

# *The Outlook*

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## **Sunday, October 9, 2011**

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

Philippians 4:4-9, Matthew 22:1-14

"Rejoice"

Karen Stoffers-Pugh, preaching

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## **Lasagne Lunch This Sunday!**

Join us this Sunday, October 9, following worship. Please bring either a salad or dessert. Rolls and beverage will be included. One person is needed to help set on Saturday, October 8 and with clean-up following the luncheon. Call the church office if you are interested in helping. Thank you.

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## **WOW October 12**

Make plans to come to WOW, Wednesdays at Wesley on October 12. We gather at 4PM to play games and enjoy one another's company with light snacks. At 5PM we enjoy dinner together. After dinner we will watch an upcoming episode of "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition." The free advanced screening of the upcoming episode is made possible through the National Council of Churches. It is an inspiring story of love, hope, and the unbreakable bond of family - with United Methodist ties. 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 and/or clean-up, Pastor Karen could use your help. A sign up sheet is posted in the narthex.

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## **UMW October 13**

The United Methodist Women will have a social gathering on Thursday, October 13 at 10 a.m. in the lounge. Duane Shoffner will be showing a slide show of his photographs. Everyone is invited!

## FROM THE PASTOR'S INBOX [revkspugh@gmail.com](mailto:revkspugh@gmail.com)

***Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. Philippians 4:1, 4, 8-9***

Last week was an amazing time for me at the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. In an affluent suburb of Kansas City, the conference was inspiring and uplifting. COR is many things that Wesley will never be, at least to my way of thinking. We will never be physically situated in an affluent suburb. We will never be a church of 8000 people, with five worship bands, a staff of 200 and an annual budget of 16 million dollars.

However, we can live into the church that God wants us to be. We can celebrate our own heritage of a church that is situated in the midst of a great mission field. We can celebrate being a church that accepts people where they are on their faith journey. We are a church that makes room for people who have different political and social viewpoints. We are a church that celebrates with music and art.

Are there areas of growth and change needed at Wesley? I believe there are areas that we can grow and change. In order to reach out to new people and families, perhaps we need to find the resources to provide alternative music styles. In order for our church family to become a more vital and vibrant church home, we need to develop a solid small group ministry. Studies have shown that people not connected to a church, nominal Christians or seekers, are looking for ways to participate in mission opportunities.

I am excited to work with all of you to create a vision of vitality for our church. Not because we can then, as my dear father would have said, pat ourselves on the back. No, we do this because we are to be kingdom builders, sharing with others the joy of being God's children and the body of Christ.

I hope to see you in church this Sunday. Our choir has been sharing moving, joyous anthems with us. Sunday school is back in full swing with wonderful lessons from our dynamic education team. See you on Sunday! Invite a friend or even a stranger to join us at Wesley!

Peace,  
Pastor Karen

## **“A Night In Rio” More Items Added**

Wesley’s Saturday, October 22, “A Night in Rio” dinner/auction has added two more live auction items: Jim Pugh’s Ice Age Horse Painting (won “Best in Show” at this year’s Fair) and a picnic and tour at Indian Point Ostrich farm. In addition there are 57 silent auction items. If you would like to donate an item please turn it in to the church office. Solicitation letters for business donations are also available. If you haven’t yet reserved a seat for this gala event, do so this Sunday. Individual reservations are \$30. You may purchase individual tickets or reserve a table for eight. Don’t miss out on this festive, special occasion. All the money raised will go into the General Fund to fund church operations and programs.

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### **Thank You!**

Thank you for your donations to World Wide Communion Sunday offering. \$165.80 was collected.

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### **Coats Needed**

Gently used coats in all sizes are needed for Wesley’s neighborhood coat distribution set for Saturday morning, November 12. Please go through your closets and put out those no longer used coats that you could donate. They need to be clean and in good condition. Good coats also may be found at Goodwill, Salvation Army, St. Vincent De Paul, and other used clothing stores. You may bring your coats to church now until November 9.

## **Pumpkins Are Coming Next Week**

The time has come the Walrus said to talk of many things; and that, of course, would be PUMPKINS! They will be arriving on 10/14/2011 at 5 pm. There are still opportunities to sign up to be a Pumpkin Bumpkin by helping unload and/or sell pumpkins, and by reading stories to the Horace Mann students when they visit the patch. The sign up sheets are in the Narthex and you can call me for storytime hours. We still need to borrow lights of any type, wheelbarrows, wagons, rakes, shovels. We could still use donations for candy, newspapers, trash bags, and decorations for the Patch. Don't forget the Lasagne lunch Sunday after church. Karen and I will be talking with you about the ministry of the Pumpkin Patch and how best to physically handle the pumpkins. Call me at anytime at 699-6625. See You In Church!  
–Carolyn

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*Happy  
Anniversary!*

Congratulations to Bob and Marge Hootman who will be celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Sunday, October 23, 2011.

## **Prayers of Thanksgiving & Concern**

Prayers of concern were expressed for Cindy Wilson's friend, Maria, who was bitten by a spider and now has MRSA in the bite; for wisdom by the doctors and surgeon who plan and perform Bill Wilson's surgery on his pancreas; for Linda Tilton who was not at church on Sunday due to pain in her hip; healing for Anne Scott who was in a car accident that totaled her car, thanks that she was not seriously hurt; for Ana Lester during the last few weeks of pregnancy and for a safe and easy delivery. Prayers of thanksgiving was expressed for Jerry Smith's sister, Bonnie, who is continuing to experience healing and actually may be able to go home; for Rose Lester's grandson, Malyk's surgery was successful, continued prayers for healing.

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## **From The Church Office**

The office will be closed Monday, October 10 in observance of Columbus Day. Thank you.

<p>This week's attendance: 60 Offering:\$5002 Folded Corner:\$2</p>
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## **CHAD Newsletter is Here**

The latest newsletter from Community Health and Agricultural Development in Cambodia is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Inside you will find an update on the financial budget for CHAD. Also inside is a moving story of a woman who life was changed by the work of CHAD and the power of God. "People in this village have come to know God and the power of His healing all through this one woman who had just a passing encounter and a prayer with a medical team." These are your mission dollars at work, a world away, changing lives, bringing hope to the hopeless.