

THIS WEEK AT THE CREEK

May 14, 2009

"It is not where we breathe, but where we love, that we live."

-- Soren Kierkegaard

Dear Cross Creeker:

This weekend, the **CROSS CREEK CHOIR** will be singing one of their "greatest hits", *Days of Elijah* – a toe tapping number featuring Cinda on piano and of course the fabulous voices of the choir! If you like the choir, you will LOVE the way the choir leads worship through this exciting piece of music! On this, the last weekend the choir will be singing before their summer break, I, would like to take the opportunity to tell you what a joy it is to direct such a group of wonderful people! When Cinda and I pulled a choir together to sing on Christmas Eve 2004, we never dreamed that a regular choir would be born; much less that choir would become one of the most exciting parts of the worship ministry here at Cross Creek! It was just something cool to do for Christmas! But now I can't imagine a Cross Creek Church without a Cross Creek Choir!

The choir has been an inspiration to me, keeping me energized for ministry here at Cross Creek! Wednesday night rehearsals have become my favorite time of the week! Everyone works hard, but it doesn't really seem like work most of the time - we just have so much fun. Sometime, too much fun. This is probably why I am continually amazed at the growing level of performance the choir has achieved. The choir sounds great in rehearsal, but when we get in front of a congregation or audience, they take my breath away! And having fun is really the main reason we have choir. My philosophy is that when something is no longer fun, then maybe it's time to let go of it. But with choir, it just continues to be more and more fun as we grow and as the group becomes more and more of a community together.

So I want to say thank you to all the choir members, past and present, who have contributed their time and talent to the choir over the years. I have directed choirs previously in other churches, but this choir stands head and shoulders above anything I have experienced before. Person for person, their dedication and commitment beats anything I have ever seen! The choir brings such joy to my heart, gives me chills, and truly moves me as I stand before them and see them singing with such a passion in their hearts. I may be just a "man by his stand", but they make me want to keep standing and flapping my arms just to be a part of something so worthwhile.

And I can't forget **CINDA TYLER**! The choir would not be the same without Cinda on the piano. The way she expresses the piano music makes the choir want to rise to the level of her playing. Cinda makes it so easy for me to direct since I don't have to worry about anything but keeping the choir together. So thank you Choir! Thank you Cinda! And thank you church for allowing me the opportunity to direct this amazing group called the Cross Creek Choir!

So come to church this weekend to listen to the choir as they go out with a BANG for the summer break! And when summer is over, think about becoming a part of the choir yourself!

With Joy,

KENNY ROADEN, Co-Worship Director

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IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

This weekend we will continue in our Season of Easter worship series **THE RHYTHYM OF LIFE**. **PASTOR MIKE** will be offering a prompting entitled "*Disturbing Life*" based on the readings from Psalm 98; Acts 10:44-48; John 15:9-17. The **CROSS CREEK CHOIR** will be singing. We will also be welcoming 10 new covenant members this weekend!

For a complete listing of events, please go to www.crosscreekchurch.org.



WOW! Cross Creek's Tag Sale IS THIS WEEK!

Is your garage, attic or basement full of clutter? Bring your unwanted goods to Cross Creek May 17-20 for the biggest yard sale this side of Centerville. All donations are tax deductible and you will be provided a receipt.

Location: Cross Creek Community Church

Event Dates: May 21, 22, 23

Event Hours: Thurs and Friday 8am-8pm, Saturday 8am-Noon

Early Bird Sneak Preview: Wednesday, May 20, \$5 donation



TAG SALE TIP #18: The Tag Sale is organized like a department store. Please sort your donations; i.e. toys and clothing should be donated in separate boxes.



TAG SALE TIP #32: When donating items of great value, please provide specific information such as manufacturer, model, history or artist name if applicable.



TAG SALE TIP #47: All duffle bags and luggage will be donated to foster children in transit. Cell phones will be donated to the Artemis Foundation.

Volunteers get first dibs on donated items. Sign up today to volunteer! See display in the church hallway.

Contact: Dan Carl at 885-3268 OR Brian Terry and Jeremy Brooks at 301-5500

FREE PIZZA AND GOOD WORK FOR EQUALITY OHIO

May 28th from 6 - 9 PM

6:00 PM Arrive for Pizza and Brief Meeting of Equality Cross Creek.

6:45 PM Training for Phone Banking by Peter Caborn

(using our cell phones/church phone for local calls)

7:00 - 9:00 PM Phone Bank for Equality Ohio



Pride Dinner Tickets * June 3, 2009

June is GLBTQ Pride Month and it will be here before you know it. As a trailblazer in equality and justice in the Dayton area, Cross Creek Community Church will again be an active participant in local Pride month activities June 3 -6. Cross Creek will have a presence at several Pride activities including the annual parade and a booth at the Pride Rally on June 6 as well as an advertisement in the Pride Resource Guide thanks to an anonymous donor.

In addition, the church is seeking to fill 2 tables (20 tickets) for the Pride Dinner on Wednesday June 3rd at Sinclair Community College's Ponitz Center, featuring nationally acclaimed comedienne Poppy Chaplain and keynote speaker Malcolm Lazin, of the Equality Forum in Philadelphia. Tickets to the dinner are \$40 each (a \$5 discount) and must be paid in full at time of reservation. So whether you are a GLBTQ or a conscientious supporter, let's all step out and show our pride. Stop by the Events Table to purchase your dinner tickets today or see Brian Terry, Equality Cross Creek Team Leader, for more information.