

Sowers of St. Luke's

St Luke's United Methodist Church, Indianapolis, IN

February 2010

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Hello 2010....

Happy New Year!

It is hard to believe that it has been almost two months since we had a fun holiday party at Nancy's lovely home, and enjoyed her charming husband's hospitality as well! The days are starting to get noticeably longer, so we know that somewhere under all this snow (!) and cold another welcome spring will come.

A special thank you goes out to my co-leader Sue, Carolyn, Chris and Marylou who all helped pull together, rather quickly, our table at last month's open house. We had 19 people sign up as interested in Sowers, and Marylou made a follow up contact with most of them. Hopefully all will be able to attend one of our upcoming speaker presentations to get acquainted with the group...

A very big thank you goes out to Chris for scheduling four very interesting and diverse speakers to get us through the non-gardening months! On the March 10th date (Famous Botanists, Gardeners and Landscape Architects) we will plan to meet prior to the presentation, at 7:00 pm for refreshments, and an informal meeting to look at the year ahead.

Hope to see everyone on Tuesday and on March 10th! Gail

Sympathy note

I sent this information via email at the time, but to repeat, the Sowers extend sympathy to Judy Tults as her brother passed away January 13. She would like to thank all of the Sowers who offered prayers for him. She also said: "I am sure it helped ease his passing, and eased my soul as well."

Programs

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, March 10 at 7:30PM in Fellowship Hall where the Sowers and guests will listen to a program from Kathy Hull. The title of her presentation is "Some Famous Botanists, Gardeners, and Landscape Architects about Whom We Should Know at Least a Little." Kathy is an experienced gardener who has studied gardens around the world. She brings information and images from many of those. Everyone is welcome to these events.

As for the February program on Indiana honey bees that was 'snowed' out, Chris will try to find a new date for us and if prior to next newsletter, we will let you know by email.



Member news

We have good news with two new members joining us. Please welcome these ladies and for the time being, add their information to your 2009 membership directory. I have already included them in the recent emails.

Nan Schulte 443-3641 cell
1144 Timberlane St
Indianapolis, 46260

Lynn Bryant 335-7011 hm
13152 Fairwood Dr 513-3390 cell
McCordsville, 46055

Knitting anyone?

Hey Colts Fans! Let's wage an all-out campaign to make and sell home-knitted or home-crocheted scarves in blue and white for our Bazaar next fall. Can be for toddlers, school-age or adults, male and female. What nice Christmas gifts to buy for your whole family. I have a nice rack we can hang them from for display. I will have a knitting party at my house to get it started. OK? Contact Jan Seward at 255-7936

From the Editor

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

St Luke's website does have a link to the Sowers website – it's just not easy to find! We are located under "Get Involved", then under "Fellowship" right after the Elderberries. Our link is there and it is active. Not easy to find, but it's there.

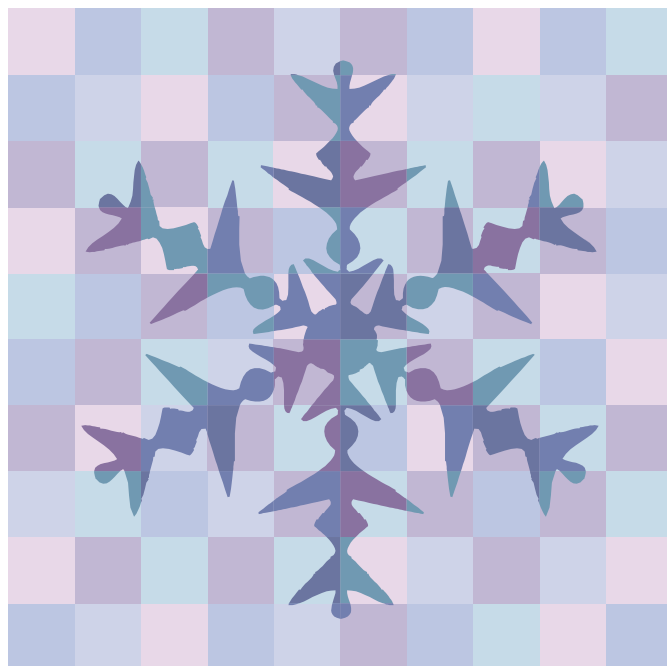
Completely unrelated – guess what I found in the Sowers box this week? There were about 10-12 copies of a little green booklet titled "Your Bible Herb Book". It included drawings of herbs and the Bible verse references, some herbal word games, and herbal recipes. Get this – the date was June 1985 and it was for St Luke's Vacation Bible School! Cool!
Diane R

Annual renewal time

It's that time of year again - time to renew your Sowers membership. The form is in this newsletter and in early April, I will be making up the 2010 Membership Directory.

Dilly of a Day

The Sowers are invited to participate in the annual symposium hosted by the herb society. This year's theme "Dilly of a Day" will be held on April 17th at the Ritz Charles. It is a very nice way to spend an early spring Saturday with a special friend or relative and meet other gardeners and herb lovers. Most of the Sowers know about Carolee's Herb Farm; she (along with two other growers) brings lush herbs and perennials to sell. Other speakers include Victoria Wessler who for several years has been educating and entertaining us through her web newsletter "Going Local". She will demonstrate different methods of making pickles. Donna Frawley who owns Frawley's Fine Herbarium in Midland, MI will give a culinary presentation, and Jim Long from Long Creek Herbs in Missouri will talk on "Better Sleep, Less Stress with Flowers and Herbs". Besides plants to look at and buy, there will be booths with herbal soaps, herbal recipes, and a silent auction. A nice luncheon is included; the cost of the day is \$35. For registration information, go to www.herbsocietyofcentralindiana.org or call 317-575-8005.



Events Calendar

Wed 3/10 7:30pm

Famous Gardeners, etc. at St Luke's
Fellowship Hall

Team Leaders

Coordinators:	Gail Corn	843-1244
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Fall Plant Sale	Carolyn Curry	253-2033
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Fri Set-up/Pricing	Mary Lou Curless	574-1772
	curlessm@sbcglobal.net	
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THE SOWERS
of
St. Luke's United Methodist Church

MISSION:

- to tend the Sowers garden at St. Luke's
- to learn more about plants, especially herbs
- to join together in fellowship for the above

With many working hands and dedication, we all cultivate our skills in gardening and harvest much knowledge from our programs, field trips, the May and September plant sales, and the Fall bazaar. You will get as much out of our organization as you are willing to put into it.

MEMBERSHIP is open to anyone who will uphold the above and do the following:
Contribute \$5.00 annually towards postage costs of the newsletter. Only the e-version of the news is available to those on non-paying inactive status.

Make a commitment to assist in the garden maintenance, i.e. at least four hours per year;
March - May 2-3 hours for clean-up, dividing, pruning, fertilizing, and planting
June - October 2-3 hours for maintenance, weeding, etc.

Participate on at least one of the Sowers teams.

Participate in our planned programs, assisting as needed.

Assist with the plant sale and/or other fund-raising committees that support the expenses of maintaining the garden.

YES! I want to be a member of *The Sowers of St. Luke's*. I agree to the service commitments outlined above for members of the Sowers.

The annual directory will include paid-up members as of **April 1**. To include your name in this year's directory, return the form below and your \$5.00 check payable to The Sowers to:

Diane Rice
7560 Sycamore Grove Ct
Indianapolis, IN 46260-3388

OR you can leave it in the Sowers box in the church office.

Returning members: Please check here _____ IF no changes OR correct items changed since last year.

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____

Home phone _____ Birthday (not year!) _____

Work phone _____ Email _____

Comments: