

THIS WEEK AT THE CREEK

October 22, 2009

It is hard to be a lone revolutionary, yet that is what you become when you start saying no. You rise up against your history, your ego, your culture and its ravenous economy. You may also have to rise up against your church or synagogue, if you belong to one, since such institutions can demand as much of you as any pharaoh.

My advice is to find yourself a partner revolutionary. Find a whole community of revolutionaries if you can. They will help you hang on to your vision, the one that helps you remember who you were created to be.

-- Barbara Brown Taylor, *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith*, pg. 138

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IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

This weekend 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 Saying No: Sabbath,"** which follows Chapter 8 of Barbara Brown Taylor's book. **Cinda Tyler** will be singing a Carrie Newcomer song called **"Throw Me A Line"** from her Geography of Light CD. In addition, the Drama Team will be performing an original drama sketch called **"Life Begins at No,"** which was written by Cross Creeker **Charlie Williams**. The cast includes **Darren McGarvey, Katy Cecil, Gregory Barry, Charlie Williams, Lynne Wise.**

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CONGRATS TO CINDA TYLER

Cinda celebrates 5 years at Cross Creek as our Co-Worship Director! We are blessed to have Cinda and her awesome singing voice and keyboard playing. Thank you Cinda for sharing all of your musical talents here at Cross Creek Church!!

WORK-SHIP – NOVEMBER 28/29

The final Work-ship for 2009 will take place the weekend of November 28th and 29th. Our recipients will be the clients of Aids Resource Center Ohio (ARC), and Andrew Hyde from ARC will speak at our services. We will be assembling grooming kits with soap, deodorant, toothpaste, etc., and your bulletin includes a "shopping list" for the kits. **Please take the list with you to the store to insure getting the correct items.** These will be unisex kits so please avoid products that are specifically for a man or woman. Also, there is a display in the hall with examples of the kit supplies. ARC clients can also use toilet paper and feminine hygiene products. The kits are our first priority, but if, after shopping for kit supplies, you can buy TP or feminine hygiene items, we will pass them on to ARC.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS CLEAN-UP DAY

SAT, OCT 31 from 9:00 AM - 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. Please, add your name to the list!

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.

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.

DEPLOYMENT & INTEGRATION ISSUES FACING U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL, THEIR FAMILIES & THE CONGREGATION

You are invited to the gathering of the Covenant Society for Pastoral Counseling of Miami Valley Hospital for this presentation by Dr. Regina Shillinglaw and Lt. Col. Stephen Hamilton (ret) of WPAFB. It will be held on **Monday, November 2** at 7:00 - 8:30 PM at First Baptist Church, 111 W Monument Ave, Dayton. Since Cross Creek Church is a member of the Covenant Society, you are encouraged to come!!

NOVEMBER PFLAG MEETING – COLAGE (Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere)

The November meeting of PFLAG Dayton is **Tuesday, Nov 10 at Cross Creek**. Social time is 7:00-7:30 PM with the meeting starting at 7:30. As always, a peer support group will be available. November's program featuring representatives the Cincinnati COLAGE group might be of special interest to many Cross Creek parents. COLAGE, Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere, is an outreach program for children of gay and lesbian parents started by a woman with a gay father. Although there is not a COLAGE group in Dayton, many of the contacts between kids are on line. Learn more about COLAGE at www.colage.org.