

# THIS WEEK AT THE CREEK

July 16, 2009

Dear Cross Creeker:

**“Each individual, whether clergy or lay, has the responsibility as well as the freedom to act as each is called by God. The call of God demands that we engage this work prayerfully and faithfully. As people of faith we understand that this is both our obligation and expectation.”**

— from Cross Creek’s Justice and Witness Empowerment Statement

One of the great things about Cross Creek is that we have so many good people helping to do the church’s work. During this weekend’s special Work-Ship services, we’re going to be focusing on Cross Creek’s Justice and Witness Ministry (J&W), giving you the opportunity to learn more about the four teams that do the work of J&W’s core focuses.

Those four teams are **Feeding Friends**, which deals with hunger issues and runs our monthly food pantry; **Beyond Color**, which deals with racial justice issues and coordinates our partnership with College Hill Church; **Eco-Justice Cross Creek**, which deals with environmental issues; and **Equality Cross Creek**, which deals with LGBTQIA issues.

We’ll also be trying a new format for the work we’ll be doing during this weekend’s Work-Ship, giving you the opportunity to think and dialogue about the Justice issues you think are important in terms both of how Cross Creek directs our local Mission giving and of how we all as individuals do the work of Justice.

The quote at the top of this week’s e-mail comes from our **Empowerment Statement**. If you’re not familiar with this Statement, or if it’s been a while since you last saw it, visit [www.crosscreekchurch.org/justice](http://www.crosscreekchurch.org/justice) and read it. While we welcome new volunteers interested in participating in one or more of our existing teams, the Justice and Witness Ministry also wants to encourage and support all Cross Creekers to be passionate about Justice, whatever their key issues are, and to be able to do the Justice work God is calling us to do.

David Lauri  
Justice and Witness Chair

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



**THIS IS THE WEEK 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 20<sup>th</sup>) with Graduation and Family Adventure Picnic on Sat, July 25 (11AM-2PM) at North Park in Springboro. Email [SVoisard@aol.com](mailto:SVoisard@aol.com) for the registration form to sign up your little camper today!.

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## **IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND**

It’s our Work-Ship weekend as described above but also **Ruth Hopkins** will be offering a prompting entitled **“Don’t Fence Me In”** based on a Hebrew Scripture Reading from 2 Samuel 11: 1-15. Mark Kennedy will bring our special music.

For a complete listing of events, please go to [www.crosscreekchurch.org](http://www.crosscreekchurch.org).

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**SONKA Summer Stewardship Event** will be held July 29, 2009 7:00 PM at Trinity United Church of Christ, 203 E Linden St., in Miamisburg. The Event this year is a panel discussion on "Grant Writing and Collaboration: New Ways to Serve Our Communities". Two of the panel members are current UCC pastors in SONKA who currently use grants to fund programs at their churches. The format will allow for Q&A. No fee, but please email [office@sonkaucc.org](mailto:office@sonkaucc.org) with your plans to attend.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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!!!!