

North Cross Spirit

... telling the news of North Cross Church

February 22, 2010

Coming up in Worship...

*Lenten Series:
Sacrifice for Joy*

*This Week:
A Testimony*

Check out Luke 9:18-26

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: "Anointed by a Woman in Bethany"

Good News: Room 206

Lesson: "The Seven Last Words from
the Cross" Jim Funk

Friendship: Room 202

Lesson: "Anointed by a Woman in Bethany"
Alana Pierce

Inquirer's: Fellowship Hall

Lesson: "Building on our Past while
Charting our Future" Tom Schmutz

FaithWorks: Room 207

Lesson: "Jesus and Andrew: The Ripple Effect"
Helen Foster

Pathfinders: Room 200

Lesson: "The Priority of Gratitude to God"
Bev Whitaker

Contemporary Conversations: Lounge

Lesson: "Building on our Past while Charting
Our Future" Larry Wickham

BUILDING on our PAST while CHARTING our FUTURE

Stained Glass Windows in Present Sanctuary

Our stained glass windows were designed by Mrs. O'Dell Prather and produced by *Conway Universal Studios of Stained Glass*. The following description of the windows appeared in the bulletin for the *Service of Consecration* for the new sanctuary, June 7, 1987, led by Bishop W. T. Handy, Jr.

North Windows

In these six windows are scenes depicting the birth and ministry of Christ's life. THE ANNUNCIATION is symbolized by the three trumpets. THE NATIVITY by the Star which lit the sky above Bethlehem. THE BAPTISM is captured by the descending dove of the Holy Spirit, the drops of water and the Chi Rho. THE HEALING MINISTRY OF THE MIRACLES is shown with the two fish and five loaves of bread, and the HEALING MINISTRY OF CHRIST'S TEACHING is depicted in the Bible and its inspired Word. THE TRIUMPHANT ENTRY OF PALM SUNDAY is captured in the palm branches across the city gate of Jerusalem.

South Windows

In these six windows are scenes depicting the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. THE SERVANT MESSIAHSHIP is captured in the first window with Chi Rho above the pitcher and bowl (symbols of Christ washing the Disciples' feet), in the second window with the Host and Cup (wheat and grapes as symbols of the Last Supper), and in the third window by the draped cross. THE RESURRECTION finds the women discovering the empty tomb. THE ASCENSION is depicted in the rays coming forth from the tomb. The INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT is shown with twelve spirit-filled disciples going forth in flames of the Spirit to serve.

60th Anniversary Celebration — June 27

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

Mark your calendars Dates of Interest

Simple Church: The class which was to resume on Monday, Feb. 22nd, has been rescheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, March 8th. If you didn't participate in the fall, it's not too late to jump in this spring. In preparation, please review chapters 5 and 6. If you need a book, please check with Patsy.

History Night: Open to all. Rev. Amy Gearhart, Sr. Pastor at Central UMC, will lead us at 7 p.m. on March 30th. We will learn about church life cycles and then share in remembering and discovering our history.

Maundy Thursday: Thursday, April 1st; Worship Service at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday: Sunday, April 4th
Traditional Worship Service at 8:30 a.m.;
Contemporary Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.

Information Meetings on Building on our Past while Charting our Future:

- February 24th at 6:30 p.m., Evening Gathering, Room 215
- February 28th at 9:45 a.m., Inquirer's Class in Fellowship Hall; Contemporary Conversations in the Lounge
- February 28th at Noon - Noon Luncheon Gathering in Fellowship Hall

Have you heard the news?

Yes, it is true! The Chancel Choir (and anyone who wants to go with them) is planning another trip overseas! This time we will be travelling to the beautiful Lake District of England, Scotland, and then on to Ireland.

An Informational Meeting will be held at North Cross on Sunday, March 14th, at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary. This trip will be in *July, 2011*—not this coming July, but next year, *2011, in July*.

The choir will again be singing, and we will once again have a great tour lined up. If this sounds good to you, please plan to attend the Informational Meeting on March 14th at 2 p.m. A small deposit will hold your spot on this trip. If you have questions, please call Deborah Mason at 816.453.7062.

A Lenten Journey of Living Your Faith

“And Jesus answered them saying, “Truly, I say to you, as you did for one of the least of these my brethren, you did, also, for me.” Matthew 25:40

Week One: Write a letter or send a card to someone you have not been in contact with for a long time...a relative, an old friend, someone at church, or someone you have been missing at church. Let them know that you care about them and say a prayer.

If you did not sign up for an appointment for our new pictorial directory, expect a call from Olan Mills to offer you a time. If you have Caller ID, it should read “Church Directories.” If you want to set or change an appointment, call Olan Mills at 800.866.2263, Mon-Fri, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Eastern Time. Remember, to receive a free church directory you have to be in it - please participate!

Getting Back to the BASICS: 6-week Group Weight Loss Program Classes begin: Tuesday, March 16th, 2010, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

This group weight loss program is designed to educate and motivate your group so you can reach your weight loss goals. This program is designed for an overall healthy lifestyle change using a well-balanced eating plan. This program will provide you with the tools you need for weight loss success that will last a lifetime!

The program includes:

- Weekly meetings to discuss suggestions for your success
- 6 weeks of personalized nutritional counseling
- Weekly weigh-ins
- Pre post-assessment, including dietary analysis
- Recipes, menus, and individual recommendations to keep you motivated
- Consultation in your local grocery store to help you learn to read labels and make healthy food choices.

Cost for this program is only \$90 per person! Classes will begin Tuesday, March 16th, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Please contact Hallie Shephard at 772.233.7940 or send an email to hsheward@816nutrition.com. Please RSVP by March 9th.

Coming This Week...

Thursday, February 25

6:00 a.m. Tai Chi
 11:30 a.m. Tai Chi
 3:00-9:20 p.m. Directory Pictures
 4:30 p.m. 4 One Band Practice
 6:00 p.m. Alpha

Friday, February 26

9:30 a.m. Line Dancing
 3:00-9:20 p.m. Directory Pictures
 6:30 p.m. Northland Families Learn
 6:30 p.m. Down Syndrome Mtg.

Saturday, February 27

9:00 a.m. Boy Scouts
 10:00 a.m.- 4:50 p.m. ... Directory Pictures
 11:30 a.m. Concerned Care

Sunday, February 28

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
 12:00 p.m. Capital Campaign Lunch

Monday, March 1

10:00 a.m. Building Bid Meeting
 11:00 a.m. Tai Chi
 1:00 p.m. UMW Bible Study
 6:00 p.m. Outreach Mtg.
 7:00 p.m. Cub & Boy Scouts
 7:00 p.m. Job Club

Tuesday, March 2

9:00 a.m. TOPS
 9:00 a.m. Study of Esther
 10:00 a.m. Paint for Fun
 10:30 a.m. O.P. Bridge
 10:30 a.m. Northland Families Learn
 12:00 p.m. Capital Campaign Lunch
 12:30 p.m. Priscilla Circle
 6:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge
 6:45 p.m. Concerned Care
 7:00 p.m. Wood Carvers

Wednesday, March 3

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

Thursday, March 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
 6:30 p.m. Capital Campaign Mtg.

Prayer Walk Available

You are invited to take a self-guided walk through North Cross, beginning February 24th. A map of North Cross showing where plaques are placed will be available in the front foyer. The plaques will have scriptures, photos, possible prayer thoughts and, in some cases, some North Cross historical information.

If you are in a group that does not have a plaque, but would like one, please provide a short sentence or two about how your group works for the church and/or community and place it in the gift box in the front foyer.

The Chapel is always open for Personal Prayer Time!

Stop by before and after meetings, or stop in as you're driving by, for a moment of quiet and a time to listen to or talk with God. It makes for a GREAT DAY!

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

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- ◆ We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to our caring church family, both before and during the loss of our wonderful Mom, Mother-in-law, Grandma, Wife - Maxine Mason. We want to thank Dennis for his many visits, prayers, and for helping make her service a special one; also thank you to Neal for his visits; the Priscilla Circle that Max loved so much for the wonderful lunch; to the Wesleyan Class; and to the FaithWorks Class for their prayers, concern and caring and the wonderful meals they provided. We truly felt God's loving hand in everyone's love, prayers and kind actions. May God bless the wonderful people of North Cross.

The Mason Family

- ◆ March/April issues of *The Upper Room* are now available. Please check the wall rack by the church office. \$1 per copy.
- ◆ Don't forget that you can recycle your aluminum cans in the container on the east side of the back parking lot. This is a project supported by the United Methodist Men.
- ◆ Thank you to those who came to the 3 D's Concert on February 14th. Thank you for your support of the North Cross Emergency Fund, and to North Cross for providing refreshments following the concert. A special thank you to Tom Schmutz for serving as sound technician.
- ◆ Harry Vanderford will turn 106 on Monday, March 1st. Please send a card to 1124 NE Davidson Court, Kansas City, MO 64118 and help Harry celebrate!

The Pastor's Corner

HANG ON FOR THE RIDE...

I want you to know that I know that things around church are a little crazy right now.

HANG ON FOR THE RIDE...

The Capital Campaign is in full swing with information meetings and various gatherings leading up to our commitment Sunday on March 28th.

HANG ON FOR THE RIDE...

It is Lent, and Easter is coming!

HANG ON FOR THE RIDE...

It feels like the number of church meetings has gotten out of hand,... and we also need to get our picture taken for the directory as well.

DOES ANYONE ELSE FEEL THIS WAY?

I want you to know that we will get through all this together. I assure you it will be worth it and that things will settle down. So...

HANG ON FOR THE RIDE...



Breyfogle Cross Tower Information

The Breyfogle Cross Tower is deteriorating rapidly, and regardless of what else we do in the way of maintenance and repairs in other parts of the building, we need to address the Cross Tower.

A structural engineer who examined the tower has recommended that we remove bricks in several parts of the tower to check the condition of the metal framework inside the tower. This step is necessary before other decisions on the tower can be made. We have contracted to have this done, and you may see work being done to accomplish this.

COMING SOON

Treats and Trivia night

Saturday, March 6th

Sign up for people and teams

Sunday, Feb. 28th

or e-mail Vickie Linch at

vlinch@northcrossumc.org.

Person to person:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Hospitalized: Merta Powers, NKC

Menu for March 3rd: *Ham & Beans or Chicken Noodle Soup, Green Beans, French Fries/Tater Tots, Corn, Bread*

✠ We offer our sympathy to Ken and Chris Williams in the death of Ken's mother, Jean Williams, on February 12th, 2010, in Springfield, MO.

- ◆ North Cross Congregation: Thank you very much for the donation to the Crestview Elementary Community Garden project. We look forward to getting started this spring. *Trent Yocum*, English Language Learner Teacher, Crestview Elementary
- ◆ The Job Club has a person seeking employment who has a background in general labor, rough-in framing, roofing, painting, tree-trimming, and experience in cooking. Please contact Steve Lindsay at 682.4304 or Russ at 455.5733 if you are able to help. (Continued on Page 3)

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