

# THIS WEEK AT THE CREEK

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*Rivers are magnets for the imagination, for conscious pondering and subconscious dreams, thrills and fears.*

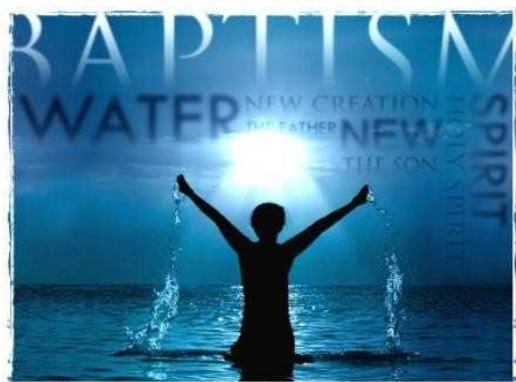
*People stare into the moving water, captivated, as they are when gazing into a fire. What is it that draws and holds us?*

*The rivers' reflections of our lives and experiences are endless. The water calls up our own ambitions of flowing with ease, of navigating the unknown.*

*Streams represent constant rebirth. The waters flow in, forever new, yet forever the same; they complete a journey from beginning to end, and then they embark on the journey again.*

- Tim Palmer - From *Lifelines*

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## IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

This weekend we will gather to celebrate **THE BAPTISM OF JESUS** Sunday. **Pastor Mike Castle** will be offering a prompting called *The New Authority*, which is Part II of a two part series called **A NEW DAWN**, which reflects on how the Christian church is changing and why (all of which will be a summary of his learning from the book *THE GREAT EMERGENCE* by Phyllis Tickle). **Emily McCann** will be singing. We will also participate in the reaffirmation and renewal of our baptismal vows.

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## EPIPHANY SEASON WORSHIP



**January 16-17** Second Sunday after Epiphany

Guest Speaker: **Marsha Bonhart**  
Anchor/Reporter WDTN-TV Channel 2

\*MLK Weekend and Cross Creek's *BEYOND COLOR* mission team focus.

\*\*Cross Creek Choir will be singing.

**January 23-24** Third Sunday after Epiphany

**CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW? *Your Mission, Should You Chose to Accept It*** Luke 4:14-21

\*Cross Creek Drama Team to perform.

**January 30-31** Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

**CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW? *Prophets on the Edge*** Luke 4:21-30, Jeremiah 1:4-10

Guest Preacher: The Rev. **Daryl Fairchild**, Community Organizer  
Greater Dayton IAF (Industrial Areas Foundation)

**February 6-7** Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

**CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW? *Into the Deep*** Luke 5:1-11

\*Communion served at all weekend services.

**February 13-14** Last Sunday after Epiphany (Transfiguration)

**CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW? *Everyday Transfigurations*** Luke 9:28-43

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION!

The Annual Meeting of the congregational will be held on Sunday, **January 24, 2009 from 5-7 PM**. Covenant members are expected and everyone else is welcome as we will, among other things, 1) Approve a 2010 budget, 2) Elect Officers and Council members for 2010, and 3) Hear an update on our *A Way into the Future* plan and affirm the formation of a new building committee and capital campaign committee.

## MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY MARCH AND RALLY

With our church banner, Cross Creekers will again march in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Parade and Rally on **Monday, January 18**. Parade participants from all over the area will meet in four geographic locations to march downtown. Puzzle pieces that lead marchers from each location will be united to form one community on the podium at Courthouse Square for the brief rally. Because we join our partner congregation, College Hill Community Church, we march from the north meeting site, Vineyard Church, 1222 N. Main Street. Gather in the Vineyard parking lot at 10:45 for an 11:00 step off. Hot beverages are available in the church, and bus rides back to the church from downtown are free following the rally.



## CARRIE NEWCOMER CONCERT

**Saturday, February 27**

Get your tickets now! Carrie Newcomer will back at Cross Creek for a ticketed concert on Saturday, February 27th at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$20 and available at the hallway table. She will also be the guest musician in our three weekend worship services on February 26-27. Be sure to let your friends and family know too!

## YOUTH COFFEE SERVICE A SUCCESS STORY!

The youth of Cross Creek want to thank everyone for making the launch of our coffee service a success! The money we earn will defray the cost of sending youth and chaperones to St. Louis for a week next summer, where they will participate in a mission project. This weekend, we want to encourage you to **bring your favorite travel mug to church** with you, and we will fill it with hot Dunkin Donuts coffee. This will accomplish two things: it will reduce the chances of a coffee spill in the sanctuary, and it will increase our profit margin on each cup – both very important goals! Thanks from Cross Creek Youth!

## 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, February 6 from 9 AM to 2 PM** You can sign up in the church hallway or contact Pastor Mike Castle. Childcare is available upon request with advance notice.



## CROSS CREEK 2<sup>ND</sup> SERVICE AUCTION -- Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

Individuals within the congregation offer services to be sold by a live auctioneer to the highest bidder. Besides being a time of great fellowship and a money maker for the church, it could easily be one of the most fun activities of the year. There's a signup sheet on the Events Table for those interested in being on the Auction Planning Team. Individuals are needed for coordinating donations, communications/publicity/marketing, hospitality, catering, and "whatever you need me to do." The success of the auction depends on YOU! Contact Brian Lanham (blanham@woh.rr.com) for details. Join the fun!

There will be a Service Auction **Planning Meeting and Chili Supper** on **Tues., Jan. 19th** at 6 PM at the church. Anyone wanting to help with the Service Auction is invited to attend. Everything will be provided. Please sign up on the Interest List on the Special Events table.

### **2010 FLOWER CALENDAR**

The 2010 Flower Calendar is now on the door beside the Special Events Table in the hallway. Please sign up to provide altar flowers in honor, memory or celebration of special people and events.



## **Cross Creek Community Church "On Common Ground" Adult Education Program Winter 2010 – 8 weeks (Jan 27 – March 24)**

**Please refer to the schedule below for class dates and times and descriptions  
Come join us for fellowship, learning, and spiritual growth!**

### ***THINKING ABOUT GOD IN NEW WAYS*** (An On Common Ground Core Curriculum Class)

**Wednesday evenings: January 27, February 3, 10, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24  
6:15-7:30 p.m. in the Parlor \* Led by Mike Castle**

#### **CLASS DESCRIPTION:**

This class will introduce participants to basic theological concepts and images of God. The class will also explore understandings of God's power and our responsibility to that power, evil and suffering, intimacy with God, the meaning of salvation and spirituality grounded in love and justice. We will also reflect on how other people "find God."

**TEXT:** *The God We Never Knew: Beyond Dogmatic Religion to a More Authentic Contemporary Faith*  
\$10.00 (for a new copy of the book)

#### **OPTIONAL TEXT:**

*How Can I Find God? The Famous and the Not-So-Famous Consider the Quintessential Question*  
\$10.00 (for a new copy of the book)

**NOTE:** *Books can be purchased now or on the first day of class by Pastor Mike or you can order your books from the Amazon.com link at [www.crosscreekchurch.org](http://www.crosscreekchurch.org).*

### ***COUNTERING PHARAOH'S PRODUCTION-CONSUMPTION SOCIETY TODAY***

**Wednesday evenings: January 27, February 3, 10, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24  
6:15-7:30 p.m. in Room 103 \* Led by Roselin Runnels**

#### **CLASS DESCRIPTION:**

*"It is a journey from slavery to covenant that we keep making over and over again.... because Pharaoh has immense power to draw us back into slavery." - Walter Brueggemann*

Learn, share and explore through this Lenten study designed for progressive Christians. This DVD-based curriculum will include video segments featuring Walter Brueggemann, a renowned Old Testament scholar and retired professor from Columbia Theological Seminary. Walter Brueggemann is a United Church of Christ minister and hopefully will be joining Cross Creek soon for a weekend intensive!!

**WARNING: THIS PROGRAM COULD BE HAZARDOUS TO SOCIETY AND THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE AND COULD POTENTIALLY HELP RESTORE THE MEANING OF COVENANT!!**

**TEXT:** None

### ***THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO THE BEATLES***

**Sundays: Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, March 7, 14, 21  
9:30-10:30 am in the Parlor \* Led by Ruth Hopkins**

#### **CLASS DESCRIPTION:**

"All you need is love" sounds great, but will it preach? Yeah, yeah, yeah! Join us for a bit of pop music history, sprinkled with the spiritual themes of the Beatles. Topics will include: John - Working Class Hero?, George- Indian mystic, The Early Years, Drugs and God, and much more. Classes will involve light reading, listening to music, and discussion. No book required. Beatle wigs optional.

TEXT: None



**ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

\*Childcare available for children from 6:15 -7:30 pm on Wednesdays in Room 101 for those participating in adult education sessions at that time led by: Liz Roaden, Children’s Program coordinator. Childcare will be provided on site at a **shared nominal cost**

\*In case of inclement weather, a decision about canceling class will be made by 3:00 pm on the day of the class. If you are unsure, you may call the church office at 434-4580 after 3:00 p.m. and the church voice mail greeting will indicate if classes have been cancelled or not.

**Cross Creek Community Church  
"On Common Ground" Registration Form**

**Registrant(s) Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(optional) Street Address Apartment #

\_\_\_\_\_ City State ZIP Code

Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**My choice of class(es) to attend:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Choice # 1: **Thinking About God in New Ways**  
Led by: Mike Castle  
Wednesdays 6:15-7:30 pm in the Parlor
- \_\_\_\_\_ Choice #2: **Countering Pharaoh's Production-Consumption Society Today**  
Led by: Roselin Runnels  
Wednesdays: 6:15-7:30 pm in Room 103
- \_\_\_\_\_ Choice #3: **The Gospel According to the Beatles**  
Led by: Ruth Hopkins  
Sundays: 9:30-10:30 am in the Parlor

**\*Please refer to the Class Descriptions on the reverse side of this sheet for further information.**

While I am involved in the Adult class(es) listed above, I will need childcare for my child(ren) listed below. I understand that there will be a shared nominal cost for this service, provided by Liz Roaden, our Children’s Coordinator, in Room 101:

Child # 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
Child’s name Age

Child # 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name

Age



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