



**Help Families in Need this Holiday Season!** Every year The Garden provides holiday cheer for needy families in the Indy area. Gardeners are still needed

to "adopt" a family by providing gifts, or by donating cash or gift cards. We also need volunteers to shop and to deliver gifts. If you are interested in helping contact Helen Payne at [hpayne@indy.rr.com](mailto:hpayne@indy.rr.com) or Andy Spangler at [andyspangler@hotmail.com](mailto:andyspangler@hotmail.com).



**Sport Some Sweet Garden Gear!** The Garden's signature long-sleeve denim shirts are currently on sale for \$15/each. A limited supply will be available at Garden locations on Sundays or check your table for an order form.

These stylist shirts made of 100% cotton come in ladies sizes ranging from S - XL and for the men of The Garden we offer the sizes of M - 3XL.



**Avoid the Crowds and Long Lines at the Mall!** Especially important this time of year, when you do your holiday shopping on line, please start at The Garden

website [www.thegardenonline.org](http://www.thegardenonline.org) and click on the Amazon link. The Garden receives up to 7% of every purchase, at no additional cost to you! This is a simple way to supplement the support you already provide. Thank you in advance for all the different gifts you provide, and remember The Garden is always in season!



**St. Luke's Advent Retreat: December 10, 9am - Noon, Spiritual Life Center:** Get away from your busyness for 3 hours during the Christmas Season by attending an Advent Retreat.

Rev. Rob Fuquay and others will help experience God's love through scripture, music, reflection and discussion. To register call 846-3404 or go to St. Luke's website, [www.stlukesumc.com](http://www.stlukesumc.com). For questions call Barb Hale, 696-6747.



**Volunteers Needed for Christmas Eve Services:** Bring your family and let your children experience volunteering. Volunteers are needed to set up tables at Beef & Boards on December 24th at 1 p.m. Contact Barb Hale, 696-6747.

**Watering can donations keep The Garden growing. Thanks for sharing what you can!**



### Celebrate the Holidays at The Garden

The Garden is an excellent place to bring your family.

The open-theology of The Garden makes it a welcoming place for folks of all faith paths.

Our upcoming services are:

**Sunday, November 27th** - An Imperfect Holiday

**Sunday, December 4th** - Occupy Christmas

**Sunday, December 11th** - Plenty of Room

**Sunday, December 18th** - Stories of Christmas

**Saturday, December 24th** - Peace on Earth

**Sunday, December 25th** - NO services

### New Year's Day

Beef & Boards - 10:15 Only

(No services at Oak Hill)



### Ireland and/or Scotland Trip in 2012

Linda is looking at the possibility of leading another trip this coming summer. It can be arranged so that travelers can

choose to go to Ireland, or Scotland, or both if desired. The tentative date for the Ireland portion is July 5-13, and it is not yet determined if a Scotland trip would happen prior to or after the Ireland part. If you are interested or want to know more, please contact Linda at 317-846-3404 or [ismccoy@aol.com](mailto:ismccoy@aol.com). She can supply a tentative itinerary and estimated cost."



**Yoga Class for Everyone** is taught on **Tuesdays, 6-7pm** in St. Luke's UMC Modular Building. Contact [vlhague@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vlhague@sbcglobal.net) or 607-4764 for more info.



This week on The Bluevine Collective, Stan talks about finding deeper meaning in Christmas this year. How might simple acts of hospitality be what Christmas is all about? Check out his post "I've Got Another Confession to Make" and let us know what you think!



### Help build a Home in Ft. Myers, Florida:

The dates for The Garden's Annual Habitat for Humanity Project will be **February 19-24, 2012**, in Ft. Myers, Florida. Cost of the trip is \$225, \$150 for lodging, \$75 for food. A deposit of \$150 is due by Dec 26th. Total payment is due before Jan. 24. Make checks payable to St. Luke's UMC with Fort Myers 2012 on the memo line and mail to The Garden, 100 West 86th St., Indianapolis, IN 46260. Contact Janet Harlan at 317-290-9396 for more info.



Would you like to lend your time and talent to The Garden? There are many opportunities for you to get more involved! For more information on anything listed in this newsletter or other fun and rewarding events, log on to [thegardenonline.org](http://thegardenonline.org).