

North Cross Spirit

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

June 1, 2009

...coming up in Worship...

The clergy are in Springfield this weekend, attending the required Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. While they are away, the laity of the church will provide the leadership for this week's services.

Please join us this Sunday as Tom Gee brings us a message entitled "Stand by Me." Tom will prepare us to welcome our new lead pastor.

Lay members participating in the services are Susan Young, LaDonna Ebright, Tom Gee, Bill Chastain, Brenda Coots and Patsy Schmutz. The focus of the morning will be on the laity of our church. Exodus 17:12 is our scripture for the day.

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: "God Calls Moses" Teri Jan Overton

Good News: Room 206

Lesson: "At the Cross" Jim Funk

Friendship: Room 202

Lesson: "God Calls Moses" Marj Strong

Inquirer's: Fellowship Hall

Lesson: "The Bible Rx for Health and Longevity" Glenda Kinder

FaithWorks: Room 207

Lesson: "God Calls Moses" Deborah Mason

Pathfinders: Room 200

Lesson: "A Refugee at the King's Table" Mary Lou Stewart

Contemporary Conversations: Lounge

Lesson: "Religious Identity" Kay Lynne Myers

Church's Annual Conference will confirm new pastoral leadership for North Cross

This week, Friday-Monday, your pastors and laity are in Springfield, Missouri, attending the *Annual Conference* of all the United Methodist Churches in Missouri. At the close of the session on Monday, June 8th, Bishop Schnase will "fix" the appointment of Neal Lassinger as Senior Pastor and reappoint Dennis Stone as Associate. These appointments become a reality on July 1.

Representing North Cross this week are our lay delegates, Emily Brown, Marianne Horned and Jaccy Stehle. Also in attendance and representing the church are pastors Rev. Rick Hammett, Rev. Dennis Stone, and Rev. Glenda Callicott.

Sessions commence Friday morning and will include financial business, ordination of new clergy, and numerous procedural amendments forwarded from last year's General Conference. These must be voted upon by all Annual Conferences for ratification.

Of particular note to North Cross members will be the retirement service on Saturday morning when former pastor, Alan Pruitt, and your current pastor will be recognized and enter the retired relationship with the United Methodist Church. This service is open to any who wish to attend.

As in recent years, this year's conference will be held at the Springfield Convention Center.

Sundays in June will offer variety of leadership

Annual Conference and a change in pastoral leadership result in a varied schedule and preaching responsibilities this month.

June 7: Laity provide leadership in absence of pastors

June 14: Rick will preach: *Finding the Good-Bye*
Retirement Reception: 2-4 p.m.

June 21: Rick's last Sunday his message is entitled:
Lessons Learned Along the Way

June 28: Dennis will preach

July 5th: Come welcome Neal Lassinger

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

T-Shirts For Sale



The new North Cross logo was designed by our own Kerry Meier. See the tee shirt, with the new logo, in Fellowship Hall on Sundays.

An order form will be available - put your name and size on the form. Cost is \$10.

“Props” needed for VBS

We are in need of “props” to decorate for Vacation Bible School. VBS starts on Sunday evening, July 12th, and concludes on Thursday evening, July 16th.

Camp Edge is the theme (Experiencing and Discovering God Everywhere!), and we are looking for the following items:

- Non-decorated Christmas trees
- Skiing gear
- Camping gear
- Painted signs
- Butcher paper on a roll (brown, blue or green)
- Tents

Please bring your items to the church. We’ll be sure to put your name on your items, take good care of them, and return them to you. Thank you for your support of the programs of the children’s ministry.

Don’t forget that you can register for VBS (participants and volunteers) on the church website www.northcrossumc.org.

Last Chance!

Safe Sanctuary is a training to reduce the risk of abuse in the church. We go over what is abuse, statistics, how to report an incident, what precautions to take to protect youth and children, etc. Then people will register in the Family Registry through the state of Missouri and apply for a background check. After this process, you will be a certified worker with youth and children at North Cross.

Mark your calendars for June 15, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. If you have any questions please call Glenda Callicott at 452-2939.

Request from the new pastor

“Please tell the congregation to wear their name badges.” This is exactly what our new pastor, Neal, has asked us to do.

If you don’t have a name badge, or can’t find it, then sign your name on the order sheet by the office door.

Please indicate on the form if you are requesting a name tag with a CORD, a CLIP, or a MAGNETIC name tag. There is no charge for name tags with a cord or clip. Magnetic name badges are \$5.



Guess what’s coming....

from Sunday, August 2nd through
Thursday, August 6th

You guessed it! Now is the time to start gathering your salable, gently-used Big Stuff (furniture and large items), Household Items, Linens, Toys and Clothes for men, women, and children, and items for the Teen Department.

There will still be the ever-popular Miscellaneous, Books and Baby Needs (car seats, carriers, strollers, beds, etc.).

Also, it isn’t too early to begin baking and freezing items for the Pantry.

Now here is some really exciting news! The Super Sale profits will go toward new doors on the kitchen cabinets and new flooring in the children’s restrooms.



Coming This Week...

Thursday, June 4

Annual Conference begins today

6:00 a.m. Tai Chi
 9:00 a.m. UMW Sewing/Quilting
 11:30 a.m. Tai Chi

Friday, June 5

Annual Conference

Saturday, June 6

Annual Conference

7:00 p.m. Over 55 Dance

Sunday, June 7

Laity Sunday

Annual Conference

8:30 a.m. Worship
 9:30 a.m. Children's Music
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 2:00 p.m. Piano Recital
 4:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

Monday, June 8

Annual Conference ends at Noon

8:30 a.m. Camp Shakespeare
 11:00 a.m. Tai Chi
 1:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday, June 9

8:30 a.m. Camp Shakespeare
 9:00 a.m. TOPS
 10:00 a.m. Paint for Fun
 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace Class
 6:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge
 7:00 p.m. DAR
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Board
 7:00 p.m. Wood Carvers

Wednesday, June 10

8:30 a.m. Camp Shakespeare
 11:00 a.m. Grandparent Support

Thursday, June 11

6:00 a.m. Tai Chi
 8:30 a.m. Camp Shakespeare
 11:30 a.m. Tai Chi
 1:30 p.m. Wesleyan Women Circle
 4:30 p.m. 4 One Band
 6:30 p.m. Mo. Extension Food Prep Class

Cursillo is.....

- ◆ AN INCREDIBLE experience in Christian community for United Methodist people.
- ◆ AN ATMOSPHERE in which growth is both possible and attainable in a fellowship of trust.
- ◆ A WAY of renewal in the United Methodist Church through a new look at Methodist traditions, teachings, sacraments and responsibility and mission beyond the normal Sunday service, focusing on living a life of grace.

When is it?

The Coed Weekend begins Thursday evening, July 23rd, and ends Sunday afternoon, July 16th. Time flies on these weekends, and when it ends, you will not be ready to leave.

Talk with Patsy or anyone you know who has been through one of these weekends for more information. You can pick up an application in the church office. Cost is \$60 - not bad for eight meals and plenty of snacks. Scholarship are available.

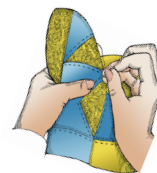
Please join us in a celebration of
 Rick's 40 years of
 ministry and his retirement.

Sunday, June 14th
 2 to 4 p.m.
 Fellowship Hall

No gifts, but you may contribute
 to the *Hammett Fun Fund*.

Northland Needlers 27th Annual Quilt Show

June 12th & 13th
 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.
 Admission \$5



Gashland Presbyterian Church
 8029 North Oak Trafficway

Over 200 handcrafted quilts, wearable and textile art works for sale. Proceeds benefit Shepherd's Center of the Northland.

Rick's Ruminations:

I was reminded recently that some companies stay with the "core business," and others achieve success or sometimes disintegrate due to diversification. The recent economic meltdown has many culprits, but certainly one of those culprits contributing to our current reality seems to have been the unrealistic desire and expectation that the "quick buck" and rising values could be manipulated, assuring unending prosperity for investors. I don't know who wrote the following, but I believe it captures some truth about our culture and lives.

*This is the age
Of the half-read page
And the mad dash
And the quick hash
The bright night
With the nerves tight
The plane hop
And the brief stop
The big shot
In a soft spot
The lamp tan
In a brief span
And the brain strain
And the nerve pain
And the cat naps
Till the spring snaps
And the fun's done!*

There's been a lot of talk about what went wrong. Maybe what went wrong was that we (business and individuals) didn't focus enough on our *core business*.

At North Cross we have said for the last several years that our main business is to be **transformed by Christ's love to make disciples and serve others**. How are we doing? Have you been TRANSFORMED? Have you even been altered a little by the way you have responded to God's presence and love for you? And if you say "yes," then where is the evidence?

Are you serving others in different ways, inviting or introducing others to Jesus?

In a few weeks I will no longer be your pastor. Neal and Dennis will be with you to lead and serve. Each of you can evaluate their work (and probably will), but that's really "diversification" from your "core business" of being a disciple of Jesus.

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Person to person:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- **Hospitalized:** Merta Powers, NKC
- We offer our sympathy to Marguerite Brightman in the death of her brother, John E. Brightman, on May 20th in Mayville, NY. John was 92 years old.
- Thank you for your prayers, support, and memorials in our loss of Lynn and Mom.
Jerry, Brian, and Becky Valet
- Congratulations to Jan Braker, who welcomed her third great-grandchild this past week. Cohen Michael Hochstein was born on May 27, 2009.
- We welcome John McCarty to North Cross. He joined the congregation on Sunday, May 31, 2009.
- North Star UMC will be holding a garage sale on Saturday, June 6th, from 8 a.m. to 3 pm., 1908 Plumbers Way, Suite 400, Liberty, MO 64068. Cash only.
- Only 8 Royals tickets left. Call the office today.

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