

North Cross Spirit

... telling the news of North Cross Church

January 4, 2010

New Pictorial Directory scheduled



Mark your calendars! The church will be publishing a new pictorial directory through Olan Mills. The photography dates are February 18th, 26th and 27th, and sign-ups for appointments will begin on Sunday, January 10th.

Each participating household will receive a complimentary directory and an 8" x 10" Custom Color Portrait. Remember, our pictorial directory won't be complete without *you!*

Note weather and cancellation policy

With the arrival of winter and the probability of winter storms, note the following information about cancellations at your church.

Sunday worship is never cancelled. Having said that, we want you to make sure you use your own best judgment when deciding whether or not to attend. If you feel it is too dangerous for you to be out, please don't risk putting yourself or others in danger.

Early childhood programs (Pre-school and Parent's Day Out) follow the lead of the North Kansas City School District. If school is cancelled because of weather, so are these two programs at our church.

Day and evening meetings are cancelled at the discretion of the chairman or leaders of the various groups. If a group meeting is cancelled because of weather, please let us know in the church office. You may always call the church office for the current information we have concerning any cancellations.

...coming up in Worship...

January 10th

"A Little Bit of Grace"

(And hopefully a nice day.)

*Come and find out more about
GRACE... Methodist style.*

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: "*Strengthened in Temptation*"

Glenn Corwin

Good News: Room 206

Lesson: "*Can I Trust the Bible?*"

Jim Funk

Friendship: Room 202

Lesson: "*Strengthened in Temptation*"

Bill Reynolds

Inquirer's: Fellowship Hall

Lesson: "*Annual Breakfast prepared
by the Men*"

FaithWorks: Room 207

Lesson: "*Your Questions—Hopefully, a Few
Answers*"

Rev. Neal Lassinger

Pathfinders: Room 200

Lesson: "*The Priority of God*"

Mary Lou Stewart

Contemporary Conversations: Lounge

Lesson: "*African Trip Supporting Girls*"

Dana Bennett

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

Capital Campaign Leadership

Program Leaders:

Jay & Cara Terrell, Tom & Jane Brown

Advance Commitment Leadership:

Brian & Jan Hall, Tommy & Jaccy Stehle

Administrative Leaders:

Joyce Singley & Joyce Raney

All Church Event Leader:

Meredith Bentson

Children's Activity Leaders:

Emily Brown & Glennetta Miller

Financial Reporter:

Jackie Whiston

Involvement Leaders:

Meredith Bentson & Deborah Mason

Information Distribution Leader:

Rita McCall

Information Presentation Leader:

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Major Gift Leaders:

Jan Kauk & Bill Reynolds

Prayer Leader:

Marge Strong

Print Leader:

Ron Winans

Response Leaders:

Marianne Horned & Janet Headrick

RSI Partner:

Dustin Cooper

Senior Pastor:

Neal Lassinger

Shepherd Leaders:

Mike Young, George Greer &

Charles Weems

Student Leader:

Vickie Linch

Video Leader:

Tom Schmutz

Web Leader:

Megan Robertson

Start the New Year off with a good meal

The youth-hosted Wednesday Dinners will resume on Wednesday, January 6th. The menu is *Spaghetti Bake, 7-layer salad, green beans and garlic bread*. Dinner is served from 5:30 to 6:15. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children 2-11 years old. All proceeds benefit the North Cross Youth Group and help the youth to pay for their summer mission trip. Currently the meals have helped the youth to earn \$1,175.31. That is enough for 3.75 youth to pay for their full cost of the mission trip.

We serve home-style meals: baked chicken, ham, roast beef, etc. There is always salad, bread, and a couple of side dishes for only \$5. Where else can you get a full meal for that price? So, why don't you make a New Year's resolution that benefits you and the youth? Join us on Wednesday, January 6th. Please call the church office no later than Tuesday to make your reservations. If you are one of our loyal "regulars," we still have your reservation.

Crestview family sponsorship a success

What a wonderful congregation! This Christmas, with some trepidation, the Outreach Committee decided to sponsor 26 Crestview families, rather than the 20 previously sponsored. Within three hours the first Sunday the family information was presented, all families and individuals were sponsored!

In addition, many towels, blankets and games were donated for other families in need. Thank each and every one of you for your generosity and compassion for Crestview families in need.

North Cross Outreach Committee

Upcoming gatherings

The *United Methodist Men* will meet for breakfast at Denny's on Armour Road in North Kansas City at 8 a.m. Saturday, January 9th. All men of the church are invited.

The next potluck luncheon of the XYZs will be held on Tuesday, January 19th, at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share with the group.

Coming This Week...

Thursday, January 7

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 Dinner

Friday, January 8

8:30 a.m. Adventures in Learning
7:15 p.m. Cursillo Gathering

Saturday, January 9

8:00 a.m. UMMen have breakfast
at Denny's in NKC
9:00 a.m. Cub Pack 260 Pinewood
Derby
1:00 p.m. DAR
6:30 p.m. Game Night

Sunday, January 10

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 noon. Children's Ministry
Potluck
4:30 p.m. Handbell Practice
6:30 p.m. God and Country

Monday, January 11

11:00 a.m. Tai Chi
1:00 p.m. UMW Bible Study
6:00 p.m. ECP Board
7:00 p.m. Cub & Boy Scouts
7:00 p.m. Job Club

Tuesday, January 12

9:00 a.m. TOPS
10:00 a.m. Paint for Fun
10:30 a.m. OP Bridge
12:30 p.m. PEO
6:00 p.m. Finance
6:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge
7:00 p.m. DAR
7:00 p.m. Wood Carvers

Wednesday, January 13

11:00 a.m. Grandparent Support
5:30 p.m. Supper
6:30 p.m. Youth
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 14

11:30 a.m. Tai Chi
1:30 p.m. Wesleyan Wms. Circle
4:30 p.m. 4-One Band Practice
6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Unit Mtg.

It's time for Game Night 2010!

On Saturday, January 9th, plan to come to Fellowship Hall and play your favorite game - dominos (Mexican Train or Chicken Foot), cards (do you have a favorite card game you want to teach us?), if you got a new game for Christmas, bring it and we'll try it out!

Game Night is held on the second Saturday of each month (except for December). It starts at 6:30 p.m. and ends at 9:30 p.m. Bring a snack to share and plan on having a lot of fun! Mark your calendar and join the group. You'll be happy you came.

What's on North Cross's website?

Megan Robertson, our Webmaster, has worked hard to create a neat site for North Cross. You can read the *North Cross Spirit*, our weekly newsletter, on Wednesdays. Sunday School lessons are listed by Tuesday; dates and times for a meeting are on our yearly calendar. To take a look at all the information on youth, children, and adults, go to www.northcrossumc.org.

Nineteen bags for the children are missing

As children enter the church service each Sunday, they can pick up a denim bag containing colors and a page to read and color.

At the end of the service, the bags are to be returned to the basket, so children will have them the next Sunday. Nineteen of the thirty bags are missing. Please check at home or in your car to see if you might have accidentally taken a bag out of church.

KidZone news

Are you ready for your kids to go back to school? While school is important, so is church fellowship and a reminder that God is with us all week long. A good way to get both is to come on Wednesday nights. Youth dinners are a good place to get a great meal and fellowship with others. KidZone is a good way to help remind kids that God is with them everyday, even when they are at school.

Kidzone is for children from Kindergarten through 5th grade. We will start back up January 13th from 6:15-7:15pm following Wednesday night dinner. Lots of kids = lots of fun! What a way to encourage your children to bring a friend to church. We hope to see you and your friends soon!

Your leaders, *Tommy and Jaccy Stehle*

The Pastor's Corner

Happy New Year!

It is now far enough into 2010 that a large number of people have already broken their New Year's resolutions. I couldn't help but feel sorry for all those who made resolutions to go to the gym regularly, only to have their good intentions dashed by the terrible weather. However, I want you to know that my dog Maggie and I faithfully went on our walk this morning even though the temperature was below zero. We took the short route.

What will the new year bring at North Cross? It has come to my attention that we have two groups of people right now. Those who have already heard a lot about the Geothermal project and the associated capital campaign, and those who are about to hear a lot more about it.

Printed inside, you will find a list of our Capital Campaign Leadership Team. First, let me say a big THANKS to each of them for being brave enough to say yes. Second, let me say that these people need help and may be recruiting you. I encourage you to say YES as well. Why not take the proactive approach and ask some of them how you can help?

Did I mention the weather? Yes, it is cold outside, but the warmth and love that come from working together as a church can be one of the greatest experiences in life. I hope you are excited about 2010 at North Cross. I am!

In Christ,

Pastor Neal

Person to person:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Hospitalized: Robert Taylor, Centerpoint Medical Center

✠ We offer our sympathy to Chris and Stephanie Gray and family in the death of Chris' grandfather, Wilfred Schremmer, in Great Bend, Kansas, on Monday, December 7th, 2009; to Ron and Sue Berry in the death of Ron's uncle, Ben McKinney, on December 15th in Shreveport, Louisiana; to John Giar and his family in the death of Marie on December 19th; to Marjorie Bird and family in the death of Ed on Thursday, December 31st; to Richard Coleman in the death of his mother, Ruth, on December 13th; and to Dave and Debbie Grosko in the death of her mother, Rhonda Miller, on January 2, 2010.

Congratulations to great-grandmother, Jackie Tucker, in the birth of two great-grandchildren: *Jacob Wesley*, born on December 27th, 2009, to parents Sam and Melissa Lancaster, and *Jack Johnson*, born on Saturday, January 2nd, 2010, to parents Curtis and Amy McClure.

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