

THIS WEEK AT THE CREEK

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“Our goal is to create a beloved community and this will require a qualitative change in our souls as well as a quantitative change in our lives.” -- Martin Luther King, Jr.

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IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

This weekend we will gather to celebrate in worship the **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY**.

We will welcome **MARSHA BONHART**, anchor and reporter from WDTN-TV – CHANNEL 2 as our guest speaker.

The **CROSS CREEK CHOIR** will be singing two festive and joyful anthems: “This Little Light of Mine” and “Total Praise.”



Our **BEYOND COLOR MISSION TEAM** has crafted our liturgy for worship is inspiring, compelling and insightful.

In addition, we will be collecting a special offering for the people of Haiti following the devastating earthquake there this past week. All monies collected will be sent through the United Church of Christ and will be distributed through *Church World Service*, a major, trusted disaster relief agency. Please mark your offering envelop or check as **HAITI RELIEF**.

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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.

AFTER THE MARCH....

Following Monday’s Martin Luther King Day March and Rally, Cross Creek participants are invited to our partner church, College Hill Community Church, 1547 Philadelphia Drive (corner of Cornell and Philadelphia), for a brown bag lunch and conversation. Prompting the conversation will be a 15 minute DVD entitled ***What Makes Me White?*** Bring your own lunch, packed at home or picked up at a drive-through on the way; College Hill will provide beverages. This film will be shown at the spring SONKA association meeting so we get to take part in an “advanced screening.”

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!



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 *Way into the Future* plan and affirm the formation of a new building committee and capital campaign committee.

THE GREAT ADVENTURE CHANGES COURSE

The Sunday morning children's education program is about to embark on an exciting journey of learning!! Beginning February 21st, our new children's program will kick-off a new program called "Power Xpress"! This program will bring Bible stories and theological foundations to life through rotational learning! Cooking, art, games, music and movement, science, videos, drama and storytelling will all be used to engage our young ones in their learning!! Can't you just feel the excitement!?

WE NEED YOUR HELP....

Our new children's program still has some physical and staffing needs!! We are in need of several more caretakers for our infants and children! These folks would nurture our little ones through play (no preparation needed!!) during one service every 3-4 weeks. Please consider helping with this vital ministry. We are also in need of the following donations for our new program:

- an overhead projector
- children's musical instruments
- donations to help purchase a large rug and floor pillows for our renovated classroom

If you can help with staffing our infant and toddler room or with the needed donations, please see or e-mail Sue Voisard (svoisard@aol.com) or Liz Roaden (sunniedaze07@yahoo.com)

YOUTH COFFEE SERVICE CONTINUES

Cross Creek youth continue to offer a Sunday morning coffee service. We're serving delicious Dunkin' Donuts coffee, and our chocolate biscotti are in great supply! Please bring your favorite travel mug and we'll fill it with hot Joe! (...or we will provide a 12oz cup) This will prevent spills and give you more! All proceeds will support our mission trip to St. Louis this summer. As always, THANKS!

EPIPHANY SEASON WORSHIP

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

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 2ND SERVICE AUCTION -- Saturday, May 1st

Volunteers are needed for coordinating donations, communications/publicity/marketing, hospitality, catering, and "whatever you need me to do." Come to a **Planning Meeting and Chili Supper** on **Tues., Jan. 19th** at 6 PM at the church. Everything will be provided. Please signup at Special Events table. The success of the auction depends on YOU! Contact Brian Lanham (blanham@woh.rr.com) for details.

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.*

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.



