

THIS WEEK AT THE CREEK

THE WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER
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**When the wind changes direction,
there are those who build walls
and those who build windmills.**

-- Chinese proverb

**IN WORSHIP THIS
PENTECOST WEEKEND**



Bev Byerley, *Broom at Pt. Holmes*

The Prompting, "**Walls or Windmills?**" will be offered by **Pastor Mike. John Bengson** will sing "**Blowing in the Wind.**" **Scripture: Acts 2:1-21**

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH SPECIAL OFFERING

This weekend 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.



WORSHIP IN THE PARK AND CHURCH PICNIC

Join us on **Sunday, June 27th, at Schoolhouse Park** at 1875 Nutt Road, Centerville, for our 11:00 a.m. worship service, and then stay to enjoy a potluck picnic. In addition to a dish to share, you're asked to bring table service and cup. Here's your opportunity to be environmentally friendly!

There will be **no 9:30 a.m. service on Sunday, June 27th.**

EMERGENCY FUND TEAM MEETING – June 22 at 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Anyone who is interested is invited to attend this first meeting of a **temporary team** being established to examine Cross Creek's Emergency Fund's policies and expenditures. At this first meeting we will review existing policies, look at expenditures over the past few years (anonymously, without recipients' names being revealed), have some initial discussion and decide upon a few volunteers to do some research on changes.

If you have questions or suggestions about the Emergency Fund, please contact Justice & Witness Ministry chair David Lauri @ justice@crosscreekchurch.org.

NOTE!! Read on even to page 3 ... there are new exciting opportunities with dates for your calendar clear into November!!!

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 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 who 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." Your help in this important repair project is **immensely appreciated.**

ALSO, WE NEED A FEW STRONG BACKS to help lift bundles of shingles for the roofing project. We have people who know how to do the roofing, but need help with getting the roofing to the roof! Call Mary Taylor, 689-8221 or e-mail jers2939@aol.com.

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.



LOOKING AHEAD IN 2010 MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

RIVER BAPTISM -- Sunday, August 22 at 1:30 – 3:30 PM

Our annual River Baptism service will be held at the Jacoby Road Canoe Launch, located between Xenia and Yellow Springs. Participants, along with friends and family, will meet at **1:30 PM** for a brown bag meal along the banks of the river. The service will begin at **2:30 PM**. If you are interested in being baptized, contact Pastor Mike Castle as soon as possible.

PHILIP GULLEY TO PREACH AT CROSS CREEK – Sept 11 and 12



Quaker pastor **Philip Gulley** will return to Cross Creek for our Fall Intensive.

Join us on Saturday at 5:30 PM in lieu of our regular worship service for An Evening with Author Philip Gulley, a special dinner event at which he will present his new book ***If the Church Were Christian: Rediscovering the Values of Jesus***. Watch for ticket information.

Philip will also preach during both Sunday services, at 9:30 and 11:00 AM. Be sure to mark your calendars!

ANNUAL TRIP TO LONGTOWN, OHIO – Sunday, September 26 at 8 AM to 4 PM

This year Cross Creek will be joining with **College Hill Community Church** for their annual trip to **Longtown, Ohio**, a predominantly African American community in Darke County founded in 1822. We'll **travel to Longtown together via bus** and will worship and fellowship together. Watch for further details.

KATRINA KITTLE TO PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP – October 16-17

Local author **Katrina Kittle** will return to Cross Creek during our weekend Worship services (5:30 PM Saturday, 9:30 and 11:00 AM. Sunday) to read from her new book, **The Blessings of the Animals**, a novel about marriage. Save the date!



CHRIS GLASER TO PREACH AT CROSS CREEK – October 23-24



The **Rev. Chris Glaser**, author of **As My Own Soul: The Blessing of Same-Gender Marriage** and interim pastor of Atlanta, GA's Virginia Highland Church (which, like Cross Creek, is affiliated with both the UCC and the Alliance of Baptists), will preach during this weekend's worship services (5:30 PM on Saturday, 9:30 and 11:00 AM on Sunday).

Chris will also lead and facilitate a workshop on Saturday morning. Save the date, and watch for more information, including the cost and how to register for the workshop.

FALL RETREAT 2010 – November 12-14 at Camp Akita

Save the dates! Cross Creek's bi-annual fall retreat will be held in 2010 a little later than usual, in November, and, as usual, it will be loads of fun!

This year's retreat will again be held at beautiful **Camp Akita** in Logan County, OH. Watch for registration information.



