

# THIS WEEK AT THE CREEK

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“When people begin moving beyond charity toward justice and solidarity with the poor and oppressed, as Jesus did, they get in trouble. Once we are actually friends with folks in struggle, we start to ask why people are poor, which is never as popular as giving to charity...charity wins awards and applause, but joining the poor gets you killed. People do not get crucified for charity. People are crucified for living out a love that disrupts the social order, that calls forth a new world. People are not crucified for helping poor people. People are crucified for joining them.”

-- Shane Claiborne (from the Simply Way Community, Philadelphia)  
in *The Irresistible Revolution: Life of an Ordinary Radical*

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## IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

This weekend we will continue with our Epiphany theme **CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?** The prompting for will be offered by **Rev. Daryl Fairchild**, Community Organizer for the Greater Dayton IAF (Industrail Areas Foundation). Daryl is no stranger to our community. A number of Cross Creek folks, led by our own Rev. **Bill Youngkin**, are working with him to found and fund this new community organizing project in the Dayton area. Daryl's prompting is entitled **“Prophet on the Edge.”** **John Bengson** will be singing. The drama team (with **Valerie Wright** and **Lenoir Rice**) will be performing a skit called **“Are You Listening to Me?”**

### HAITI RELIEF:

A big thank you to the Cross Creek family for giving **\$1537.00** for Haitian Disaster Relief. Cross Creek's check has been cut and is already on its way to CHURCH WORLD SERVICE!

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### 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!



### QUESTIONS ABOUT CROSS CREEK CHURCH?



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.

## IN RECOGNITION OF EVOLUTION WEEKEND

On **Sunday, February 14** at 12:30 PM (following the 11:00 AM worship service), Pastor Mike will host a special event in recognition of Evolution Weekend. Tickets are \$5 for a lasagna and salad lunch, or you can brown bag it for no charge, but either way please sign up at the Special Events table. As part of this luncheon there will be a showing of the classic film *Inherit the Wind* which depicts the clash between science and religion in the Scope's Monkey Trial in Cleveland, Tennessee in the 1920's. With a **Creation Museum** just down the road, the issues this film addresses is as relevant today as it was then. Following the movie, Pastor Mike will offer some reflections on Evolution Weekend, along with a time for Q & A. Evolution Weekend was created five years ago by Michael Zimmerman, Professor of Biology at Butler University as an opportunity for serious discussion and reflection on the relationship between religion and science. One important goal is to elevate the quality of the discussion on this critical topic - to move beyond sound bites. A second critical goal is to demonstrate that religious people from many faiths and locations understand that evolution is sound science and poses no problems for their faith. For more information on Evolution Weekend go to [www.evolutionweekend.org](http://www.evolutionweekend.org).

## 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. **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 increase our profit margin on each cup – both very important goals! Thanks from Cross Creek Youth!



## 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](mailto:svoisard@aol.com)) or Liz Roaden ([sunniedaze07@yahoo.com](mailto:sunniedaze07@yahoo.com))

## EPIPHANY SEASON WORSHIP

**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



### Ash Wednesday Service:

**Wednesday, Feb. 17, 7 p.m.**

The Season of Lent is just around the corner, which begins with Ash Wednesday. Our Ash Wednesday worship service will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m. The service will include the imposition of ashes and communion. We will also be honored to introduce a very large sculpture, by local artist, Tess Little, called "Filled by Spirit," that will serve as a focal point throughout the season of Lent.

Note: there will be no ON COMMON GROUND classes that evening.