

North Cross Spirit

... telling the news of North Cross Church

March 1, 2010

...coming up in Worship...

*Lenten Series:
Sacrifice for Joy*

*This Week:
Why Risk It?*

Check out Matthew 25:14-30

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: "Mission to the Community"
Ginnie Collins

Good News: Room 206

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

Friendship: Room 202

Lesson: "Currents Events" Don Rose

Inquirer's: Fellowship Hall

Lesson: "Is Deuteronomy Important?"
Jeanne Lawing

FaithWorks: Room 207

Lesson: "Jesus and Zacchaeus:
Put It Behind You" Helen Foster

Pathfinders: Room 200

Lesson: "Current Events" Bill Overbey

Contemporary Conversations: Lounge

Lesson: "Parents of Missionaries—Be Careful
What You Wish For" Alan Mast

BUILDING on our PAST while CHARTING our FUTURE

Do you remember Hoppy the Frog?

Hoppy the Frog has been a member of the North Cross United Methodist Church since 1974, the year his creator, Rev. Carlton Knight, became senior minister. Hoppy was born years earlier when Rev. Knight pastored First Methodist Church in Aurora, Missouri.

Rev. Knight and Hoppy shared a special time with children during Sunday worship services, with a message designed for them. Adults enjoyed the stories also. In the next several years, the congregation met Hoppy's friends—Old Basso, Hortense, Tippy Toad, and Fing Fu—with lessons in sharing, friendship, forgiveness, obedience and individuality.

Through the efforts of Loveta Capps, a retired English teacher, a 60-page book, *Hoppy and Friends*, was published, containing 15 stories and illustrated by the pastor's wife, Aliene.

60th Anniversary Celebration — June 27



Easter will be here before we know it, and that means our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be also. Our hunt will be held on Saturday, March 27th, at 10 a.m. We are in need of Easter candy, trinkets, or maybe a bookmark to put in the kids goody bags to take home. If you are able to provide any of these items, please place them under the Sharing Tree and label them "CMT Egg Hunt".

Please leave your donations by Sunday, March 21st. Thank you for supporting Children's Ministry in the Easter Season!

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 Tuesday, March 30th. We will learn about church life cycles and then share in remembering and discovering our history.

Sunday, March 14th Daylight Savings Time
Sunday, March 21st The Drama Team presents the message, and Communion will be served.

Sunday, March 28th Celebrations abound! Palm Sunday Worship, Capital Campaign Commitment Sunday and All Church Celebrations with Brunch and Lunch.

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

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

Easter Continues on April 11th: The Message is the Music by the Chancel Choir at both services. Capital Campaign Announcement Sunday and celebration of our First Fruits Offering.

Choir trip to Scotland and Ireland

Information Meeting will be Sunday, March 14th, at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please come and hear about the choir's next trip overseas, visiting Scotland, Ireland, and England's Lake District. This meeting is for anyone who is interested in going to these places with the choir. You do not have to sing with the choir, just enjoy the tour with them. 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 Two: Make a list of 10 people and pray for them each day of the week. Forgive those whom you need to forgive and ask for forgiveness from them.

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 hshphard@816nutrition.com. Please RSVP by March 9th.

15th Annual Tea Dance
Sunday, March 28th, 2010
2 to 4 p.m.
Winnetonka High School
5815 NE 48th Street, KCMO 64119

Sponsored by Junior and Senior
NKC students
For more information, call 413.5047

Coming This Week...

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.

Friday, March 5

4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts

Saturday, March 6

8:30 a.m. Alpha Saturday
 7:00 p.m. Treats & Trivia Night

Sunday, March 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
 12:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Team
 Potluck
 4:30 p.m. Hand Bell Practice
 6:30 p.m. God & Country Program

Monday, March 8

11:00 a.m. Tai Chi
 1:00 p.m. UMW Bible Study
 6:00 p.m. Early Childhood Board
 7:00 p.m. Simple Church
 7:00 p.m. Cub & Boy Scouts

Tuesday, March 9

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
 11:30 a.m. Northland Families Learn
 6:30 p.m. Daisy Scouts
 6:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge
 7:00 p.m. DAR
 7:00 p.m. Wood Carvers
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Board

Wednesday, March 10

9:00 a.m. Isaiah Study
 10:30 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, March 11

6:00 a.m. Tai Chi
 11:30 a.m. Tai Chi
 1:30 p.m. Wesleyan Circle
 4:30 p.m. 4 One Band Practice
 6:00 p.m. Alpha
 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Unit Mtg.

Prayer Walk Available

You are invited to take a self-guided walk through North Cross. A map of North Cross showing where plaques are placed is 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 Heartland District UMW is coming to North Cross

The Heartland Central United Methodist Women's Spring District Meeting will be meeting at North Cross on March 20th. We are expecting about 100 (or more) women from across the city to come to our wonderful church to have their meeting, meet old friends and see our church.

United Methodist Women consists of all the women in the church who would like to belong to our organization and who have an interest in Missions here at home and around the globe. I hope that there are many women who have not yet expressed a desire to be a member of UMW, but would like to help us show our church in its best light because of this large meeting. So, if you have Saturday, March 20th, available and would like to help, and even attend the meeting of women from across Kansas City, please contact me, and I will be glad to give you information.

The area where we will be needing help is in the kitchen to prepare and serve a light breakfast snack for those attending, and the clean-up after they all go into the meeting. We will also need ambassadors to welcome our guests and to show them where they need to go.

Of course, if you would like to see how the District runs and attend the communion served in our sanctuary, we would love to have you attend the meeting. It starts at 9 a.m., and an advance fee of \$3 is required by March 12th.

NOTE: Usually the host church wins the attendance award...can we follow the trend?



United
Methodist
Women

UMW President
 Gaye Merchant
 Phone: 816.420.8255

Crestview Valentines

Thank you to those of you who donated packages of valentines to Crestview Elementary School. I wish all of you could have seen, as I did, how some of those were being used.

A group of children were sitting at a round table with a teacher at the end of the hall the day before their Valentine's Party. Curiosity got the best of me, so I looked to see what they were doing. The children were all from the refugee camp in Myanmar, the former Burma. They each had a package of valentines and were busily putting stickers on them, inserting them into envelopes, etc.

These children are usually very quiet, but I could see the look of pure joy on their faces. The refugee children were the first to receive the packages of valentines, because their parents would possibly have difficulty understanding where, what and how to buy them.

Valentines were one of the many new experiences for these children. Before coming to the USA, these children had not been in stores, nor had most of their parents, because the government provided for their needs in the camp. Money is just one of the things these families had to learn about. Some had never seen stairs, so the stairs in their apartments were new to them. Some didn't understand how to use the stove or microwaves in their apartments. Some parents do not know how to read and write, so they use an "X" for their signature.

Crestview is providing a very warm environment in which these children are learning English and our American way of life.

Your generous donations throughout the year help these children, as well as many others.

Rita McCall

North Cross Outreach Committee



Person to person:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Hospitalized: Merta Powers, NKC

Menu for March 10th: *Chicken Enchiladas, Refried Beans, Corn, Tortilla & Cheese*

- It's not too late to sign up for Treats and Trivia night, which will be held on Saturday, March 6th, at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Call Vickie at 452.2939, or e-mail her at vlinch@northcrossumc.org.

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