

# Shoreline Tidings

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## From the Pastor: Wesley Sunday Celebration

"This year, thousands of clergy, scholars and lay Christians are marking the 300th anniversary of the birth of one of the most influential figures in the history of Christianity. Conferences, worship services, spiritual pilgrimages, theatrical performances and other events commemorate the life and ministry of John Wesley -- born in 1703 in the small town of Epworth in northeastern England -- who is today considered the spiritual parent of a worldwide community of churches.

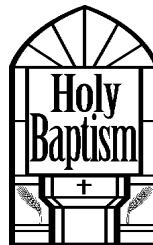
"Among the significant events of the 18th century often singled out by historians are the Industrial Revolution, the French Revolution and John Wesley's Methodist Revival. Over a period of 50 years, Wesley gave voice and vision to a powerful renewal movement within the Anglican Church, traveling as many as 250,000 miles on horseback to preach the gospel to anyone who would listen in England and abroad. His followers, called Methodists, agreed to avoid evil, do good and diligently pursue a maturing relationship with God."

Here at Shoreline United Methodist Church, our celebration of John Wesley's life and work will be during morning worship on Sunday, September 7th. Invite a friend to church!

## "Campfire" A Success



Twelve people attended the recent "Campfire Circle" at Rosalee Larson's garden. The weather was too warm for a campfire, but we did enjoy the good conversation, and rootbeer floats served by Janelle. This informal gathering is a fine way to become better acquainted with each other. Try it sometime!



Josaia Emmanuel and Roneel Pillay were baptized and we welcome these children in our fellowship. May the blessings of our Lord be always with them.

## Directory Update!

- Connie & Darrell Waller's New Contact Info:

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# 13th Annual Conference Report

Although the Pacific Northwest Conference is facing many challenges such as problems with the budget and differences of opinion over issues such as homosexuality, conference members worked together to pass the budget and many business items.

A highlight for many conference members were the Wesleyan Class Meetings. The purpose of these small group gatherings was to achieve the Wesleyan goal of support and accountability. As Bishop Galvan stated "Father John Wesley was very clear that no one can be a Christian and live in isolation." Each group had the opportunity to sing, pray, read scripture and reflect on what it means to live out one's faith. I felt very lucky to share with and learn from a group of loving and caring and wise group of people who started out as strangers but quickly became my friends.

Many items of business were discussed and voted on by the members of Annual Conference. Here is a sampling of the voting results. The Annual Conference:

- Urged state legislators to enact tougher legislation against gun violence;
- Called upon the President and the Attorney General to revoke any parts of the Patriot Act that violate fundamental liberties;
- Called for a peaceable response to war in Iraq that includes authorization of the United Nations to manage the rebuilding of that country;

- Rejected a petition to General Conference that would amend the Book of Discipline to say that "practicing homosexuals shall not be considered members in good standing;
- Voted to provide no health insurance subsidy to clergy who retire after 2003.

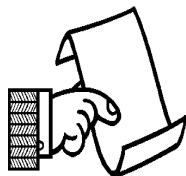


There will be a Church Rummage Sale on Saturday, August 30th, from 9-4 p.m. Please bring donations for the sale and let others know that it is happening. If you can assist on the day of the sale, please do - we need a lot of help!



## Calendar Events and Announcements for September:

- September 2 - Choir Practice Begins - 7:00 p.m.
- September 7 - Sunday School Begins
- September 9 - Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.
- September 11 - Ad Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- September 12 - Young-At-Heart Breakfast - 9:00 a.m. @ Coco's in Lake Forest Park
- September 13 - Mary Magdalene Luncheon
- September 14 - Staff-Parish Relations Committee Meeting - 11:45 a.m. (After Church)
- September 16 - Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.
- September 23 - Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.
- September 30 - Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.



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