

# THIS WEEK AT THE CREEK

THE WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER  
CROSS CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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## IN WORSHIP THIS SATURDAY

### **SONGFEST 2010: A Musical Celebration for the Season of Easter** Saturday April 17th 5:30 PM (A Time of Fellowship will follow the service)

In lieu of our normal Saturday evening worship, we will gather for a fun-filled evening of singing. The Cross Creek Choir will be singing some of their "GREATEST HITS" along with others of our other talented Cross Creek folk who will entertain you. Best of all.....you get to sing, too. We will be introducing some selections from the new UCC "Sing, Prayer, and Praise" songbook that was introduced at the national synod event last summer. For those of you who remember the old time "singspirations", you will have the opportunity to call out selections from the New Century hymnal of those hymns that you love so much. Afterward, there will be a time of fellowship with refreshments provided! So be sure to mark your calendar, and join us for an evening of music.

**It's better to light a candle  
than to curse the darkness.**

-- Eleanor Roosevelt

## IN WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

The prompting, "**BEING AN EASTER PEOPLE IN A GOOD FRIDAY WORLD: A People of Love Amidst a People Still Breathing Threats and Murder**" will be offered by **Pastor Mike**.  
**Special Music** by Joe Roaden. **Scripture: Acts 9: 1-20**



Matthais Scheits, woodcut, 1672, Ananias restoring Saul's sight

## PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

**Valerie Wright** in the passing of her mother in Oregon following a battle with cancer. Cards of care and sympathy can be sent to her at 2631 Harrison Lane, Beavercreek, OH 45431

**Rod Hargo** as he deals with a number of health issues. Cards of care and sympathy can be sent to: 7745 Essington Circle, Dayton, OH 45459-4103 937-439-1898

**Dimitri Jaraiseh** in the unexpected passing of his mother in Israel after a heart attack. Cards of care and sympathy can be sent to: 3214 Fantasia Trail, Dayton, OH 45449-3511 937-478-6913

**Bob Firster** as he recovers from gall bladder surgery this past Wednesday. Cards of care can be sent to: 25 Seminary Avenue, Dayton, OH 45403 937-258-2862

**Mark Abbott** as he continues to recover from open heart surgery. Cards of care can be sent to: 2230 S. Patterson Blvd. #58, Dayton, OH 45409

**Tom and Jan Harry** in the passing of Tom's brother, Bill Harry. Cards of care and sympathy can be sent to: 9116 Northcreek Lane, Dayton, OH 45458

**Ann Mourouzis** continues to recover from hip replacement surgery at the Kingston Nursing Facility. Cards, calls and visits to: Ann Mourouzis Bed 10-A c/o Kingston Nursing Facility, 1120 S. Dunaway Miamisburg, OH 45342 937-866-9089

**Bev Grzymala** is now home and continues to recover from the removal of a portion of her liver due to cancer. Cards of care can be sent to: 140 East Main St., PO Box 119, South Vienna, OH 45369-0119 937-206-2959

**Maggie Bauer** as she recovers from a successful surgery to remove a spot on her lung. Cards of care can be sent to 448 E. Linden Avenue, Miamisburg, OH 45342

## ON BEING A COMMUNITY....

### WANT AN ACOUSTIC PIANO?

By now I hope everyone has had the pleasure of hearing our wonderful new keyboard. I trust no one suffered any permanent hearing loss from the grand and glorious sound of the pipe organ on Easter Sunday!

As a result of this gift, and due to ongoing space/storage issues, we are looking for a new home for the acoustic piano. The acoustic piano was also donated to us by two of our own, John and Donna Moore. The Worship Committee would like to continue that spirit of giving and give the piano to someone within our church family who may have children starting piano lessons or anyone in need or desiring to have a piano in their home. All that's required is some good strong friends to help you move it.

If interested, please contact Ruth Hopkins, Worship Chair, or Kenny Roaden or Cinda Tyler, Co-Worship Directors.

### FACILITATORS NEEDED --

#### INFORMAL SUMMER READING AND DISCUSSION GROUPS

**Quaker minister Philip Gulley, author of *If Grace Is True* and *If God Is Love*, returns with his new book *If the Church Were Christian: a challenging and thought-provoking examination of the author's vision for today's church... if Christians truly followed the core values of Jesus Christ.***

Philip Gulley is determined to help the church find its soul and begin to envision a picture of what the church would look like if it refocused on the real priorities of Jesus. Cross Creek will experience Philip Gulley and his message when the theologian comes to share during our weekend intensive in September, 2010. In preparation, we would like to offer several informal reading and discussion groups focused on Gulley's book "If the Church were Christian". The leaders of these groups can set their own schedule (3-5 sessions) to explore together this book and its vision for us as people of faith. If you would consider facilitating one of these reading and discussion groups, please contact Karen Emery ([karenpam62@mac.com](mailto:karenpam62@mac.com)) or Sue Voisard ([SVoisard@aol.com](mailto:SVoisard@aol.com)) by May 2nd.

**CARD TABLES NEEDED .....** to use the night of the Service Auction. If you can bring them to the church, please place under the coat-rack. Also, it would be helpful if you could tape your name on the bottom of the table(s) so they can be sure to get back to you. Questions? Talk with Brian Terry.

## 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](mailto: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 are 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](mailto:harter.hammes@gmail.com) or 937-307-0248.

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

**REMEMBER:** Everyone is encouraged to check out Cross Creek's complete events calendar online at [www.crosscreekchurch.org](http://www.crosscreekchurch.org).

### WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTIAL LECTURE SERIES

Tuesday, April 20 at 7:00 PM in the Student Union Apollo Room

**John Corvino, Ph.D.      Philosophy professor and "gay moralist"**

John Corvino, Ph.D., has been speaking, writing, and demolishing myths about homosexuality and morality since the early 1990s. He has educated and entertained professional organizations, government contractors, churches, and hundreds of college and university audiences, giving some their first-ever *inside* viewpoint on GLBT (gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender) issues.

Corvino's presentation "What's Morally Wrong With Homosexuality?" (available on DVD) explores the common arguments against same-sex relationships, including those based on nature, religion, and alleged threat to society. The titles of some of his other lectures and presentations include "The Boy Scouts and Gay Rights," "Homosexuality and Biblical Interpretation," and "Born or Made—and What's the Difference?"

## **DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP PANEL DISCUSSION -- Thursday, April 22, 2010 at 7 PM**

The City of Kettering Board of Community Relations is sponsoring a panel to deal with the legally confusing and complex issues of Domestic Partnerships. Ohio state and Federal law(s) outline specific rights given and *not* given to individuals in a domestic partnership. Topics include:

- Estate planning, inheritance laws, medical rights
- Rental and fair housing information
- Important financial planning and resources
- Programs and services available to the Greater Dayton LGBT community

It will be held at Van Buren Middle School Auditorium, 3775 Shroyer Road, Kettering, OH 45429. After a brief presentation and a Q&A session, participants will have the opportunity for one-on-one conversation with workshop panelists. One of the panel members will be prominent Dayton attorney Karl Ulrich, who is a founding member of Nexus UCC. Questions? Contact Laura Arber, [Laura.Arber@gmail.com](mailto:Laura.Arber@gmail.com) or 329-0113.

## **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.

## **WORSHIP IN THIS SEASON OF EASTER**

### **NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISES:**

#### **Being an Easter People in a Good Friday World**

Liturgy Team Leader: Rev. John Bengson

Liturgy Team: Rev. Dr. Janice Kemp and Philip Elam

#### **April 24-25 Fourth Sunday of Easter**

***A People of Life for all Creation*** Revelation 7:9-17

**Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Janice Kemp**

*\*Integrity of Creation Sunday (Earth Day – April 22)*

#### **May 2 Fifth Sunday of Easter**

***A People of Justice and Equality*** Acts 11:1-18

*\*Communion served at both Sunday Services.*

*\*\*SERVICE AUCTION at 5:30 Saturday. No regular Saturday 5:30 service.*

#### **May 8-9 Sixth Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day)**

***A People of who Offer Healing*** Acts 16:9-15, John 5:1-9

*\*Cross Creek Choir Singing!*

#### **May 15-16 Seventh Sunday of Easter (Ascension Day – May 13)**

***A People for this World*** Acts 1:1-11

*\*Welcome New Covenant Members*