

# *The Outlook*

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"*

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## **Music Sunday, May 8, 2011**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School      10:30 a.m. Worship

1 Peter 1:27-23, Luke 24:13-35

"Keep It Burning"

Rev. Karen Stoffers-Pugh, preaching

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## **Small Group Study "Catch the Fire"**

Beginning Wednesday, May 4 at 10am in the Education Lounge, join Pastor Karen and others for a small group study. We will use the Conference wide "Catch the Fire" Bible study of the book of Acts. We will also be reading from the 1st letter of Peter as well as various gospel texts. Daily reflections will be available each Sunday as an insert to the worship bulletin. Study is also available in book form at a cost of \$5. Contact the church office if you would like to purchase. The study is available as an electronic download at <http://cnumc.org/pages/detail/1638>

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## **UMW Quilt Show & Luncheon**

Saturday May 14, **11:30 a.m.** in The Gathering Place. \$5.00 donation. If you have quilts you would like to share with our group, please sign up in the Narthex or call Louise Clay at 366-0906 or Lillie Johnson at 366-6960.

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## **Rummage Sale**

The June 3 & 4 rummage sale is coming. Help is needed. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Bring items to the Gathering Place after May 16<sup>th</sup>. No clothes please. Thank you.

## From The Pastor's Desk

***“Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Matthew 25:37-40***

Our 'Change the World' project is coming up soon! On Sunday, May 15, at 11AM we will go to Horace Mann Elementary School which is ½ mile west on Niles Street. We will help touch up the murals, help paint a map of the United States on the playground, plant flowers, do general cleanup and work at tasks at tables for those who cannot stand or walk for extended periods of time. Wesley member Cindy Wilson is a teacher at Horace Mann. Cindy has led health kit drives for UMCOR at HM with fellow teachers. They recently collected over two dozen health kits that were taken to Salt Lake City on the mission trip during Holy Week.

Invite others to join with you at a simple half hour service at Wesley and then leave for Horace Mann at 11AM. This kind of community outreach is a great way to involve other family members or friends that might be hesitant to come to a regular church service. We will sing, pray and then after very brief remarks (very quick homily or short sermon) we will go to Horace Mann. This Sunday I will have printed invitations for you to give to family, friends, neighbors or a co-worker.

Our mission statement is "Our mission is to go into all the world and help all people be joyous, effective disciples of Jesus Christ." This "Change the World" weekend, our work at Horace Mann, our outreach and invitation to others, is this mission statement in action.

Peace,  
Karen

## Food Pantry Wish List

Mother Hubbard's cupboard is not the only one that is bare. Once or twice a week families or individuals stop by the church office with requests for emergency food. You can help by bringing any of the following items.

- Canned Goods – tuna, chicken, soup, tomatoes, Spam, Vienna sausage, ravioli, vegetables, fruit, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, chili
- Dry Goods – pasta, rice, beans, dry milk, cereal
- No Cook Items – cheese and cracker packages, applesauce in individual containers, pop-top chili, soup, stew

When you do your regular grocery shopping, look for items that are BOGO (Buy One Get One Free) This is an inexpensive way to pick up items for the pantry. If you glean items from your own pantry, be sure that the food is not expired or open. The food we give to those in need is an offering to God, so we always want it to be our "first fruits" or the very best we have to offer. *"...for I was hungry and you gave me food..." Matthew 25:35a*

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### **It's That Time Again! Let's Go To The Homeless Shelter**

Wesley UMC has a standing commitment to help staff the dining room at the Homeless Center for lunch on the months with fifth Sundays - and guess what? May is a month with five Sundays! If you would like to join in this meaningful ministry, sign up in the Narthex. We will meet in the parking lot of the church on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. to car pool to the Homeless Shelter.

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### **Narthex Program Needs Volunteers**

Volunteers are needed to assist with the children's narthex program May through August. A sign-up list is posted on the narthex bulletin board. Two adults are needed each Sunday to teach the lesson that will be provided. Providing this children's program serves families with small children, and 10 to 12 children participate each week. The program is designated for younger children aged three to eight, and older children are encouraged to remain in the worship service.

## Prayers of Thanksgiving & Concern

Prayer of concern was expressed for healing and comfort for Jean Myers. Prayer of thanksgiving was expressed for Brent and Jacque Casper who celebrated their 1<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary, they were married at Wesley 1 year ago and thank God every day that they found each other!

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Lisa, Sarah, Kelly and I wish to thank you for the prayers, cards, and words of support upon the death of my father, Vince Strobel, on Easter morning. Vince Strobel's memorial service will be on Sunday, May 15th up in Beaverton, OR so we will miss worshipping with you all on that Sunday. One of the ways of practicing the resurrection is by being the body of Christ for each other in the most difficult of times including praying on behalf of another when that person cannot pray because of the shock of the event or situation. Dad was the most decent man I knew so your continued prayers for us will be greatly appreciated.

Your brother in Christ,  
Nick Strobel

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## Thank You!

Thank you for your donations to the recent Sunday offerings. Wesley Church collected \$409 for One Great Hour of Sharing and \$588 for UMCOR - Japan.

## Wesley Tidbits

Clara Belle Foster's memorial service that was scheduled for May 7 has been cancelled.

The May/June Upper Rooms are now available in the Narthex. Donation is .50 for regular print and \$1.00 for large print.

Greeters are needed! Please sign up in the Narthex. Thank you.

This week's attendance: 74 Offering:\$4200 Folded Corner:\$3
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