

THIS WEEK AT THE CREEK

July 9, 2009

Dear Cross Creeker:

“The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention” ~ Oscar Wilde

There is no such thing as a small act of kindness! We see examples over and over each day at Cross Creek and none as apparent as when we look at the offerings we see each week. Thanks to each and every one of you – you do make a difference!

Sometimes the **Finance Committee’s job** of reviewing the numbers, making sure we stay on a responsible path and working with the Coordinating Council to establish a budget can be pretty mundane. But the Finance Committee is dedicated and committed to ensuring that we do our best to work within our means, meet our obligations and support our Ministries!

There are four of us on the Finance Committee and some of the **accomplishments** we have made include writing the first-ever Cross Creek Financial Policies and Procedures, developing the annual budget and supporting the financial goals of Cross Creek.

Now for some numbers (stay with me, they can be boring at times but they’re necessary):

Through June we are slightly behind in our giving (about \$2,000) compared to what we have budgeted. The **good news** is that we have positive cash flow and some small reserves in the bank. The **bad news** is that sometimes during the summer there is a drop in offerings – the challenge is that we can’t let that happen! The **good news** is that in April and May we did great on giving and great on watching what we spent! And once again, **more good news** is that there is no such thing as a small act of kindness! Any amount will help Cross Creek in our mission!

Thanks again for your support and please keep it up!!

Kathy Wiedeman, Finance Committee Chair
Joyce Audas, Treasurer

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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!.

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IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND -- Sunday only

This weekend Ruth Hopkins will be offering a prompting entitled **“Shall We Dance?”** based on a Hebrew Scripture Reading from 2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-23. Ruth is our Student Intern and a student at United Theological Seminary. Cinda Tyler will bring our special music. There will be recognition of the graduates of Our Whole Lives (OWL) Program at the 11:00 AM service.

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

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FEEDING FRIENDS will be distributing food items in Cross Creek's Sanctuary on Saturday, July 18, 2009. That morning we'll need 10 volunteers from 8 AM - 11 AM to assist with this experience. Please read the sign-up sheet in the church hallway for further details. Thanks for supporting FEEDING FRIENDS!

CHANGE FOR CHURCH... Thanks to all participating in "Change for Church". 78 containers were picked up and, if you listen sometimes, you can hear that change fall. Our goal is to reduce the amount of Church Balloon payment due summer 2012. You can sign for a container at the hallway table. One full container has already been received!

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!!

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 Beavercreek
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 26 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!!!!