

North Cross Spirit

... telling the news of North Cross Church

November 2, 2009

...coming up in Worship...

*Consider what happens when we
add an adjective to a term...*

*This week's message:
"Extravagant Generosity"*

Kicks it up a notch, doesn't it!

Check out 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

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 Chosen People" Ginnie Collins

Good News: Room 206

Lesson: "The Life You Have Always Wanted"
Jim Funk

Friendship: Room 202

Lesson: "A Chosen People" Charles Weems

Inquirer's: Fellowship Hall

Lesson: "Our Unfailing Guide-How to Live by
Faith in an Uncertain World" Pt.1 Ron Berry

FaithWorks: Room 207

Lesson: "Putting God First" Debbie Grosko

Pathfinders: Room 200

Lesson: "Methodist Beliefs: Enduring
Significance" Mary Lou Stewart

Contemporary Conversations: Lounge

Lesson: "Going Green in Kansas City"
Julie Koppen, Publisher of Greenability Magazine

Staff Parish Relations News

The Staff Parish Relations Committee has been meeting regularly for the past several months. The main purpose for these meetings has been to restructure staff positions to align with the church budget deficit. It has been noted by the District Superintendent and the committee that our staff monetary allocation is more than 63% of our total church budget. Due to this deficit, one of the first areas for reorganization has been the children's ministry area.

Deaconess Glenda Callicott has been the Director of the Children's Ministry area for several years. She has been considered a third minister for North Cross. Due to an 18% increase in health insurance for all ministers, plus housing and other benefits allotted to her, North Cross is unable to pay her a compensation package for the next year. Therefore, she has been terminated due to the budget deficit, effective October 30, 2009. The Book of Discipline, the District Superintendent, and the Committee suggest she be paid for ninety days after the date of termination. Also during this time period, she is free from her duties to look for other employment.

Glenda has graciously accepted this termination and has handled herself very professionally. We commend her for her professionalism and love for North Cross. We wish her well and will continue to pray for her and her new employment. If you would like to send notes of appreciation to Glenda, her address is the following:

Rev. Glenda Callicott
19208 East 26th Terrace Court South
Independence, Missouri 64057-7253

The Staff Parish Committee will continue to reorganize staff positions to meet the needs of the church. At the present time, an interim position for the Children's Ministry Area will be posted along with a half-time position for the future. The Committee asks for your prayers and support during this restructuring time. As Pastor Neal said, "We would much rather grow the church than to have to cut staff." Come grow with us!

Blessings,
Susan Young
Staff Parish Relations Chair

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 22nd. 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 1st.

If you are able to make a pot of soup (any kind) for the meal, would you please call the church office at 452.2939.

Game Night coming up Saturday, November 14th

The next Game Night at North Cross will be held on Saturday night, November 14th, from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

All are welcome to attend - if you have a favorite game you would like to play, please bring it with you. We play cards: Hand & Foot, Pitch, Spades, you name it! We play Dominos: Mexican Train and Chicken Foot.

Bring a snack to share - drinks will be furnished. You're guaranteed to have a good time! This will be the last Game Night of the year - we will not meet in December.

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 21st, at 9:30 a.m.

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



Northland Christmas Store 2009 needs volunteers



The Northland Christmas Store is a cooperative, volunteer effort of businesses, churches, schools, individuals, and organizations to lend assistance to qualified Clay County residents during the holiday season.

Volunteers are needed to help set up the store and keep it stocked and also to take clients through. Help is needed starting Sunday afternoon, December 6th, and the store is open from Monday, December 7th, through Thursday, December 10th.

This would be a great Sunday School class project. Call Wilbur and Vondell Neill at 468.6977 and talk with them about the day and time you can volunteer.

Check *The Spirit* next week for the item that North Cross will collect for the Northland Christmas Store.

Job Club update Monday evenings @ 7 p.m. in Room 202

Six people attended the Job Club over the last three weeks. If you have possible leads for Job Club members, please contact the church office at 452.2939 with information.

People are seeking jobs in the following areas:

- ◆ Has many years of experience in accounting. Looking for a part-time position involving bookkeeping or accounting. Has experience in Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable.
- ◆ Has a Class "A" CDL and experience painting heavy equipment. Is knowledgeable about tools and would consider tool sales.
- ◆ Is an experienced computer programmer and is working on completing a Medical Transcriber's Certificate. Would like to work at home as a Medical Transcriber.
- ◆ Has extensive experience in the building material trade. Experience in shipping/receiving, as well as general office work.
- ◆ Has experience in janitorial and warehouse work and has a Class "E" chauffeur's license. Is open to warehouse or janitorial work.
- ◆ Has current warehouse experience and software programming experience. Would like to work as a software programmer.

Coming This Week...

Thursday, November 5

6:00 a.m.	Tai Chi
9:00 a.m.	UMW Sewing & Quilters
11:30 a.m.	Tai Chi
4:30 p.m.	4 One Band Practice

Friday, November 6

4:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
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Saturday, November 7

8:00 a.m.	UMMen/Breakfast at Denny's in NKC
7:00 p.m.	One Homeless Night/ Youth event
7:00 p.m.	Over 55 Dance

Sunday, November 8 *Communion*

8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship
9:30 a.m.	Children's Music
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School <i>Coffee always in the kitchen</i>
11:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
12:00 p.m.	Young Adult Luncheon
4:30 p.m.	Hand Bell Practice

Monday, November 9

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

Tuesday, November 10

9:00 a.m.	Me, Myself & Lies Study
9:00 a.m.	TOPS
10:00 a.m.	Paint for Fun
10:30 a.m.	O.P. Bridge Group
6:00 p.m.	Finance
6:30 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge
6:30 p.m.	Daisy Scouts
7:00 p.m.	DAR
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Board
7:00 p.m.	Wood Carvers

Wednesday, November 11

9:00 a.m.	Hebrews Study
11:00 a.m.	Grandparents Support
5:30 p.m.	Supper
6:15 p.m.	KidZone
6:30 p.m.	Youth
6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, November 12

6:00 a.m.	Tai Chi
11:30 a.m.	Tai Chi
4:30 p.m.	4 One Band Practice
6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Board

KidZone news

Do your children have trouble with social skills? Do they know how to properly answer the telephone? Do they need to work on those table manners? If you answered yes to any or all of these, then KidZone is the place to be! In November we will meet on the 5th, 11th, and the 18th, from 6:15 to 7 p.m. following Youth Dinner. We will be learning "What Every Kid Should Know About Manners and Etiquette!"

On Wednesday, December 2nd, at 6:15 p.m. we will make Christmas crafts to take to a nursing home. The following Sunday, December 6th, they can practice those manners and etiquette skills as we have a pizza party, travel to a nursing home to sing carols and deliver our crafts. KidZone is for children from kindergarten through 5th grade. Your leaders will be Jacey and Tommy Stehle. There is plenty of fun and learning available for North Cross kids and their friends!

Upcoming opportunities for United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men have two opportunities for breakfast and fellowship coming up.

- ◆ On Saturday, November 7th, the UMM will meet for breakfast at Denny's Diner on Armour Road in North Kansas City. They will gather at 8 a.m., and all men of the church are invited to join them.
- ◆ On Saturday, November 14th, the Heartland Central District UMM breakfast will be held at 8:30 a.m. The location is Northern Boulevard UMC at 1800 S. Northern Boulevard. If you are interested in carpooling to the breakfast, please call Mel Strong at 452.5574. Again, all men of the church are invited to attend this breakfast.

XYZs will meet on November 17th

On Tuesday, November 17th, the XYZs (Xtra Years of Zest!) group will hold a holiday luncheon. The following foods will be provided: Turkey, gravy, potatoes, cranberry salad, and dressing. Drinks will also be provided. Please bring a casserole, vegetable dish, or dessert to share with the group.

The group will gather at 11:30 - the meal will be served at noon. Following the meal, there will be Thanksgiving cookies to decorate. Mark your calendars now so you don't miss out on the fun!

The Pastor's Corner

The following story is attributed to Mark Twain and I'm almost afraid to share it for fear that some of you might follow his lead.

"I once heard a preacher who was powerful good. I decided to give him every cent I had with me. But he kept at it too long. Ten minutes later I decided to keep the bills and give him my loose change. Another ten minutes and I was darned if I'd give him anything at all. When he finally stopped and the plate came around, I was so exhausted, I stole two dollars from the plate in sheer spite."

The topic is Stewardship. While the Bible is full of scriptures about money, out of concern for being like Twain's preacher I'll stop!

For now that is...

In Christ,



REMINDER!

A called Church Conference will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, November 9th, 2009, in the Sanctuary. All are welcome to attend. Those North Cross members who are in attendance will constitute the voting members of the Church Conference. We will be voting on the use of an outside Stewardship Consultant to guide us in the coming capital campaign.

Person to person:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Hospitalized: Don Crowley, Elizabeth Davis NKC

- Menu for November 11th: *Taco Salad, Mexican Rice, Refried Beans, Corn*
- If you would like Communion brought to your home, please call the church office (452-2939).
- Congratulations to Michael Baharaeen, who has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the Missouri United Methodist Foundation. Michael's scholarship comes from the Merrydale G. May Memorial Fund, which was established in 1996 by a bequest from her estate in order to provide undergraduate college scholarships to United Methodist youth.

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