



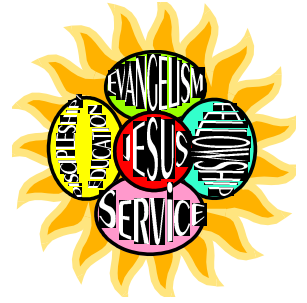
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“Picnics can be powerful. They can be places where we experience the blessing of abundance, or the beauty of creation, or the love of a family.... So, picnics are powerful and **throughout the bible God used picnics to teach people about who he is and who God wants us to be...** The first picnic comes from the book of Genesis. Did you know that **the very first meal in the Bible was a picnic?** Think about it, Adam and Eve were created and placed in a garden and told they could eat of any of the fruit and vegetables and so when they did, it was a picnic. They ate on the ground, they ate outside, their first meal and the very first meal ever was a picnic, but they didn't just eat it by themselves, they ate it with God. **God created Adam and Eve for relationship** and God walked and talked with them in the garden and so **this first picnic wasn't just a time to eat, it was a time to commune and share with God. This picnic was to teach us the power of relationship.”**

Pastor Andy Morgan: “The Power of a Picnic – Sermon from Faith United Methodist Church, Bellefonte, PA

Next meeting: Saturday, September 21st - 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

June 2, 2019

My dear brothers-and-sisters-in-Christ (and you are very dear to me),

I am in picnic mode, but first I want to relate to you some news about senior camp and its aftermath.

- ❖ **Senior Camp:** We did go to Senior Camp on Tuesday, May 7th. We had a wonderful time of fellowship. We greeted and loved on old friends and new friends! It was a wonderful experience. However, on the way home, my sister Mary Ellen and my friend Millicent Garcia, and myself were involved in a horrendous car accident. The van we were in was totaled outside as well as inside by a huge (possibly an 18 wheeler) truck! The van was unrecognizable. My sister and I sustained scratches, bruises, and soreness. Millicent sustained a broken neck. She has come a long way. In fact, she is due to come home from the rehab center today. She still has quite a road to complete recovery. Continue to pray for her. We know that we were part of God's miracle.
- ❖ **Senior trip:** We are going to attend the Black Ensemble Theater production of **Style & Grace: A Tribute to Lena (Horne) & Nancy (Wilson)** on Saturday, June 29th **for the 3:00 P.M. performance. The price of the trip is \$51.00 + at least**

a \$3.00 gratuity for the bus driver. We will meet at the McDonald's on 95th and Halsted at 1:30 P.M. *I only have six (6) tickets left.* If you want to go, call me immediately even if you don't have the money right now. (773) 737-1036

- ❖ **Wentworth Rehabilitation & Health Care Center – Thursday, June 27th – 10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.** Though we won't be meeting for 3 months, **we never miss Wentworth Rehab.** We know that the residents depend on us and love us, and we love them. **Has the Lord been talking to you about becoming a part of this ministry?** If so, you should obey ***now***. **You are always welcome to join us at the corner of 69th & Wentworth. You can make a difference, too.**



This year's **"Party in the Yardy" at my house** (6540 S. Bell Ave.) will be **Saturday, June 22nd** beginning at **1:00 P.M.** ***Start looking for and saving the "treasures"*** you no longer want to bring to the party to be used as prizes for Bingo. **Also, let me know what dish you would like to bring to share. (773) 737-1036 Please let me know asap because I want to do something different this year. I want to have a menu and waiters & waitresses (young people), so I need to know what you plan to bring so I can print the menu. I am so looking forward to the fellowship.** Some of you have already mentioned to me that you will be bringing friends. **The more the merrier! If you are reading this letter, you are invited! Hope to see you at the "Party in the Yardy!"**

- ❖ **Dues:** Dues are still just \$2.00 per month - \$24.00 per year + Benevolence fund: \$5.00/yr.



"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine..." Prov.17:22a

At a church picnic the priest set out a table of oranges and cookies. On the one side of the table, by the oranges, the priest placed a sign, "Take only one, God is watching!" Little Johnny walks up to the cookies and sure enough, he starts stuffing his pockets. Upon seeing him an altar boy exclaims, "Johnny, what are you doing?" "It's Okay," says Johnny, "God's watching the cookies!"

Hope to see you at the "Party in the Yardy!"

I love you. I really do! Josie

