

North Cross Spirit

... telling the news of North Cross Church

August 24, 2009

...coming up in Worship...
Series: "Let's Go Sailing"

We finish our series,
"Let's Go Sailing"
with
"The Best Map in the World"

For a head start read...
2 Timothy 3:14-17

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 Calls for Decision"

Teri Jan Overton

Good News: Room 206

Lesson: "Can I Look Through Your Glasses?"

Jim Funk

Friendship: Room 202

Lesson: "God Calls for Decision"

Alana Pierce

Inquirer's: Fellowship Hall

Lesson: "Who Moved My Cheese?" *Book Review*

Bette Walden

FaithWorks: Room 207

Lesson: "Planning Session"

Pathfinders: Room 200

Lesson: "Christianity's Family Tree:
Orthodoxy: Mystery, Liturgy, and Tradition"

Mary Lou Stewart

Contemporary Conversations: Lounge

Lesson: "Religious Influences in Iran"

Dr. Tom Howell

"Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world."

- John Wesley

It's time once again to start ringing bells in the Handbell choir at North Cross. The Sanctuary Bells will begin rehearsals on Sunday, September 13th. We will practice in the sanctuary (hence the name...Sanctuary Bells) from 4:30-5:30 PM. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Recently, North Cross purchased an additional octave of handbells. The only problem is that we need MORE RINGERS to play them. The Sanctuary Bells are scheduled to play one Sunday per month for our morning services. We do occasionally play other times and have our own concerts from time to time.

Unlike singing in the Chancel Choir, *you do not have to be able to carry a tune! The only requirements are that you need to be able to follow directions, count (usually to 3 or 4), commit some time to practice, and have the ability to laugh and have some fun! The more people we have, the easier it is for all of the ringers!*

Please come and try us out some Sunday afternoon! We start practice on Sunday, September 13th, at 4:30PM. If you are still not sure if you want to ring with us, feel free to stop by the sanctuary some Sunday afternoon between 4:30 & 5:30 just to listen and "check us out." Everyone from youth group age and older is encouraged to give it a try!

Please call Steve Lindsay @ 816.682.4304 or the church office with any questions. We hope to see some new faces on Sunday, September 13th!



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

Reminder...

Don't forget that our Fun Fest will be held on Saturday, September 12th, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Please invite your friends and family to join us in a time of games, music, fellowship and food. We are still in need of canopies to borrow to provide shade. Call Deborah Mason at 453.7062 if you are able to help with the Fun Fest or have canopies to share.



The annual Duffers' Golf tournament will be held on Saturday, September 19, at 1:00 PM at Cardinal Hill Golf Course (formerly Claycrest) in Liberty.

This is a four person co-ed scramble, where every team should have at least one woman. You may sign up as a team, or we can place you on a team. The cost is \$43.00 to ride or \$29.00 to walk. The fee must be paid to Tom Schmutz by Sunday, September 6, or you may stop by the church office and turn your fee in to Patsy. If you have any questions, please call Tom at 455.2951.

You are invited...

...to attend the Youth Sunday School teacher luncheon, which will be held at noon on Sunday, August 30th. Anyone interested in leading or assisting in a youth Sunday School class this fall/winter is invited to participate.

We will brainstorm ideas, look at curriculum, and begin signing up teachers. You may sign up for one Sunday, one Sunday a month, or as your schedule allows.

It is the dedication and support of YOU, the adults of North Cross, who continue to help the youth on their faith journey.

Please contact Vickie at 452.2939 to RSVP for the luncheon and/or with any questions.

Priscilla Circle to hold meeting

The Priscilla Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 1st, at the home of Mary Lou Stewart at 12:30.

Sandra Nunn will present a program on immigration. If you would like to join them, please call 453.7319.

What's new for Fall for Children?

- ◆ September 13th is PROMOTION SUNDAY. Sunday School classrooms have changed location, so we are all together!
- ◆ Second to Fifth Grade is in Room 118, as well as *Singing for God*.
- ◆ Kindergarten and First Grade are in Room 151. Preschool is in Room 154, as well as *Ringin' for God*.
- ◆ Acolytes: Call Glenda (816.452.2939) if you want to be on the schedule to acolyte.
- ◆ 3rd Graders—You will receive your Bible from the church on September 20th at 11 a.m. worship.

LOVE AND LOGIC

Registration is due September 9th. You don't want to miss this wonderful opportunity to improve your family life and raise responsible children. Children will have fun activities to do each night while parents are in class. Call Glenda (816.452.2939) if you have any questions.

Wednesday morning Bible Study scheduled to begin in September

WHO: North Cross family and friends

WHAT: Bible study of Hebrews

WHEN: Wednesday mornings from 9 until 10:30 a.m. from September 16th through November 18th, 2009. (10 weeks)

WHERE: We will meet in a classroom at North Cross.

WHY: To enhance understanding of the New Testament book of Hebrews and share Christian fellowship.

HOW: By reading your Bible, along with Cokesbury's Interpretation study booklet, and participating in class discussions.

NOTE: Patsy will order study booklets from Cokesbury. Please let Ronny Berry or the Office know if you would like to participate.

Ronny Berry: 816.781.0455
swimmo@aol.com

Coming This Week...

Thursday, August 27

11:30 a.m. Tai Chi
 6:00 p.m. Finance
 7:00 p.m. Concerned Care

Friday, August 28

6:30 p.m. Concerned Care

Saturday, August 29

9:00 a.m. Mulching Party

Sunday, August 30

8:30 a.m. Worship
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 Pick up a cup of coffee in the kitchen
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 12:00 p.m. Youth Teacher
 Appreciation Lunch

Monday, August 31

11:00 a.m. Tai Chi
 6:30 p.m. Administrative
 Council
 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday, September 1

9:00 a.m. TOPS
 10:00 a.m. Staff: Recreating
 Church Book Study
 10:00 a.m. Paint for Fun
 10:30 a.m. O P Bridge Group
 12:30 p.m. Priscilla Circle
 6:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge
 7:00 p.m. Wood Carvers

Wednesday, September 2

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

Thursday, September 3

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 practice
 6:00 p.m. Preschool Open
 House
 6:30 p.m. Concerned Care

Trustees are in need of lots of people to help spread mulch around flowers and trees on the North Cross property.

They will be working on Saturday, August 29th, at 9 a.m. Please consider helping us maintain the care of our plants and trees.

Adventures In Learning announces changes for Fall schedule

There are exciting new changes coming this Fall for Adventures In Learning. Beginning Friday, September 11th, we will be serving BREAKFAST instead of a Noon meal. The day will start at 8:30 a.m. with a great breakfast, and will be followed by a wonderful lineup of classes (to be announced later.)

We can't wait! Stay cool and mark your calendars now for September 11th!

Shepherd Center benefit

"Life Is What You Make It"

by Mary Loy Brown

starring Dick Brown.

Hors d'oeuvres and a Play

Wednesday, September 30th, 2009

Resort Lifestyle Communities at Riverstone

9000 N. Congress, Kansas City, MO 64153

Tickets are \$25

Show time is 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

WWII Soldiers correspond later in life. Great humor ensues when brought to life by well-known local actor, Dick Brown, former professor of Communication and Theater at William Jewell University.

For tickets, contact Don McCandless at 746-6078.

Rev. Neal Lassinger to speak to UMM

On Saturday, September 12th, the United Methodist Men will meet at Denney's Diner in North Kansas City for their morning breakfast meeting.

Rev. Neal Lassinger will be the guest speaker for the morning breakfast, which begins at 8 a.m.. All men of the church are invited to attend.

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 7th, in observance of the Labor Day holiday. Newsletter articles for that week are due in the office by Wednesday, August 26th.

The Pastor's Corner

Joseph had a dream and his brothers hated him for it. Of course he wasn't very tactful in the way he shared it. Daniel could interpret dreams but that also got him into trouble. That having been said, it is with some fear and trepidation, that I approach a Pastor's Corner about dreams.

Perhaps vision is a safer word. Proverbs 29:18 in the King James Version is often quoted: "Where there is no vision, the people perish...". This might mean something a little different than we think. The Message Bible paraphrases this verse as, "If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves..." For some reason, I like that insight.

What is God doing with God's people at the North Cross UMC? Where would God lead us in the future? I believe the future of North Cross is bright. I look forward to what God will do with us, in us, and through us. I'm excited about what the future will bring.

I believe in the power of prayer. I believe that God's power is released in and through the church when God's people pray. I don't claim to understand just how this works, but I know it is true.

With all these thoughts in mind, I invite you to join me in praying regularly for our church, it's people, and it's future. Pray for vision... perhaps even for dreams... of what the future could hold. And pray for your church leaders as we seek to lead into the future.

Pray that we don't stumble all over each other, but rather can see clearly what God wants to do in our midst.

I covet your prayers.
In Christ,

Pastor Neal

Person to person:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Hospitalized: Howard McKinney, St. Luke's North; Harold Conkin, NKC

- Ken and Nina Stevens would like to thank all their North Cross friends for the cards and well wishes for their 62nd wedding anniversary on August 17th.
- We thank you all for your prayers, cards and concerns during the recent illness and death of my brother, LaVerne Morse. It helps to know others care.
Mildred and Marvin Thiel
- I want to thank everyone here at North Cross, especially Dennis, who have sent prayers, calls, and cards during my surgeries and rehab stay. It really helped me, as well as my family, to know we had your prayers and concerns. Bless you all.
Rose Mary Wheeler
- Thank you for sponsoring my apartment at Hillcrest Transitional Housing. If it wasn't for this place, I don't know where I would be. Sincerely, *Theresa*

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