

Sowers of St. Luke's

St Luke's United Methodist Church, Indianapolis, IN

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Fall is Here!

Remembering Pattie

A former Sower, Pattie Stackhouse, passed away on September 24, 2009. The following are thoughts about her from Co-Leader Sue McKee.

As often happens, we learn more about a person after their death than when they were with us. Pattie was a member of the Sowers some years ago. I remember one Saturday morning; we were weeding and chatting in the garden when she asked me if I'd ever been married. I said no. She was silent a moment, then said, "Stay single; it's more fun! You get to make all your own decisions."

When Pattie had her first bout with cancer, she came to our Sower's Open Garden. She was dressed in a lovely flowered A-line ankle length dress and a large picture hat. She said, "I can't stand and do anything but I thought I could lend a presence." Then she sat smiling and sipping lemonade – a perfect presence!

While raising three small children alone, Pattie worked full time and went to Butler full time earning a BS degree in education and then a master's. She taught 25 years in the city system.

Pattie was a very positive person. Her grown children said that if they ever were negative about something she would make them recite a poem – about how you can do anything you think you can do.

Pattie's life was filled with service to others. In Florida where she spent her winters, she became a licensed real estate agent and taught yoga. At St. Luke's she participated in the Sowers, the Healers, and the theatre group and took many mission trips working with Habitat for Humanity. She also became a clown and entertained for many children's parties.

Pattie was not only cherished by her children and six grandchildren but also by her many friends.

Cancer did not stop her. As Kent said "She moved through it and beyond." Hers was a life lived with grace and courage. We are all better off for her presence.

Sue McKee



From our Leader

Just wanted to add a big "Thank You!" to Carolyn and Sue Meyer for their efforts on the fall plant sale last month. With everyone's contributions of plants we made over \$400.00! Also want to thank my co-leader Sue McKee for attending the quarterly Member Care Team meeting last week. It is one of the ways/channels for Sowers to be "in the loop" as the church gets bigger and prepares for eventual retirement of Rev. Millard. Looking forward to seeing everyone at a Bazaar workshop as well as working our booth on the big weekend! Gail

Garden Notes

We carried on with our tradition of success with the plant sale September 13th. Many large grass type plants came in which we sold for \$10 each - there was one clivia, nice tree starts from an Arbor Day program, house plants, and as always some new things to show. The profit of \$400 was a nice reward for our efforts.

The garden has not changed much in the last month or so. The visual impact now is texture and leaf color with an accent of the aster's purple. The bird bath begs to be cleaned regularly and there are a few weeds in the sidewalk worthy of

someone bending over to pry loose. After a hard frost when I can see a couple of days ahead of time that we will be having warm weather I will send out a plea for helpers to do some clean-up.

I would like to plan a workshop to make granola and cookie mixes on Thursday, November 5th in the Great Hall kitchen. Come at 5:30 or 6pm, whatever suits your schedule that day. It would be good to have about eight people. Please e-mail or call to let me know you can come.

Thank you to those who have donated bottles for vinegars and quart jars for the mixes. I can always take like-new quart jars and clear glass bottles if you come across a someone who would like to have us re-use. Carolyn Curry

Bazaar Notes

Diane has reminded us that the bazaar is right around the corner! Be thinking of when you would like to help man our booth. We will be working from 8:45 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, the 14th of November, and on Sunday until noon with clean-up afterward. Please let Sue Meyer know at s-meyer@att.net or 816-0185 so we can count on you! Sue Meyer

Christmas Potpourri

Jan Seward reminds us to drop by her house with our dried flower petals for the Christmas potpourri she will put together for the bazaar.

Member Notes

Until recently, I did not realize that Cherrie Kochel's surgery was due to cancer. Carolyn writes the following paragraph:

Cherrie Kochel has not felt well since her surgery in August. I called and then stopped at her house October 2nd; I probably stayed too long as she said this was her worst day yet. I complimented her on how her yard has taken shape since I was there several years ago. Lester had put together a great dining room table for her; he added wall shelves for her clear glass

collection and the walls are painted a pretty gray. When she feels better, we know how much she will enjoy having a large group for a meal. Lester's death last spring is still a vivid memory as she now tries to deal with her own illness and pain and the long wait for a treatment plan. Cherrie, we hope and pray you can feel better soon. Carolyn

Diane Stone starts radiation sessions on Monday, Oct. 5, at St. Vincent Hospital as an outpatient. She will have it weekly for a total of 3 weeks and is hoping the side effects aren't too bad. She still would appreciate thoughts and prayers!

Pattie Stackhouse was the sweetest lady – I've known her since 1986 when we sat on the St Luke's stage in a scene for "Our Town". She graciously hosted our Sower's Christmas party several times. She will be sorely missed by many people. DR

From the Editor

Issues will be posted now on our website: www.sowersofstlukes.com with the newest at the top of the list. You can always go there to see recent back issues and they are printable in either MS Word or as an Adobe .pdf file. Members will receive an email to let you know when a new issue is posted. Diane R

Events Calendar

- Thu 11/5 Granola & Cookie Mixes in Great Hall kitchen – with Carolyn
- Fri 11/13 Bazaar Set Up – with Mary Lou
- Sat 11/14 Bazaar 8:45 – 4:00pm, Sue Meyer
- Sun 11/15 Bazaar Sales between services til noon
Carolyn Curry
- Sun 11/22 Deadline for items in next newsletter:
Christmas party, bazaar wrap-up,
January events?

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