

North Cross Spirit

... telling the news of North Cross Church

...coming up in Worship...

There are wonderful trails in the mountains, great hiking paths here in Missouri, and even a wonderful walkway extending from Highland Ave. all the way to the fountain at North Oak. No matter the destination, trails and pathways are enjoyable.

With all of the stresses in our world, internationally, nationally, and locally, it would be nice to get on a path that would provide some relief and comfort. Paul, the apostle, may have given us a prescription for that very thing in Philippians 4.4-7. Sunday, we will look at this text in a message, "**The Path to Peace.**" *We will observe the sacrament of Communion together at both services.* Dennis

Join adults in Sunday study: 9:45 a.m.

You're invited to share in study and fellowship with these classes this Sunday:

Wesleyan Class: Room 215

Lesson: "*God's Revelation to Moses*"

Harold Mason

Good News: Room 206

Lesson: "*Do the Teachings of Jesus Still Work?*"

Jim Funk

Friendship: Room 202

Lesson: "*God's Revelation to Moses*"

Inquirer's: Fellowship Hall

Lesson: "*In the Beginning*"

Tom Schmutz

FaithWorks: Room 207

Lesson: "*Receiving God's Love*"

David Batchelor

Pathfinders: Room 200

Lesson: "*Remember that Love is the Greatest*"

Beverly Whitaker

Contemporary Conversations: Lounge

Lesson: "*Wisdom and Songs*" Randy St. Clair

August 30th, 2010

Disciple Bible Study: Invitation to the Old Testament

Have you wanted to delve into Bible Study but weren't sure where to begin? Has some of the language and customs seemed so foreign that you had trouble understanding what you read? Do you wonder about the relevance of the Old Testament in light of the New Testament and the stories of Jesus and the early church?

Disciple Bible Study may help clear up some of your questions! The Invitation to the Old Testament (8 weeks) exposes the learner to the different genres of writing used; it explores the major themes developed; it demonstrates the link between the Old and New Testaments; it tells the story of the Hebrew people and how God worked through them to reveal God's self to the nations.

The format for Disciple is a weekly meeting (Tuesday evenings) from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. It is designed for you to discover the meanings of the Old Testament writings through daily readings and reflection, group discussions, video segments from scholars (theological and archaeological), and classroom presentations. Dennis Stone is the teacher/facilitator for the group. A Participant's Book contains the reading assignments and the overview of each lesson. Persons are required to use a Study Bible in the course; those needing this resource may purchase one through the church. The sessions begin on Tuesday, September 21st, and conclude on Tuesday, November 16th; one Tuesday (Nov. 2nd) is not scheduled and is a "catch-up week" on the readings.

Please let Dennis know by Sunday, September 12th, if you would like to participate. He will be glad to answer any questions you may have about the course. You may contact Dennis by calling the Church Office or through email, dstone@northcrossumc.org.

Transformed by Christ's love to make disciples and serve others.

Ladies, it's time for our next Bible study

In seven engaging sessions, Rev. Dr. Lisa Wolfe takes you on an enlightening journey through the Book of Ruth in a lively and thoughtful examination.

Dr. Wolfe considers the vulnerability of widows and the difficult situation of foreigners in biblical times. She explores themes of loyalty, bitterness, courage, poverty and seduction. Combining humor and careful scholarship, this study invites you to reread the book with new insight and understanding for all its characters, especially the intelligent, confident, uppity heroine, Ruth.

The study will be lead by Patsy Schmutz and will begin on Tuesday, September 14th, at 9 a.m. Call the church office at 452.2939 or let Patsy know you are interested.

Postscript to the Women of North Cross article in the July newsletter, as reported this past week by the Missouri Conference:

"Gwyndelyn Roberts, a part-time local pastor, has been appointed to Wesley (Sweet Springs)/Concordia in the Heartland North District."

Gwyn and Dan Roberts and their children (Aaron, Allyson, and Meredith) were active members at North Cross in the '90s.

A Summer of thanks

A big thank-you to all of the teachers, assistants, and escorts who made our children and youth summer Sunday School program a success. We had over 40 adults who volunteered this summer.

By volunteering, you allowed our regular teachers a much-needed break and opened the door for new teachers to join us this school year.

I always loved the song that says, "It only takes a spark to get a fire going." And with 40 sparks, this church should soon be on fire!

Vickie Linch

Children's Ministry Coordinator

North Cross Name Tags available

If you wish to have a North Cross name tag, please sign up on the board outside of the church office. Please specify if you want a clip-on (no charge), a name tag on a hanging cord (no charge), or a magnetic name tag (\$5.00).

Live Like No One Else!

North Cross will not be hosting Financial Peace classes this year, but we want to remind you about the opportunity to participate in classes. Financial Peace University (FPU) is Dave Ramsey's life-changing program that teaches you to achieve your financial goals by eliminating debt, saving for the future, and giving like never before.

More than 1 million families have attended FPU with amazing results. You will be challenged and motivated to make a plan for your money and change your family tree forever! Use this website to find a class near you: <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/home/>



Sign up now!

Shoal Creek Golf Course

The annual Duffers' Open Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 25th, with a noon tee time. This year we will play at Shoal Creek Golf Course, and we will have a shared tournament with North Star UMC.

The cost is \$55.00, which must be paid to Tom or Patsy Schmutz by September 12th. You can enter as a team of four, or we will put you on a team. This is open to men, women, good and bad players, but is limited to 52 players total.

After we play, we will have a cookout at the home of Diane and Ian Weintraub, who live near the course. Directions will be provided. If you have any questions, call Tom at 455.2951.

REMINDERS: The September/October issues of *The Upper Room* are now available. Please check the wall rack by the office. \$1 per copy. Also, don't forget that you can view pictures in *The North Cross Spirit* in color if you go to the church website: www.northcrossumc.org. If you wish to receive your newsletter by e-mail, please contact Patsy or Mary Alice in the church office (452.2939).

Coming This Week...

Wednesday, September 1st

9:00 a.m. Symphony Guild
5:30 p.m. Supper
6:30 p.m. Youth
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, September 2nd

6:00 a.m. Tai Chi
9:00 a.m. UMW Quilting
11:30 a.m. Tai Chi
4:30 p.m. 4 One Band
6:00 p.m. Preschool Open House
6:30 p.m. Concerned Care

Friday, September 3rd

6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
6:30 p.m. Concerned Care

Saturday, September 4th

7:00 p.m. Over 55 Dance

Sunday, September 5th

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:30 a.m. Children's Music Time
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
4:30 p.m. Handbell Practice

Monday, September 6th Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday, September 7th

9:00 a.m. TOPS
10:00 a.m. Paint for Fun
10:30 a.m. Simple Church Team
10:30 a.m. OP Bridge
6:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge
7:00 p.m. Wood Carvers

Wednesday, September 8th

9:00 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Grandparent Support
5:30 p.m. Supper
6:30 p.m. Youth
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, September 9th

6:00 a.m. Tai Chi
11:30 a.m. Tai Chi
1:00 p.m. Wesleyan UMW Circle
4:30 p.m. 4 One Band
6:30 p.m. Concerned Care

Fourth Annual Brisket Lunch

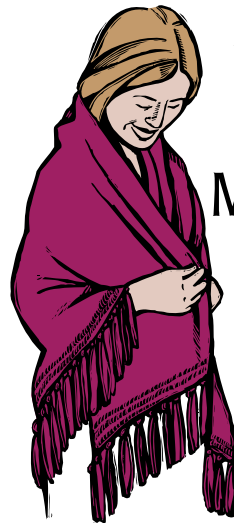
Mark your calendar for Sunday, Sept. 12th! The Outreach Committee will be hosting its famous brisket lunch from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The recipient of the proceeds will be the *Lazarus Table*, which Grand Avenue Temple UMC sponsors. We are hoping to collect \$1,596.00, so North Cross can become a "Table Setter" to help feed the homeless in Kansas City.

Prayer Shawl Ministry to begin

Mission Statement:

Creating prayer shawls for people needing to be wrapped in Christian love and prayers, during time of illness, loss, or crisis.

The new Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on the first and third Thursdays, beginning September 16th, at



Prayer Shawl Ministry

9 a.m. in the Youth Room, along with the UMW Quilters. I can hear the excited chatter already!

To join, just show up with your yarn and needles. Others can donate yarn, request a shawl for a friend or loved one in need, help deliver shawls, and share the Christian love and prayers of those who made the shawls. All can keep this new mission in your prayers.

UMM and UMW schedule meetings

◆ Larry Wickham to speak to UMM

The United Methodist Men will meet for breakfast on Saturday, September 11th, at 8 a.m. at Denny's Restaurant in North Kansas City.

Larry Wickham will speak to the group about the progress that has been made on the conversion to a geothermal heating and cooling system at North Cross. All men of the church are invited to attend.

◆ United Methodist pastors to visit

Mark your calendar for September 11th at 9:30 a.m. in the church's lounge. The United Methodist Women will have their fall meeting with a room full of United Methodist Pastors who have North Cross connections.

What a wonderful day...be with the members of North Cross United Methodist Women to welcome them.

**The church office will be closed on
Monday, September 6th,
in observance of the Labor Day holiday.**

Geothermal Update

Last week the wells for the geothermal heating and cooling system were completed, and over 5 miles of pipe was inserted into the wells!

This week and next, the thermal grout is being installed around the pipes. This grout helps transfer heat from the pipes to the earth. Next, the piping will be installed that will bring the fluid from the well field into our building, and then the inside installation can begin.

During the installation, there may be times when a room will not have heating or cooling, or a meeting or class may need to be moved to another room; but we are working with the contractor to minimize disruptions to our schedule. However, we will all need to stay flexible during this time. The results will be more than worth any minor inconvenience!

Tom Schmutz

Building Committee Chairperson



Crews pumping thermal grout into the wells.



Person to person:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- **Hospitalized:** NKC: Merta Powers, KU Med: Marie Harden VA: Robert Taylor
- **Wednesday Night Menu:** September 8th - *Oven Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Biscuit, Salad, Dessert*
- Thank you everyone for your thoughts and prayers through my health issues in the past and continuing. I have felt them and know they have helped tremendously. Thank you so very much. *Kay Goodson*
- Thank you for your cards, calls, and prayers at the time of my father's death. They are very much appreciated.
Sincerely, *Sandra Key*
- Thank you, North Cross Community, for your cards, calls and words of encouragement following my surgery and on the recent death of my mother, Jane Graham. Your expressions of love, concern and support have been a blessing to our family.

Nancy West

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