

THIS WEEK AT THE CREEK

October 15, 2009

*Do not be too moral. You may cheat yourself out of too much life.
Aim above morality. Be not simply good; be good for something.*

— Henry David Thoreau

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IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

NOTE: There is **NO** Saturday Service this coming weekend, October 17, due to the FALL FESTIVAL!

On Sunday we will continue our Pentecost series **AN ALTAR IN THE WORLD: A GEOGRAPHY OF FAITH**, based on the book by Barbara Brown Taylor. **Pastor Mike** will be offering a prompting entitled **“The Practice of Living with Purpose: Vocation,”** which follows Chapter 7 of Barbara Brown Taylor’s book. **Mark Kennedy** will be singing.

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FALL FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY

October 17 starting @ 4:00 PM

At the home of Mark and Patty Thompson

1695 Lower Bellbrook Road

Xenia, OH 45385

It looks like the weather might not be perfect, but the Fall Festival is a GO! There will be plenty of wood on the bonfire; lots of hot coffee, tea and cocoa; and a bounty of fun and friendship to go around!

Schedule

4:00-5:30

**(during
daylight
hours)**

Pony Rides

Tour the Thompson’s Tree House and Out House

Have your picture taken with family and friends

(Western Wear and Costumes provided!)

5:30

Pot Luck Dinner Served

After Dinner

Square Dancing

Hayrides

Bonfire

Singing

Night Hike

What to Bring

1. A dish to share (Drinks provided!)
2. Your own place settings/silverware to cut back on trash.
3. Lawn chair(s)
4. Warm clothes and shoes.
5. Friends!

NOTE: There will be no Saturday night service at Cross Creek that evening.

INTERFAITH PRAYER BREAKFAST -- THURS, OCT 29 from 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.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS CLEAN-UP DAY -- SAT, OCT 31 from 9:00AM - NOON

Mark your calendars now! Please plan to come out, join in the fun, and do your share in getting our property ready for the winter months. A sign up poster is available to indicate where you would like to focus your time and help us understand how many of you are willing to come out and help. Add your name to the list! Duane Tabb, Chair, B&G Committee

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, November 14 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.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE PROJECT - NOMINATIONS

Cross Creek celebrates seven years of community support through our Christmas Angel Tree Project. In previous years, Cross Creek has provided nearly 1,000 gifts to children in Greene and Montgomery County Children Services as well as families within our community. This year we plan to assist children of Warren County Children Services, Warren County Battered Women's Shelter along with those in need in our own community.

If you know of a child or family in need of basic necessities, clothing or toys this Christmas, please email Dan Carl at dancarl@aol.com by **November 1**. Please provide a contact name (parent or caregiver) and phone number so Dan can follow up. Please remember that your nominations must be submitted by November 1.

READY FOR THE 2009 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT?!

This year we are presenting "Matt and Lucy's Version Births." This play was written by the writers of the "Living the Questions Series" and it explores the differing stories of Jesus' birth told in the books of Matthew and Luke. Which one is right? Join us and find out!

We're looking for children and youth of all ages! The rehearsal schedule is 5-6 PM on Sunday, November 22 & 29 and December 13th, and a dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 19th from 11:30-1pm. The pageant will be held at 5:30 on Saturday, December 19th. A sign-up sheet is in the hallway and if you have any questions please contact Kim Lockwood@ 829-3272 or kimberly.lockwood@notes.udayton.edu.

KNIT 1, PURL 2 FOR RUBATE HEALTH CENTRE BANDAGE PROJECT

When Bill Youngkin packed for his trip to Kenya this past summer, he managed to squeeze into his luggage some hand-knit bandages for the health centre run by our Global Partners at Rubate College. The bandages were the handiwork of Cross Creek's own Bev Barnes, who has been knitting for Rubate for years. The bandages were so well received by the clinic staff..especially for arm and leg wounds..that our Kenyan friends have asked for more. Bev needs our help!!

Bandages may be knitted or crocheted. Complete instructions and requirements for materials may be found on the SONKA website, sonkaucc.org, under the "Ministries" tab. Call Bev at 937/643-3197 with questions.

EQUALITY OHIO envisions an Ohio where everyone feels at home. They've received a challenge grant (valid until Oct 31st) to seek new members here in Ohio Senator Jon Husted's district. If you aren't currently a member of Equality Ohio, now is a great time to join. Annual memberships start as low as \$35. So please, go to www.equalityohio.org and join today and double your contribution in the process! Be a part of helping Equality Ohio lead the way to pass the Equal Housing and Employment Act on behalf of GBLT persons in Ohio during this legislative session.

TRACY NEEDS A CAR

Tracy Manning needs a car for appointments and training for a job. If you have a car you would be willing to give away, let her use temporarily or let her purchase (with you being the bank), please let Pastor Mike know. Thanks for your consideration.

HOLLY'S MOVING

Holly Gump is moving on Saturday, October 24 between 8:00 and 11:00 AM and she could use some help. If you'd like to come, call her at 266-6602.