

THIS WEEK AT THE CREEK

THE WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER
CROSS CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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**One does not need buildings,
money, power, or status to
practice the Art of Peace.
Heaven is right where you are
standing, and that is the
place to train.**

-- Morihei Ueshiba,
founder of the Japanese martial art of Aikido



-- from Valparaiso University Global Peace Project

THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

Ruth Hopkins will offer a **prompting: "Outside the Lines."**
Scripture readings will be from **2 Kings 5:1-14...the story of Naaman and Elisha**

WORSHIP AND PASTORAL CARE PLAN -- July 3 – August 9

Pastor Mike will be on vacation and leave from July 3 through August 9. Ruth Hopkins will be preaching and leading worship. If you have pastoral concerns or pastoral care is needed, please contact Ruth at 937-748-0537 or email at ruhop@mac.com. If you have other church concerns, please contact Mike Lockwood at 434-4789 or ulockmx@yahoo.com.

WORSHIP THEME: "Driven to Distraction" (D2D)

'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things;
there is need of only one thing...' Luke 10: 41

July 10/11	"D2D: Measure by Measure"	The Good Samaritan and the Plumb Line
July 17/18	"D2D: Gathering Flies"	Mary, Martha, and a bowl of fruit
July 24/25	"D2D: Praying in Public"	The Lord's Prayer
Jul 31/Aug 1	"D2D: Possession"	The Rich Young Man
Aug 7/8	"D2D: The Junk Drawer"	The Wedding Banquet

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Please pray for **Karen Emery** and her family on the death of her father, Ralph Emery, last Friday. Condolences and cards can be sent to Karen at 2051 Alpwoods Lane, Dayton, Oh 45459 or karenpam62@mac.com.

Please continue to pray for **Diane Biswas**, Ann Biswas's mother, as she continues to recovery from her hip surgery at Liberty Nursing Center on McEwen Rd, Room 710. Please lift Diane and Ann, Kristi and the kids, during this time of uncertainty.

Donna Moore still struggles as she cares for her elderly mother, and her 33 year old daughter who is having health problems. Please offer prayers of strength and faith for Donna and her husband.

WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK.....

JEANIE BLEDSOE'S WOODCRAFT AT AMERICANA FESTIVAL

Jeanie Bledsoe is holding her FIRST wood crafts show at the Americana Festival in Centerville, July 5th (Monday only) from 10 AM – 5 PM. Look for Booth 89 in front of the Auto Parts Store on N. Main St. You can see her wood craft selections on Facebook - go to Facebook, Search, and type in her name Jeanie Bledsoe. All items are hand-crafted and gorgeous!

LIFE LINE SCREENING – September 8 at Cross Creek

Cross Creek Church is pleased to offer preventive health screening in collaboration with Life Line Screening.. The screenings are offered on Sept 8th at Cross Creek and test for stroke risk, vascular disease, and bone density. Call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com for more information and to pre-register.

REGISTRATIONS NEEDED NOW!!



**SIGN UP FOR A COSMIC ADVENTURE!
EVENINGS of July 12-15
for kids 4 years - 5th grade**

Registration due by July 4!!

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.

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!!**

PHILLIP GULLEY RETURNS TO CROSS CREEK – SEPTEMBER 11-12 WITH BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS IN JULY - AUGUST

Phillip Gulley returns to Cross Creek Community Church Sep 11-12 to offer perspectives and sermons on his most recent book *"If The Church Were Christian - Rediscovering the Values of Jesus"*. There will be a spaghetti dinner with a presentation to follow the evening of Sat, Sep 11 (no church service). Dinner is at 6:00 PM and Phillip will speak 6:45-8:00 PM. If you are a regular attender/contributor to Cross Creek, tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for those under 18. The public prices for tickets are \$30 for adults and \$20 for children/youth under 18. Sunday, Phillip will offer sermons at the 9:30 and 11:00 AM services.

Additionally, **book discussion groups** will be meeting on **Wednesdays 1:00-2:30 and 7:00-8:30 and Thursdays 6:30-8:00 starting the week of July 18**. All groups will meet for 5 weeks in the church Parlor. E-mail the church at crosscreekchurch.org or signup on the hallway bulletin board for a book discussion group. Tickets for the spaghetti dinner must be purchased in advance and will go on sale in August. Please make checks to: Cross Creek Community Church.

OTHER HAPPENINGS AT CROSS CREEK

CALLING ALL SOON-TO-BE SIXTH GRADERS!!

Our Cross Creek youth group is ready to welcome all incoming sixth graders in the fall and invites these young people and their parents to attend an **information session during youth group (at 11:00 AM) on Sunday, July 11th**. Come and find out about the exciting summer project that will allow for growth and new experiences as the young ones prepare to join in the Cross Creek youth program!! If you are unable to attend this session, please contact Sue Voisard, Director of Spiritual Formation, at SVoisard@aol.com or Lisa Gagel, youth group director.

DARIA SCHAFFNIT TO BE ORDAINED

All are invited to attend the ordination of Daria Schaffnit on **Sunday, July 18** at 4:30 p.m. A Service of Word and Sacrament and Order for Ordination to Ministry will be held at Dover Congregational United Church of Christ, 2239 Dover Center Road, Westlake, Ohio. A reception will follow. Daria has been called as Associate Pastor of Faith Formation and Family Life at David's United Church of Christ in Kettering, Ohio.

Daria was a seminary intern at Cross Creek during 2005-2006. She and her partner, Jeannene, were also covenant members of Cross Creek before they relocated to the Cleveland area because of Jeannene's job. The Cross Creek community was instrumental in her discerning of her call to ordained ministry rather than academia.

ELDERLY DISABLED COUPLE NEED HELP

We have been approached by Montgomery County Senior Social Services for 2 volunteers to help prepare an elderly and disabled couple for a move. The job would entail boxing collectibles to be gotten rid of via garage sales or donated to the church. The couple reside on Betsy Ross Circle and will be moving in August. If interested, please let Mary Sharp know, and more details will be provided. These volunteers are needed immediately.

QUARTERLY JUSTICE & WITNESS MEETING

The Justice & Witness Ministry will meet on **Tuesday, June 29th, from 7:00 - 8:30 PM**, at Cross Creek. We'll make decisions about second quarter Local Mission Giving and get updates on our teams' activities. Whether you're a regular participant on a Justice and Witness team, interested in finding opportunities to work with us for justice, or just curious about what we're up to, you're welcome to attend!

STRATEGIC PLANNING AT CROSS CREEK – August 21, 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM

THOSE WHO FAIL TO PLAN, PLAN TO FAIL – YIKES!

How many times have we been threatened with that adage? Too many to count, I imagine. Cross Creek is about to embark on a planning process that will culminate in a new, reasonable, clear and achievable strategic plan. The Coordinating Council has charged a small group with providing direction and guidance to this planning process with the intent to bring a draft plan to the congregation for approval in the next few months. This group will be called the Guiding Group.

To begin this process we need YOU – the congregation at Cross Creek. We want your input, your opinions and your sense of priorities to complete the process with a successful plan. YOU are ALL invited to attend an initial gathering on **Saturday, August 21 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (including lunch at \$5) at Cross Creek** to review our vision and mission and provide the Guiding Group with the information they need to move ahead with the development of a plan.

Jacqui Sensky will provide the leadership for the August 21 event. She is a skilled facilitator recommended by the Centerville Washington Diversity Council. Jacqui's expertise ranges from leading a cabinet level department for the State of Ohio to working with small, non-profit groups like us. You will find the time with Jacqui to be focused and well-spent.

Information on reserving your spot will be available on the web site through **This Week at the Creek** and in upcoming bulletins. If you want to know more, please call Roselin Runnels (937-320-0820) or email roselin648@sbcglobal.net.

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2010

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.

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.