

# *The Outlook*

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## **World Wide Communion Sunday, October 2, 2011**

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

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20, Psalm 19, Matthew 21:33-46

"Laying Down The Law"

Karen Stoffers-Pugh, preaching

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## **Lunch Bunch to Meet Wed. October 5 at Westchester Bowl Coffee Shop**

Wesley's Lunch Bunch will gather Wednesday, October 5, 11:30 a.m., at Westchester Bowl Coffee Shop, 1819 30<sup>th</sup> Street. Everyone is welcome. The restaurant is located inside the bowling alley near 30<sup>th</sup> and F Streets. The Lunch Bunch monthly gatherings are a great way to get to know Wesley folk. There is no agenda, just great food and fellowship. Come join us. No reservations needed.

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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. Steve Keefer and his son, Brian, faithful members of Salem United Methodist Church in Pennsylvania, have forged an incredible bond. Steve retired early to nurture his son Brian, a star athlete and homecoming king, who was paralyzed in a life-threatening accident in 2008 - just days before his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. Steven and Brian are a team and have worked hard to help Brian realize his dreams of graduating from college someday and regaining his ability to walk. 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.

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

***God will let you laugh again; you'll raise the roof with shouts of joy. Job 8:21***

This week I am hard at work at the Leadership Institute at the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection near Kansas City. As a new church they first met in a funeral home. When wondering what to name their new church, they decided on Church of the Resurrection. Now that is not only a church with a sense of humor but one that boldly proclaims the hope and grace of new life! Someone dropped off the following list the other day and I hope it brings a smile to your face and laughter to your lips!

Dentist's Hymn .....Crown Him with Many Crowns  
Weatherperson's Hymn..... There Shall Be Showers of Blessings  
Contractor's Hymn..... The Church's One Foundation  
Tailor's Hymn.....Holy, Holy, Holy  
Golfer's Hymn..... There's a Green Hill Far Away  
Politician's Hymn..... Standing on the Promises  
Optometrist's Hymn..... Open My Eyes That I May See  
IRS Agent's Hymn..... I Surrender All  
Gossip's Hymn..... Pass It On  
Electrician's Hymn..... Send the Light  
Shopper's Hymn..... Sweet Bye and Bye  
Realtor's Hymn..... I've Got a Mansion Just over the Hilltop  
Massage Therapist's Hymn..... He Touched Me  
Doctor's Hymn..... The Great Physician

And for those on the highway a few hymns:

45 mph..... God Will Take Care of You  
65mph..... Nearer My God to Thee  
85mph..... This World Is Not My Home  
95mph..... Lord, I'm Coming Home  
100+mph..... Precious Memories

Give me a sense of humor, Lord  
Give me the grace to take a joke,  
To get some humor out of life,  
And pass it on to other folk.

Peace, Pastor Karen

**All Church Lasagne Lunch Help Needed**

There will be a lasagne lunch following worship on Sunday, October 9. Please bring either a salad or dessert. Rolls and beverage will be included. Two persons are needed to help set on Saturday, October 8 and with clean-up following the luncheon. Sign up in the Narthex. Thank you.

## **Special Sunday Offering October 2, 2011**

This Sunday is World Communion Sunday. Observed around the world by many Christian churches. It is a time for us to reflect on our unity with others. Special offering funds scholarships with at least one-half of the annual amount reserved for ministries beyond the United States. Gifts also provide the U.S. Ethnic Scholarship and Ethnic In-Service Training programs. Wesley Church will have offering envelopes in this Sunday's bulletin.

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### **UMW**

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!

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### **Pumpkins Are Coming!**

On October 14<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. to be exact. We need as many people as possible for our Pumpkin Brigade to unload the truck and set up the patch. Join us on October 9<sup>th</sup> at the Lasagne Lunch and learn about handling and selling pumpkins. On October 29<sup>th</sup>, will be having a Pumpkin Baked Goods Bake Sale along with special activities for children. During the school days, will be sharing Story Times with students from Horace Mann. What an exciting time for the Wonder of Wesley in our neighborhood. You can help in many ways. You'll find sign up sheets in the Narthex for several events. You can also help by being here to read to children, donating a pumpkin goodie for the Bake Sale, donating wrapped candy to make goodie bags, or loaning wagons, wheelbarrows, canopies, decorations, rakes, and shovels, and halogen lights. See you in the church, when I'll show more details. You can call me at anytime at 699-6625. God Bless! –Carolyn Ashlock

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### **Prayers of Thanksgiving & Concern**

Prayers of concern were expressed for Jerry Smith's mother, Myrtle, who fell and fractured her back; for Evelyn Elliott's friend, Rachel Jerdin, who recently learned her stage 4 cancer has returned, pray for strength and courage as she faces this condition; for Jeanne Myer's sister, Eleanor Moss, who had a knee replacement on Wednesday; for Linda Tilton's parents who sold their home, may they find a new one, and their transition go well. Prayer of thanksgiving was expressed for the miraculous healing that Jerry Smith's sister, Bonnie, is continuing to experience.

## **A Night In Rio**

Wesley's Saturday, October 22, "A Night in Rio" dinner/auction promises to be an exciting highlight this fall. The evening will include entertainment from Dan Murillo and musician friends. They will entertain us with Brazillian music in keeping with our theme. Chefs Bob and Lisa Neath will be serving tenderloin medallions, roasted potatoes, green beans, salad, roll, and dessert. Professional auctioneer Jerry Gould of Gould Auction and Appraisal Co. will entice bids for 13 live auction items. These include 4 vacation retreats, Jim Pugh's Ice Age Horse Painting, picnic lunch and tour at the Indian Point Ostrich Farm in Tehachapi, David Hanley entertaining at your child's party, dinner prepared by Laura Daillak and Stella Rous, pies by Stella, the reserved parking spot, dinner for 8 at the Larwoods, gourmet dinners at Red Pepper. In addition we now have 55 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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### **Coats Needed for November 12 Neighborhood Distribution**

Gently used coats in all sizes are needed for Wesley's neighborhood coat distribution set for Saturday morning, November 12. This is an annual event that attracts families and individuals in need of warm winter coats. Last year 164 coats were given away. 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.

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### **Blood Drive at Wesley**

"Tis better to give then to receive." We've heard this since we were children. But this statement has never been more true than when it comes to the gift of blood. Start planning your short sleeved wardrobe now for November 13, when Wesley UMC will host our very own blood drive. I am a doner and recently joined the 3 Gallon Club, but I know there are some of you out there in more distinguished clubs than that. If you have a story to share, either as a donor but especially as a blood product recipient, I'd like to hear from you. Contact Terry at the church office to let her know if you are willing to share your experience with the congregation. More information will be available in the weeks to come.

-Kacey Pipkin - 3 Gallon Club

## Bakersfield Pet Food Pantry

The Bakersfield Pet Food Pantry provides donations of pet food to households in financial crisis and low income elderly individuals. Their goal is to keep families together with their beloved pets, and as a result helping the rest of the community by lowering the number of pets admitted to the local animal shelters. They are supported 100% by volunteers and donations, they always appreciate new kind hearts and helping hands to aid them in several ways, such as hosting a pet food drive or attending a packing session; where they bag hundreds of pounds of pet food each month. They are a tax-exempt 501 (c)(3) organization and your donations are tax deductible. If you have any questions, please contact them at [info@bakersfieldpetfoodpantry.org](mailto:info@bakersfieldpetfoodpantry.org) or call at 661-619-2029. Their flyer is on the water fountain bulletin board.

### ***Happy October Birthday to.....***

4 Betsy Williams  
5 William Ayers  
8 Jeb Blain  
9 John Pickard  
11 Marilyn Moore  
14 Virginia Campbell  
16 Emma Neath  
Tess Cusator  
17 Dick Setser  
24 Patti Fazendin  
Dan Murillo  
26 David Atkins  
28 Jean Myers  
31 Tom Larwood

### ***Happy Anniversary to....***

1 John and Patricia Carter  
4 Jeff and Elizabeth Fariss  
23 Bob and Marge Hootman  
24 John and Susan Turnbull  
31 John and Sammye Jelletich

This week's attendance: 80  
Offering:\$3080 Folded Corner:\$4