

North Cross Spirit

... telling the news of North Cross Church

September 7, 2009

...coming up in Worship...

NEW Series:
“Timeless Truths for
Troubled Times”

This week’s message:
“Hope in the Midst”

For a head start read
a sample passage or two from the
Old Testament poetry in Lamentations.

FUN FEST is HERE!

The 2nd Annual FUN FEST will be this Saturday, September 12th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Invite someone you know to come and have fun with us.

Come and enjoy

- ◆ Live music featuring our own *Praise Band* and others
- ◆ Great games for all ages
- ◆ Bouncy slide for the kids
- ◆ Face painting and caricature drawings
- ◆ Bingo
- ◆ Bake Walk
- ◆ Hymn sing-a-long
- ◆ Fantastic prizes
- ◆ Fun crafts
- ◆ Wonderful food
- ◆ Fabulous fellowship



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: “*Gideon: A Deliverer for the People*”
Glenn Corwin

Good News: Room 206
Lesson: “*Promises*” Jim Funk

Friendship: Room 202
Lesson: “*Gideon: A Deliverer for the People*”
Marcia Browning

Inquirer’s: Fellowship Hall
Lesson: “*Bill Moyers’ interview with Joseph
Campbell ‘Awe & Transcendence!’*” Pt. 2
Dan Sturdevant

FaithWorks: Room 207
Lesson: “*It is Hard to be Humble*”
Becky Batchelor

Pathfinders: Room 200
Lesson: “*Presbyterianism*” Rita McCall

Contemporary Conversations: Lounge
Lesson: “*Truth and Tragedy of the Indian
Boarding Schools*” Gil Nichols

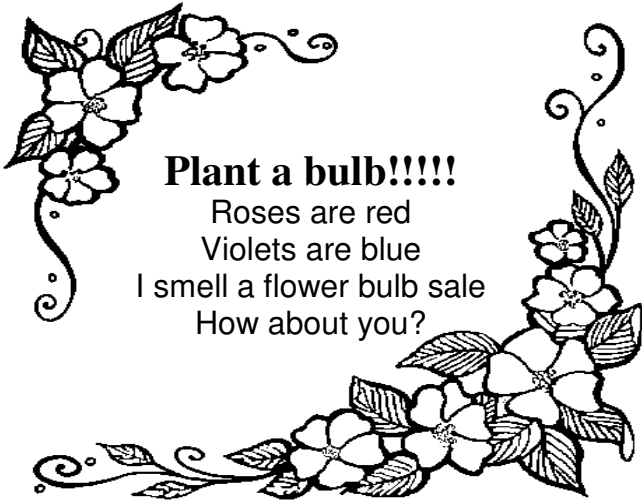
This free event
will take place in the front of the church. Parking will be
in the back of the church. Bring your friends, neighbors
and families, and wear your North Cross t-shirt.

If it rains we will take this fun time inside. So come
and enjoy. See you on the 12th!

If you have questions, or to volunteer, please contact
Deborah Mason or Marylee Wickham.

Thank you,
Your *Fun Fest Committee*

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



Plant a bulb!!!!

Roses are red
Violets are blue
I smell a flower bulb sale
How about you?

Who: Children's Ministry
When: Now through September 20th
Where: Check out a colorful brochure in the Library area

The sale is very simple. You order your bulbs, pay cash, or make checks out to North Cross, and Spring Garden will mail your bulbs directly to you.

We thank you in advance,
North Cross Kids and Children's Ministry Team

FaithWorks to begin new class study September 13th

The FaithWorks adult Sunday School class will begin discussing the James W. Moore book, "When All Else Fails...Read the Instructions."

We invite you to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. for some great discussion and fellowship. We are the second door on the right in the upstairs Education Wing.

We hope to see you on Sunday. If you have questions, please contact Helen Foster (459.8458) or Becky Batchelor (584.8544.)

Promotion Sunday

September 13th is Promotion Sunday. New Sunday School classes and Children's Choirs will start on this Sunday. Note the following room changes:

CHOIR

Ringin' for God (Preschool) - 9:45 a.m. Room 154
Singing for God (Elementary) - 9:30 a.m. Room 118

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Preschool - Room 154
Kindergarten and First Grade - Room 151
Second to 5th Grade - Room 118

Third annual Brisket Dinner - Sept. 20th

Mark your calendar, you don't want to miss this! Sunday, September from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. the Outreach Committee will be serving a brisket lunch in Fellowship Hall.

As in prior years, there will not be a charge, a free-will offering will be accepted to benefit the Northland Assistance Center. The Assistance Center helps those in need, in Clay and Platte counties with food, utility bills, prescription drugs, hearing aids, clothing, and more.

Last year a check in the amount of \$1,500.00 was sent to the Northland Assistance Center from the proceeds of the luncheon! The menu this year: delicious rubbed brisket, green beans, Tom Schmutz's famous potato casserole, Cole slaw, rolls, dessert, and drinks. No reservations required.

Be transformed

This past weekend was Labor Day weekend - a time to rest from our labors. But this is also an opportunity to reflect on our daily work and discern whether our effort is thankless and uninteresting, or something that gives us deep and lasting satisfaction. God intends for our work to be much more than a job, much more than a daily grind, quite literally, a "calling."

In Romans 12:2, Paul challenges us with the words: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect."

The apostle's advice, then, is to be transformed by the renewing of your minds. Paul says be transformed by discovering what the Lord God is calling you to do.

Coming This Week...

Thursday, September 10

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.	Boy Scout Dancers
6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Unit Mtg.
6:30 p.m.	Concerned Care

Friday, September 11

8:30 a.m.	Adventures in Learning Breakfast & Classes
6:30 p.m.	Financial Peace Party
7:00 p.m.	Cursillo Gathering

Saturday, September 12

8:00 a.m.	UMMen at Denny's
11 a.m.-2p.m.	Community Fun Fest

Sunday, September 13

8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship
9:30 a.m.	Children's Music
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
Pick up a cup of coffee in the kitchen	
11:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship

Monday, September 14

11:00 a.m.	Tai Chi
6:00 p.m.	ECP Board
7:00 p.m.	Cub & Boy Scouts
7:00 p.m.	Recreate Church Mtg.

Tuesday, September 15

9:00 a.m.	90 Minutes in Heaven
9:00 a.m.	TOPS
10:00 a.m.	Paint for Fun
10:30 a.m.	O. P. Bridge Group
11:00 a.m.	Learning Together
11:30 a.m.	XYZ Potluck
6:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Board
6:30 p.m.	Trustees
6:30 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge
7:00 p.m.	Wood Carvers

Wednesday, September 16

9:00 a.m.	Study of Hebrews
5:30 p.m.	Supper
6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
6:30 p.m.	Youth

Thursday, September 17

6:00 a.m.	Tai Chi
9:00 a.m.	UMW 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.	Love & Logic Class

UMW scheduled to meet

The Fall UMW Unit Meeting will be held on September 19th in the church's lounge. Our program, "Love Feast" will begin at 9:30 a.m. All women of the church are invited to come to this interesting program and respond to the call to mission through the Festival of Sharing. Communion will be served. We will have a short business meeting following the program. If you have not made your pledge to the UMW yet, please bring it with you to this meeting.

The monies collected this day will be sent on to the actual ingathering of the Festival held in Sedalia, Missouri in October. Some of the organizations that will benefit from our donations are: Heifer International, Lifting up the People of Haiti, Missouri Hunger fund, Beans and Rice Fund, Garden Seeds for Community Gardens, 2009 Missouri Packs for babies, families, Prison, personal hygiene packs, readin' and writin' pack, student dental packs, backpacks of love for children ages 4 to 11 who have experienced a crisis, youth hygiene pack, IMA Medicine Box designed to serve a village of 1,000 for 2-3 months, heart kits, safe motherhood kits, school kits for refugee camps.

Did you know that over 20 faith communities in Missouri (Methodists included) participate in this ingathering every year? It is an interfaith celebration and ingathering of mission resources. It is a cooperative response to world hunger, poverty, and injustice and seeks to address and to raise awareness of its root causes and solutions. What a way to help those in need with your donations.

For more information, call Gaye Merchant at 420.8255, or email bgayem@gmail.com.

XYZs to meet following summer break

The XYZs (Extra Years of Zest = 60+) will hold their first fall meeting on Wednesday, September 16th in Fellowship Hall.

The program will be presented by Douglas T. Williams, who will entertain with background music, a sing-a-long of old, familiar tunes, followed by prayer time and a short Bible study.

Please bring a dish to share for our pot luck lunch. We'll meet at 11:30 and lunch will be served at noon. Come and catch up with all your friends and see what they did during their summer break.

The Pastor's Corner

A new sermon series is just around the corner, and I'm looking forward to this one. My series title is: "*Timeless Truths for Troubled Times*". Together, we will change our focus from Timothy and Paul, rewind the tape, set the clocks back a thousand or more years, and find ourselves in the Old Testament.

The Old Testament records the history of God at work with God's people. It reveals the character and nature of God. It also exposes the human frailties and frustrations. It seems like time after time God's people find themselves in tough situations and in troubled times.

Human nature being what it is, and putting that alongside an eternal, perfect, and unchanging God, means that we can find timeless truths in the Old Testament. We will also find troubled times and troubling situations that have remarkable parallels to our world today.

It is my hope and prayer that we will discover more about who God is in a way that applies to our current troubled times. The economy is uncertain. Numerous people we know have lost jobs. People on all sides of the issues have passionate views.

The challenge is NOT to pick sides on issues and create more conflict, especially in the church. The challenge is to find hope and direction by discovering God's timeless truths revealed long ago, then doing our best to apply these truths to our lives, our church, and our world.

The world is troubled. It's time to reconnect to our God who can and wants to help. Why not invite a friend?

In Christ,

Pastor Neal

Person to person:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Hospitalized: No known at time of publication.

- ◆ We offer our sympathy to Rosemarie Orr and family in the death of Rosemarie's husband, Don, on September 2nd, 2009.
- Menu for September 9th: *Oven Fried Chicken, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Biscuits.*
- September/October Upper Room devotional booklets are now available. Cost is \$1 per issue.
- The next Game Night at North Cross will be held on Saturday evening, September 12th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come and join in the fun. Bring a snack to share.

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