

THIS WEEK AT THE CREEK

July 23, 2009

Dear Cross Creeker:

“The great awareness comes slowly, piece by piece. The path of spiritual growth is a path of lifelong learning. The experience of spiritual power is basically a joyful one.”

-- M Scott Peck

Spiritual Formation, what in the world is that? Oh, it's the Sunday morning education for the kids, right? Well, that is partially true. Cross Creek Community Church's Spiritual Formation ministry does include The Great Adventure, our Sunday morning education for our children, but it is **much more**.

Our Spiritual Formation ministry focuses on spiritual growth and theological reflection for all ages.

For our children, we have the **Great Adventure**, as well as **Vacation Bible School** (that just finished this week), and special programming through the year like the **Easter Egg-stravaganza** and **Christmas program**.

Our **Youth** program concentrates on youth from 6th - 12th grade. It includes weekly meetings (**Sundays during the 11:00 service**), as well as special social and educational events, service projects and mission trips, and confirmation programs.

Our Whole Lives provides spiritually based sexual education courses for children and youth. It equips participants with age-appropriate information and provides facts about human development, and builds values, interpersonal skills, and understanding of the spiritual, emotional, and social aspects of sexuality.

Adult spiritual growth is fostered through our semi-annual classes called **On-Common Ground**. Our next session begins **September 30**. We also facilitate **Weekend Intensives** where guest speakers challenge us on theological issues, the **Church Retreat** at Camp Akita in southeastern Ohio, and **the Library** (in the parlor).

In summary Cross Creek's Spiritual Formation Ministry leads all ages of church in their spiritual development through Christian education, theological reflection, and faithful practice. Interested in learning more? You can talk to Pastor **Sue Voisard** or anyone on the Spiritual Formation Team: **Karen Emery, Marianne Rinaldo, Lisa Gagel, Liz Roaden, Judy Nablo** or me

Pam Powers
Spiritual Formation Chair

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IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Ruth Hopkins will be offering a prompting entitled **“It's Good to be the King”** based on a Hebrew Scripture Reading from 2 Samuel 11: 1-15 and Ephesians 3: 14-21. Our Camp E.D.G.E. VBS kids will be singing during Sunday Services and David McKibben will bring our special music.

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

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NEXT WEEKEND...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 next weekend!!!!***

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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 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 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 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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