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Some Food For Thought

By Pastor Jean

One of the young people who came to volunteer with this year's Back-to-School party was Matthew Cook. When I met Matthew he struck me as a typical teenager. He was tall and lanky. He was wearing a t-shirt and blue jeans. I watched him argue with his younger brothers, and help his mother carry supplies into the building to set up for the evening's games.



Jean Hawxhurst

So often when we look at a person, those sorts of things are all we see. What we observe seems typical, and we immediately "type cast." So often, though, there is much more underneath the surface for us to discover. After the evening was over, I found in my mailbox a poem Matthew wrote. He had recently returned from a mission trip in a foreign country, and his life was changed by that experience. He put his feelings down on a piece of paper, and his words reveal a soul that is deep and full. I invite you to experience a glimpse of that soul here. And, I pray as you read Matthew's words you will not only be re-energized to share the love of God in the heart of this city, but you will also be reminded each person we meet on these city streets has the touch of the Creator on him or her.

*When you fly away from home
 Out into the world
 To a place that you never
 imagined
 It is the beginning of something
 new
 Things change
 Times change
 Worlds collide
 Cultures mingle
 Then something happens
 And you can connect
 And see something better than
 what you have
 Even when it is so much less*

*In the material goods of the world
 Usually you would look upon such
 a place
 With pity and scorn
 Never stopping to appreciate
 What lies underneath the surface
 But if you take a week
 A day
 An hour
 To truly get to know
 The people from the other side
 And allow yourself to accept
 Who they are for what they are
 And how they live their lives
 Maybe then we can find a way
 To truly soar above the world
 Into the skies*

*Into the sunset
 With a peace of mind
 Warmth of heart
 Joy within our souls
 Learning that things are not
 important
 But it is what you do with your life
 That makes you worth something
 To the world
 To others
 To yourself
 And you find a part of you
 Deep inside your heart
 That you never knew was there.*

Blessings and peace, Pastor Jean.

Back To School Party a Success



Ann Angle taking a swing at the pinata



The children received a goodie bag to include in their first school lunch

For the third year in a row, Christ Church & Fourth Avenue had a wonderfully successful back-to-school party in August. Sixty children were given quality backpacks filled with school supplies. A great dinner was provided, and everyone had great fun with the crafts and piñata. Thank you to all who volunteered.



The crowd watches for a break in the pinata and the resulting flood of candy.



Two students express their joy upon receiving a new backpack. What a positive way to start off a new school year.

Mayor's Healthy Hometown

The eighth annual Mayor's Healthy Hometown Hike and Bike will take place on Labor Day, September 1 at 10:00 a.m. It will begin at Waterfront Park and tour through the city. Pastor Jean and Jerry are going and want to know if you want to bike with them. Just let her know to look for you at the Waterfront.

Kavanaugh Camp Meeting

This year's annual camp meeting will be held once again at the Kavanaugh Life Enrichment Center in Crestwood. Events will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 7th. There will be booths, games, a contemporary Christian music concert, and preaching by Rev. Brian Ebel, Associate Pastor at St. Paul United

Methodist Church. The camp meeting will continue the next evening with more preaching and an appearance from our new bishop, Lindsey Davis.

Wesley Manor Dinner

By Sara Ewing
Wesley Manor Retirement Community is hosting its (free) annual Celebration Dinner on Thursday evening October 2, at 6:30 p.m. at the Hurstbourne Holiday Inn. Our new bishop,

Dr. Lindsey Davis, will be the speaker! There will be an opportunity for you to make a pledge or gift to the Wesley Manor care fund to ensure that its residents will not need to move if their funds are depleted. The Louisville Conference budget does NOT include Wesley Manor, so our gifts are a very important part of its ministry. Please see Pastor Sarah for more information.

New Sunday School Class

A new small group class has started on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Upper Room. The class is open to all people who are not currently in a class and want to have open discussions about the Bible and theological issues. Chris Baker is leading the class and you are welcome to talk with him for more information (sandalstraps@aol.com).

New Bible Study

Dr. Dean Harper of St. Paul United Methodist Church is leading a new Bible study for our community and church. The Bible study is being held in the Art Room on Saturdays at 11:15 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Youth

Craig Tuck has taken over the leadership of the Sunday morning class for youth. It meets on the second floor of the Education Wing at 9:30 a.m.

Grief Group

Dr. Wayne Anderson is now leading a monthly grief group for any persons interested. To find out when the next meeting will be held, contact Wayne at

wrapjo@bellsouth.net.

Tri-covenant Events

The next event with our Tri-Covenant partner churches will be a Saturday morning retreat to look at how our different denominations make decisions on justice issues. We will talk about United Methodist, Episcopal and Roman Catholic views on social justice, and how we may work together in our community. The retreat will take place on Saturday, September 6 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Ursuline Campus on Lexington Road. You can see Pastor Jean for a registration form. The event is free.

On September 17 we are invited to participate in a special one-night class at the Cathedral of the Assumption entitled "Using the Internet in Studying the Scriptures." It will be held in the Undercroft from 7:00 to 9:00 and is free and open to our Tri-covenant congregations.

Finally, the annual Blessing of the Animals service will be held on Sunday, October 5 at 3:00 p.m. in our garden.

Wednesday Evenings at Fourth!!!

From Pastor Jean

When we begin Wednesday evening programming on September 3rd, we will be starting a different format. We learned last year that you all want Bible study. You also like to sing. But, you do not seem to require a meal to do all that! So, here's what we are going to try:

5:30-5:50 p.m. –
contemplative prayer in the chapel, led by

David Steward.

6:00-7:00 p.m. – singing, prayer and study in the parlor. Jose Gonzalez will lead us at the beginning of the hour in singing and prayer. Then, in the second half of the hour, Pastor Jean and/or Chris Baker will lead us in discussion-based Bible study. We will use video and good quality prepared materials, with technical assistance from Jack Steiner and Craig Tuck. And, all this will take place in a coffee house atmosphere, which Peggy Bennett and Carol Rhodes will help us create. So, there will be snacks and coffee available throughout the hour. It's an exciting new format you won't want to miss!

Stewardship Month Is Coming!

This year's theme for stewardship month will be "Quad Quest: a Journey toward Stewardship with John Wesley." Please begin praying now about your commitment to our congregation through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness. Stewardship month will be October.

Honoraria

A gift to the church's discretionary fund has been received from Norvin Fust in honor of Sarah Ewing.

Tech Team

The Tech Team will have a fundraiser on 3 successive Sundays in October: 10/5, 10/12 and 10/19. They will take photos of all-comers for a donation and save the photo for church use. **Smile**

Arts and Spirituality

Central Hall Exhibit

The Landscape paintings by Lisa Schmitt will remain on display through September 7th.

The Fourth Avenue Children and youth will have their exhibit Sept. 8 through October 12th. Their Meet 'n Greet will be after the worship service September 14th.

A collection of arts and crafts by Karen Lovett will launch October 13th.

Classes

She's back! The esteemed Connie Meyer will once again be the instructor of a creative writing class. These will meet in the Art Room every Tuesday in September from 2:30 to 4 pm. The dates are Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

The multi-talented Carol Rhodes will host a Prayer Beads creation class every Thursday in September from 6 to 8 pm. See Carol for details.

Cooking

Mary Ann Tenfeld will have a Biblical meal on Thursday, September 18th from 2 to 4 pm. Dan will host a cooking session on Sept. 5th also from 2 to 4 pm.

Check the Sunday bulletins for other cooking classes in September. All cooking classes are held in the Fellowship Hall Kitchen.

If you have an artistic talent you would like to share, please let Courtland Rose know.

Needlework Circle

By Carol Rhodes

The Thursday afternoon Needlework Circle has been on hiatus for the summer but will be starting up again September 4th at 2:00. We welcome anyone who wants to join us for any kind of crafts.

Knitting and

crochet instructions are available if you want to learn. Come join us and tell us what you want to do. You can contact Carol Rhodes at 303-8864 or oleredhead@gmail.com.

God bless and keep you, Carol Rhodes



Tasha & Jake prepared Queso, marconni & cheese with broccoli, chicken and salad



Tammy demonstrated the making of "Poor Man's Stew"



Touria from Oceanside Restaurant gave us the professional touch.



Couscous & chicken w/ veggies. Yummy!!



Lisa at her "Meet & Greet"

Church Calendar

- Sept. 1 – OFFICE CLOSED for Labor Day
- Sept. 1 – Mayor’s Healthy Hometown Hike and Bike at 10:00 a.m. at the Waterfront
- Sept. 2 – Trustees meet at 6:00 p.m.
- Sept. 6 – Ecumenical Justice Retreat at Ursuline Campus 9:00 a.m. to noon
- Sept. 7 – Kavanaugh Camp Meeting in Crestwood beginning at 3:00 p.m.
- Sept. 8 – Kavanaugh Camp Meeting in the evening
- Sept. 9 – Worship Planning at 5:00 p.m.
- Sept. 13 – United Methodist Men and Appreciation Event for Boy Scout Troop 317 at 9:30 a.m.
- Sept. 16 – Worship Planning at 5:00 p.m.
- Sept. 16 – Worship Team at 6:00 p.m.
- Sept. 17 – Using the Internet for Bible Study at the Cathedral of the Assumption at 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 20 – Progressive United Methodists of Kentucky at Fourth Avenue United Methodist at 10:30 a.m.
- Sept. 21 – CLOUT House Meeting after worship
- Sept. 23 – Worship Planning at 5:00 p.m.
- Sept. 27 – United Methodist Women’s District Meeting at ?
- Sept. 28 – CLOUT House Meeting after worship

Church Needs

- ? people to help turn off lights when meetings are over.
- ? a tenant for our third floor Education Wing offices.
- ? volunteers for the children’s ministry program.
- ? volunteers to help cut down a dead tree next to the parking lot.
- ? ... if you can help with any of these, please see Pastor Jean.

Thank Yous

- U to our Open Door volunteers.
- U to all those who have recently been chefs in our cooking classes.
- U to all those who continue to provide refreshments after worship for our fellowship time.

- U to Brendan Croom and Boy Scout Troop #317, who provided the new benches and updated foliage in the church garden.
- U to Adina Cook and Christ Church’s volunteers who helped make the Back-to-School party such a huge success – again.
- U to Jack Steiner who is coordinating the power point in worship
- U to Ashley Sullivan, Andrew Smith, Jack Steiner and Tammy Jeffries who are helping Craig Tuck develop new small groups.
- U to Wayne Anderson for providing our monthly grief group.

Help Ministry

Thanks to everyone who made our most recent HELP Ministries yard sale a success. We were able to give approximately \$500 to our area ministry to assist with the needs of our neighbors.

Congratulations

- G to Judy (Morrison) and Russell Behanan who were married on August 21st.
- G to Kim Tuck who is now the manager of the Pier One store in Elizabethtown.
- G to Russell Behanan who was elected to the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church.
- G to Pastor Jean who was elected to the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns of the United Methodist Church.
- G to Jean & Jack Benz on their 65th wedding anniversary on Sept. 7

Looking Ahead

Plan Now for next Summer’s Vacation Bible School
It’s time we provide a vacation Bible School again for our children, something we haven’t done for the past couple years. So, mark your calendars now for June 22, 23 and 24, 2009. That’s when we’ll do our next VBS!

Camp Meeting

The UMM will have a food booth at the Kavanaugh Camp Meeting on Sunday, September 7th. The event starts at 3pm.

Casual Sunday

From Judy Behanan

Welcome to New Members

CASUAL SUNDAY is SEPTEMBER 21st

God doesn't require suits and ties, so why should we? In that spirit, The Witness Team is sponsoring Casual Sunday. Invite your friends and family to "come as you are" and enjoy the morning with us in a relaxed atmosphere. It's the perfect opportunity for visitors to see what our services are like and meet new people. At 4th Avenue we know that church isn't about how you look – it's about finding God's answers for your everyday life.

No matter what your style, we welcome you at 4th Avenue!

Clout Workshop

CLOUT "Rethinking Justice" Workshop - Tues., Sept. 9, 6:30-9:00 p.m., First Baptist Church of Jeffersontown, 10600 Watterson Trail

This is CLOUT's annual workshop covering the biblical basis for justice ministry and other key concepts related to how to build an effective justice ministry in a congregation. It will be attended by 100+ persons from CLOUT congregations across the city and will be led by the pastors of CLOUT congregations as well as staff from the national DART network. Anyone who is interested in learning more about justice ministry and

CLOUT are encouraged to attend. Please see Carol Rhodes, Jack Steiner or Courtland Rose for details.

September Birthdays

- 3 Russell Behanan
- 4 Michael Carroll
- 5 Josh Luttrell
- 5 Mavis Abraham
- 5 Ruth Settle
- 6 Peggy Bennett
- 8 Charles Wilmoth
- 10 John Mann
- 15 Jean Benz
- 20 Phyllis Carman
- 24* Maarvin Carter
- 27 Gloria Hall



Joyce Barnett

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Marjorie Dufek

Received into membership on July 27th. Joyce resides at 1811 West Ormsby Avenue, Louisville, KY 40211 and has transferred from another denominational

Received into membership on August 10th. Marjorie resides at 735 Arnold Lane, Shepherdsville, KY 40165 and has attended our newcomers' class. Marjorie transferred from another United Methodist Church

*Although he is no longer with us, we will remember Marvin Carter in our thoughts and prayers on his "special" day

Rose Circle

The Rose Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 2 at 10:30am in the Parlor at Fourth Avenue.

Margaret Carroll is the Hostess.

Sally Rose will tell about her trip to Lake Junaluska for the Wisdom and Grace Conference sponsored by the SEJ Association of Older Adult Ministries.

We welcome everyone.

Schedule for 8:45 A.M.:

- Sept. 7 - Prayer, Praise and Healing
- Sept. 14 - Chris Baker
- Sept. 21 - Roxie Keesee
- Sept. 28 - Sharon Bowland

MSW Intern

Jimmy Rittmann, a Masters of Social Work student at the University of Louisville, began serving with us late last month. He is doing his practical field work with our neighborhood. His office in our building is off the parlor balcony. Pastor Sarah, who is also a MSW, is serving as his supervisor. Jimmy is working mostly with our Open Door ministry guests, but he is also available if you have a question about social services in the city. You can just call the church and leave him a message (585-2176)

Jimmy Rittmann

I am originally from Rockford, AL (if you have never been there, never heard of it, and have no idea where that is, then you are one of 99.99999% of the people I know), and earned a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Psychology from Berea College in Berea, KY (y'all might know that one). I am currently working on my Masters of Science in Social Work from the University of Louisville, Kent School of Social Work. I am here at 4th Avenue to serve as a resource center for people in the community, focusing my efforts on getting to know the local resources and helping those in the community access them. I am here in Louisville with my wife, Joanna, who is a Master of Divinity student at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.



Jimmy Rittmann

Ice Cream Cone Ministry

“Wanna Ice Cream Cone? It’s free!” Such were the shouts from the Nurture Team who was offering free ice cream cones to passers by. The responses were big smiles and a quick turn into the garden gate. Happy conversations always followed. One man broke into song singing “Precious Lord.” Two women in motorized chairs enjoyed the shade and an ice cream cone. It’s interesting what an ice cream cone on a hot afternoon will accomplish.



Triple "S" to Bob Hill's Garden

From David Stewart

The triple "S" will have coffee and doughnuts @ George Rogers Clark Park (near cabin) on Friday, September 5 - then go tour Bob Hill's Garden and have lunch @ Buckhead's. We will leave church @ 8:45 A. M. Please sign up this Sunday.

Sunday, September 14 the Triple "S" will go to Derby Dinner for the matinee show, "Smoke On The Mountain," a musical when the Sanders Family come for Saturday Night Singing. The cost is \$30 and you may sing up the next two Sundays. See David Stewart.

Small Group Ministries Information

By Craig Tuck

Adult/Young Adult Small Group

When: 2nd and 4th Friday's of each month

Where: Blue Mountain Coffee Shop, 400 East Main Street

Time: 6:15 - 8:00

Our small group is a fusion between traditional and contemporary. We will take time to explore traditional scripture and how it applies, relates, and aides us in everyday life. We will have opportunities to learn from one another as we discuss how we each deal with and channel our faith during life lessons. We look to grow in fellowship, faith, and outreach. We will be using the Nooma video during August and September. If you would like to see a preview of this series, you can see excerpts at www.nooma.com.

Community Connections Small Group

When, Where, and What Time?: Thus far we have met on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at the Old Louisville Coffee Shoppe. But because our Wednesday night programming will resume in September we will need to adjust a bit. If you are interested in becoming part of this connection, please call Craig Tuck at 494-4474, or email him at ctuckumc@hotmail.com. We will let you know soon our revised meeting schedule.

So...why become part of this small group? We are currently trying to reach out to our neighborhood by meeting in local places, getting involved in Old Louisville activities, and prayerfully discerning why it is important that we develop relationships with our neighbors. By developing relationships, we are not talking about evangelism in a way that "brings people to us." Instead, we will focus on stepping outside the boundaries of our church and stepping into the life of our community getting to know people.

Other Small Groups

We have offered, and are still open to, other small groups (Men's Small Group and Adult/Parents) but thus far these have not a sure commitment nor attendance to establish either. If you are interested in another small group offering and would like to volunteer to lead it, please contact Craig Tuck, Jack Stienen, Ashley Sullivan, or Andrew Smith.

Note From William Webb

Hi Gil,

This is William Webb. I am back in Louisville and have returned to work. I would like to thank the 4th avenue family for all their support and prayers during my time away due to my illness. Could you include this in the Link newspaper if I am not too late. If so the next addition will be fine. Look forward to seeing everyone at church in the future. God bless and thank you. I send my regards to your wife Betty. Phone# 404-964-0429 with any question.

Hooray! Hooray! Hooray! We feel richly blessed to have William back among us! Ed.

The mission of the Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church is to share the love of God in the heart of the city.

Fourth Avenue's Core Values

Faith Formation
Open Theology
Urban Vision
Real Community
Transforming Worship
Holy Justice
Acceptance and Diversity



A Little Bit of History

by Carol Hughes

Precious memories of the FAME Class are beginning to come to mind. In 1938, when things in this part of the world were calm and peaceful, a group of working ladies in their early twenties appointed themselves as an organizing committee to start a new Sunday School Class. They had outgrown the teenager class, and asked the minister, Dr. Lewis Stuckey, for a room with a piano in which to meet. They decided to call it the FAME class, for Fourth Avenue Methodist Episcopal. They already had a teacher, Marcella Arden's father Pop Arden, and a pianist, Don Wall.

The ladies of the group were: Mary K. Owens, Blanch Booker, the Houston girls (Roberta, Virginia, Inez), Ruth White, Roberta Rodman, and Margie and Mildred King. Until recently we still met in the room where we started, which was beautifully decorated by Grady and Vivian Mitchell. Last year we moved to the first floor chapel because the stairs to the second floor balcony were getting pretty hard to climb!

It wasn't long after starting the class that the girls had boy friends who joined the class and it become co-ed. Then children came along! There needed to be a room for a nursery and we were able to set one up in the old parsonage that was next door. We remember a former worker whom the children loved – her name was Bunny Wills. Now there is a garden in that spot, lovingly tended by Michael Carroll.

In 1941, World War II wrought many changes. Families were separated because of members serving in the troops. One big help for soldiers coming to town for the weekend from Fort Knox was a dormitory in the basement of the church and ladies of the circles served breakfast. We remember Mrs. Hargett, the minister's wife, taking charge. One Sunday morning she announced, "You boys finish your pancakes and go right upstairs to Sunday School!" Many church families took soldiers home for family dinners, making many dear friends.

Through the years we've had many different teachers, including Mrs. Hargett. Kathleen Langford was a favorite who gave us a new piano. Now our members take turns teaching – George Howell, Norvin Fust, and Les Gross. David Stewart is a regular teacher too. George Howell is notable for reciting poetry for us. There have been many activities such as banquet parties, Loucon meetings and some out of town trips. We often have visits from former members who have joined other churches.

At one time, after the War, we had 60 members. We still use the Adult Bible Studies curriculum and currently we have 30 members. We love singing hymns together before the lesson with Mary K. Carter, a charter member, playing the piano. As senior members of the church, we are called on for many important tasks. Our purpose is to seek to follow the leading of Christ in sharing our concerns for others and using our gifts and talents for God and our neighbors.

In the hall outside the chapel are pictures of the class presidents and teachers that Coleman Hughes organized. Edy Johnson is our current president and she is doing a fine job. We welcome everyone who may want to visit us – or join our class!

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