

THIS WEEK AT THE CREEK

October 1, 2009

Some years ago a famous novelist died. Among his papers was found a list of suggested plots for future stories, the most prominently underscored being this one: "A widely separated family inherits a house in which they have to live together." This is the great new problem of (hu)mankind. We have inherited a large house, a great "world house" in which we have to live together – black and white, Easterner and Westerner, Gentile and Jew, Catholic and Protestant, Muslim, and Hindu – a family unduly separated in ideas, culture and interest, who, because we can never again live apart, must learn somehow to live with each other in peace.

All inhabitants of the globe are now neighbors.

-- Martin Luther King, Jr., The World House

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IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

NOTE: There is **NO** Saturday Service this coming weekend, October 3, 2009!

On Sunday, we will gather to celebrate **WORLD COMMUNION** with **Mark Kennedy** baking the bread. **Pastor Mike** will be leading worship and the **Rev. Barbara Battin** will offer a communion meditation called "**World House or Tree House: Who Sits at Your Table?**" **Amy Robb** will be the soloist. Amy is one of newer Cross Creek attendees and her musical gifts are sure to bless you! Also, please come prepared to offer a special offering to the United Church of Christ's **NEIGHBORS IN NEED** mission offering. This offering goes to support justice and peace work throughout the United Church of Christ.

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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 PARTY-- 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.

ON COMMON GROUND -- Last week to sign up!!

Registration forms are available at www.crosscreekchurch.org or at church. Childcare provided on Wednesday evenings for children 3 and under for a nominal fee paid by parents.

Here are the offerings...

Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time, by Pastor Mike - Wed at 6:00 - 7:15 PM & 7:30 - 8:45 PM

Uppity Women of the Bible, by Sue Voisard, Director of Spiritual Formation, - Wed at 6:15-7:15 PM

Spiritual Tools for the Journey, by Ruth Hopkins - Thurs at 6:15 - 7:30 PM

Move Into Life led by Joyce Cameron - Oct. 15,22,29, Nov. 5,12,19 at 6:15-7:30 PM

INTERFAITH PRAYER BREAKFAST -- Thurs, Oct 29 at 7:30 - 9:15 AM

Greater Dayton Christian Connections in cooperation with their interfaith partners, invites you to "Interfaith Perspectives on Immigration" at Sinclair Community College, Charity Earley Auditorium, Bldg 12. Come hear personal stories from our neighbors and reflect together with people of many faiths in a worshipful atmosphere. Special music by Jeff Olmsted and the Dayton Peace Choir. \$15 in advance/\$20 at the door. Contact Pastor Mike to RSVP your ticket.