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The Garden Employment Connections (GEC) is a faith-based job-networking group sponsored by The Garden a blossom of St. Luke's United Methodist Church. The **GEC** has been established to share resources, education and support for individuals during career transitions. Participant and co-founder, Dennis Harman says, "Our committee doesn't reinvent the wheel. What we do is try to find out what the person is looking for, suggest resources that we know about and point them in the right direction. We also learn from the people that come to the meetings."

Margaret came to The Garden Employment Connections meeting after being terminated after a number of years with her employer. She was obviously upset with the situation. The GEC group talked about her options and told her about some resources at Work One, the State of Indiana's unemployment office. She went to Work One and found out about their training program for medical coding. She is now looking into getting the state to pay for her training in that area.

Denise is a founding member of GEC, who was unemployed. She used some of the networking resources that the group recommended, which helped her to find a permanent job.

The Garden Employment Connections meets, Wednesday September 6th (the second Wednesday of each month) in room C122 at St. Luke's United Methodist, 100 W. 86th Street. All are welcome.



My Sister's Place Benefit Bike Ride: Take part in this bike ride on Sunday, September 26 and help raise funds for this non-profit organization which provides transitional services and resources to displaced and at risk women and their families. For more information: www.mysistersplace-indy.org.



Calling All Singers! The Oak Hill Band is in need of experienced singers to do back-up and lead vocals. If you love to sing and want to use your talent to inspire others, this may be the spot for you! Contact Steve Whipkey for a simple audition, at swhipkey@in-motion.net.



The Garden Habitat for Humanity Project: The dates for The 2011 Garden Habitat for Humanity Project will be February 6 through 11. Please contact John or Jeanne Anne Wertz, 873-4187, for more information.

Get Unplugged!

Join us for Garden Unplugged at 9:00 at The Garden at Oak Hill. At Garden Unplugged, your conversation becomes part of the service. To be a part of this exciting new project or for more information, see Karlene Abram (kkabram2003@yahoo.com), Stan Abell (stanley@thebluevinecollective.org), or Matt Peyton (matt@thebluevinecollective.org).



The Bluevine Collective:

The Bluevine Collective is a diverse community seeking to engage in significant life and faith questions in order to foster transformative action. Each of our contributors shares thoughts from daily life with which each of us can connect. Visit thebluevinecollective.org.

Community Focus for 3rd Quarter 2010 is Health and Wellness



The Garden's 3rd Quarter September Little Give is The Damien Center.

Established in 1987, The Damien Center serves anyone infected by HIV/AIDS. Programs and services are designed to empower persons to overcome the challenges encountered when living with HIV/AIDS, so that they can remain independent and productive. Free and confidential HIV testing is offered throughout the community. During the month of September, we will be collecting toiletries and grocery gift vouchers. A flier with a detailed list of needed items is available at the information tables. Please bring your donations on Sundays in September and place in in the green pop up hampers.



2010 Indianapolis Start! Heart Walk:

Join Team Garden on **Saturday, September 18th** as we support the American Heart Association's 2010 Indianapolis Start! Heart Walk. Choose the three-mile family fun walk or a one-mile route around White River State Park in downtown Indianapolis. **To join the The Garden's team** go to heartwalk.kintera.org/indy/thegarden. Opening ceremonies of the Indianapolis Start! Heart Walk begin at 9:30am on September 18 at Celebration Plaza, White River State Park. Email Beth at friedb@stlukesumc.com for more info.



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