

THIS WEEK AT THE CREEK

July 30, 2009

Dear Cross Creeker:

WORSHIP AND CHURCH WIDE PICNIC AT THE PARK

This Sunday, August 2, at 11:00 AM we'll gather at Schoolhouse Park at 1875 Nutt Road (45458) 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 their own table service in order to reduce paper waste and be environmentally friendly! Drinks will be provided. Also, please bring lawn chairs and your favorite lawn or table games!

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be no 5:30 Saturday or 9:30 Sunday worship services at Cross Creek this weekend, only the 11:00 service at the park!!!!

MEMBERSHIP CARE AND DEVELOPMENT

The **Membership Care and Development (MCD)** Ministry could be considered the “wind beneath the wings” of the church. Seldom in the forefront, our ministry's many volunteers handle an array of congregational needs. From the first time a person enters through the door, the MCD Ministry is responsible for following up with each new person by phone, e-mail, and/or letter, providing information at the Info Table, and providing a Welcome Dinner to all first time visitors.

The MCD Ministry is the “hugs and mugs” team, so to speak. Our **Care Team** is responsible for visitations to those who are ill or hospitalized (hugs!) Our **Member Support Team** provides Caring Meals to church members who are ill or have experienced death or other difficulty (mugs!) Our **Card Team** makes beautiful hand-made cards and sends them out as thank you recognitions or words of support in difficult times (hugs, again!) Our **Prayer Team** provides current listings of those who have requested prayers from the Cross Creek family (spiritual hugs for sure!). Most recently, our Ministry handled the pictorial directory project and we found out just how really BEAUTIFUL our Cross Creek family really is!! (“mugs” again!)

The **Member Relations Team** provides attendance data and then follows up to contact CCCC people who have not been in attendance for a while just to be sure they know they are missed and we are here if they need us. The **Fellowship Team** plans church wide social events. And the **Stewardship and Financial Development Team** leads the church in raising the necessary funds it takes to operate our many ministries. Finally, our **Covenant Membership Team** handles our new member's class and coordinates baptisms.

There are never enough people to carry the load of the Member Care and Development Ministry, and new volunteers are ALWAYS needed and MUCH WELCOME!! One of our exciting projects has been the development of a very comprehensive software program by team member, Steve Sackman. This program is designed to communicate via e-mail the various needs of our congregation, notes on what action is needed, what action has been taken and what still needs to be done. We are very much in need of someone who is willing to work with Steve and get this project off the ground to enhance our ability to provide congregational “hugs and mugs”.

If you would like to be a part of the supportive work of the Member Care and Development Ministry, please send me an e-mail at jers2939@aol.com.

You've now heard from all the Ministry Chairs about all the work that goes on to make Cross Creek such a special, warm, progressive, and exciting place to worship and to grow. When someone asks you, “Where do you go to church?” why not consider the word “church” as a verb! When you do, it really changes the meaning of the question, doesn't it? I believe the word “church”, like the word “love” is a VERB—so, if you want to “church” with your CCCC family, evaluate your interests, skills and talents and contact any of the ministries through our CCCC website, www.crosscreekchurch.org. Your particular interests, skills, and talents could make a difference in our Cross Creek family, in our community, or in our world.

Mary Taylor, Chair, Membership Care and Development Ministry Team

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IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Come to Schoolhouse Park at 11 AM (only ONE service this weekend) on Sunday for our first ever **WORSHIP IN THE PARK** where **Pastor Mike Castle** and **Ruth Hopkins** will offer reflections on the Lord's Prayer. **Cinda Tyler** will be leading us in music. We will be celebrating Communion. Worship and fellowship will continue following the service as we partake in a picnic potluck.

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

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NEW SERMON SERIES STARTS NEXT WEEK

Pastor Mike will begin a new sermon series called AN ALTAR IN THE WORLD: A GEOGRAPHY OF FAITH based on a book by that same title by Barbara Brown Taylor. Hardback copies of the book are available in the church lobby for \$20 each.

RIVER BAPTISM -- Sunday, August 23

Our annual River Baptism service will be held Sunday, Aug. 23 at the Jacoby Road Canoe Launch, located between Xenia and Yellow Springs. Participants, along with friends and family, will meet at 12:30 p.m. for a brown bag meal along the banks of the river. The service will begin at 2 p.m. If you are interested in being baptized, contact Pastor Mike Castle as soon as possible.

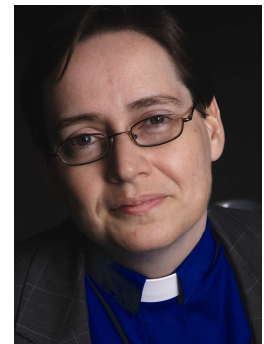
HOLY C.O.W. -- CELEBRATE OUR WELCOME WEEKEND

September 26-27, 2009

Cross Creek Community Church, United Church of Christ is pleased to announce that **JASON & deMARCO** will be in concert on Saturday, September 26 at 8:00 and **CANDACE CHELLEW-HODGE** will be conducting a workshop on her book ***Bulletproof Faith: A Spiritual Survival Guide for Gay and Lesbian Christians*** on Saturday, September 26 from 10:00 - 1:00 (including lunch). Costs for the



Concert is \$20 per ticket and cost for the workshop is \$20 (includes lunch) per person, or a special package discount that can be purchased for \$30.00 which includes both the concert and the workshop. In addition, JASON & deMARCO



and CANDACE CHELLEW-HODGE will be special guests in all three weekend worship services on September 26-27 at 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. All of this is part of Cross

Creek Community Church's **HOLY C.O.W. (Celebrate Our Welcome) Weekend**. A brochure with complete details for the weekend, as well as a registration form to order tickets is available in the church lobby or online at www.crosscreekchurch.org.