

# THIS WEEK AT THE CREEK

September 24, 2009

*Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly, now. Love mercy, now. Walk humbly, now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it.* -- The Talmud

Dear Cross Creeker:

**HOLY COW!**

**IT'S TIME FOR OUR HOLY C.O.W. WEEKEND! (Celebrate Our Welcome)**

It is not too late to join in the holy excitement! There are four ways you can participate this weekend:

## 1. CONCERT with JASON & deMARCO

Saturday, September 26 @ 8:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$20.00 per person.

We have about 20 tickets left! To get a ticket please call 434-4580 x14

(leave a message if necessary) and we will put a ticket(s) on "will call" for you!

Will call tickets are good until 7:30 p.m. Tickets available at the door if available.

## 2. WORKSHOP with REV. CANDACE CHELLEW-HODGE

**BULLETPROOF FAITH: A SPIRITUAL SURVIVAL GUIDE FOR GAY AND LESBIAN CHRISTIANS**

Saturday, September 26 from 10:00 to 1:00 p.m. (including lunch)

Tickets are \$20.00 per person.

We have five tickets left. To get a ticket please call 434-4580 x14

(leave a message if necessary) and we will a ticket(s) on "will call" for you!

**NOTE: If you go to BOTH the CONCERT and the WORKSHOP there is a special package rate of \$30.00 for both events!**

## 3. WORSHIP

**SPECIAL MUSIC: JASON & deMARCO**

**GUEST PREACHER: CANDACE CHELLEW-HODGE.**

Saturday, September 26 @ 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 27 @ 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Bring a friend! All three services are the same! No tickets required!

## 4. BOOKSIGNING at BOOKS & CO. at THE GREENE with REV. CANDACE CHELLEW-HODGE

Friday, September 25 @ 7:00 p.m.

Presenting her book:

**BULLETPROOF FAITH: A SPIRITUAL SURVIVAL GUIDE FOR GAY AND LESBIAN CHRISTIANS**

Come join in the excitement and the blessed privilege of showing forth our extravagant welcome in the name of Jesus whose gospel calls us to the way of life and love!

Peace,  
Pastor Mike

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## IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

This weekend REV. CANDACE CHELLEW-HODGE, author of the book **BULLETPROOF FAITH: A SPIRITUAL SURVIVAL GUIDE FOR GAY AND LESBIAN CHRISTIANS** will be preaching. Her prompting is entitled "**Size Matters.**" The scripture readings will be from Matthew 20:1-16 and Philippians 1:27-30. **JASON & deMARCO** will be our guest musicians.

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## **ON COMMON GROUND – IT'S ALL ABOUT LEARNING & FELLOWSHIP! 8 weeks (Sept. 29 – Nov. 18) CLASSES START NEXT WEEK!**

*On Common Ground*, Cross Creek's adult education program, kicks off the fall session with a host of offerings! *On Common Ground* provides us the opportunity to come together in one place to learn and grow in our faith. Along with the core class, **Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time**, led by Pastor Mike on Wed at 6:00 - 7:15 PM & 7:30 - 8:45 PM, we have a host of new offerings including **Uppity Women of the Bible**, led by Sue Voisard, Director of Spiritual Formation, on Wed at 6:15 - 7:15 PM; **Spiritual Tools for the Journey**, led by Ruth Hopkins on Thurs at 6:15 - 7:30 PM; and **Move Into Life** led by Joyce Cameron on Oct. 15,22,29, Nov. 5,12,19 at 6:15-7:30 PM, that will engage our minds and feed our souls. Class descriptions are available in the church hallway and on the website!

Participation in the **On Common Ground** sessions not only provides opportunities to expand our knowledge about our faith, but also to connect with other Cross Creek folks in relaxed atmosphere of sharing and learning.

Classes begin this week and childcare will be provided during the Wednesday evening sessions for children 3 and under for a nominal fee paid by parents.

Registration forms available in the church hallway or at <http://www.crosscreekchurch.org/oncommonground>. Books can also be ordered through the links on the *On Common Ground* page. Questions can be directed to Marianne Rinaldo (433-6498 or [mcr11101@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mcr11101@sbcglobal.net)) or Sue Voisard (434-4580 or [SVoisard@aol.com](mailto:SVoisard@aol.com)).

We are looking forward to another great session of learning and fun—hope to see you!

### **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.

### **CROSS CREEK BOOK CLUB LISTSERVE**

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. **Curious??** Check out the most recent "This Week at the Creek"...either online or pick one up in the hallway. Or email [kathyswensen@hotmail.com](mailto:kathyswensen@hotmail.com) or call 859-5520.