

North Cross Spirit

... telling the news of North Cross Church

August 3, 2009

...coming up in Worship...

We move forward to consider church leadership in a sermon titled:

“A Big Ship Needs Responsible Leaders”

For a head start, read
I Timothy 3:1-13 & 5:17-22

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: “*People Rebel*” Mildred St. Clair

Good News: Room 206

Lesson: “*The Motions*” Jim Funk

Friendship: Room 202

Lesson: “*People Grumble and Rebel*”
Charles Weems

Inquirer's: Fellowship Hall

Lesson: “*When God Spoke Latin... Creeds of the Church*”
L. D. Herman

FaithWorks: Room 207

Lesson: “*People Rebel*” Helen Foster

Pathfinders: Room 200

Lesson: “*The Thirteenth Apostle*” Faye Moore

Contemporary Conversations: Lounge

Lesson: “*Knowledge is Power for Medication Decisions*”
Corinna West



CHANCEL CHOIR WHAT'S MISSING FROM IT?

Five top reasons to join your choir:

5. People choose one church over another for the music, the word, the people; and you want to be two of those reasons, not just one.
4. You sang in your high school or college choir and enjoyed it.
3. You can carry a tune.
2. You've asked yourself, “How can I serve God, my church, my congregation?”
1. You're under the average age of the choir, and you want to be a fresh face.

Every person has his/her reason to “make a disciple,” but choir members do it through song. One reason really needs to get your attention: You ARE needed. As people move away or retire, unless someone replaces them in the choir, your choir shrinks. Look around you next Sunday. On any given Sunday, you can count over ten FORMER choir members in the congregation who have retired from singing. How many new faces are replacing them? If you don't, maybe no one will. And eventually . . . ?

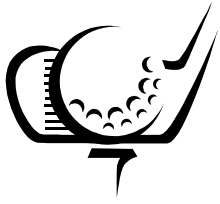
The full choir will kick off its 2009-2010 season on Wednesday, August 19, with a potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Drinks and bread will be provided. Otherwise, bring a favorite dish or two and enjoy some fun and fellowship before we move to our first rehearsal at 6:30. If you can't make the dinner, come to rehearsal. The choir rehearses from 6:30 to 8:00 every Wednesday. Auditions are not necessary, but can be arranged if you doubt your ability. Contrary to popular opinion, you don't need to be a soloist to be in a choir. Just be 14 or older, be able to carry a tune, be willing to follow and learn, be willing to give most Wednesday nights, and be willing to have some fun! Childcare can be provided. If you need such care, please let the director, Jerry Valet, know prior to August 19.

Join us! For the silliness and the seriousness.

Will YOU help us continue the tradition?

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

DUFFERS' GOLF TOURNAMENT



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.

Coffee and the church

An 8-year old girl who lived two doors away from a retired pastor asked him, "Why do you drink coffee?" The surprised pastor answered with a smile, "Because I like the taste of it, and it gets me going in the morning."

That pastor might have been interested in this bit of trivia: In 1592, Pope Clement VIII declared coffee to be a legitimate drink for Christians. Before that edict, it had been labeled "the wine of infidels" because of its popularity among non-Christians.

And as coffee is now a legitimate drink for Christians, the Seeker's proudly announce "*COFFEE by the BEAN*" for coffee purists!

You can now buy a package of whole beans at the *Coffee Cart* in Fellowship Hall. Have fun grinding your own beans. Still available are Regular, Decaf, Hazelnut Crème, and French Vanilla.

Christmas Store Walk-a-Thon

Donna and Charles Maysent will be collecting donations for the Christmas Store Walk-a-Thon at a table in the entry this coming Sunday. All money collected helps feed hungry people in our community.

From Den's Pen:

It is one thing to admit that I am behind the curve on using today's technology; it is another to do something about it. The easy way out? "I am old. . .now don't bother me with that stuff!" I am trying, slowly but. . .very slowly.

Cathy and our grandson, Cody, got me an iPod for Father's Day. Using it is not too difficult; figuring out how to "download" my CDs is another matter. My last upgrade on my cell phone allows me to "text." Having just gone through years of graduate school work, I just can't bring myself to use the abbreviations. (U 2?)

Now, I am diving into Facebook. Actually, Vickie Linch is encouraging me to use it to communicate with the youth as they deal with faith matters. For me, it is an ongoing process. And it is amazing that almost every day, someone wants me to be their "friend." I was quite flattered until Cathy (my wife) and Angie (our daughter) requested that I be their friend. Probably just semantics.

Adjusting to new ways of doing things is difficult. It requires some effort on our part. While it may be easier to keep things the same, you get the feeling that the world is passing you by—that somehow you're losing touch.

In our faith lives, Neal keeps talking about "timeless truths" in the Scriptures. But those truths need to be expressed in ways that relate to our culture. I heard an illustration about a person doing the Irish jig. (Being a former Baptist, I am not familiar with dancing.) They tell me that one foot stays on the ground while the other "dances." As we uncover "timeless truths," they are like the foot on the ground; but our methods are like the foot that dances—they move around, they change.

Keep an open mind as we find different ways of being the church. And pray for me as I attempt to embrace the technology of the 21st century!

Make it a good week!

Dennis

Coming This Week...

Thursday, August 6

9:00 a.m. - Noon Super Sale
 1:00 p.m. Clean-Up

Friday, August 7

6:00 p.m. Painting Party

Saturday, August 8

8:00 a.m. Mid-West Institute
 1:00 p.m. VBS Reunion
 6:30 p.m. Game Night

Sunday, August 9

8:30 a.m. Worship
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 Coffee time in kitchen
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 6:00 p.m. Inquirer's Party

Monday, August 10

11:00 a.m. Tai Chi
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday, August 11

9:00 a.m. TOPS
 10:00 a.m. Paint for Fun
 10:30 a.m. Old Pike Bridge
 6:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge
 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace Class
 7:00 p.m. Wood Carvers

Wednesday, August 12

11:00 a.m. Grandparent Support
 6:30 p.m. Fall Fun Fest Meeting

Thursday, August 13

6:00 a.m. Tai Chi
 9:30 a.m. *The Shack* Review
 11:30 a.m. Tai Chi
 6:00 p.m. Scout Dancers
 7:00 p.m. Concerned Care

Sermons now on Web Site

Our Sunday sermons are now available on the web site. Go to www.northcrossumc.org and look along the left side for *Audio Sermons*. Click and listen.

Also on the left side the *Upper Room* is listed. Just click and read your daily *Upper Room* devotional. Check out our website for lots of information!

“Kid’s don’t come with an owner’s manual” Try *LOVE AND LOGIC*

North Cross UMC is offering this course for parents with children of all ages. Each class covers babies through teens. This 6-week class is taught by Jennifer Dasilva who is a licensed professional counselor. Class will start September 17. Jennifer has been teaching LOVE AND LOGIC since 1996 and is a trained facilitator. LOVE AND LOGIC provides simple and practical techniques to help parents have less stress and more fun while raising responsible kids. Parents and children will build a better relationship.

While parents are in the two-hour class (6:00 to 8:00 PM on Thursdays), children will engage in outdoor play, finishing up homework, stories, games, snacks, crafts and winding down the evening with a children’s video. Due to a very generous donation from a church member, this class is offered FREE, with the exception of \$10.00 for the workbook and donations for the care of children.

Fill out the registration form and return it to the church office (along with your \$10 workbook fee) by **September 9**. We will not be able to accept registrations after this date.

Contact Glenda Callicott with questions at 816.452.2939. Give your family the gift of a LOVE AND LOGIC parenting class this fall!

North Cross United Methodist Church
LOVE AND LOGIC Registration
 1321 NE Vivion RD.
 Kansas City MO 64118
 Phone: 816.452.2939

Name _____

Name _____

Address/Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Names and Ages of children _____

\$10.00 workbook fee enclosed _____

The Pastor's Corner

I enjoy getting to know people and have enjoyed a lot of short conversations around church with many of you. I've noticed that many of the questions are similar, so let me share a little about myself in this column.

I grew up in northwestern Pennsylvania, in Sugar Grove. It is called Sugar Grove because they make real Maple Syrup. My dad was a mathematics teacher, and I did very well in math and science. I even learned to program computers with my dad, starting in 1972, while I was in seventh grade.

I spent a summer at a National Science Foundation program in Boston at MIT in 1977 and following that was convinced I wanted to pursue engineering in college. I went to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY, where I completed B.S. and M.Eng. Degrees in Electrical, Computer and Systems Engineering.

While I was in college, my summer job involved working as a camp counselor at the Methodist church camps in western Pennsylvania. It was during my third summer that I met Lori on camp staff. Over the next two years our summer romance grew through a long-distance relationship. As soon as college was complete, in May 1983, we got married at Lori's home church in Waynesburg, PA.

We moved to St. Louis for a great engineering job with McDonnell Aircraft, where I worked in Avionics Analysis for fighter jets. Anna, our older daughter, was born in 1985, and Natalie was born two years later.

It turned out that God had other ideas for our direction in life. It's a longer story than I have space for, but God called me to ministry, and as a result, we left a great job and went back to school at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky, where I received a Master of Divinity degree in 1992.

We returned to Missouri and have served churches in St. Louis, Jefferson City, Columbia, Macon and now are pleased to be at North Cross.

Pastor Neal

Person to person:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Hospitalized: Merta Powers, NKC

- I wish to thank all you good people who made it possible for me to be with Art every day of his last 2 ½ months when he was in the hospital and nursing home. Also, thank you for the many cards and calls I received from my church family. May God bless you all.
Bets Hammen
- *The Shack* book study will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 13th.

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