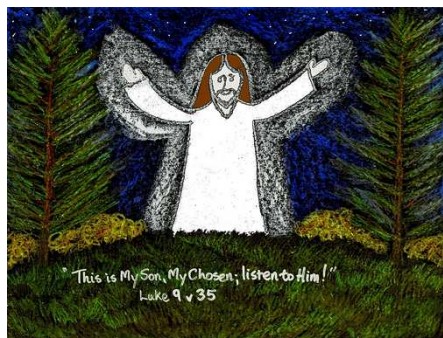


# THIS WEEK AT THE CREEK

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I must confess that I have enjoyed being on this mountaintop and I am tempted to want to stay here and retreat to a more quiet and serene life. But something within reminds me that the valley calls me in spite of all its agonies, dangers, and frustrating moments. I must return to the valley. Something tells me that the ultimate test of a man (sic.) is not where he stands in moments of comfort and moments of convenience, but where he stands in moments of challenge and moments of controversy. So I must return to the valley.

-- Martin Luther King, Jr., 27 January 1965

## IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

This weekend we will be Transfiguration Sunday with the continuing theme of **CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?** The prompting, entitled “**Everyday Transfigurations**” will be offered by **Pastor Mike Castle**. The **Cross Creek Choir** will be singing “**I Need You More with I Need Thee Every Hour**” by Marty Parks featuring **Kristi Mickelsen** as soloist.

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**YEAH TEAM!!** Cross Creek Community Church has sent \$1,537 to the United Church of Christ Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund. This includes distribution of water, food packages, blankets, hygiene and baby kits and medicines and medical supplies.

## MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY!! --- THIS IS “IN RECOGNITION OF EVOLUTION WEEKEND”

This **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 (with reservations) are \$5 for a lasagna and salad lunch, or you can brown bag it for no charge. 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](http://www.evolutionweekend.org).



## 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 --- Feb 20 and 21**

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 Areas 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, (937) 434-4580. Questions can be directed to Bill Youngkin [wyoungkin@woh.rr.com](mailto:wyoungkin@woh.rr.com) or (937)-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, 1:00 PM led by Mark Thompson & Judy Nablo at home of Sonya Harry & Alison Perkins.
- 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.

## **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!



## **"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](mailto:info@daytonpeacemuseum.org) or 436-3628 at the UU Fellowship or [admin@mvuuf.org](mailto:admin@mvuuf.org).

## **SUMMER TRIP TO KENYA OPENS TO ALL SONKA ADULTS**

This summer's trip to the Rubate Teachers College and Health Centre in Kenya, the annual sojourn sponsored by SONKA's Global Partnership Team, is now open to all adults in the association. The trip, scheduled for June 21 through July 9, had previously been planned for persons in the medical and educational fields, but is now open to everyone of age. Trip Leader Lollie Kasulones reports that the next Rubate trip for adults will not come around again until 2013. There are a number of openings for this year's trip, and she hopes to have participants signed on by the first Travelers Group meeting on Mar 21.

The change in the theme for the trip was brought about by the news that the clinic would not be able to get the necessary equipment on site for planned eye and dental exams. "The good news is the trip has opened up to include many more adults with a much wider range of gifts and talents to share, not just medical," Lollie comments. "This is an opportunity to immerse yourself in the Kenya spirit, share your faith with families in Rubate, visit schools, meet the college students, interact with church organizations, participate in prayer and Bible study groups, and see the clinic in action." Those interested in joining the traveling team should call Lollie at 513/9312205 (church) or 513/5831809 (home) or Karen Specter at 513/2320652.

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

## **YOUTH COFFEE SERVICE NOTE**

A number of you have asked if you can donate the supplies needed for the youth coffee service – the answer is **OF COURSE!** Naturally, any donated supplies increases the profits we can direct toward our week-long mission project in St. Louis this summer. If you would like to do this, the two things we most need are cups/lids, and Dunkin Donuts coffee. We currently buy a package of 36 12oz. cups with lids from OfficeMax for around \$10. Dunkin Donuts coffee comes from Sam's Club, where a 40oz. package costs a little over \$16. Unfortunately, we have not been able to find a Dunkin Donuts decaffeinated, so any brand will work. You can leave your donations with Mary at the church desk. As always, your youth thank you!! Oh, yea.....don't forget your travel mug on Sunday!!

## **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.

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