

THIS WEEK AT THE CREEK

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Christ has no body now on earth but yours,
no hands but yours, no feet but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which
Christ's compassion is to look out to the world.
Yours are the feet with which Christ is to go about doing good.
Yours are the hands with which
Christ is to bless all people now.
--- Teresa of Avila, Spanish mystic and saint

IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

The prompting, "**NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISES: A People for this World**" will be offered by **Pastor Mike**. **Special Music** provided by Amy Robb.

Scripture: Acts 1:4-11

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH SPECIAL OFFERING

On **Sunday, May 23 – Pentecost** – we will be receiving the Strengthen the Church special mission offering of the United Church of Christ. This offering builds the UCC's future. It funds new congregations and renews existing ones. It supports programs for youth and young adults and nurtures current and future leaders. And it aids the God is Still Speaking Ministry to spread our message of inclusivity. Directed to local Conferences, Local Church Ministries and the Stillspeaking Ministry, Strengthen the Church gifts help to create vibrant church communities of extravagant welcome.

PARKING LOT "PATCH-THE-PATCH" PROJECT

Building and Grounds Ministry hopes that you have noticed that the parking lot has become less treacherous for walking and more "user friendly" all around with new striping. This project had been put off for quite some time for budgetary reasons, but became urgently necessary for safety/liability reasons. After all, some who seek community with us are less mobile than others. Our slogan is, "All are Welcome" -- not "All are Welcome, *if you are able to navigate our potholes!*"

So, in the interest of safety, reduced liability, aesthetics, AND truth in advertising, we went forward with an unbudgeted parking lot upgrade. The cost of the project was \$2300 or about \$50 per parking space. The project was done by Houser Asphalt and the price was consistent with other bids. Houser also donated a Hot Air Balloon Ride to our Service Auction, which was valued at \$300. Proceeds from the auction of the Hot Air Balloon Ride will go to offset the cost of the parking lot improvements. **We are asking that those who are able, please donate to a special collection to help defray remainder of the cost.** Please mark your envelope "Parking Lot" so that your donation can be channeled directly to Buildings and Grounds. Your help in this important repair project is **immensely appreciated.**

SUMMER OF SERVICE ~ SUMMER OF SMILES

Increasing awareness and empowering our young people to make a difference and experience God's love and justice in a new way!!

Our Cross Creek kids of all ages are encouraged to join in the summer service project from **June 20th through August 14th**. Each week for eight weeks, kids along with their parents are invited to perform a simple act of service or kindness for someone they know, a perfect stranger, or the environment!! The summer project will close with a time of sharing and celebration at the **PIZZA PARTY on Sunday, August 15th** after church. See the more detailed information in the hallway and register today!!

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!!**

Leaders now forming for Galactic Blast

Interested in helping out with Vacation Bible School this year as a group leader or helper? Would you like leading groups from station to station or teaching science, games or drama. How about assisting with snacks or even childcare? If so, please sign up in the hallway or contact Sue Voisard or Liz Roaden directly. We are so appreciative for all those volunteers that we have each year made VBS a huge success! The kids are our future and we try our best to make this experience the most that it can be for them!

IN THE COMMUNITY

DAYTON'S GAY PRIDE PARADE

The Castle-Carl family will be the Grand Marshalls at the Pride Fest parade this year on Saturday, June 5. Cross Creek Church will meet at Cooper Park (behind main library downtown) at 10:30 AM. We'll step off at noon to travel to Courthouse Plaza. Equality Cross Creek will be recognized.



**Worship with us the weekend of May 22-23, Pentecost Sunday!
You'll be "in good company..."**