

THIS WEEK AT THE CREEK

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The miracles of the church seem to me to rest not so much on faces or voices or healing power suddenly near to us from afar off, but upon our perceptions being made finer, so that for a moment our eyes can see and our ears can hear what is there about us always.

Willa Cather

IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

The Prompting, *Who Speaks for God?* will be offered by **Pastor Mike**.
Emily McCann will bring the special music.
Scripture: I Kings 21:1-21

We'll also be commissioning our youth at the conclusion of the 11:00 a.m. service as they head out on their mission trip to work in inner city St. Louis.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Prayers are needed for Garrett Broughton and his extended family as they grieve the loss of his 38-year old brother, Ray. Visitation will be held from 6-8 pm on Friday, June 11 and 10 am – 2 pm on Saturday, June 12, with the funeral immediately following at the Anderson Funeral home in Franklin. Cards may be sent to Garrett at the following address: 533 Crawley Run, Apt 205, Centerville, OH, 45458.

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.



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.



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!

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.

