

LAST WEEKEND TO GET YOUR TICKETS.....

EASTER EGGS-STRAVAGANZA 2010

Cross Creek's annual Eggs-stravaganza, for infants through second grade children and their families will take place **Saturday, April 3**, from **10:30 AM to Noon**. Tickets are \$3.00 and friends are welcome. There will be an Easter egg hunt with prizes and entertainment by Jonathan Heart "The Origami Wizard". Tickets on sale now at the events table. Get yours today!



HOLY WEEK IN THE COMMUNITY

GOOD FRIDAY WALK FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE Please join us for this annual event bringing together Miami Valley organizations committed to doing justice. Meet us at **noon** on **Good Friday, April 2**, at **Courthouse Square** (Third and Main Streets). The walk through downtown Dayton with stops at each of the 14 Stations of the Cross will take about two hours. **Cross Creek is hosting Station 4**, Jesus Meets His Mother, highlighting the issue of how violence against LGBT people affects their families.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE at **Carillon Historical Park** on **Sunday, April 4, 2010 at 6:30 AM**. It's sponsored by Greater Dayton Christian Connections and Dayton History. The preacher will be Rev. Diane Turner-Sharazz, Pastor of McKinley UMC and Director of Course of Study School, a joint program of Methodist Theological School in Ohio and United Theological Seminary. Music Leader: Lee Behnken, Music Evangelist. Worship Leadership provided by the Community Initiative to Reduce Gun Violence, Dr. Robert Walker, Executive Director of the Wesley Community Center.

MODEL SEDER -- Monday, April 5, 4:00- 5:40 PM at Sinclair Community College

The Office of Campus Ministry: A Multi-Faith Center for Spiritual Life is planning a Model Seder **during Passover**. Cantor Joyce Dumtschin from Temple Beth Or will lead us. We will be using a *haggadah* for a teaching seder, "Why is this Night Different?." Light appetizers (Cheese and fruit, veggies and dip) will be served as the "main course" in addition to the traditional elements of the seder. Deadline for REQUIRED RESERVATIONS is Thursday, April 1. Email barbara.battin@sinclair.edu or calling 512-2481 or 512-2768. \$2 contribution asked for food.

WEEK AFTER EASTER

WORK-SHIP UPDATE We will gather in two weeks to assemble grooming kits for our Feeding Friends pantry, and the supplies are coming in. Thank you, thank you! Next weekend, Easter, will be the final opportunity to bring supplies. We need that last week to count everything and then fill in any gaps. Our greatest needs are for **shampoo, deodorant, and cotton swabs**. While it is tempting to buy the biggest bottle or container available, don't forget everything has to fit into a gallon zip-lock baggie. We could also use some **individually packaged toothbrushes**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

REMEMBER: Everyone is encouraged to check out Cross Creek's complete events calendar online at www.crosscreekchurch.org.

QUARTERLY JUSTICE & WITNESS MEETING

The Justice & Witness Ministry will meet on **Monday, March 29th**, from 7:00 - 8:30 PM, at Cross Creek. We'll make decisions about first quarter Local Mission Giving, get updates on our teams' activities and make final plans for the Good Friday Walk for Justice and Peace. Whether you're a regular participant on a Justice and Witness team, interested in finding opportunities to work with us for justice, or just curious about what we're up to, you're welcome to attend!

Time is flying!! **The “UP!” SERVICE AUCTION** will be here soon!!

LIFT OFF IS SCHEDULED FOR **MAY 1**—Mark your Calendar!! ACT NOW!!



Deadline for donations: April 10!

Got a talent, service, or skill to donate? We need you!! Go to www.crosscreekchurch.org to fill out your donation form or register to attend! Or stop by the display in the church hallway! Need help putting your idea together? Contact Marcia Brawner 294-8379.

IAF LISTENING SESSION

So many times we take a look around our communities and think, “I would really like to change _____.” The Cross Creek Industrialized Areas Foundation (IAF) team would like to invite you to come to one of our upcoming listening sessions to discuss the Greater Dayton region, its challenges, and possible solutions. Listening sessions are a great way to get to build relationships with your fellow church members, and provide valuable feedback for this grassroots organization.

The session on **Monday, March 29, 7:00 PM** led by Nikki Hammes and Bill Youngkin at Cross Creek will last about one hour, and is limited to 10 participants. Sign up at the Events Table. For more information, talk to a Cross Creek IAF team member, or contact Bill Youngkin at wyoungkin@woh.rr.com or (937)-223-8474.

DREAMING OF SUN AND FUN-FILLED SUMMER DAYS....

You'll notice that the **2010 summer camp** inserts are in the bulletin this weekend. The Ohio Conference of the United Church of Christ offers an amazing selection of summer camps for both adults and kids at our two beautiful outdoor ministry facilities in Ohio! Consider all of the different experiences and opportunities for this summer!! For more information, see the detailed pamphlets in the church hallway. You can register online at www.ocucc.org or call them direct at 1-800-282-0740. Members of our church family (talk to Sue Voisard or Haley and Brice Donegia!) have experienced these camps firsthand and found them to be wonderful, safe, well-organized and inspirational! Check them out for yourself!

CAN YOU HELP OUT....

DO YOU LIKE TO PLAY GAMES???!?!!

If so, we have the perfect ministry opportunity for you!! Our new children's curriculum needs someone who can lead games with our Cross Creek kids just two weekends out of every 3 1/2 months!! All ideas are provided for you!! Please consider joining this exciting new ministry team! Please see Liz Roaden or Sue Voisard to volunteer or for more information!



CROSS CREEK USHERS AND GREETERS NEEDED

If you are interested in becoming an usher or greeter at Cross Creek, contact Richard Croskey at dickenns@woh.rr.com. We need dedicated people to join this part of the worship team. Come join us!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MARCH OF DIMES MARCH FOR BABIES

Did you know that 1 in 8 babies is born prematurely? The March for Babies is the March of Dimes biggest fundraiser – raising almost \$300K in Dayton in 2009 – and volunteers are needed for the day of the event. Multiple times and opportunities are available to fit into your schedule. Groups are also encouraged to volunteer. Each volunteer will receive a free t-shirt, and most importantly, will be doing real work to end prematurity in our area and throughout Ohio.

The March will be held **Saturday, April 24, 2010** at Carillon Park. Volunteers are needed from 6 AM until noon. Shifts generally last 2 hours, and assignments vary (running game booths for kids, set up, tear down, parking, crossing guards, Taste of Walk booths, etc.) For more information or to hear the Hammes family prematurity tale, please contact Nikki Hammes at harter.hammes@gmail.com or 937-307-0248.

PRAYER AND CARD REQUEST

Please pray for the Euclid Avenue Congregational Church of the United Church of Christ in Cleveland, OH. This historic church was destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning, March 23. There were no injuries as a result of the blaze, but the 1867 building is a total loss and will be demolished. The likely cause of the fire, according to fire officials, was a lightning strike.

Euclid Avenue's congregation dates back to 1822. The Romanesque building, which was located next to the Cleveland Clinic on the east side of Cleveland, was home to a diverse, multiracial church family. Euclid Avenue was one of the first churches in the city to become racially integrated and is also reported to have been a stop on the Underground Railroad.

The building is now a shell, with all of its contents claimed by the fire, including its stained glass windows, its world-class organ, and its interim pastor's personal library and stoles. The church leaders, however, remind well-wishers that a church is not a building, and that, despite their terrible loss, they will continue worshiping together at a vacated church building in the same neighborhood and plan for the future as they carry out the food mission that so many in their area depend on

It's been suggested that one tangible thing UCC members could do to support the church would be to send notes and cards, "signs that they are not alone as they come into Easter." Euclid has set up a post office box, where cards and messages could be sent.....Euclid Avenue Congregational Church, PO Box 181430, Cleveland Heights, OH 44118

IN THE COMMUNITY

CENTERVILLE WASHINGTON DIVERSITY COUNCIL PRESENTS.....

CHALLENGES TO PEACE AND PROSPERITY: AFGHANISTAN -- Forum on April 22, 7-8:30 PM

Our guest speaker, Jaro Bilocerkowycz, is an author and professor of political science specializing in national security and global politics at The University of Dayton. He has written numerous articles for the World Book Encyclopedia and is author of the book *Soviet Ukrainian Dissent*. He covers Afghanistan in courses on international relations, global politics, nationalism and ethno politics, and US national security. The forum will be held at Miami Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 8690 Yankee Street, Centerville.