

# North Cross Spirit

*... telling the news of North Cross Church*

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February 1, 2010

Coming up in Worship. . .

We begin three weeks with  
**NOAH!**

This week:  
“Going Against the Tide”

Check out... Genesis 6

**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: “*Recognized by a Canaanite Woman*”  
Deborah Mason

**Good News:** Room 206

Lesson: “*Grey Areas of Faith*” Jim Funk

**Friendship:** Room 202

Lesson: “*Recognized by a Canaanite Woman*”  
Marcia Browning

**Inquirer's:** Fellowship Hall

Lesson: “*Why Genesis is Important!*”  
Brian Hall

**FaithWorks:** Room 207

Lesson: “*The Attitude of Confidence*”  
Denise Cox

**Pathfinders:** Room 200

Lesson: “*The Priority of Christ likeness*”  
Joyce Singley

**Contemporary Conversations:** Lounge

Lesson: “*Synergy Services Update*”  
Robin Winner

***BUILDING on our PAST  
while CHARTING our FUTURE***

**Our Church's Names**

Our church has had more than one name! For the first few years, while meeting in homes, we were *The Congregation of Clay County Hills*. Once a tract of land was selected, the name *Gladstone Community Methodist Church* was given to the congregation by the organizing Quarterly Conference.

This name was chosen before Gladstone became incorporated. Gladstone was a familiar name to people living in this area: the telephone exchange was Gladstone, and the community just east of the church property was called Gladstone Plaza.

It wasn't until October 28, 1956 that the name of the church changed to *North Cross Methodist Church*, the reason being that the town of Gladstone had incorporated north and west of the church property. Still later, due to the 1968 merger of the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church, we became *North Cross United Methodist Church*.

***60th Anniversary Celebration — June 27***

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**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee**

Wanda Lee Kalsu  
Michele Hurst  
Georgia Winship  
Beverly Whitaker

Marylee Wickham  
Betsy Strub  
Debbie Grosko  
Deborah Mason

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

## Be a sweetheart for Crestview

When you are buying valentines for your loved ones, please buy a package or two for Crestview students who are not able to purchase valentines themselves. Valentines appropriate for elementary students would be appreciated. Heather Brennan, the Family Resource person, will distribute them where needed. Thank you.

*North Cross Outreach Committee*

## We need your pictures!

If you have taken pictures of North Cross of events, services, gatherings, dramas, Sunday school classes, etc. we would like you to submit them for possible publication in our upcoming church directory.

You may submit photos on a CD to the church office, or e-mail photos to: [pics4ncdirectory@gmail.com](mailto:pics4ncdirectory@gmail.com).

## Lazarus Table needs volunteers

North Cross will be volunteering for the Lazarus Table at Grand Avenue Temple on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. What is the Lazarus Table? Grand Avenue United Methodist Church has ministered to the homeless and hungry people within walking distance since the mid-1990's. Starting in the winter of 1996, hot lunches have been served on Saturdays and Sundays and this program is called the Lazarus Table.

Volunteers help set up the tables (setting out salt/pepper shakers, filling water pitchers, wrapping silverware, placing desserts on plates, etc.) prior to serving lunch (dishing out the various food choices on plates as guests go through the line.) Then there is light clean up (no dishwashing).

We meet on the west side of the parking lot toward the back at 9:30 a.m. and return about 1:30 p.m. Bring cookies or fruit to leave at Grand Avenue. Please call our church office (452.2939) to volunteer. For more information, please talk with Joyce Singley or Patsy.

## Revised Schedule of Information Meetings

### *Building on our Past while Charting our Future*

#### ***Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 a.m.***

Pathfinders - Room 200

FaithWorks & Good News Classes - Room 207

#### ***Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:45 a.m.***

Friendship & Wesleyan Classes - Room 202

Those not attending Sunday School - Room 215

#### ***February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.***

Evening Gathering - Room 215

#### ***February 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 a.m.***

Inquirer's Class, Fellowship Hall

Contemporary Class - Lounge

#### ***February 28<sup>th</sup> at Noon***

Noon Luncheon Gathering - Fellowship Hall

## Private enrollment to begin soon!

North Cross Preschool will be holding 'Private' enrollment for the 2010/2011 school year on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. To register on this date, the student must be from a current or past family of North Cross Preschool/Parent's Day Out, or they may be a member of the North Cross Methodist congregation. Enrollment will be open to the general public beginning on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Some features of our program are:

- Great student/teacher ratio
- Two teachers in every classroom
- Music class every week
- Movement class twice a month
- Computers in pre-kindergarten classrooms
- Parent/Teacher conference
- Field trips/in-house special activities and visitors
- Interesting theme-based curriculum
- Continuing Education for all teachers

If you or someone you know is interested, please come by for a visit and a tour! Call Pre-school Director, Lynn Wollard at 816.459.8826 with any questions you may have!

## Coming This Week...

### Thursday, February 4

6:00 a.m. .... Tai Chi  
 9:00 a.m. .... UMW Sewing/Quilting  
 11:30 a.m. .... Tai Chi  
 4:30 p.m. .... 4 One Band Practice  
 6:00 p.m. .... Alpha

### Friday, February 5

4:30 p.m. .... Girl Scouts

### Saturday, February 6

7:00 p.m. .... Over 55 Dance

### Sunday, February 7

8:30 a.m. .... Traditional Worship  
 9:30 a.m. .... Children's Music  
 9:45 a.m. .... Sunday School  
*Coffee always in the kitchen*  
 11:00 a.m. .... Contemporary  
 ..... Worship  
 4:00 p.m. .... Inquirer's Party  
 4:30 p.m. .... Handbell Practice

### Monday, February 8

11:00 a.m. .... Tai Chi  
 1:00 p.m. .... UMW Bible Study  
 4:00 p.m. .... Shepherd Team Mtg.  
 6:00 p.m. .... ECP Board  
 6:00 p.m. .... BRIDGE Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. .... Cub & Boy Scouts

### Tuesday, February 9

9:00 a.m. .... TOPS  
 10:00 a.m. .... Paint for Fun  
 10:30 a.m. .... O.P. Bridge  
 6:00 p.m. .... Print/Web/Visual Mtg.  
 6:30 p.m. .... AC Team Training &  
 Host Orientation  
 6:30 p.m. .... Duplicate Bridge  
 7:00 p.m. .... Leadership Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. .... Wood Carvers  
 8:00 p.m. .... Pastor & Program  
 Leader Mtg.

### Wednesday, February 10

9:00 a.m. .... Isaiah Study  
 11:00 a.m. .... Grandparent Support  
 5:30 p.m. .... Supper  
 6:15 p.m. .... Kidzone  
 6:30 p.m. .... Youth  
 6:30 p.m. .... Chancel Choir

### Thursday, February 11

6:00 a.m. .... Tai Chi  
 9:00 a.m. .... UMW Sewing/Quilting  
 11:30 a.m. .... Tai Chi  
 1:30 p.m. .... Wesleyan Wms. Circle  
 4:30 p.m. .... 4 One Band Practice  
 6:00 p.m. .... Alpha

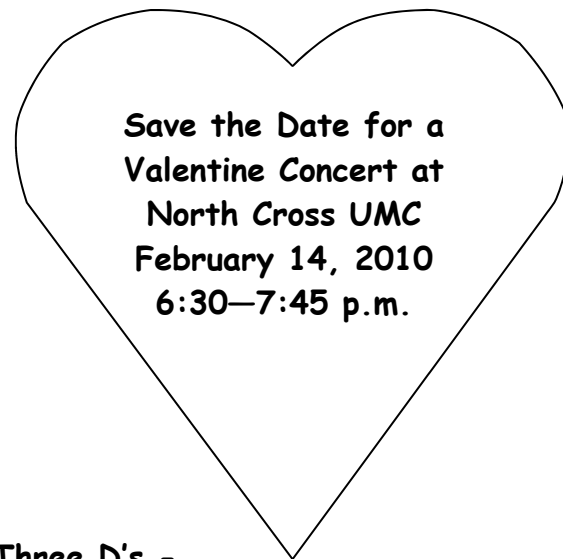
## Ladies' Bible Study to begin

“Who are you when no one’s looking?”

When her people were threatened, “Esther” had to ask herself that question. She could risk her life to try to save her fellow Israelites. Or she could “keep her head down” to wait out the threat in obscurity and safety.

In nine sessions, you will be led to examine the story of Esther. You’ll discover how godly character often develops under pressure. And you’ll discover ideas for living a godly life in the midst of contemporary pressures.

Join other ladies for the study of Esther beginning Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. Call the office (452.2939) and let Patsy know you would like to take the class.



The Three D's -

*Don Lipovac, Dan Sturdevant  
 Del Sutton*

There is no charge for admittance; however, a free-will offering will be taken to benefit the church emergency fund. For more information, contact Dan Sturdevant at 816.421.4783.

If you have ordered a name tag, please check the table by the office door to see if your order has been filled.

Name tags with a magnet take a bit longer to produce, so keep checking back if you don't find yours there.

## Staff Parish Relations Updates

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is continuing to restructure staff positions to align with the church budget deficit. It has been noted by the Finance Committee that the portion of the budget for staff compensation is 63% of the total church budget. Due to our budget deficit, the SPR committee is restructuring some staff positions beginning February 1, 2010.

- Vickie Linch has agreed to increase her staffing responsibilities to include coordinating the Children's Ministry.
- Jackie Whiston has agreed to take a reduced salary for the same working hours to assist with the deficit.
- Pasty Schmutz has agreed to increase her responsibilities to include serving on the Early Childhood Board as a representative from Staff and Trustees.

Other areas for future restructuring will be the Kids Korner and Nursery Care. The total savings for the church by restructuring all of these areas will be \$34,634 in 2010.

The Committee will continue to reorganize staff positions to meet the needs of the church. At the present time sub-committees have been formed to review the Employee Handbook and to write new job descriptions with evaluations.

Staff Parish wants to thank all staff members for their gracious attitudes during this time of restructuring. As we continue to monitor our budget through the year we will continue to make changes. As Pastor Neal says, "We would much rather grow the church than cut staff." Let us all remember North Cross is our church. We all need to step up and volunteer to help take care of our children, our young adults, and our experienced laity. Staff members help lead us to serve Christ not accomplish it for us.

### *Staff Parish Relations Committee Members*

Susan Young, Chair  
Jason Parman    Bette Walden    Janet Headrick  
Micky Conway    Tommy Stehle  
Joyce Ranes    Fred Schaefer    Jerry Judson

## *Person to person:*

### CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

**Hospitalized:** Maxine Mason, Room 924

✠ We offer our sympathy to Gerry Smith, in the death of his 88-year old brother, Raymond on January 27<sup>th</sup>, in St. Joseph, MO.

- ◆ Menu for February 10<sup>th</sup>: *Potato Bar, Corn, Jell-O and Fruit, Rolls*
- ◆ The next breakfast meeting of the **United Methodist Men (UMM)** will be held on Saturday, February 13, 2010 at Denny's Restaurant on Armour Road, North Kansas City. We will meet at 8:30 a.m. and all men of the church are invited to attend.

**Publication Deadline: Wednesday at noon**  
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