

# THIS WEEK AT THE CREEK

THE WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER  
CROSS CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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A handful of meal,  
a jug of oil,  
a breath of life,  
a note of song,  
half a smile from a friend,  
a letter folded and  
refolded again,  
pine needles under feet,  
the smell of city  
after long rain,  
a child's prayer—  
the little enough.

I was just going  
to kindle these bits  
left of my life  
and consume  
my last hope,  
but you came along  
asking me to give  
rather than give up,  
and I decided  
to share my  
next-to-nothing  
with your hunger.

Taste my sweet cake  
even though it is small,  
taste tomorrow  
with me—I think  
there is enough,  
something shared  
is never empty;  
something poured  
will never run out—  
a table of meal  
a laughter of oil,  
a handful of life.



Prayer of the Heart (I Kings 17:13b)  
--from *An Improbable Gift of Blessing*,  
Tirabassi & Grant, p 137

## IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

On this second weekend after Pentecost the Prompting, “Courageous Compassion” will be offered by **Carol Alexander**. **Mindi Maynard** will bring the special music. Communion will be served at all services.

Scripture: I Kings 17: 8-24

# HAPPENINGS AT CROSS CREEK

## WORSHIP IN THE PARK AND CHURCH PICNIC

Join us on **Sunday, June 27th, at Schoolhouse Park** at 1875 Nutt Road, Centerville, for worship at 11 AM and then stay to enjoy a potluck picnic. In addition to a dish to share, you're also asked to bring your own table service and cup in an effort to be environmentally friendly!



**NOTE: There will be no worship services at 5:30 PM Saturday and 9:30 AM the weekend of June 26-27.**

## 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](mailto:justice@crosscreekchurch.org).



## FEEDING FRIENDS NEEDS SOME HELP

Cross Creek's Feeding Friends food pantry needs more workers to come at **7:15 - 8:30 AM on Saturdays** (June 26, July 24, Aug 21, etc) to help unpack food and set up for the distribution on those dates. Could that be you? If so, please sign-up on the bulletin board in the hallway.

**THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE IS HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE** our donations for the parking lot patching now total \$325. We want to thank everyone who contributed thus far. That amount, added to the Balloon Ride auction proceeds of \$800, give us funds totaling \$1125. This project had to be done to make the parking lot safer for people to navigate, but the funds were simply not in the budget. We are still in need of \$1280 to fund the project. You can help by putting whatever you are able in an envelope marked "Parking Lot".

We also have to **replace the shed roof** in order to prevent water damage. The old roof must come off and new roofing installed. Shingles and tar paper have been donated. We will **tackle this project** with volunteer help on **June 12 starting at 8 AM**. If you are able to come to help move shingles, we could use your help! Please call Mary Taylor at 689-8221 or email at [jers2939@aol.com](mailto: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

### YOU ARE INVITED – PFLAG Scholarship Banquet

Join PFLAG Dayton to meet and congratulate the 2010 PFLAG scholarship recipients. The Scholarship Banquet will be held Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30, here at Cross Creek Church. Two \$2000 scholarships will be awarded – one to a GLBT student and one to a straight ally. In addition to the recipients, Lisa Rismiller, from UD, will speak. There is no charge for the catered dinner, but reservations are required. Please RSVP by **Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**, to [janc1966@aol.com](mailto:janc1966@aol.com) or by phone to 937-248-8621. We hope you can join PFLAG for this exciting celebration.

## 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 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.

