

# THIS WEEK AT THE CREEK

THE WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER  
CROSS CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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And God saw everything that [God] had made, and found it very good.

And [God] said: This is a beautiful world that I have given you.

Take good care of it; do not ruin it.

It is said: Before the world was created, the Holy One kept creating worlds and destroying them.

Finally [God] created this one and was satisfied. [God] said to Adam: This is the last world I shall make. I place it in your hands: hold it in trust.

-- Jewish Prayer from *Earth Prayers from Around the World*

## IN WORSHIP THIS WEEK

The prompting, “**BEING AN EASTER PEOPLE IN A GOOD FRIDAY WORLD: A People of Life for all Creation**” will be offered by Rev Dr Janice Kemp with **Special Music** by Cinda Tyler.

**Scripture:** Revelation 7:9-17



## SERVICE AUCTION NEXT WEEK -- Have you signed up to come yet?

This fantastic and fun evening is **Saturday, May 1 at 6:30 - 9:00 PM.**

**What is the service auction?** It is an auction (with amazingly fun professional auctioneers) of services, food and adventures donated by members of the congregation and friends. It is not your everyday auction. If you haven't seen the listing of items to be auctioned, pick one up in the hallway by the kitchen.

**What should I expect?** There will be a silent auction and light food fare to start the evening. Rooms will be open with silent auction items which continues until 7:30 PM. Then the live auction will start and the evening will conclude with dessert and coffee. There will be a \$5.00 charge to cover the cost of the food.



**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.

**WASHING MACHINE NEEDED** Are you getting rid of a working washing machine? A struggling family could use it. Please contact Sue Voisard at 435-6217 or ([SVoisard@aol.com](mailto:SVoisard@aol.com)).

## PRAYER GROUP -- May 4 at 6:15 - 7 PM

**Bring a friend!**

This drop-in adult group meets at the home of Alison Perkins in Washington Twp. Directions can be obtained by calling the church or by sending an e-mail to [prayergroup.cccc@gmail.com](mailto:prayergroup.cccc@gmail.com).

### Emergency Fund

- The **Emergency Fund offering**, normally collected the first weekend of the month, will be collected on 5/8-5/9 due to the Service Auction on 5/1.
- Given our challenging economic times, our Emergency Fund needs replenishing. If you can afford to give anything extra, please include it in your offering, designating it "Emergency Fund," or put something in the Emergency Fund pillar during the 5/8-5/9 worship services.
- Money from our Emergency Fund goes to help folks facing financial challenges such as shortfalls in rent or utilities or unexpected medical bills or car repairs. Assistance is for folks within the Cross Creek community and is limited to no more than once per year.
- People seeking assistance can contact either Pastor Mike Castle or Justice and Witness chair David Lauri.

## LOBBY DAY FOR EQUALITY REGISTRATION AND CAR POOL

It's not too late to register for Equality Ohio's 5th Lobby Day for Equality on Wednesday, May 19th. To register, go to [equalityohio.org](http://equalityohio.org) and follow the link for Lobby Day. All Lobby Day participants are put on a team to visit their state senator, as well as the three representatives within that Senate District.



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It is a great day of action and empowerment and especially important this year as we seek to move HB 176, the Equal Housing and Employment Act, that passed in the House of Representatives last September, into a Senate Committee for a fair hearing during this legislative session.

If you'd like to carpool to Columbus on May 19th please sign-up at the Special Events table. The car pool will leave the church parking lot at 7:30 a.m.

**ADOPT-A-GARDEN.....**The Buildings and Grounds ministry is in need of someone to adopt the sign garden at the front of our property. The garden is on both sides of the sign and is rather small. The front and back the garden is already planted with bushes. Right now the sides are covered in crab grass and need someone's TLC. Do you have the time to take on this little project? The garden can be dedicated to the memory of a loved one, if you would like. We could even have a small sign made to place out there. We will provide some plants; you can put in annuals or make it simple and put in perennial ground cover. If you are interested, call Mary Taylor at 937-862-8623.

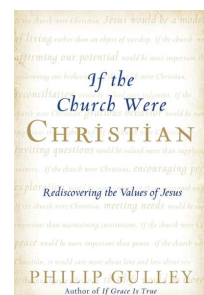


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## FACILITATORS NEEDED -- INFORMAL SUMMER READING AND DISCUSSION GROUPS

**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.



## 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!

## GET READY FOR A COSMIC ADVENTURE!!

**EVENINGS of July 12-15 for kids 4 years - 5th grade**

This year's Vacation Bible School is going to be a **GALACTIC BLAST** as our young cadets voyage into outer space learning about God. Through daily missions, our kids will see space like never before, gain a new perspective on our planet Earth, and learn easy "green" earth tips they can practice at home. This cosmic combination of faith and fun will have the cadets experiencing God in a new way!! And don't miss our graduation/closing event on Saturday, July 17th at Space Day at the Wright Patterson Air Force Museum (event is from 10-3 with graduation and carry-in lunch at 11:45)! This event at the museum will allow us to commemorate the anniversaries of the Apollo 11 and Apollo 15 moon landings while learning about rocketry and space flight through aerospace demonstration stations. **SAVE THE DATE.... YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS ONE!!**

## DAYTON PRIDE PARTNERSHIP DINNER

Dayton Judge Mary Wiseman and Seattle singer/comedian, Lisa Koch ("Coke") will headline the Dayton Pride Dinner on **June 12, 2010** at the Ponitz Center located on the campus of Sinclair Community College. In both serious and light hearted ways, these two women will help the Pride Dinner celebrate the 2010 Pride theme: We Are Here! Bound for Equality. The evening begins at 5 PM with an impressive business and non-profit exposition with hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. At 7 PM dinner begins and is followed by awards and recognitions, Judge Wiseman's keynote speech, and Lisa Koch's comedy show. The evening ends with the annual Pride raffle drawing for many prizes including Diamond rings.

Tickets are \$45.00 with an early bird special of \$40 per person or \$400.00 per table of 10 if purchased by May 5, 2009. To purchase tickets send a note with a check to The Dayton Pride Partnership, Box 1203, Dayton, OH 45401-1203 or go online to [www.pridedayton.com](http://www.pridedayton.com) or [www.daytonlgbtcenter.com](http://www.daytonlgbtcenter.com). The online purchase or purchases through the mail are the only outlets for early bird tickets. Regular tickets at \$45.00 per person or \$450.00 per table of 10 will be available after April 15 online, through the mail and the following additional outlets: Q-Gifts at 1904 North Main and 464 on 5th. If you belong to a local LGBT organization, check to see if they also have tickets.

About our Speaker and Entertainer: The Dayton Pride Partnership is excited to have Judge Wiseman as the keynote speaker this year. Judge Wiseman has been a General Division Judge in Montgomery County Common Pleas Court since November 2007. She is the Chair of the Judicial Technology Committee and serves on the Judicial Civil Practice, Criminal Practice and Security Committees. Judge Wiseman received her B.S. from Ball State University in 1984 and her J.D. with honors from the University of Arkansas in 1988. While a Dayton City Commissioner in 1999, Judge Wiseman advocated for the city to adopt civil rights laws that included LGBT people in the protected classes. Along with many other advocates, she achieved that goal in 2007 when Dayton amended its Human Rights Ordinance to include language she originally proposed protecting all sexual orientations and gender identity / expressions from discrimination in housing, credit, employment and public accommodations.

Lisa Koch will make your roar with laughter. She produces, writes, and performs all over the globe, and has been a featured act at the National and Michigan Women's Music Festivals, Bumbershoot, and the Vancouver Comedy Festival. The Dayton Pride Partnership is pleased she accepted the offer to headline the Pride Dinner entertainment this year. As one critic wrote: "Picture a fusion of Bette Midler, Lily Tomlin, and Joan Jett and you've got Lisa Koch." An irreverent Seattle singer/comedian, Koch is a deliciously twisted mix of comedy, theater, and demented songs.

## 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

- 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