

The Outlook

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June 29, 2011

Sunday, July 3, 2011

10:30 a.m. Worship

Ezekiel 37:11-14, John 11:17a 38-44

Ruth Shivers, guest speaker

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

AUGUST 1-5, 2011

9 A.M. TO 11 A.M.

REGISTER AT WESLEY CHURCH

\$2 PER PERSON (SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE)

⁴ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. ⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD. ⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. ⁸ Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy ⁹ at the presence of the LORD. Psalm 98:4, 6-9a

Last summer I preached a 'Green Living' sermon series that helped connect our stewardship of God's gift of creation with our own spiritual journeys. One of the resources I used was *The Green Life* a daily email series of green living tips from the Sierra Club. I've continued to receive them in order to learn new ways to be a good steward and honor God's gift of creation. This week was "Green Your Picnic" and I hope you enjoy reading these tips and putting one or more into practice this summer.

Peace,
Pastor Karen

From *The Green Life* found at <http://sierraclub.typepad.com/greenlife>. Green Your Picnic - To celebrate the long, hot days, rally your friends and pack a picnic. This week's tips will help you keep it green.

Tip # 1: Keep it local.

Don't be tempted to drive to your picnic. There's nothing more summery than strapping a basket to the back of your bicycle or strolling to the nearest meadow. Discover the Forest is a handy website by which to find a nearby park, or just open up Google Maps and look for the green patches. You'll be surprised at what pockets of nature you can find just around the block. If you can't get there with muscle power, consider taking public transit or carpooling.

Tip # 2: Eat Your Veggies

Rethink your go-to ham sandwich and make the best of summer's bountiful produce — meat doesn't keep well in the sun, anyway. Try vegetarian alternatives like hearty portobello mushroom burgers or a refreshing bean-and-corn salad. For more ideas, check out NRDC's Eat Local site to find seasonal ingredients or a farmers' market in your 'hood.

Tip #3 Keep it Clean

What with chip bags, soda cans, and paper napkins, picnics can create a huge mess. We challenge you to leave zero waste. It's easy: Bring refillable water bottles, cloth napkins, reusable or biodegradable cutlery and plates, and food in Tupperware containers as opposed to plastic bags. After the party, check around your picnic area and pick up scraps, then bring them home to your compost pile.

Tip # 4: Learn something new.

Picnics are all about getting your family outdoors. Why not inspire kids' post-meal scampering with a nature scavenger hunt? Challenge them to find five exciting plants or animals, then use a field guide to identify all the critters they discover. If you're enjoying a food coma and just want to gaze at the sky, open up a cloud-spotting book and learn about our atmosphere.

Happy July Birthday to.....

2 Austin Cusator
3 Jim Pugh
8 Lisa Strobel
16 Johanna Hart
16 Anne Scott
21 Natalie Rous
22 Brandon Lansche
24 Kelly Strobel
25 Carol Pirtle
28 Sarah Balzer
29 Barbara Knowlton
30 Eudora Markham
31 Donna Adams

Happy Anniversary to...

1 Doug and Carolyn Anglin
2 Bob and Freda Hamilton
17 Dan and Diane O'Dell
18 Dell and Marcia Whitten
23 Stan and Marilyn Moore
26 Bob and Martha Covey
30 Ron and Barbara Dethlefson

Dear Wesley UMC and the family of
Caroline Close,

Thank you for your generous scholarship
towards my continuing education. With
tuition and book costs rising every year,
this will go a good way to helping me
begin my education to become a choir
director.

Many, thanks
Jeanette Wilson

This week's attendance: 44
Offering:\$1,729 Folded Corner:\$1

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

Prayer of concern was expressed for
Linda Tilton's foot, the cut is getting
smaller, but her foot is still hurting her a
lot, prayers that it will get better soon.
Prayers of thanksgiving were expressed
for the birth of Reagan Lynn Brandon on
June 22, 2011, who weighed 7 lbs., 7
ozs., proud parents are Heather and Jim
Brandon, and great grandparents are the
late Randolph and Mary Lou Harris; for
Linda Tilton who went to the store and got
the stuff on her list and had money left
over, praise the Lord.