

North Cross Spirit

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

February 8, 2010

Coming up in Worship. . .

We continue
three weeks with
NOAH!

Week Two:
“**Riding Out the Storm**”

Check out... **Genesis 7**

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 Ginnie Collins
Lesson: “*Declared by Peter*”

Good News: Room 207 (*Note room change*)
Lesson: “*Building on our Past while Charting our Future*” Larry Wickham

Friendship: Room 202
Lesson: “*Declared by Peter*” Charles Weems

Inquirer's: Fellowship Hall
Lesson: “*Why is Numbers Important?*”
Ron Watson

FaithWorks: Room 207
Lesson: “*Building on our Past while Charting our Future*” Larry Wickham

Pathfinders: Room 200
Lesson: “*Building on our Past while Charting our Future*” Tom Schmutz

Contemporary Conversations: Lounge
Lesson: “*Review of the United Methodist Reporter*” Kathy Baharaeen

BUILDING on our PAST while CHARTING our FUTURE

The Cross Tower

The first service of our church at the Vivion Road location was held on the first Sunday of 1954 with 50 persons in attendance. By late 1954, there were enough persons worshipping that two services were needed to meet the needs of those who attended. Additional space was needed, and on July 1, 1956, ground was broken for an addition to increase the sanctuary and add room for classes behind the sanctuary and in the basement. Included in the architectural blueprints was the design for a Cross Tower. A few months later, on October 28, the church was renamed North Cross Methodist Church. On November 18, 1956, when the Cornerstone was laid, we had 500 members.

Meanwhile, the tragic death of church member Forrest D. Breyfogle brought about memorial gifts dedicated specifically towards the construction of the North Cross Tower. In March of 1957, Bishop Eugene M. Frank came to dedicate the church's first addition, including the Breyfogle Memorial Tower.

Forrest D. Breyfogle died June 30, 1956, in the greatest air tragedy of its time in U.S. aviation. In adverse weather conditions, United Flight 718 collided with TWA Flight 2 over the eastern end of the Grand Canyon with all aboard killed –128 casualties. Breyfogle was the TWA flight engineer.

It wasn't until many years after the tower was erected that the cross at the top of the tower was lighted, a memorial to still another church member, Walter Robert Berger, Jr. He had been a World War II pilot in the South Pacific, retiring after 23 years in the Air Force. He and his family came to Kansas City and North Cross in 1960 for a position with the Federal Aviation Administration. Berger died August 25, 1994.

60th Anniversary Celebration — June 27

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

Lazarus Table needs volunteers

North Cross will be volunteering for the Lazarus Table at Grand Avenue Temple on Saturday, February 20th. What is the Lazarus Table? Grand Avenue United Methodist Church has ministered to the homeless and hungry people within walking distance since the mid-1990s. 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 dish-washing).

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.

“Private enrollment” to begin soon! **Note date change of enrollment**

North Cross Preschool will be holding ‘Private’ enrollment for the 2010/2011 school year on Thursday, February 25th, 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 5th. If you are 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.

Free concert on Valentine’s Day!

On Sunday, February 14th, The Three D’s will be presenting a free concert at North Cross. The concert will be presented in the sanctuary from 6:30 p.m. until 7:45 p.m. An offering plate will be passed to take up a collection for the North Cross Emergency Fund.

The Three D’s are Don Lipovac, Dan Sturdevant, and Del Sutton. You’re sure to enjoy an evening of wonderful music, which will be followed by refreshments in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendar and join your friends on Valentine’s Day.

XYZs plan Valentine gathering

The next meeting of the XYZs (extra years of zest!) will be held on Tuesday, February 16th. The group will meet at 11:30 a.m. ,and a pot-luck luncheon will be served at noon.

Please bring a dish to share with the group. Dessert will be furnished.

Game Night

Saturday, February 13th
6:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.

Cards: Hand & Foot, Pitch, Spades
Dominos: Mexican Train, Chicken Foot

Please bring a snack or soda to share.
Fun for Everyone!

The Seekers Circle is grateful to all of you for supporting our annual Nut Sale. This year the money we earned went to:

Hope in the Streets
City Union Mission
Della C. Lamb
Northland Assistant Center
Women for Women International
Adoption of a Crestview Family

THANKS, North Cross!

Coming This Week...

Thursday, February 11

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

Friday, February 12

9:30 a.m. Adventures in Learning
6:30 p.m. Financial Peace Reunion

Saturday, February 13

8:00 a.m. UMMen at Denney's
1:00 p.m. DAR
5:30 p.m. Blue & Gold Banquet
6:30 p.m. Game Night

Sunday, February 14

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
4:30 p.m. Handbell Practice
6:30 p.m. *The Three D's Concert*

Monday, February 15

President's Day (only Office Closed)

11:00 a.m. Tai Chi
1:00 p.m. UMW Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday, February 16

9:00 a.m. TOPS
9:00 a.m. Esther Study
10:00 a.m. Paint for Fun
10:30 a.m. O.P. Bridge
11:30 a.m. XYZ Potluck
6:00 p.m. Finance
6:30 p.m. Trustees
6:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge
7:00 p.m. DAR

ASH Wednesday, February 17

6:00-9:00 a.m. Communion
6:30-8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
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
6:30 p.m. Worship

Thursday, February 18

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

An open letter to our choir director

Dear Jerry,

This was going to be a thank-you note to you for your work with the Chancel Choir throughout the years, but especially for our All Saints' Day Requiem program.

And then I decided to share it with all of our North Cross family.

It is wonderful to receive positive remarks from people who enjoy the choir's music, but they really don't realize what a contribution you make to produce a good musical presentation. For example, the music that we did on Sunday, November 1st, was selected by you after you learned that Pastor Neal was wanting to have something special on All Saints' Day to complement his planned worship service. You have usually selected our music for the year in June, yet when you were told of the need for special music on Nov. 1st, you diligently researched and selected music that was very appropriate for the Requiem service. Then you worked with us to ensure that the music was a tribute to our "saints," their families, and to God.

I'm not sure how many in the congregation realize that you are working with a primarily average group of singers. Yes, we have some very talented soloists, but most of us have to stretch ourselves to attain the level of performance that you desire. You note that I didn't say that you "demand," as you don't. But you do expect us to do our individual best. And despite the frequent grumbling amongst us, you managed to prepare us to be able to sing several of the pieces *a cappella* (without keyboard accompaniment).

But what the congregation does not know is that not only do you prepare us technically, you also provide us with amazing spiritual preparation: at Wednesday night rehearsals with your encouraging reminders of our purpose; and on Sunday mornings your inspiring prayers are with us as we sing for our Lord. You help us to see that the music we sing represents our efforts to bring those who hear us closer to God, to help them feel his presence, and to join us in worship and praise of our Lord.

Because of Choir members' losses (including your own) this past year, I know that the All Saints' Day presentation was especially meaningful for us. Thank you for your guidance, patience, and dedication.

Thank you for being such a blessed leader...

Marianne Horned

The Pastor's Corner

SIMPLE CHURCH PART TWO!

(Please read this even if you did not participate in part one during the fall.)

It is time to resume our Simple Church study. But now it moves from a study of the concepts to finding a way to put it into practice.

The goal is to discern, define and be able to communicate a SIMPLE process of making and growing disciples of Christ, that is true to and effective for North Cross.

Clarity -> Movement -> Alignment -> Focus

These are the four qualities of a Simple Discipleship Process.

If you didn't participate in the fall, it's not too late to jump in this spring. Though you might want to get a copy of the book and read the first half. (Talk to Patsy to get a book.)

We are planning our first session on Monday, February 22nd at 7:00 p.m. Please read chapters 5 and 6 in advance.

Our second session will focus on our History and is open to everyone. Rev. Amy Gearhart, Sr. Pastor at Central UMC, will lead us at 7:00 p.m. on March 30th. We will learn about church life cycles and then share in remembering and discovering our history.

The third and fourth sessions will be scheduled in April and May.

HANG ON FOR THE RIDE...

In Christ,



Person to person:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Hospitalized: Brant Linch, NKC

✠ We offer our sympathy to Harold Mason, Lynn and Deborah Mason and family, in the death of Maxine Mason on Sunday, Feb. 7, 2010.

- ◆ Menu for February 17: *Parmesan Chicken, Applesauce, Green Beans, Biscuits*
- ◆ Thank you for your prayers, cards, and kind words at the passing of my mother. *Vicki Barton*
- ◆ Join other ladies for the study of Esther beginning Tuesday, Feb. 16th, at 9 a.m. Call the office (452.2939) to sign up.
- ◆ The church office will be closed on Monday, February 15th, in observance of Presidents' Day.
- ◆ January/February Upper Room devotional booklets are still available. Check the wall rack by the office door. \$1 per copy.

Publication Deadline: Wednesday at noon

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