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## Where the Wild Things Are . . .

**A Fall Series Focusing on  
Covenants, Lessons, and Wisdom  
September 11, 18, & 25, 2011**

*Keep a lookout for more "wild" happenings*

- 🐾 September 11 at 5 p.m. -- "Blessing of the Animals"
- 🐾 September 16 and October 21 at 7 p.m. -- Friday Night Movies in the Starry Night Theater
- 🐾 September 24 at 11:30 a.m. -- Field trip to the Wild Animal Sanctuary
- 🐾 October 30 at 10:30 a.m. -- Kirkin' of the Tartan service



## Wildlife Animal Sanctuary Field Trip, September 24, 2011

To coincide with the fall sermon theme “Where the Wild Things Are,” the Sabbatical team is excited to offer a field trip to the Wild Animal Sanctuary east of Brighton, Colorado. This sanctuary is home to a variety of species including tigers, African lions, bobcats, leopards, bears, camels, and more.

We will meet at the church parking lot at 11:30 a.m. and enjoy lunch together at a restaurant to be determined. Our group tour is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. and will last approximately an hour and a half, which allows us to be back in Evergreen by about 5:00 p.m. that evening.



Cost is \$10 per person, with no age restrictions. Most of the tour is handicap accessible.

Watch for further announcements and a signup sheet in the Narthex. Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 21st. If you have questions, please contact Kelly Krueger at 303-670-8406 or [k.krueger@q.com](mailto:k.krueger@q.com)

### Wild Animal Sanctuary History and Information

(excerpts and photos copied from their official website: [www.wildanimalsanctuary.org](http://www.wildanimalsanctuary.org))

The Wild Animal Sanctuary is the oldest and largest nonprofit Sanctuary in the U.S. dedicated *exclusively* to rescuing captive exotic and endangered

large carnivores, providing them with a wonderful life for as long as they live, and educating about the tragic plight faced by an estimated 30,000 such animals in America today.

The facility has a unique system of elevated cat-walks and observation platforms which allow people to view the rescued animals enjoying their new life in large acreage habitats.

## Stewardship Nugget

Jesus’s insistence that money is both physical and spiritual explains why he spoke of it so frequently. Buttrick’s classic book *The Parables of Jesus* lists forty-three parables. Twenty-seven of those (62 percent) refer to money and possessions. One out of every ten verses in the four Gospels (a total of 288 verses) deals with money. The Bible includes 500 verses on prayer, fewer than 500 verses on faith, and more than 2,000 verses on money and what it buys.



The question Jesus illustrates so perfectly with the story of the rich barn builder (Luke 12.13-21) is as current as the morning paper. Each of us asks the same question every day of our lives: Will I try to achieve a quality life by focusing on money or by focusing on God? As we answer that question, we tend to believe—yet resist believing—Jesus’s teaching that money is both material and spiritual. On one hand, we see that Jesus is right. On the other hand, we are constantly tempted to think and behave as if Jesus missed the turn on this issue.

~ Herb Miller

## A Place in the Choir

One of our early fall anthems goes like this ...



*All God's creatures  
got a place in the  
choir*

*Some sing low, some sing higher*

*Some sing out loud on the telephone  
wire*

*And some just clap their hands, or paws,  
or anything they got now.*

We welcome "anything you got now." Rehearsals are lively and packed with fun, food, fellowship, and some singing. Rehearsals are 7:00 – 8:30 every Wednesday evening. The fall kick-off will be on Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, beginning with a sandwich super at 6:00 followed by rehearsal. Bring your voice and a smile. Music and pencils provided. Contact Cheryl (720.851.5973) for more information.



Thanks to everyone who gave financial support to our summer music fund. Due to your generosity, we enjoyed Omnibuds, Mountain Blue Grass Boys, Jeff King, John Erlandson, Jesse Jenkins, the FIGs, Judy Hagerman and Joanna Cook. We have some remaining funds which will assist in bringing instrumentalists to our fall and Advent services of worship.

## Spares & Pairs

Bring an appetizer, salad, entrée, or dessert and join us for an evening of good food, good conversation, and deepening friendships on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. Van and John Farnsworth will host this event in their home at 34721 Hidden Meadow, Evergreen (303-674-6528). *Directions: Evergreen Pkwy to CR65; travel 1 mile, then turn left on Soda Creek Drive; go 1 mile, and turn right on Hidden Meadow Drive. Their driveway will be on your right.*



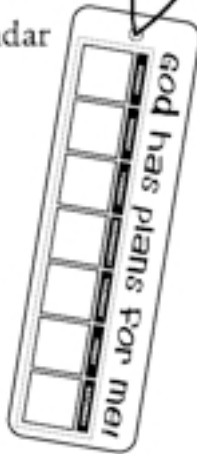
- 1 David Smit
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- 12 Kelly Krueger
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Frances Vaughn
- 20 Sally Fill, Jim Trammell
- 22 John Wells
- 25 Charlie Heidbreder
- 26 Sally Cook, Bill Short
- 27 Jesse Jenkins
- 29 Jerry Bucholz, Cal Ruleman

# A daily reminder

Make this bookmark to remind you that God is with you every day.

## What you need:

- An old calendar
- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Glue stick
- Pencil or marker
- Stickers
- Hole punch
- Ribbon or yarn



## What you do:

1. Cut out the first line of squares from an old calendar, including the days of the week along the top.
2. Cut the cardstock into a rectangle a little larger than the calendar section.
3. Glue the calendar section onto the cardstock.
4. Write "God has plans for me" (Jeremiah 29:11) on the bookmark.
5. Add stickers or other decorations on the back.
6. Punch a hole on one end of the bookmark.
7. Loop some ribbon or yarn through the hole.



# PUZZLE

## GOD'S PLAN

*When we ask God for guidance, he will show us his perfect plan for our lives.*

**Directions:** Use the shape code to the right to write out Jeremiah 29:11, NIV.

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Answers: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV)



The Mission Team would like to provide the congregation an update on our dedicated giving to organizations that we give to on a monthly basis, and also the organizations that have received funds from the Endowment Fund.

The totals that you see for the dedicated giving are what organizations will receive for the year. The amount is divided and given to them on a quarterly basis. The Endowment total is a one time gift. Endowment is currently reviewing additional requests from several different teams.

**DEDICATED GIVING CATEGORY YEARLY AMT**

Colorado Haiti Project	Int'l	\$1,500
Community Dinner	Evergreen	\$1,500
Evergreen Christian Outreach	Evergreen	\$2,000
Friendship Bridge	Int'l	\$ 500
Kenyan Children Foundation	Int'l	\$1,200
Mountain Resource Center	Evergreen	<u>\$1,200</u>
Total Dedicated Giving for 2011		\$6,700

Mission Team Emergency Fund \$ 850

PCUSA MISSION \$2,650

**ENDOWMENT FUND GIVING**

Women's Retreat \$1,828

**SPECIAL OFFERINGS**

One Great Hour of Sharing \$2,549.82

Pentecost

Presbytery \$ 771

Second Wind \$ 514

(Second Wind assists children at risk, youth, & young adults)

*EChO Food Drive*

The need is ongoing - please consider bringing one or two items the next time you come to church! Baskets are in the Narthex.

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Peanut Butter                 | Spaghetti Sauce                | Sugar             |
| Tuna                          | Pasta                          | Cake & Baking Mix |
| Hearty Soups                  | Helpers                        | Canned Fruit      |
| Coffee                        | Black Beans                    | Chili             |
| Instant Potatoes (small size) | \$10 - \$25 Grocery Gift Cards |                   |



*Evergreen High School Parking*

The Evergreen High School is short parking spaces for the junior class. As a result many more students are parking in the Church of the Hills lot. We have allocated spaces for the students on the west and south ends of the parking lot. Each student pays the church \$125 per year or \$62.50 per semester to park in our lot, which is nice income for COTH. **We have reserved the center of the parking lot (both levels) for anyone doing business at the church.** Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please call Carolyn Jones in the church office at 303.674.6641.



CHURCH OF THE HILLS PRESBYTERIAN (USA)

JULY 31, 2011

ANALYSIS OF REVENUES & EXPENSES - YTD 2011

	July	July Budgeted	Variance	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
<b>REVENUES</b>						
Pledges	\$23,813	\$23,421	\$392	\$175,627	\$164,899	\$10,728
All Others	\$112	\$2,441	(\$2,329)	\$16,945	\$13,995	\$2,950
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$23,925</b>	<b>\$25,862</b>	<b>(\$1,937)</b>	<b>\$192,572</b>	<b>\$178,894</b>	<b>\$13,678</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Personnel	\$19,733	\$19,320	\$413	\$136,247	\$143,109	(\$6,862)
All Other	\$9,227	\$6,357	\$2,870	\$51,721	\$61,666	(\$9,945)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$28,960</b>	<b>\$25,677</b>	<b>\$3,283</b>	<b>\$187,968</b>	<b>\$204,775</b>	<b>(\$16,807)</b>
<b>NET TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$5,035)</b>	<b>\$185</b>	<b>(\$5,220)</b>	<b>\$4,604</b>	<b>(\$25,881)</b>	<b>\$30,485</b>

July pledge revenues remained strong as our church community remained faithful in supporting the church during the summer months!! Thank you!! Total Revenues were slightly below budget due to timing differences of the quarterly payment from the Senior Resource Center for the use of the building by the Extension Services. Personnel expenses were slightly ahead of budget, due to the payment of two months of benefits for the Christian Education Director. Expenses were ahead of budget to the timing of booking revenue from Vacation Bible School in 2010 versus 2011. All other teams remained within budget. As you can see, we are still operating in black! Thank you to all of our good and faithful servants. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Cathy Graves, Treasurer

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Please email space reservations and materials to [echoes@churchofthehills.com](mailto:echoes@churchofthehills.com). Content is preferred in a Microsoft Word document, and special formatting with headers, spacing, bullets is NOT preferred. Photos and graphics should be submitted as a separate .jpg or .tif file format; please do not import them into a Word document. **Font: Times Roman 11pt**

*Echoes Deadlines*

	October/November 2011	December 2011
<b>Articles Due</b>	Friday, September 9	Friday, November 4
<b>Layout Completed</b>	Friday, September 16	Friday, November 11
<b>Printing</b>	Wednesday, September 21	Wednesday, November 16
<b>Collating/Mailing</b>	Thursday, September 22	Thursday, November 17

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**IMPORTANT DATES IN SEPTEMBER**

SEPTEMBER 5	LABOR DAY
SEPTEMBER 11	PATRIOT DAY
	FALL KICKOFF - "WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE"
	NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY
SEPTEMBER 15 -	
OCTOBER 15	HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
SEPTEMBER 23	FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN
SEPTEMBER 24	WILDLIFE ANIMAL SANCTUARY FIELD TRIP



## Late Addition – Post Printing

**Friday Nights at the Movies** – Fall dates for this growing ministry are **September 16, October 21, and November 18**. We try to select popular movies that lend themselves to discussions about redemption, forgiveness, and other issues that confront all of us as we strive to live lives of faith. Movies begin at 7pm and are followed by lively discussion. Bring an appetite for popcorn and great fellowship! I (Terry) just watched *Soul Surfer* a couple of weeks ago! Wow! I look forward to our shared experience of watching and discussing this powerful story on Sep 16. Titles for October and November have yet to be chosen. I welcome your suggestions.

**Sunday Morning Adult Study** – This class meets each Sunday morning, 9:15-10:15, for lively discussions and study of biblical themes and life issues. The starting date and book for the Fall will be announced soon. Check the bulletin, Friday Features, and the church website.

**Youth Group** – All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to be part of our group as we share times of fun, learning, service to others, and worship. We will typically meet on Sunday afternoons and will also have a weekly Youth Bible Study on a weeknight. (Please vote for Monday or Wednesday night for the Youth Bible Study.) Please also check for texts and emails and on Facebook, as these are the primary ways we will communicate about upcoming programs. Be sure Terry has your contact information so that you will not miss out on any of the exciting times.

- Put these dates on your calendar:
  - Sep 11 – **Blessing of the Animals**, 5pm
  - Sep 18 – **Bowling** and discussion of a regular meeting times for the Fall, times TBA.
  - Sep 24 – **Trip to the wildlife sanctuary**
  - Oct 2 – Movie Night
  - Oct 9 – **Parents' Night** – including planning for Summer Mission Trip / Fund Raisers
  - Nov 4-6 - Senior Middle School Retreat at Highlands Camp - "EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF SELFLESS LOVE"
  - Dec 28 – **Youth Ski Day at Loveland**
  - Feb 17-19 – **Mission Trip to La Puente in Alamosa**
  - Mar 4-6 - Middle School Retreat at Highlands Camp - "So You Think You Can LOVE?"

**Faith Trails** – our highly interactive and exciting program for children will begin on Sunday morning, September 11. Each week the children will experience one of our Faith Trails stations as they learn and experience stories that will help them learn how to experience the presence of God in both the good times and challenging times of life. The Beatitudes from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount will be a thread that runs through the whole year.

- Faith Trails Stations
  - Creation Station – art and cooking projects
  - Cyber Peaks – computer lab
  - Tent Tales – drama, puppets, and music
  - Starry Night Theater – movie theater ... and popcorn!
  - Game Tracks – games
- Faith Trails Schedule
  - 9:00-9:20 am – music
  - 9:20-10:20 am – meet in Starry Night Theater to find out which station you will experience for that Sunday

**Help decorate last Faith Trails room** – We would like to finish our renovations of the children's classrooms this Fall by putting the final touches on the *Cyber Peaks* computer lab. We are still settling on final details, but know that the room will be decorated with mountain themes. Please let Terry know if you would like to help with this project.

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### *Our Mission*

*Church of the Hills is a family of faith in Christ that is called together with open hearts and minds to live out our faith within God's world and within the framework of the Presbyterian Church USA.*



*Join us for  
"Faith Trails" for children  
and Adult Study  
at 9:00 a.m.  
Followed by Worship  
at 10:30 a.m.*

**Please Note:**

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