

THIS WEEK AT THE CREEK

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One of the symptoms of an approaching nervous breakdown is the belief that one's work is terribly important.

Bertrand Russell, 19th Century

THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

Ruth Hopkins will offer a prompting: **"Mary, Martha and a Bowl of Fruit."**
Special music by **Mark Kennedy**

Scripture readings will be **Amos 8: 1-12; Psalm 52 and Luke 10: 38-42**

WORSHIP AND PASTORAL CARE PLAN – Through 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 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

HAPPENINGS AT CROSS CREEK

TRIP TO HISTORIC LONGTOWN – Sign-up Now!

On **Sunday, September 26th**, Cross Creek folks will join our College Hill partners for the annual trip to Longtown, OH, a predominantly African American community in Darke County founded in 1822. We'll travel to Longtown together via bus, leaving from College Hill. We can organize carpools to College Hill. The trip will include a worship service, lunch and a guided tour of the rich history of the Longtown area. The cost, which includes transportation and lunch, is \$15.00 per person. **The deadline to sign up is Sunday, August 1st.** Sign-up sheet is on the Events table. To learn more about Longtown, visit www.ohiohistorycentral.org/entry.php?rec=3175.

STRATEGIC PLANNING SIGN UP

SHOW UP

SPEAK UP

It is time to sign up to attend the congregational STRATEGIC PLANNING session on **Saturday, August 21**. This is our opportunity as a congregation to work with a skilled facilitator to identify where we are, where we want to go, how we will get there and how we will know we have gotten there.

The session will begin at 10:30 AM and end around 2:00 PM. Lunch is available for \$5. There is a **sign-up sheet in the hallway**. **SIGN UP, SHOW UP, SPEAK UP.**

Let's shape the landscape of the future for Cross Creek.

PHILIP GULLEY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS START THIS WEEK

Discussion groups on Philip Gulley's book, *"If The Church Were Christian - Rediscovering the Values of Jesus,"* will start this week on **Wednesdays 1:00-2:30 and 7:00-8:30 and Thursdays 6:30-8:00**. All groups will meet for 5 weeks in the church Parlor. E-mail the church at crosscreekchurch.org or sign up on the hallway bulletin board for a book discussion

Then on September 11-12 Philip Gulley returns to Cross Creek **to offer perspectives** and sermons on this most recent book. There will be a spaghetti dinner with a presentation to follow the evening of **Saturday, Sept 11 (no church service)**. Dinner is at 6:00 PM and Philip will speak 6:45-8:00 PM. If you are a regular attendee/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. On Sunday, Philip will offer **sermons at the 9:30 and 11:00 AM services**. 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.

LIFE LINE SCREENING – SEPT 8th

Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure or a family history of cardiovascular disease? If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, you may want to consider being screened for your risk of stroke through the services of Life Line Screening. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque buildup in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain, and offer other, similar tests that check related vascular disease. Call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com to pre-register. The screenings are at Cross Creek Community Church on Sept 8th.

SEE HOW OUR CROSS CREEK YOUNG ONES ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!!!

Our Summer awareness program entitled "Summer of Service / Summer of Smiles" has only just begun but here are a few of the things that our Cross Creek kids or youth have been doing: volunteering at a summer arts camp, watering a neighbor's lawn, volunteering at an animal shelter, giving up their seats in order that older people may have them, rescuing baby birds and visiting the shut-ins from our congregation!! Wow! Thanks for being aware and taking action to make a difference in your community!!

IN THE COMMUNITY

NEWS FROM EQUALITY OHIO.....

The National Organization for Marriage (NOM) is an organization opposed to marriage equality and granting same-gender couples the same legal and financial rights heterosexual couples get through marriage. NOM will be in Lima on July 24 for a rally. Equality Ohio hopes that a large group of those in favor of marriage equality can show their support by attending a family picnic that same day.

Northwest Ohio Family Picnic Fundraiser for Equality Ohio. Please join us in celebrating equality with the

Equality Ohio family of supporters from Northwest Ohio. This event is co-sponsored by Equality Ohio and Freedom to Marry.

When: **Saturday, July 24, 2010** at 2:00 PM

Where: Fautot Park (100 Park Ave., Lima, OH)

Cost: \$11.00 (other options available)

To register simply copy and paste this address into the internet address box....

https://equalityfederation.salsalabs.com/o/35026/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=133.

While the National Organization for Marriage carries on a message of exclusion across town, special guest Sue Doerfer, Equality Ohio Executive Director, will share with us Equality Ohio's vision for advancing equality in Northwest Ohio and across the state to create an Ohio where everyone feels at home. So, bring your friends (both two and four legged) and family and join us in celebrating equality and just have fun! Lunch will be provided and the corn hole (and other yard games) competition will be fierce! We look forward to seeing you there!

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.



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.