

# North Cross Spirit

... telling the news of North Cross Church

May 18, 2009

...coming up in Worship...

## How green are your memories?

*Memorial Day*, as a holiday, was not established to mark the beginning of summer. Officially, that is still nearly a month away. Rather, it was established to recognize and set a specific time of remembrance and honoring of those who had contributed their very lives to this nation. For many, it is a time to remember loved ones, visit graves and recall the influence of those no longer physically present.

This week Pastor Rick will share a meditation entitled, *Keeping Your Memories Green*. The sacrament of Holy Communion will be shared, and we will remember those who have died in the last 12 months who were a part of this congregation.

## 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: "New Life in the Home"

Ginnie Collins

### Good News: Room 206

Lesson: "Connected"

Jim Funk

### Friendship: Room 202

Lesson: "New Life in the Home"

Bill Overbey

### Inquirer's: Fellowship Hall

Lesson: "The Seven Last Words of Christ"

Tom Gee

### FaithWorks: Room 207

Lesson: "New Life in the Home"

Deborah Mason

### Pathfinders: Room 200

Lesson: "Beauty and the Beast" Bob Diehl

### Contemporary Conversations: Lounge

Lesson: "Should We Have National Health Care?"

Jane Brown

## Church votes to establish building committee for needed replacements

Last week in a congregational meeting, those present and voting unanimously approved the following proposal:

"Authorize the church to organize a building committee to refine the *Look Ahead* program developed by the Trustees. This committee would be charged with the responsibility to develop detailed plans as well as a time line to implement the replacement of existing HVAC units with a Geothermal system, as well as accompanying work. This committee would be required to return to the congregation to share detailed information and further approval of final plans, funding and any contracts, throughout this process. It is understood that no monies from the operating fund would be expended for this purpose."

The above action fulfills the requirements of the church's *Discipline* (law book) and now enables the congregation to proceed in making decisions that would replace worn out heating and cooling units, increase efficiency and lower operating costs for many years to come.



## Building Committee elected as well

**BUILDING COMMITTEE** To implement the above proposal, the Lay Leadership committee, charged with the responsibility of recommending leadership for the church, proposed the following persons:

Chairman, Tom Schmutz	Glenda Kinder
Larry Wickham	Jerry Judson
Jerry Shreeves	Cara Terrell
Ron Winans	Shelli Irwin
Greg Phillips	

These were elected unanimously. They will begin to meet and work to refine proposals and lead the congregation in this process in the coming months.

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

## Dinner for 8 offered - June to Sept.

Dinner for 8 (in or out) is a 4-month program where people share a meal with others from the church once a month. This is a fellowship experience, a “getting to know someone new” experience, and you may sign up for either eating in homes (*Dinner for 8—In*) or eating out (*Dinner for 8—Out*) in a restaurant. After you sign up, you will be sent a letter letting you know the names of the people in your group. One person from your group will be asked to call the others and schedule the first dinner.

If you choose *Dinner for 8—In*, one of the members of the group will host the dinner at their home, and they will provide the main course and the beverage. Other members of the group will provide the side dishes and dessert. The next month the hosting is rotated to another home.

*Dinner for 8—Out* will select a restaurant each of the 4 months, where the group will meet for breakfast, lunch, or dinner—the group will decide which.

Pick up a registration form from the table in the entryway and return it to the church office or leave it in the offering plate at a worship service.

This is a great way to expand your circle of friends at North Cross and to strengthen the fellowship of our church.

## Order your North Cross logo tee-shirt now



The new North Cross logo was designed by our own Kerry Meier. See the tee shirt with the new logo in Fellowship Hall starting Sunday, May 24th.

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

## Join in celebrating Rick's retirement

Staff Parish has planned a celebration in honor of Rick's 40 years of ministry and his upcoming retirement. The celebration will be held on Sunday, June 14th, from 2 to 4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

A fund, the *Hammett Fun Fund*, has been set up for those who wish to help Rick, Karen, and Xavian further enjoy the benefit of Rick's retirement. Gift certificates, babysitting expenses, and family fun items will be purchased with the money and given to the family on June 14th.

You may make your check payable to North Cross and note on the memo line *Hammett Fun Fund*.

## Description of Special Giving 2009 Annual Conference Offering

The 2009 Offering to Complete Unfinished Church Buildings: Mozambique remains one of the ten poorest countries in the world. It is difficult for United Methodist congregations to build permanent facilities to house the more than 180 parishes throughout the country. Many chapels, as they are called, started with a dream and a vision, but little money. Each year the congregation does what it can on the building, but during years of drought or disaster, sometimes that is not possible.

The Missouri Mozambique Initiative has begun a program to complete many of the church buildings started in the past, offering funds to match what is raised locally.

Some chapels are small projects, some are very large cathedral-like projects that are almost complete—and there is everything in between. Help change the face of the United Methodist Church in Mozambique by helping to complete these unfinished chapels across the country.

Every church in the conference, no matter how large or small, is being encouraged to give a gift to finish church buildings in Mozambique. Checks are to be made out to North Cross, with a notation for 2009 Annual Conference Project. Donations may be made up until May 24th.

Marianne Horned, Jaccy Stehle and Emily Brown will represent North Cross as our Lay Leaders to the 2009 Annual Conference.

## Coming This Week...

### Thursday, May 21

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  
 6:00 p.m. .... Finance Meeting

### Friday, May 22

9:30 a.m. .... Adventures In Learning

### Saturday, May 23

9:00 a.m. .... Meet at church for golf at Long View  
 2:00 p.m. .... Emily's Graduation Party

### Sunday, May 24

8:30 a.m. .... Worship  
 9:30 a.m. .... Children's Music  
 9:45 a.m. .... Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. .... Worship  
 CICI Pizza Day

### Monday, May 25

Memorial Day  
 (Building Closed)

### Tuesday, May 26

9:00 a.m. .... TOPS  
 10:00 a.m. .... Paint for Fun  
 6:30 p.m. .... Daisy Scouts  
 6:30 p.m. .... Financial Peace Class  
 6:30 p.m. .... Duplicate Bridge

### Wednesday, May 27

6:30 p.m. .... Chancel Choir Practice

### Thursday, May 28

6:00 a.m. .... Tai Chi  
 11:30 a.m. .... Tai Chi  
 4:30 p.m. .... 4 One Band  
 6:00 p.m. .... Missouri Extension Class

## Thank You!!!

The youth want to thank all of the Wednesday Dinner participants for their year-long support. We served 31 meals to approximately 1640 adults and earned \$3319.66. The monies earned will help fifteen youth pay for their 2009 mission trip, as well as other youth activities and events.

North Cross and friends:  
 You are simply AWESOME!!

## United Methodist Family Day at the K

On Friday, July 17th, the 18th Annual United Methodist Men-sponsored evening at the ballgame takes place. This is a great opportunity to be among the first fans to see the Royals Hall of Fame, watch former Royals greats and MLB stars play an exhibition game, watch the Royals vs. Tampa Bay (one of last year's World Series teams), and see a great fireworks show after the game. All this for \$15! Three dollars of each ticket goes toward Kansas and Missouri UMM Conference ministries. The exhibition game begins at 5:00 p.m., and the Royals game, 7:10 p.m.

If you would like to attend, please call the church office ASAP (452.2939). The tickets sell out fast. We will discuss carpooling closer to the date.

## Camp E.D.G.E.

Vacation Bible School will be held Sunday through Thursday this year, July 12 to July 16. The time is 5:55 to 8:15 PM, starting with a light supper for all children and volunteers!

Registration closes July 5, then reopens on July 12 at the registration table. Please pre-register!!!! We still have some key leader positions to fill and need male drama characters (one night only). We have a few surprise visitors.

VBS is for children 4 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. A class for younger children is available for the children of volunteers. Registration is available online. Go to [www.northcrossumc.org](http://www.northcrossumc.org). On the left side, click on VBS. The screen pops up to the VBS page. Enter Participant, then submit. It is so easy! Give it a try.



## Coed Cursillo coming up

The Midland United Methodist Cursillo will hold a coed weekend, beginning the evening of Thursday, July 23rd, and ending on Sunday, July 26th.

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. The cost is \$60—not bad for eight meals and plenty of snacks! Scholarships are available.

## ***Rick's Ruminations:***

When Roman legions conquered the ancient world, they were considered latecomers to history's stage. Many earlier empires had risen and fallen before, leaving only their great monuments. The *Seven Wonders of the World* had long since been an established fact.

Latecomers or not, Roman engineers were among the best in building forts for protection, roads for trade and aqueducts for water. Many of those projects can still be seen today.

In 109 A.D. the Romans constructed an elaborate aqueduct connected to a spring near present day Segovia, Spain. For eighteen centuries that facility carried fresh water. In the year 1900, concerned Spanish citizens realized the historical value of the structure and decided to preserve it for posterity. They laid modern pipes and re-channeled the water flow. But what happened? Much to their regret, the aqueduct disintegrated. The hot sun dried the mortar, the stones began to sag and fall, and many sections crumbled to the earth. What centuries of useful service could not destroy, idleness soon accomplished.

What is it they say? "Use it or lose it."

Machines must be kept in active service, or their gears will lock; and they begin to rust. Our bodies have the same need. Without exercise and constant use, our muscles atrophy. Unless our minds are engaged and challenged, we begin to lose brain capacity. Our hearts need constant care and exercise, in the physical as well as the spiritual realms.

Friendships must be nurtured, as well as our relationship with God. If we fail to do so, we may find these important relationships disintegrating and diminishing.

On this weekend when we remember others, I want you to ask yourself, "For what will I be remembered?"

This weekend when we are encouraged to remember the lives of others, I'll be suggesting there are some reasons for us to keep our own memories green, as well as to leave positive memories for others.

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## ***Person to person:***

### **CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

**Hospitalized:** Betty Pierson, Maxine Mason, NKC

- ◆ The church will be closed on Monday, May 25th, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.
- ◆ We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Dorothy J. Blydenburgh, who died on May 11, 2009.
- ◆ We offer our sympathy to Jerry Valet in the death of his former wife, Lynn, on Friday, May 15, 2009.
- ◆ The May/June Upper Room devotional books are available in the rack outside the Office. Cost is \$1.
- ◆ There is still a need for summer Sunday School teachers for the children's department. Please call Glenda Callicott at 452.2939 if you are able to help. You may sign up for as many Sundays as you are able to work into your schedule.

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