Education Building. The new landscape between the FH and sanctuary buildings should be installed in the near future.

We are also planning to make improvements inside the parsonage by painting and performing a few needed repairs and updates.

Tom Bride
Chairman
BOT



Meet Our Newest Staff Member: Josh Satler



Josh Satler joins the ELUMC team as our second custodian. He is retired from the Army Reserves and is currently going to the University of South Florida. He enjoys working out, watching movies, listening to music, going to concerts, art exhibits, and museums. He moved to Florida from

Long Island, New York fourteen years ago and his favorite thing to do is spend time with family.

We hope you will all make him feel welcome as he starts his new position at East Lake United Methodist Church.

Treasurer's Report

Listed below are the highlights of our Year to Date financial performance through August.

(\$ IN THOUSANDS 2011)	<u>2011</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>2010</u>
Total Income	469	531	516
Total Expenses	503	537	503
Net Income (deficit)	34	6	13



Our budget is based on pledges and other income. We appreciate every one for generous contributions of resources and volunteerism. We understand that the economic conditions are not favorable to some of us.

We thank our staff and management committee members for managing our expenses less than our budget, resulting in partially covering the shortfall of income. I am requesting everyone to spend only what is absolutely necessary for the remainder of the year. We must plan on meeting our budget, rather than financing our day to day operations, by depleting our emergency and building reserves.

We are always looking for better management of our resources. Should you have any suggestions to make it better, please contact me on my cell 727-916-1440 or email stanleyvjusa@aol.com.

God's blessing be with all of us. Together we can do it.

Stanley V. Johnson
Finance Team Chairperson/Treasurer



The Faith Community Nurses and volunteers will be hosting a Health Fair during the Annual Community Festival on October 22 from 10 am till 1 pm. Free screenings will be done for: vision and glaucoma, blood pressure, blood sugar, video ear scan and hearing, spinal scan, leg vein circulation and much more!



The United Methodist Women will meet on Tuesday, October 18.



The United Methodist Men will meet the second Saturday of every month at 7:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Their next meeting is on October 8.

The United Methodist Women will have a morning of fun, fellowship, a little work, and lunch. On November 9 they will meet in the church parking lot at 8:30 am and carpool to Joining Hands Community Mission, Inc in Holiday where they will volunteer doing whatever tasks are assigned to them. At noon they will go out for lunch at a nearby restaurant. Please bring yourself and a friend, if possible. Also bring nonperishable Thanksgiving supplies such as cranberry sauce, turkey gravy, dry mashed potato mix, stuffing mix, etc. with you. Thanksgiving baskets will be packed at Joining Hands soon after our visit and these will be a big help for them to contribute to their mission. Don't forget to bring money for lunch, too. Questions? Call Lois Rogers-Watson at 727- 785-7157.



JOINING HANDS COMMUNITY MISSION, INC.
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METROPOLITAN MINISTRIES & GULF CENTRAL DISTRICT UMC



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



Please mark your calendars for the next Blood Drive on Sunday, November 13, 2011.



Al-Anon/Alateen

We have a weekly support group meeting to help you or someone you may know with recovery.

Al-Anon meets from 8-9p.m. in the education building on the second floor.

Young Days Registration

Young days preschool accepted many applications for the 2011 - 2012 school year but still has openings in their 2 and 3 year old programs! Contact the school directly at 727-789-3709 or look online for more information.



If someone you know is in a crisis and you don't know how to help, please check out the Carenotes in the display racks near the church office.

They contain beautifully made booklets and pamphlets addressing many issues our youth and adult family members face today. Take whatever you need or interests you.

The Carenotes are free.

Grow In Faith

Young Days

by Jackie Kaller



October 2011

Letter From the Director

WOW where did September go? The first couple of weeks have zoomed by and we are in October already. We packed a lot of fun and learning into September with our "All about Me" theme. The children have settled into their routines and feel comfortable at school. I can't thank you enough for such a smooth start. Your trust and faith in Young Days Child Development Center has created a very positive beginning to the school year! Please continue on the road of communication with your teachers and myself. We truly believe this is a partnership.

October is a very busy month for us. We look forward to seeing you during our many opportunities for family involvement. The Palm Harbor Fire Department will be on campus October 13th and the 21st for a Safety and Prevention program, along with the fire engine. Young Days Father's Night is October 19th (Please check for times with your teacher); this is a special opportunity for Dad to experience their child's class environment. Our Halloween celebration will be October 27th for our Tuesday /Thursday students and October 31st for everyone else. Children will have the opportunity to dress up and parade around the

playground. Costumes should be easy to remove when it is time to use the bathroom. If you think your child may not want to wear his or her costume all morning, be sure they have shorts and shirt on underneath so that their costume can be removed.

Mark your calendars: No School on October 14th, 2011.

Our teacher staff meeting this month will be presented by Coordinated Child Care of Pinellas, which is a quality child care and family support program. The topic of the training will focus on practical strategies for managing positive behavior in the classroom.

Young Days has chosen four senior staff members to attend the NAECY (National Association of Educating Young Children) Annual Conference this November. The teachers attending the conference are sure to bring lots of new ideas and information regarding early childhood back to share. We are always advocating for our staff to continue their education and professional development.

Thank you all for a huge response to the **Lunch Bunch and Stay and Play programs!** Young Days is trying to expand these programs and offer enriching opportunities for learning. We would also like to extend our gracious appreciation to all our families who have donated toward our Sponsorship program; you make our school a better place!

Each week our professionally trained music specialist leads the children

and their classroom teachers in a variety of song, movement, and instrument activities. Singing, dancing and performing is a great way for young children to build confidence and become well-rounded. Music becomes part of daily classroom life at Young Days and our program extends into other curriculum areas like language, art, and math. Children experience many different songs throughout the year and become familiar with important aspects of music-making – moving in rhythm, singing in various tonalities, improvising, listening, using language in musical ways, dancing, and "reading" song book pages. Young Days Music Teacher, Ms. Lisa has been featured in an article in the Suncoast News. She is a local recording artist and has been granted voting status for the Grammy Awards this year, as a member of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences.

In the near future you will receive a Campus Field Trip Permission form. We require your authorization to walk your child throughout East Lake United Methodist Church buildings, i.e., Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary, Music Room, and Youth Center. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Keep an eye on those classroom calendars so you don't miss out on any of the fun!

Sincerely,

Jackie Kaller, Director

Young Days Child Development

**Save the Date:
“Potluck, Laughter & Song” Family Dinner
November 12, 2011.
6:30 -8:30 PM
Fellowship Hall**

Ecclesiastes 3:4 “ There is a time to cry and a time to laugh”
Psalm 126:2 “ We were filled with laughter and we sang for joy.”

Guest speaker, Leslie Gibson will have us laughing, clowns will entertain the children and we will improve our mood with singing as we praise our Lord. Plan on bringing your favorite dish to share & your family for an evening of breaking bread together, filled with laughter and song.

Why are the Faith Community Nurses and Volunteers hosting this get together? Because:

Laughter and singing are good for your health

- Laughter relaxes the whole body. A good, hearty laugh relieves physical tension and stress, leaving your muscles relaxed for up to 45 minutes after.
- Laughter boosts the immune system. Laughter decreases stress hormones and increases immune cells and infection-fighting antibodies, thus improving your resistance to disease.
- Laughter triggers the release of endorphins, the body’s natural feel-good chemicals. Endorphins promote an overall sense of well-being and can even temporarily relieve pain.
- Laughter protects the heart. Laughter improves the function of blood vessels and increases blood flow, which can help protect you against a heart attack and other cardiovascular problems.

- Singing improves your mood. It releases the same feel-good brain chemicals as sex and chocolate!
- Singing is very effective as a stress reliever and improves sleep
- Singing releases pain-relieving endorphins, helping you to forget that painful tooth/knee/whatever
- Singing affects your posture
- Singing increases your lung capacity
- Singing clears sinuses and respiratory tubes
- Your mental alertness improves
- Singing tones your facial and stomach muscles
- Singing boosts your immune system, helping to fight disease and prolonging life expectancy



The Caregiving flower team needs small flower vases. If you have some you could donate please bring them to the church office before 2 pm Monday through Thursday.

The Caregiving Communion Team needs volunteers to take communion to our home bound and nursing home residents on Communion Sunday. Call or email Margie Marks at 727- 786- 0005 or mmarks9841@aol.com



Serve Others

Pumpkins for Big Cat Rescue

By Mary Triechel

Looking for a fun way to serve at the Pumpkin Patch? We are looking for people who can take pumpkins to Big Cat Rescue. You will not be transporting rotten pumpkins just ones that are unsellable because they have holes or maybe the squirrels have been taking bites out of them.

Big Cat Rescue has greatly appreciated our pumpkins over the past several years and we are in need of someone to deliver them this year. We are looking for people to deliver pumpkins on Saturday, October 15, 22, 29 and once our patch closes. You can sign up for one Saturday or all of them. It can be done about 9 am and should only require an hour of your time. Please contact Mary Triechel at mtreichel@eastlakeumc.org or 784-9250 ext. 111 if you can help.



E.M.S. - What Does it Mean?

by Danielle Muller, Communications Coordinator

E.M.S. this abbreviation means many things to many people. Some think of an ambulance and Emergency Medical Service. Those who are campers and do a lot of hiking instantly think of a store named Eastern Mountain Sports. Those of you who need to get mail to family or friends overseas know that E.M.S. is an abbreviation for Express Mail Service. However, in terms of our church, E.M.S. stands for Event Management System.

This is the system we have in place that manages what group uses what room at what time. When you fill out a room reservation request it is entered into EMS. If someone has already booked that room or the timing overlaps it lets us know that there is a scheduling conflict so we can contact you to figure out if there is another room you may like or maybe another day or time that would work better.

What a lot of people don't realize is that our church is not the only group using our church. We have Boy

Scouts, Cub Scouts, homeowner's associations, and even meetings for elections going on.

Someone has to set up the room with the needed furniture and reset the space afterwards. If you have to cancel a meeting for any reason we ask that you contact the church office as soon as possible. This allows us to not have someone here to set the room up or it allows another group to have their first choice of rooms.

Our Event Management System is a great system we have in place here at East Lake United Methodist Church. Let's continue to be courteous of each other and schedule and, if needed, cancel events.



Children's Chatter
by Erin Lowe

I am so excited about the month of October! We have lots going on.

October 8th our Pumpkins arrive at 9am! Come out and join the fun of unloading the truck. I know my fourth and fifth graders are looking forward to helping out!

Don't forget to stop by the Pumpkin Patch to pick out your pumpkin and bring your camera to take your picture in the patch. Please sign up as a family to volunteer in the patch. Sign up sheets are located in the Education Building, Welcome Center and online.

I am looking forward to our 3rd Annual Community Fest on October 22 from 10 am - 3 pm. I have reserved 4 bouncy houses.

We will have face painting and crafts, too. I can't wait!! The month of October is sure to be overflowing with blessings!

Grace and Peace~ Erin

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old

he will not turn from it.
Proverbs 22:6



Thank You Caregiving

Dear Caregiving Ministry



Thank you for all the nice things that you do. The blanket is lovely. This is a wonderful ministry.

Sincerely,
Harold Newland

Dear Caregiving Ministry:

I just wanted to write to thank you and to tell you that my husband Harold D. Newland passed away on Aug 7, 2011, in his sleep, at home. He wasn't well when he wrote the thank you before but he forgot to thank Darrell & Diane who I'm sure had a lot to do with it. I could hardly read it myself, he just couldn't seem to think right at times. However, he did love the blanket & especially the angels and the cross. I hung them up to watch over him. When he got chilly he wanted that blanket to cover him in his chair. The prayers seem to help him also. Thanks again.

Love,
Elizabeth Newland

Dear Caregiving Ministry:

I don't think that sending 20 thank you notes could express the gratitude I have for you and the many acts of kindness you've extended to this family. The blanket made in Frank's honor is so beautiful. It brings tears to my eyes as I think of it.....thank you. My husband cherishes the smooth wooden cross, it has already become a family heirloom to be passed on to our daughter. The angel ornament gives us hope....hope and faith that we will be reunited with our son Frank. The flowers from the altar, were left at our door and the cards with poems have encouraged us.....you will never know how deeply.

Thank you and God Bless you,
Toni Gross

Note: Frank Gross was the young Marine from Oldsmar killed in action.

To Betty Shahine, Margie Marks and all the members of the Caregiving Ministry at EastLake UMC:

The Family of Lois Kroh thanks you for your kind expression of sympathy. The flowers were beautiful, the food was excellent and the card was appreciated.
The Kroh Family

Dear Caregiving:

Many thanks for your acts of kindness surrounding my recent surgery. I have felt your love as Margie, Ralph and Gene reached out to me in various ways. My surgery and recovery have gone smoothly, so I expect to be back to church in two weeks.

See you soon,

Love Elinor Durham
PS. Thank you for the lovely flowers and thank you Millie & Ralph Sparks for delivering them.

A team is going to Cuba November 3 and another team is going to Haiti the week after. Our brethren in Rio Piedra and Haiti are in need of many things. Below is a list of things they have requested. If you could donate any of these items they will be taken to Cuba and Haiti. Cuban and Haitian needs:

- Medicine for adults and children— ibuprophen, fever reducer, cough
- medicine, vitamins for adults and children, vitamin A, omega 3,
- Tooth paste
- Tooth brushes
- Deoderant
- Toiletries
- Needs specific to Cuba are
 - Drum sticks 5B and 5A (2 sets)
 - Drum covers— 16 inch, 22 inch, and a dish for a 20 inch
 - Guitar strings for electric guitars,

- acoustic guitar, and for a base guitar
- LCD video projector
- Microphone
- New men's and women's underwear
- Clothes for teenagers
 - Materials for Sunday School like crayons, coloring books, glue, pens, pencils, and other craft items.
- Ink cartridge for HP printer: HP 92 & 93

- Blood pressure test kit.

Any of these items that you can donate will bless many of our sisters and brothers in Christ at our sister church in Rio Piedra and her mission churches and the Zamar Ministries in Haiti. Items can be brought through October 26 to the Missions bin near the Welcome Center.



Faith, Hope and Health by Carol Toyer



“ . . . the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.” Revelation 22:2 NIV

to maintain a certain level of health, prevent an illness, or cure a physical condition. For example, when your doctor orders a drug for blood pressure or diabetes, a specific level of the drug needs to be in your system to attain the desired outcome. Therefore, in order to reap the most benefit, it is important to understand why you need the medication, how to take it, how to store it, and what to expect from it.

- Don't be afraid to ask questions because the more you know, the more compliant you will be with your treatment. Consider some of these questions:
- Why are you taking the drug?
 - How will it affect you?
 - Are there any side effects?
 - Are you able to drive while on the medication?
 - How quickly will you see results?
 - Do you need to take the entire prescription until the bottle is empty?
 - Can you take the pill with something other than water?

If you have difficulty taking pills you might even ask if it comes in another form.

Medications do not last forever so take them as directed and if the prescription is not to be completed, ask about an expiration date. Over-the-counter medications will have a expiration date printed on the box and bottle. Please check the cough medicine you bought last year before taking any this year. Out of date medicine will have lost its strength to combat your illness so check your cupboards regularly and dispose of old medications.

You also need to be aware of possible interactions that can occur between some foods and other drugs. Taking medications with hot drinks may change its chemical structure while alcohol will change its absorption. With certain cholesterol, blood pressure, or cardiac medications, you should never eat grapefruit or drink grapefruit juice as it will increase the blood level of the drug and cause adverse side effects. To be sure you do not create potentially harmful interactions, talk with your pharmacist about any items you should avoid.

Medications are to be helpful not hurtful. Learn as much as you can to get the greatest benefit from them.

Source: US Food and Drug Administration, www.fda.gov/drugs

For suggestions for future articles please email ctoyer@tampabay.rr.com

Servant Opportunities:

On October 4 we are doing an event called "Feed the Children." At this event we will give away food, hygiene items, and MaryKay products to 400 families in one day. The truck is scheduled to arrive for unloading at 8:30 am. We will distribute to 100 families per hour between 10 am and 2 pm. We need a few volunteers to arrive at 8 am to help move tables out to the north parking lot and prepare for the truck's arrival. We are in the midst of procuring a fork lift to begin unloading immediately. The families are preregistering and will sign in upon arrival in the back of our sanctuary, where we will need a couple volunteers to run "hospitality" (welcome, coffee/donuts, etc).

After checking in, they will go to the northwest parking lot, where a volunteer will help them get their 3 boxes (1 food, 1 hygiene, 1 MaryKay), place boxes on a cart, and escort them to their vehicle (the food box weighs approximately 30 pounds, so we need some volunteers that can manage lifting). Nancy would like to run two shifts for those volunteers, 10 am (arriving by 9:40 or so) until 12:30 pm and 2nd shift arrive around 12:10 pm until the last client pick-up around 2:15 pm. We would like to have 15 volunteers per shift.

On Sunday mornings Joining Hands Mission Church is now feeding around 120 people a full breakfast in the back of the sanctuary. If once a quarter or once a month a team could come to serve and cleanup it would be great. We need 4 to 8 people serving (arriving at 8:15 am to 10:00 am when the church service starts) and 4 to 6 to clean up (from 11:00 am to 12:15 p.m.). We will have people here to train volunteers and stay with them at 8:15 in the morning. This is a great outreach ministry to get involved in because most of our clients stay for worship and many of them have been completely un-churched before walking into our doors.

The volunteer shifts for October events are on our web page. Folks can be directed to the Metropolitan Ministries website, then to the volunteer page, where you click the Pasco hot button.

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Homelessness and Ditty Bags

by Lois Rogers - Watson

A 2009 report on homelessness in our county said there were 6,232 homeless men, women, and children living in Pinellas. Given the economy, there are, no doubt, many more than that in 2011. Over thirty percent of the homeless are children. Rev. Dan Campbell recently reported that Pasco County has the second largest homeless population in the state.

United Methodist Cooperative Ministries distributes ditty bags to the homeless and the source of the ditty bags is East Lake UMC and other United Methodist churches in our district. Ditty bags are cloth bags filled with toiletries and other essentials.

It's time to fill ditty bags! Jim and Joyce LeMaster generously make the cloth bags and on October 2 and 9 they will be handed out to those willing to fill them. The bags need to be filled and returned by Sunday, October 16.

What goes in them? There is a specific list in each bag from which you can shop. It includes toiletries, socks, tissues, etc. It is important to buy what is on the list. One can choose to buy for adults or for children. (The list for children is different from the adult.)

Thank you for providing some very basic needs to those who have so very little.



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October Month
at a Glance

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8am Toymakers/ Bicycle Ministry
2 5pm Youth Praise Band 6pm Youth Ministry	3 6pm Singles Dinner 6:30pm Board of Trustees 7pm Staff Parish 7pm Ex. Generosity 7:30pm Boy Scouts	4 8am Toymakers 12:30 Son-Kissed Sisters 6:30pm Missions and Outreach Team Mtg. 7pm Praise Band	5 8am Toymakers 7:30pm Church Choir	6 8am Toymakers 4pm Children's Choir 6:30pm Stephen Ministry 8pm Al-Anon	7	8 7:30am UMM Board Mtg. 8am Toymakers/ Bicycle Ministry 9am Pumpkins arrive
9 5pm Youth Praise Band 6pm Youth Ministry Extravagant Generosity Begins	10 7pm Ex. Generosity 7:30pm Boy Scouts	11 8am Toymakers 12:30pm Son- Kissed Sisters 7pm Praise Band 7:30pm Boy Scouts	12 8am Toymakers 7:30pm Church Choir	13 8am Toymakers 4pm Children's Choir 6:30pm Movie Night for the kids 8pm Al-Anon	14	15 8am Toymakers/ Bicycle Ministry
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Gifted to Care- Stephen Ministry

Spiritual gifts are gifts to give away. God gives them to us, and we use them to serve others. How are you using your gifts right now? Are you looking for a new way to use them? If your spiritual gifts include one or more of the following--- faith, mercy, teaching the faith, encouragement, compassion...consider Stephen Ministry, our congregation's one to one caregiving ministry.

A new training class will begin in January of 2012...For more information contact Karen Wubbenhorst at 727-375-1098 or mknanny@verizon.net

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.



A person is needed to fill a vacancy left by Ralph Mays who has moved to NC, to give a short Devotion at Westchester Gardens, the second Sunday of the month at 10:00 am. There is time to do this and still attend our 11am service.

If you are interested contact Margie Marks at mmarks9841@aol.com.

What is once in a minute, twice in a moment and never in a thousand years?

First person to call the church office at (727) 784 - 9250 with the right answer wins a prize and bragging rights!



Calling all Bakers:

The Caregiving Cookie Team will once again be hosting a Baked Goods table at the EastLake Community Fest on October 22. It is not too early to think about what you can bake and donate to make this a very successful bake sale. Contact Margie Marks at mmarks9841@aol.com or Beverly Peck at bevpeck@tampabay.rrcom if you are interested.

The Nursing Home Team needs of a team leader to fill the vacancy left by Lois Mays. If you are interested in serving or would like more information, please contact Margie Marks at mmarks9841@aol.com or 727-786-0005.

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. As the holidays approach, there will be countless opportunities to serve.

Choir Members Needed:

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

Box Top Labels Wanted!!!

The Monday night singles group sends box tops to Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. There is a box in the Glasgow room where you can place your box top labels. Labels can be found on Campbell's products and General Mill's cereal. Please contribute as you are able.

Missed a Sermon?

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www.EastLakeUMC.org and click on play under the latest sermon tab.



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East Lake UMC has some fun opportunities that also provide a financial benefit to the church!

If you sometimes go out for dinner please consider dining at Vettore's the first Thursday of the month from 5:30 pm till 8:30 pm. The restaurant will donate 10% of what you spend for dinner to ELUMC. The restaurant is located at 36137 East Lake Road in the Brooker Creek Publix shopping plaza.

If you love ice cream and other yummy treats, please consider visiting Ritter's on Sundays. If you mention East Lake United Methodist Church, the Treichel's will donate 10% of what you spend back to the church. Let's enjoy ice cream on Sundays with our friends and help our church at the same time. Ritter's is located at 2655 E. Lake Rd. right around the corner from the church. The offer is good every Sunday from noon to 9 p.m.

If you want to get in shape or maintain fitness, please consider joining Snap Fitness. Snap Fitness is located at 2661 East Lake Rd., in the same plaza as Ritter's. They will donate \$1 for every pound lost by ELUMC members who join their program.

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

- Celebration Children's Choir started back up last month and we have had great attendance so far.
- A family member of one of the youth came in last month to speak to the youth about ALS. The youth will be participating in the Ride to Defeat ALS on November 5, 2011, at Walsingham Park in Largo.
- The 4th/5th grade Sunday School class made a sixty dollar donation to Heifer International Missions.
- Thirty-three youth and chaperones went to Rock the Universe in Orlando last month.
- We had over fifty people from ELUMC at the first Family Pizza Night at Vettore's Pizzeria and Restaurant on Thursday, September 1. Vettore's donates 10% of the checks from the people to ELUMC.
- Over fifty people attended the Saturday for Sundaes social on Saturday, September 10 to celebrate the Pathfinder Small Group Ministry at East Lake. Thanks to each group for contributing ingredients for the scrumptious ice cream sundaes.
- We had thirteen people donate blood last month.
- In September, eight bikes were delivered last month to Cooperative Ministries. Several of these bikes will be used by people needing transportation to and from work.



Happy Birthday to all of those born in the month of October!
 If you have a birthday in October and it is not listed, email dmuller@eastlakeumc.org so we can update our database.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Gene Ralls Taylor Cheeseman
2 Beth Timko Brian Peterson	3 Sandy Steyer	4 Jim King Becky Dempsey	5 Trevor Schnell Jackie Kaller	6 Mary Little	7	8
9 Ray Hodges Joan Adamson	10 Heather Bunnell Bill Ward Ron Smith	11 Ed Pages Ron Bunnell Jim Gleason Gretchen Vautier Paula Graham	12	13 Nellie Shawver	14 Karen Gambrell	15 Karl Werner Tracey Frett Vicki Devlin Sarah Shaw Sandi Vannes Chris Balonis Alex Trump
16 John Little Barbara Walker	17 Diane Newland Regina Bradshaw Diane Wood Josh Satler	18 Barbara Hanvill	19 Eva Marsico	20 Chuck Cheeseman Shirley Baker Gary Stephan	21	22 Barbara Heinz Navarre Meadows
23 Jay Kowalski Anita Rice	24 Rodger Slutz Al Howes Nancy Kirk Christa Master	25 Malena Frett Eileen Dragon	26	27 Eileen Kowalski Danielle Muller John Raspen	28 Bonnie Kaiser Paige Maslar Nicole Matuska	29
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