

THIS WEEK AT THE CREEK

September 17, 2009

Then [the disciples] came to Capernaum; and when [Jesus] was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" Mark 9:33

Dear Cross Creeker:

It's late Thursday evening and you finally get the chance to open Barbara Taylor Brown's *An Altar In the World*. As you read, you have a wonderful AHA! moment - a spiritual piece falls into place in the puzzle of life - and you desperately want to share your insight. Or, if you're like me, you don't have an AHA! moment - in fact, you don't really "get it" at all - and you'd love to know how others are making sense of this week's reading. Either way, you'd like to connect with your Cross Creek family and the weekend seems pretty far away.

What if you could connect with your church community anytime at all? That's what the Cross Creek Book Club is about! It's a forum for sharing insights and engaging in discussion inspired by recent readings and sermons here at Cross Creek and an online community devoted to friendly conversations about spirituality.

The primary purpose of this new listserve is to facilitate the growth of a supportive community amongst the members and friends of Cross Creek Community Church. Regardless of our individual differences, the members of this community agree to respect, appreciate, and celebrate the variety of opinions and beliefs shared through this listserve. Taking an "Isn't that interesting?" approach to conversations allows participants to remain open-minded and to learn from and about one another.

What is a listserve?

A listserve is a program that maintains a mailing list on a central computer. The program, Yahoo! Groups, distributes each e-mail that is sent to a common mailbox by any member of the list to all the others on the list. Anyone who is subscribed to the list can send and receive e-mail messages.

What are the benefits of taking part in a listserve?

- * A new way to connect with, get to know, and support your church family
- * The opportunity to share your experiences, reflections, and ideas 24-7, not just on Saturdays or Sundays
- * New ideas and thoughts as others bring their reflections to the conversations

How is confidentiality handled on the listserve?

Postings are only available to members of the listserve. However, any member of the listserve is free to forward the conversation, thereby pushing the conversation into the public domain. If someone has a confidential issue to discuss, that individual may e-mail me, the moderator of the group, privately (kathyswensen@hotmail.com) and request that the message be forwarded to the listserve anonymously.

How secure is the listserve?

All prospective listserve participants must identify themselves to the moderator before subscribing to the listserve. However, this identifying information is confidential. List members may elect to share only a first name or a pseudonym as they post to the group.

How do I subscribe to the listserve?

Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com>. Enter **crosscreekbookclub** at the "Find a Yahoo! Group" prompt and hit the Search button.

What if I have additional questions or concerns?

You may email me, Kathy Swensen, privately at kathyswensen@hotmail.com with questions or concerns or give me a call at home at 859-5520.

Sincerely,
Kathy

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IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

This weekend **Rev. Roselin Runnels** will be preaching. Her prompting is entitled *“What are you Arguing About?”* The scripture readings will be from James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a and Mark 9:30-37. The **Cross Creek Choir** will be singing as they return fresh from a summer recess.

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JUST ONE WEEK LEFT TO GET THOSE TICKETS! HOLY C.O.W. -- CELEBRATE OUR WELCOME WEEKEND

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.

NOTE: Childcare is available for WORKSHOP ONLY from 10:00 - 1:00 with advance reservation. To arrange childcare, please sign up at the Special Events table.

QUESTIONS ABOUT CROSS CREEK CHURCH? Come to the Exploring Membership Class!

Those interested in investigating covenant membership at Cross Creek Community Church, as well as those interested in learning more about the church's statement of faith; its vision, mission and distinctive values; its decision making processes and its varied ministries, as well as its affiliation with the United Church of Christ and the Alliance of Baptists are invited to attend the Exploring Covenant Membership Class on **Saturday, October 10 from 9 AM to 2 PM**. You can sign up in the church hallway or contact Pastor Mike Castle to register. Childcare is available upon request with advance notice.

CROSS CREEK FALL PART-- October 17 @ 4:00 PM

Mark and Patty Thompson are hosting our Cross Creeks Fall Party again at their home. Activities include pot luck dinner, hayrides, square dancing, games, bonfire, singing, night hike, kids activities and much more. You can also tour the Thompson tree house and have your picture taken from the tree house balcony; 4-5:30p.m. (during daylight hours prior to dinner). Western wear and costumes will be provided for the photos. There will be pony rides for kids from 4 to 5:30 PM. Sign up at the information table, bring a friend, your favorite dish to share and table service. Drinks will be provided. We will eat at 5:30 PM. There will be no Saturday night service at Cross Creek that evening.

GOT A CAR TO SHARE?

Our sister and fellow covenant member Joyce Williams is in need of a car. If you have a car you would be willing to give away, let her use temporarily and let her purchase (with you being the bank) please let Pastor Mike know. Thanks for your consideration.