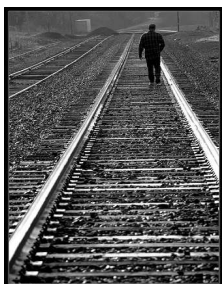


THIS WEEK AT THE CREEK

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“ Jesus tapped me on the shoulder and said, “Bob, why are you resisting me?” I said, “I'm not resisting you!” He said, “You gonna follow me?” I said, “I've never thought about that before!” He said, “When you're not following me, you're resisting me.” --Bob Dylan

IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

This weekend we will continue with our Epiphany theme **CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?** The prompting, entitled “*Into the Deep*” will be offered by **Pastor Mike Castle**. **Mindi Maynard** will be singing. **Communion** will be served at all services. Donations to the **Cross Creek Emergency Fund** are encouraged.

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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!



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE -- Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 7 PM

The Season of Lent is just around the corner, which begins with Ash Wednesday. Our Ash Wednesday worship 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.

IAF LISTENING SESSIONS

What are your greatest concerns about quality of life in our region? What would you like to fix in our public life? What are your worries and fears about the future of our community's? We will explore these questions and others like them in Listening Sessions at Cross Creek. What you and your friends share in these sessions will become the building blocks of a Miami Valley regional community organization called Greater Dayton IAF (Industrial Arts Foundation). Dozens of churches, synagogues, and religious societies expect to emerge through our voices as “the people’s voice” in public decision-making. Listening Sessions last 75 minutes and are limited to ten participants. Sign up at the events table on the weekends or call the church office, 434-4580. Questions can be directed to Bill Youngkin (wyoungkin@woh.rr.com or 223-8474). The following Listening Sessions have been scheduled:

- Sat., Feb. 20, 6:30 PM led by Janice Kemp & Nikki Harter-Hammes at Cross Creek.
- Sun. Feb. 21, 2:00 PM led by Lynne Wise & Brad Jones at Lynne's home.
- Sun. Feb. 21, 5:00 PM led by Bill Youngkin & Ann Mourouzis at Ann's home.
- Sun. Feb. 21, 2:00 p.m. led by Mark Thompson & Judy Nablo at TBD home

THE GREAT ADVENTURE CHANGES COURSE!!

The Sunday morning children's education program is embarking on an exciting journey of learning!! Beginning February 21, we'll kick-off a new program called "Power Xpress"! It 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.... We need several caretakers for our infants and toddlers! These folks will nurture our little ones through play (no preparation needed!!). Please consider helping with this vital ministry. We are also in need of donated children's musical instruments. If you can help, please see or e-mail Sue Voisard, SVoisard@aol.com or Liz Roaden, sunniedaze07@yahoo.com.

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 go to www.evolutionweekend.org.

"BOWLS OF HOPE" -- Saturday, February 27 at 6:00 PM

The Miami Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 8690 Yankee St., Centerville, will host "Bowls of Hope" -- a soup dinner benefit for the Dayton International Peace Museum and the Dayton FoodBank.

Co-sponsored by the Fellowship and the Dayton International Peace Museum, attendees will pick out a beautiful handmade pottery bowl made by a local artisan and select from a variety of soups, including vegetarian, donated by some of Dayton's best restaurants: Cafe Monet, C'est Tout Bistro, Coco's Bistro, Flavors Restaurant, The Meadowlark Restaurant, One Lincoln Center, Savona Ristorante, Thai 9. Specialty breads will be donated by Boosalis Baking Company and Rahn's Artisan Breads. Desserts will be provided by Reeve's Catering and Sisters' Catering.

Tickets are \$20.00 and must be purchased in advance; children under 10, \$10 w/o bowl. For tickets or more information, 227-3223 at the Museum or info@daytonpeacemuseum.org or 436-3628 at the UU Fellowship or admin@mvuuf.org.

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, March 13 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.

EPIPHANY SEASON -- WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

February 13-14

Last Sunday after Epiphany (Transfiguration)

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