

# North Cross Spirit

... telling the news of North Cross Church

Coming up in Worship. . .

*“Curing a Different Kind of Flu”*

*Check out...  
I Timothy 6:3-10*

## 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 Faithful People” Jan Braker

### Good News: Room 206

Lesson: “Beatitudes” Jim Funk

### Friendship: Room 202

Lesson: “A Faithful People” Charles Weems

### Inquirer's: Fellowship Hall

Lesson: “Dreams...Genesis 21” Lillian Ball

### FaithWorks: Room 207

Lesson: “It Takes More Than Four Walls  
To Make a Home” Becky

### Batchelor

### Pathfinders: Room 200

Lesson: “Methodist Beliefs: We Believe in God”  
Rita McCall

### Contemporary Conversations: Lounge

Lesson: “Working with Uganda Orphans”  
Linda and Barry Marshall

November 16, 2009

## Crestview Family Christmas Gifts

Remember Neal's recent message on *Extravagant Generosity* with the acronym H.E.L.P.

Heed the needs of others.

Empy yourself so that you might be filled.

Lift the burdens of others.

Pay the price.

In the past our congregation has been generous with needy families from our partner, Crestview Elementary School. You have heeded their needs and lifted their burdens by giving to these families.

This year, more than ever, the need is great. Seventy percent of the students receive free or reduced breakfast and lunch. One hundred twenty-five receive food packs every weekend. Twenty of the students are homeless. In addition, this year students come from twenty-three different countries, and speak nineteen different languages. Until arriving at Crestview, students from twenty-six families had spent their lives in a refugee camp in Myanmar.

The last two years more requests were made by our congregation for families to assist than the number of Crestview families we had offered. This year, rather than helping 20 needy Crestview families, we are assisting 25 families.

On Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, in Fellowship Hall, following Sunday School and both worship services, we will have information about the 25 Crestview families for which you will have an opportunity to make Christmas happier this year. You may select an individual child, a family, or be part of a group that chooses a family. Adults will be given a towel and washcloth rather than personal gifts. Please limit your gifts to \$35 for each child.

Gifts need to be delivered to North Cross no later than Sunday, December 13th - earlier is even better! Gifts should be individually gift-wrapped, securely labeled with the colored slip of paper with the name that will be given you when you select a child, and a gift name tag. The colored paper identifies the child's name and family number, which guarantees that the correct gift will get to the correct person.

God bless you for your generosity to include needy Crestview children in your holiday plans.

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

## Soup and sandwich luncheon to be held preceding Charge Conference

Soup and sandwich fixings will be available in Fellowship Hall following the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please call the church office to sign up for lunch, or sign the Charge Conference lunch sheet on the table outside the office starting Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Training scheduled for Communion Stewards

Have you always wanted to be a Communion Steward, but didn't know how?

Please come to a short training meeting on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, at 9:30 a.m.

If you're interested but unable to attend the meeting, please call Bev Martin at 455.1599.



## UMM to ring bells for Salvation Army

Our United Methodist Men will be ringing the Salvation Army bells at K-Mart on Vivion Road. Look for them on Saturday, December 5th, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

You aren't going to K-Mart? Just ride by and drop something in their bucket to help them and help the Salvation Army.

**The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.**

## Nametags available

If you wish to have a North Cross nametag, you have several options. Magnet name badges are available at a cost of \$5 per badge. Clip-on or hanging name tags are available at no charge.

Check the sign-up sheet on the table by the office door and mark your preference if you do not already have a name tag. Orders are filled quickly!

## Pew stewards needed

We are always in need of pew stewards to help keep our sanctuary ready for worship services. This volunteer position only takes a couple of hours every 6 weeks. Pew stewards keep the pew racks filled with offering envelopes and scribble sheets for children and pick up papers left behind after worship services. If you can help, please call Mary Alice at 452.2939.

## Job Club Update

Thanks to everyone who gave job leads for the Job Club. Please keep sending them to me or to the church office. We still have 6 people who have attended meetings of the Job Club. We discuss various topics concerning job searching each week at Job Club. Currently, we are working on interviewing techniques. I don't know anyone who enjoys interviewing, but we try to make it as painless as possible for you. With a little work, an interview will be much easier for you, and you will make a much better impression with the interviewer. We will also talk about putting together an appropriate résumé, and how and where to find job leads.

People are seeking employment in accounting, painting heavy equipment, computer programming, custodial and warehouse work, general office work, and chauffeur's work. If you know of any job opportunities in these areas, please contact me.

You do not have to feel alone when searching for a job. There are many of us in the same situation, so come and join us on Mondays at 7 p.m. in Room 202 for a little extra help in your job search.

Steve Lindsay, Job Club Coordinator



## ARE YOU A “VISUALIZER”?

It was 1982. My husband and I were a young couple without children, and we attended a church that housed a preschool during the week. I hate to admit it, but I would ‘visualize’ children running rampant throughout *our* church, causing wear and tear on *my* building, probably using *our* Sunday school supplies, and what could you possibly be teaching a four-year-old that he won’t learn soon enough in Kindergarten? Did I stop in during the week to see what was going on in this so called ‘school’? Sorry to say, I didn’t.

It’s 2009. I’m the director of one of those preschools in a church. I’m the mom of three children who attended a preschool in a church. I certainly see things in a different light now, but I know you are out there! All you skeptics, you...you... visualizers you!

Our preschool employs one director, eight classroom teachers, a music instructor and a P.E. instructor. This year we also have the privilege of having a young intern from Winnetonka High School, who is learning from being in an early childhood classroom. Our teachers are all skilled, some degreed, and eager to attend workshops and seminars each year to build their skills and further their education. We are at full capacity with 112 students. We have waiting lists for several classes.

We use a “Theme-Based” curriculum, which means daily/weekly lessons, projects and activities are built around a particular theme of that week. Teachers make age-appropriate lesson plans on a monthly/weekly basis.

Being in a church, we have the freedom to pray, honor our flag, and teach Christian values. Guess what? We can even hug the little cuties if we want to!!! We teach acceptance of all, respect for peers **and** adults.

The biggest demand placed on teachers is that all teaching be done in a calm, positive, loving and respectful manner. Parents expect nothing less. Parents send their children to us to help prepare them for life outside the reach of their loving arms. That’s why they chose a church! What better place to entrust the early education and growth of your child?

So, thank you for allowing us to share this church and allowing us to help build the foundation they will need for education outside of a church. What a fantastic gift to them and us!

If you are one of those... “those visualizers,” a bit curious, or just for fun, please come and visit us! Monday through Friday, 9:00-3:00.

*Lynn Wollard, Preschool Director*

## *Person to person:*

### CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

**Hospitalized:** None known at time of publication.

✠ We offer our sympathy to Barbara Shortess and family and to the friends of Don Shortess, who died on November 9, 2009.

✠ We offer our sympathy to Bill and Ginnie Collins in the death of Ginnie’s stepmother, June Plumlee, who died on November 12th. A memorial service will be held at North Cross on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, at 2 p.m.

- There will be no Wednesday night meals until January 6, 2010, following the holiday season.
- Charles and Donna Maysent announce the birth of their 10th great-grandchild. Maliah Jane was born November 3rd to Travis and Sally Maysent of Lee’s Summit, MO.

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