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Dynamic Listening

In an article entitled "Listening: The Most Important Ingredient in Healthy Dialogue" by Susan Nienaber asks the question, "Everyone is talking, but who is listening? In a world of sound bites, talking points, and one-minute management, how can we practice transformative listening that is adequate to the complex conditions we face in our personal lives, our religious communities, and the larger society in which we live?"

Listening—without distraction and in a way that suspends judgment and helps others feel completely understood—is a tremendous gift to offer another. And, in our global society, it might ultimately be the way to address the more serious and larger issues we face.

Dr. Juanita Brown, author of "The World Café: A Resource Guide for Hosting Conversations That Matter," suggests five ways to encourage "dynamic" listening:

Listen to Learn: We need to enter into conversations with the goal of learning. We need to pay attention to our own natural tendencies only partially to listen as we are preparing to express our own thoughts and opinions.

Listen for Differences: We need to be curious and listen for things that surprise and challenge us. It is important to consider different perspectives and assumptions as gifts, even when they make us uncomfortable because they "offer rich soil for discovering unforeseen possibilities." (p.16)

Listen with Support: Breakthroughs in thinking occur most often when we encourage others to take their thinking further. It helps to link and build upon another's ideas instead of going in random directions.

Listen for Connections: "To arrive at deeper meaning requires the discipline of shared listening—everyone listening together for the new connections, collective wisdom, or insight that no individual member of the group might access alone." (p. 16)

Listen Reflectively: It is helpful to have a moment of silence intentionally between people as they are sharing in order to allow time for new ideas and reflections to surface.

One of the greatest gifts we can learn from Jesus is that he listened to people, he listened and understood the issues, he was able to give feedback lovingly, he was able to challenge perspectives of all kinds, he was not afraid to tackle conflicts head on, he was not afraid to ask people to make choices, and he was big enough to love and forgive even people who crucified him, spat upon him, called him names, and ridiculed him. Yes we can learn something from Jesus, all of us. Let us listen to each other's stories. Let us support and encourage each other in praying, studying, worshipping, fellowshiping, and encouraging one another. Let us build the church we love. Let us continue to be St. Luke UMC together.

In Christian love and grace, Mel



Breakfast with Our Neighbors

This Sunday, September 11 we will all join together for breakfast and we have invited the surrounding community to join us. Therefore, no Sunday School classes will be meeting this week. This includes all children, youth and adult classes. There is no cost for this meal, but donations are appreciated.

Schedule:

- 8:00 a.m. Start Cooking
- 9:00 a.m. Gathering & Coffee
- 9:15 a.m. Welcome from Mel Bishara
- Immediately following, breakfast will be served
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service

Menu:

Egg Casserole, Hash Brown Casserole, Biscuits w/gravy, Waffles, Fruit, Milk, Orange Juice & Coffee

We will be meeting on the second Sunday of each month through December 11. We are asking all Sunday school classes to consider serving as cooks, greeters, table hosts, and clean-up help in place of their normal class meeting time. We want this to be very family friendly, so children and youth we hope you will serve as greeters and helpers too. This is only one Sunday each month and it fits in exactly with what we are called to do - to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world - and that often begins with a shared meal and a cup of coffee!

Questions??? • Call the church office at 817/838-6834.

Bart & Page Hines



The United Methodist Women of St. Luke UMC will meet Tuesday, September 20 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall which will include a luncheon provided by Linda Schmidt. Our speaker for this meeting will be Susan Younker of The Community Food Pantry which is located in the south wing of our building.

We encourage everyone to attend to learn more about this mission opportunity for our community.



SAVE THE DATE!

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!

FALL FEST • Saturday, November 5

This is the time to start planning what you want to contribute to this year's Silent Auction or what items to bake for the Sweet Shop. More details to follow from the Fall Fest Committee.



Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Book of John

September 14 • 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall • We invite you to join us.



Please continue your financial support of St. Luke United Methodist Church. There are several ways to contribute that include mailing your offering to the church office or giving online through our website, st-luke-umc.net.

You may also use your banking online payment services to make your contributions every month.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Luke United Methodist Church!



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

Continued Prayer Concerns: Jeanne Anne Pharis; French Congregation & the people of the Congo; Pat Farmer; Doris Mobley's son, Don; Marilyn Smith's cousin, Kim Masters; Jack & Jerrie Lucko; Vicki Kovar; Lisel Richardson's Aunt Vicki; Sam & Ann Kiker; Ross & Betty Longeway; Sandra Mason; Byron Lechler; Sarah Harris' husband, Tom; David & Kay Stapp; Norm & Betty Turnage; Betty Holshouser; Ovella Russell; Lou Coursey; J. R. & Bettie Lennox; Anita McCullar; Scott Paris; Karen Angle's brother & sister-in-law, Jerry & Debbie Biles; Bill Henderson's daughter, Sandy; John Benson's son & daughter-in-law, Paul & Carolyn Benson; Burt & Marylou Moore; Buddy & DeeDee Hill's sister, Susan; Larea Pippen's sister, Lanette; Steve Johnson; Danny & Jerry Chism; Raymond Hames; Pastor Ditu's sister and brother-in-law; Patty Tucker; Bill & Pat Whisenant; Cathy & Art Gordon; Barbara Burnett's sister, Mary Neeb; Buddy & DeeDee Hills' daughter-in-law, Megan's father, Mike; Barbara Blair; Karen Rockett's with the loss of her sister, Polly Davis; Earline Vinnedge's daughter, Cindy; Ron & Larea Pippen's granddaughter, Kassie; Bill & Pat Whisenant's daughter-in-law, Sheila Brown; Gail LaRue's daughter, Maya and her son; Ruby Lane with the loss of her cousin, Betty Whitlock; Wanda Calvert

This Week's Concerns: Don & Karen Carter; Patty Tucker; Pat Hooper; Barbara Provenzano with the loss of her sister, Patricia Wiles; those affected by flooding with the major rain in August; those affected by wild fires; those affected by gun violence each day in our country; the people of Ukraine; prayers for our nation; those affected by COVID-19; our first responders, doctors, nurses, essential employees & frontline workers

Military: Ryan Kelly Hampton; Kyle Johnson; Krystal Calvert; Evan Hill; Matt Miller; Nathaniel Hill; Alex Sullivan-Green; Harrison Lenox



The Community Table Food Pantry

Hours of Operation:
Tuesday & Thursday:
4:00—7:00 p.m.

If you or someone you know is in need of food, the food pantry offers the following:
Dairy Products, Meat, Fresh Fruit & Vegetables, Bread Products, Canned Vegetables, and Non-Perishables

There's always room at the table.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

EMMANUEL CLASS:

We had twelve members present and enjoyed listening to George Angle's lesson on Genesis. Thank you to everyone who donated money for the "Prayer Bears" for Cook's Children Hospital. Last week 90 bears were delivered to the hospital. Thanks to all for your kindness. Prayer concerns: Beverly Bradley and Mary Ross' nephew, Mark. There will be no Sunday School because we will gather together for Breakfast with Our Neighbors in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m.

Mary Ross & James McDonald

NEW COVENANT CLASS:

Hope everyone had a good Labor Day weekend. Even with the holiday, 7 in attendance was great. Karen and Don didn't get good news. Continued prayers are needed and we will be thinking of Don as the doctors decide how to handle his care. We listened to session 5 of the *Disciple* today. Tension is an interesting way to describe the life of a disciple. There's the tension of knowing what is sinful, what the Bible and Jesus's teachings tell us. Yet there's the love and full acceptance from Him. How hard is it to condemn someone's sins and yet fully love and also accept them? Loving others as Jesus did, and as He instructed his followers to do was and still is a powerful challenge to us all. This series has been an eye opener I believe. I know it has really made some challenging statements and made me re-evaluate some of my beliefs. I hope it's done the same for others in our class as well. Hope to see you all next Sunday. Don't forget the breakfast starts at 9:00 a.m. with coffee!

Leslie Duncan

UPPER ROOM CLASS:

Greetings from the Upper Room Class. Unbelievable, another good rain this afternoon and continued cooler weather. Thank you Lord for refreshing us with cool weather, therefore lifting our spirits. We had 10 alert and enthusiastic members this morning. Ronnie Pippen brought us up to date on our finances. We continue to make plans toward the upcoming Fall Fest on November 5. Our inspiring devotion was delivered by Ronnie Pippen from *Our Daily Bread*. It was based on Matthew 12:25, "Every city or household divided against itself will not stand." In opposition to that, in principle, the house of God is to stand unified. "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:3. "Today, when heightened tensions threaten to divide people who are otherwise united, such as our families and fellow believers, God can give the wisdom and strength needed to keep unity with one another through the help of the Spirit. This will cause us to be light in a dark, divided world." Doris Crocker gave our morning prayer asking God to bring our country back to Christianity and to remember that God is still in control. Joys for the week were: Dr. Martha was able to take a holiday from the Resale Shop and take a trip with daughter and granddaughter to Paris, TX. She was delighted to see her granddaughter, Danielle, practice riding her beautiful, white, racing horse in preparation for competition in Alabama in a couple of weeks. It was a joy to see Byron Lechler in the sanctuary for the service this Sunday.

UPPER ROOM CLASS continued:

Other joys were Maya, Gail LaRue's daughter, is doing much better and Alice Jo is doing great. Family members of Earline Vinnedge, Mary and Lincoln, are doing well. Cindy continues to make good healing strides with her surgery. Our prayer concerns go out for Gail's son, the Bayless family, Libby Conant, Pat and Bill Whisenant, the Ronnie Pippen family and Pat Hooper who spent 4 days in the hospital this past week.

Resale Shop: \$175

Prayer Meeting: Toni Hood, @ 6413 Heidelberg Court, 5:15 p.m.

Devotion: Earline Vinnedge

Refreshments: Gloria Lechler

Scripture Lesson; Psalms 6:1

Gloria Lechler

Youth News:



This Sunday we shared with the youth about the Psalm of David, 106:2. In this Psalm, David was talking about the greatness of our Lord. He said who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord, or shew forth all his praise? The Lord performs wonders over all the earth, all the earth is full of his glory, he created the heavens and the earth, and he gives food to the tiny ants under the dust. How great thou art Lord, from the greatest things that our eyes can see, to the tiniest thing we can't see, everything is for the glory of God. Who can utter his mighty works? This is a message to tell us, I am with you my child, I see you my child, and I am the almighty, I am. Amen.

Stanislas Ndecky



August 2022
Receipts
\$24,389



Second Chance
Resale Shop
Needs Volunteers!

The Resale Shop is in need of volunteers to work Thursdays at 8:00 a.m. to help with pricing and moving merchandise. We also need volunteers to work Friday and Saturday!



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Sunday Services: Sunday School • 9:15 a.m.

In-person and Online Worship • 10:30 a.m.

French Worship Service: In-person and Online Worship • 2:00 p.m.

Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Community Table Food Pantry Open Tuesday & Thursday • 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

NEWSLETTER ONLINE AT:

www.st-luke-umc.net

Sunday, September 11, 2022

14th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Breakfast with Our Neighbors

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

2:00 p.m. French Worship Service

Monday, September 12, 2022

9:00 a.m. Newsletter DEADLINE

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Community Table Food Pantry Distribution

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

10:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Youth Activities

6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 15, 2022

9:00 a.m. UMM Breakfast - Bluebonnet Café

4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Community Table Food Pantry Distribution

5:15 p.m. Prayer Group

Friday, September 16, 2022

10:00 a.m. Second Chance Resale Shop

Saturday, September 17, 2022

10:00 a.m. Second Chance Resale Shop

Sunday, September 18, 2022

15th Sunday after Pentecost

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service

2:00 p.m. French Worship Service



*Join us for worship every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
 for In-Person Worship or via our
 Facebook page & You Tube:*

SLUMC—Haltom City

***Sunday, September 11, 2022 • Communion Sunday
 14th Sunday after Pentecost***

Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.

Weekly Attendance

Wednesday Night Youth Activities • August 31—7

Wednesday Bible Study • August 31—11

United Methodist Men Breakfast • September 1—6

Sunday, September 4, 2022

St. Luke UMC • 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School—63

In-Person Worship—61

Online Worship—30

French Worship Service

In-Person Worship—24