

THIS WEEK AT THE CREEK

July 2, 2009

Quote for the Week: "So I began to stop and think when somebody entered the room: If I loved this person, how would I behave toward him or her? And, of course, what I found was that the more I acted this way, the more loving and sensitive I became. And the other people are changed by simply being loved; it really becomes easier to love them. With this basic approach, over time I changed myself, my body, my state of health, my relationships, and many other aspects of my life." Bernie Siegel in "Looking for God in All the Right Places"

Dear Cross Creeker:

Just like the Nat King Cole song says.... "Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer. You'll wish that summer could always be here !!!!"

Hmmmm...if summer WOULD always be here, what happens to summer vacations, summer picnics, summer festivals, and summers at Grandma's? Maybe this isn't such a great idea after all. What's to look forward to? Just having the word "summer" attached to it can make anything sound better. Summer also gives us time to rest and recharge our batteries so we can prepare for the months ahead (and then make plans for next summer) !!

Although Pastor Mike is on "summer" vacation for the month of July and our choir is on "summer" hiatus until fall, the rest of Cross Creek is still in business and there are plenty of activities to keep you busy.

We are blessed to have Ruth Hopkins filling-in at the pulpit this month for Pastor Mike. If you haven't heard her deliver a sermon, here's your chance. Ruth's background as a PK and her call to the ministry bring an interesting and different perspective to us. I encourage you to come and show your support for her work.

In observance of Independence Day, there will NOT be a 5:30 PM service on Sat., July 4th. Regular services on Sun. July 5th at 9:30AM and 11:00AM. This is a great opportunity for all of the Saturday night folks to come and meet the Sunday morning crowd.

You need to also mark your calendars for some other important activities over the next month. Our Feeding Friends ministry will be in full gear on Sat., July 18th. Our Vacation Bible School Camp Edge will run July 20-23 (evenings). The church-wide picnic will be on Sunday, Aug. 2. More information about each of these activities can be found on our website (www.crosscreekchurch.org).

Be sure to stop by the Worship Team bulletin board in the center hallway where you'll find clipboards to sign up to be a greeter or usher. We need your help to cover all of the open slots. Other people must be on "summer" vacation too.

For all of you KB fans, Kenny will be singing a solo for the special music this Sunday.

We hope to see you this Sunday (and all summer long) at "The Creek".

In God's work,
Brian Lanham
Chair, Worship Ministry

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IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND -- Sunday only

This weekend Ruth Hopkins will be offering a prompting entitled "*The Trouble with Kings*" based on a Hebrew Scripture Reading from 2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10 and 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10. Isaiah 61:1-3. Ruth is our Student Intern and a student at United Theological Seminary. Communion will be served at both services. Kenny Roaden will offer a solo entitled *Who am I?*

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

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WORD FROM COUNCIL

Council wants you to know that Mike is on vacation for some richly deserved rest and relaxation with his family. Mike will return to the office July 28. During this time, office hours will be the same; M-TH, 9AM-3PM. If you have a pastoral care concern, please contact Rev. Tom Harry at 937-395-4828. We wish Mike loads of summer fun!!

VBS: CAMP E.D.G.E Put the EXTREME in your Child's Faith Journey!



Excitement is in the air here at Cross Creek as we get ready for **CAMP E.D.G.E.: EXPERIENCE + DISCOVER GOD EVERYWHERE**. This Vacation Bible School curriculum will help your children discover that God is with them at all times, in all places, and in all circumstances, ready to help them and guide them! Camp E.D.G.E. will be held at the church July 20 - 23 from 6:00 – 8:30 pm (Please arrive by 5:45 on July 20th) with Graduation and Family Adventure Picnic on Sat, July 25 (11AM-2PM) at North Park in Springboro. Email SVoisard@aolcom for the registration form to sign up your little camper today!.

SUMMER JUSTICE ADVENTURES

Our Summer Justice Adventures are book study groups designed to expand your knowledge and awareness of issues of social concern and justice. Like last year, two of these studies are being promoted in conjunction with our partner church, College Hill Community Presbyterian Church. There are three options to choose from! And please note: It is okay to come to the first session without having done any reading yet!

BEYOND COLOR TEAM

Facilitators: Nancy Tepfer (Cross Creek) and Josephine Laury (College Hill)
Location: Home of Dan and Nancy Tepfer - 1879 Willowgreen Drive in Beaver Creek
Dates: Tuesdays: July 21 and August 18 -- Time: 7:00 p.m.
For more information or to sign up contact: Nancy Tepfer at 426-8037 or dtepfer@ameritech.net
Book: *Dreams from my Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance* by Barack Obama

FEEDING FRIENDS TEAM

Facilitators: David Lauri (Cross Creek) and Vann Rogers (College Hill)
Location: Home of David Lauri - 531 Belmonte Park North, Apt. 1103 in Dayton
Dates: Tuesdays: July 21 and August 25 -- Time: 6:00 p.m.
For more information or to sign up contact: David Lauri at 902-5084 or david@davidlauri.com
Book: *Take this Bread: A Radical Conversion* by Sara Miles

"GREEN" TEAM

Facilitator: Kim Lockwood (Cross Creek)
Location: Cross Creek Church
Dates: Sundays: July 19 and August 23 -- Time: 9:30 a.m.
For more info or to sign up contact: Kim at 434-4789 or Kimberly.Lockwood@notes.udayton.edu
Book: *Reading Materials will be supplied by facilitator*

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LOOKING AHEAD...

CHURCH WIDE PICNIC AND WORSHIP AT THE PARK

On August 2 we'll gather at Schoolhouse Park on Nutt Road at 11:00 AM for an outdoor worship service and then enjoy a potluck picnic afterwards. In addition to a dish to share, each person/family is asked to bring your own table service in order to be environmentally friendly! Drinks will be provided. There will be no 5:30 Saturday or 9:30 Sunday worship services at Cross Creek, only the 11:00 service at the park on this weekend!!!!