

# North Cross Spirit

... telling the news of North Cross Church

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March 8, 2010

*...coming up in Worship...*

*We'll shift gears from our emphasis on stewardship and refocus on Lent as we journey toward Easter.*

*Revised Sermon Topic  
for this week:  
Passing Mid-Term Exams  
Or Dreaming with God*

**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: "A Community to Redeem" Jan Braker

**Good News:** Room 206

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

**Friendship:** Room 202

Lesson: "A Community to Redeem" Charles Weems

**Inquirer's:** Fellowship Hall

Lesson: "Discussion of Program Themes" L. D. Herman

**FaithWorks:** Room 207

Lesson: "Jesus and Bartimaeus: The Miracle of Love" Debbie Grosko

**Pathfinders:** Room 200

Lesson: "The Priority of Service to God" Randy Young

**Contemporary Conversations:** Lounge

Lesson: "The Morality of Filing Bankruptcy" Judge Jerry Venters

## **BUILDING on our PAST while CHARTING our FUTURE**

### *Bicentennial Observance, 1976*

By recreating four important eras of Methodist history, North Cross United Methodist Church involved the entire congregation in a month-long Bicentennial commemoration. Each Sunday in July was devoted to a different period—colonial, camp revival, early 20<sup>th</sup> century, and modern. Wanda Lee Kalsu chaired the church's Bicentennial and worship committees for the events.

During the colonial service on July 4, senior minister Carlton Knight preached a sermon taken from two of John Wesley's sermons. Both Rev. Knight and Rev. Daily dressed in formal attire from the colonial period. Women and men were seated on opposite sides of the center aisle, as was the custom, and George Greer, board president, was designated "Tything-Man" to nudge men with a pole and tickle ladies with a feather to keep them awake during the service.

For the camp meeting, Rev. Daily preached a revival-style sermon with enthusiastic audience participation. Wildflowers decorated the altar. A lemonade social was held on the lawn after church.

The following Sunday, the emphasis was on social change. Early in the service, a suffragette march temporarily interrupted the proceedings with shouting and sign-waving. The early 20<sup>th</sup> century was also a time when Methodist women's groups, Ladies Aid and The Female Foreign Mission Society became prominent movers in the mission program.

A contemporary service on the final July Sunday featured a dialog sermon between the pastors. LaDonna Ebright and Bobbie Killion did an interpretative dance of scriptures, and Mildred Killion read an epic poem of 200 years of American History.

*60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration — June 27*

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

## Coming Attractions...

**Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>** Daylight Savings Time. Don't forget to change your clocks ahead one hour!

**Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>** The Drama Team presents the message, and Communion will be served.

**Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>** Celebrations abound! Palm Sunday Worship, Capital Campaign Commitment Sunday and All-Church Celebrations with Brunch and Lunch.

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

**Maundy Thursday:** Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>; Worship Service at 7 p.m. with Communion.

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

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

## XYZs to host Senior Barn Players

On Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, the XYZs will gather at 11:30 a.m. for their monthly meeting. A Potluck luncheon will start at noon, followed by "Just In Time" - a presentation of the Barn Players.

Please bring a dish to share. Drinks will be furnished. Hope to see you there!

**Informational Meeting for the  
Chancel Choir trip to Scotland, Ireland,  
and the Lake District of England  
July 2011**

**Meet in the Sanctuary and have all your  
questions answered by Deborah Mason.  
Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.**

## 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 Three: Take a small gift to someone (a friend, a relative, a neighbor). Tell them how much they mean to you. Make a gift or bake or buy.

## Crestview plans Community Garden

Along with your donations of socks, backpacks, toiletries and valentines, money has been generously donated to the Crestview fund. Among other things, this money has been used to purchase shoes and sweatpants for needy students.

This spring your money is going to help build a new kitchen garden in the front of the school. The garden will have six 4'x12' raised beds where student gardeners from kindergarten through 5th grade will plant seeds and be responsible for their care after planting in the garden.

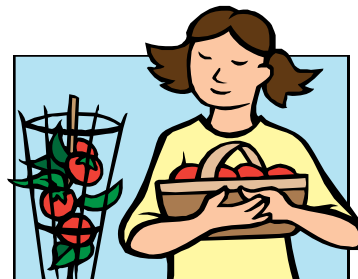
Plants and gardening will be incorporated into different areas of the curriculum. Planted in the garden will be traditional vegetables, as well as vegetables from the home countries of the refugee and immigrant students.

The produce will be used in the weekend food packs, in the school lunch menu and in after-school programs.

The garden leadership team is comprised of staff members, parents and business and community partners. Vocational students from North Kansas City High School will provide labor to help construct the raised beds and perform turf removal.

A thank-you note for our donation was received from Kent Yocum, the English Language Learner teacher at Crestview and a developer of this garden project.

*Rita McCall, North Cross Outreach Committee*



## Coming This Week...

### 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 Meeting

### Friday, March 12

9:30 a.m. .... Adventures in Learning  
 5:15 p.m. .... Wedding Rehearsal  
 6:00 p.m. .... Daisy Scout Overnight  
 7:00 p.m. .... Down Syndrome Mtg.

### Saturday, March 13

1:00 p.m. .... DAR  
 3:00 p.m. .... Wedding  
 6:30 p.m. .... Game Night

### Sunday, March 14 (Youth Auction)

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  
 2:00 p.m. .... Choir Trip Info Mtg.  
 4:30 p.m. .... Hand Bell Practice  
 6:30 p.m. .... God & Country Program

### Monday, March 15

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

### Tuesday, March 16

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. .... XYZ Potluck  
 11:30 a.m. .... Northland Families Learn  
 6:00 p.m. .... Boy Scout Bd.  
 6:30 p.m. .... Trustees  
 6:30 p.m. .... Duplicate Bridge  
 7:00 p.m. .... Wood Carvers

### Wednesday, March 17

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 18

6:00 a.m. .... Tai Chi  
 9:00 a.m. .... UMW Sewing/Quilting  
 10:00 a.m. .... Mommy & Me  
 11:30 a.m. .... Tai Chi  
 4:30 p.m. .... 4 One Band Practice  
 6:00 p.m. .... Alpha

## The Heartland District UMW is coming to North Cross

The Heartland Central United Methodist Women's Spring District Meeting will be at North Cross on March 20<sup>th</sup>. 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. If you have Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, available and would like to help and 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.

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 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

UMW President

Gaye Merchant

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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 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for supporting Children's Ministry in the Easter Season!



## Job Club update

We are looking for a position for a person who has an excellent reputation for consulting with businesses (both nationwide and international) about starting new programs, thinking "outside the box," and who has entrepreneurial experience in many areas, as well as sales experience. If you're able to help, please contact Steve at 816.682.4304. The North Cross Job Club meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Steve Lindsay, Job Club Coordinator

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### **North Cross Memories by Tana Hardin**

I'm a member who has joined North Cross twice - in both the old and the new sanctuaries. I first became a member in the early 1970s when I was single and lived next door at Knollwood. I moved to Virginia, married, returned to Kansas City and joined North Cross the second time in 2005, after the death of my husband, Hal Hardin.

I have several special memories of North Cross through the years:

1. The single rose - For many years, it was the custom to put a single rose on the altar for Sunday services to commemorate the birth of a new baby in a family. I was delighted to share in this tradition in 1975 when my niece was born.
2. Roger's record - As a fund-raiser for the church, Roger Arbuckle created a lovely LP of favorite hymns. The congregation enjoyed the album as much as we enjoyed Roger's musical "punctuation" of the Sunday sermons.
3. My husband's memorial service - Although we were not members at the time, my husband's memorial service was held at North Cross. Pastor Rick and the North Cross staff were so welcoming and supportive that we felt like lifelong church members. Pastor Rick officiated and provided a touching and memorable service that will always be special to my family.

For me, North Cross has always provided a supportive, inclusive example of what it means to be a Christian.

*Reminder: You too can share a personal memory. Leave your paragraph at the church office before April 30th, addressed to Beverly Whitaker.*

**60th Anniversary Celebration - June 27**

### **Person to person:**

#### **CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

**Hospitalized:** Merta Powers, NKC

Menu for March 17<sup>th</sup>: *Sloppy Joes, Tater Tots, Green Beans, Veggie Sticks*

- March/April issued of The Upper Room devotional booklets are now available. Check the wall rack by the church office for your copy. \$1 per copy.
- The Silent Auction, sponsored by the North Cross Youth, will continue through Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. You may view items and place your bid in Fellowship Hall.
- The United Methodist Men will meet for breakfast on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at 8 a.m. at Denny's Restaurant, Armour Road, North Kansas City. All men of the church are invited to attend.

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