

The Outlook

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Sunday, August 14, 2011

10:30 a.m. Worship

Psalm 46, Matthew 8: 14-17

"Healed to Serve"

Karen Stoffers-Pugh, preaching

WOW is Back September 14

Make plans to come to WOW, Wednesdays at Wesley on September 14. We have taken a break over the summer but will be back for our monthly time of fellowship and worship in a multimedia setting in The Gathering Place. We gather at 4PM to play games and enjoy one another's company with light snacks. At 5PM we enjoy dinner together before a time of singing and prayer that begins at 5:30PM. Our worship time at 5:30PM features contemporary music, short videos and a time of prayer. This is a great, low key environment to invite friends and family that may not want to come or cannot come to a Sunday morning service. Come and lift your hearts together as we sing, pray and play at WOW. If you can help with set up, cooking or clean-up, Pastor Karen could use your help. A sign up sheet is posted in the narthex.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Concern

Prayers of concern were expressed for Nick Strobel's mom and brothers who gathered on Sunday on his dad's birthday, prayers as they remember his dad on his first birthday without him; for Linda Tilton that she may feel better soon, she was not feeling well on Sunday. Prayers of thanksgiving were expressed for all the VBS staff including the special prayer team who prayed for all the VBS workers and special thanks to Sherry Atkins for setting the prayer team up and giving us all presents everyday and the Thursday lunch; for the life of Stan Smock who with his wife was a long time faithful Wesley member, he died last week.

This week's attendance: 87
Offering:\$3657 Folded Corner:\$3

FROM THE PASTOR'S INBOX

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I do not like them, Sam-I-am.

I do not like green eggs and ham...

You do not like them so you say

Try them! Try them! And you may

Try them and you may, I say...

"Green Eggs and Ham" by Dr. Seuss

And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.' Matthew 28:20b

Many of you have shared your enjoyment of the Dr. Seuss sermon series. The church campus last week was filled with the joy of close to 60 children and youth enjoying the Dr. Seuss theme in our Vacation Bible School. The large bulletin board in the narthex is now covered with plates of green eggs and ham that represent our daily VBS offering. Each day the children, youth and volunteers brought an offering. We also took a special offering last Sunday. The offering this year will be going to the Rescue Mission for their daily meal program. They serve three meals a day and estimate that they serve over 14,000 meals a month. In total we raised \$345 to donate to the food program. The Rescue Mission calculates that they can, on average, provide a meal for \$1.99. So we have helped provide 173 meals!

The youth went to the mission on Wednesday to have a tour and help prepare and serve the lunch time meal. My job was to stand at the window and take the plates, scrap off the leftovers and push the plates through the window to the dishwasher. (By the way, the dishwasher's able assistant was Parker Rous. Go online to our church webpage and follow the links to the pictures of that day)

As I stood at my station before lunch was served, I could see partly

through to the dishwasher. I could only see him from the chest down to waist level at the counter. As part of the staff he was able to eat before the lunch time line was open to the general population. I glanced over and saw him shaking salt and pepper on his plate and preparing to eat. Then he set down his fork, folded his hands and was still for a few moments. Then he began to eat. Later when we were talking, he told me he was in the homeless program but waiting to be accepted into the 12 month discipleship program.

Jesus said to the disciples, "I am with you always". Jesus was there in the kitchen that day as we worked and as we prayed. Jesus is with us as we journey together in our walks of faith. Part of our walk of faith is our time of worship. This Sunday Sarah and Kelly Strobel along with Mary Hanel will bring us special music. I will begin a new sermon series based on the healings of Jesus. A time of anointing and healing prayer will be offered. I hope to see you Sunday!

Peace, Pastor Karen