

THIS WEEK AT THE CREEK

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**There are really only two kinds of prayer:
help me, help me, help me, and
thank you, thank you, thank you.**

Anne Lamott, 21st century

*-- The Lord's Prayer
in Aramaic*

THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

Ruth Hopkins will offer a prompting: **"Someone Worth Talking To."**
Special music by **Kenny Roaden**

Scripture readings will be **Genesis 18: 20-32; Psalm 138** and **Luke 11: 1-13**

WORSHIP AND PASTORAL CARE PLAN – Through August 9

Pastor Mike is on vacation and leave 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)

Jul 31/Aug 1 "D2D: Possession"

The Rich Young Man

Aug 7/8 "D2D: The Junk Drawer"

The Wedding Banquet

FROM THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

CONGRATS AND GRATITUDE TO RUTH TERRY

Ruth celebrates 3 years as our Custodian. Ruth works many hours each week to ensure our worship and gathering place is spic and span. Ruth, we appreciate you!!

HAVE YOU WONDERED.....

WHAT'S THIS ALLIANCE OF BAPTISTS with which Cross Creek United Church of Christ is affiliated? And on which Board of Directors, Pastor Mike serves as Vice President and UCC representative. Here's a bit of the story.....

The Alliance of Baptists is a growing movement of progressive Christians – individuals and congregations – seeking to respond to the continuing call of God in a rapidly changing world. The Alliance is a flourishing movement of more than 2,000 individuals, 150 endorsed chaplains, 32 mission partners and 130 affiliated congregations. The Alliance of Baptists mission locally and globally is based on a passionate commitment to Jesus' Great Commandment:

LOVE GOD. LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR.

No matter what color he is.
No matter whether speaks English.
No matter who he sleeps with.
No matter what God she worships.
No matter if their children go to church.
No matter if they sleep in a cardboard shelter.
No matter if his breath reeks of alcohol.
No matter if she is a single mother with a child.
No matter if his home is behind bars.
No matter. No matter. No matter.

Anne Thomas Neil, who recently celebrated her 100th birthday, was a significant shaper of this movement called Alliance of Baptists. Here's what she says in "Journey Without Map"....

We did not choose to live in this present moment. It is the moment in history given to us by God. It is the moment when God's Spirit, in new ways, is shaking the foundations to the church globally that the time is now for us to remember God's first intention in the creation ---- that women and men are created to live in equal partnership in a loving, redemptive, reconciling community where each person is affirmed as equally whole, equally responsible, and equally valued."

WANT MORE DETAILS? In the current issue of "Voices," there are reports on the Alliance's work with women in prison and farm workers, the Institute for Dismantling Racism, news of the emergent church, "Body Prayer," the children at Hope House, churches in Cuba and more.

Pick up a copy of "Voices" in the rack in the hallway. Take it home and read it...then bring it back to the rack so others can read it. If it's really fascinating, check out page 3 for subscription information.

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.

CROSS CREEK NEEDS INFANT AND TODDLER CAREGIVERS!!

Our Children's Program is in need of folks to care for our infants and toddlers during the Sunday morning service (either 9:30 or 11:00) once every month. Please consider volunteering for this vital ministry to our young people!! To volunteer or for more information, please contact Sue Voisard (SVoisard@aol.com) or Liz Roaden (sunniedaze07@yahoo.com).

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.

OUR SUMMER OF SERVICE AND SMILES CONTINUES....

Our Cross Creek kids and youth have been working hard to stay aware in their environment and make a difference in the world!! Here are some of the **neat things our kids have been doing since the last report**: helping with Feeding Friends food pantry, playing impromptu piano concerts for retirement home residents, rescuing baby bunnies, weeding neighbor's yards, carrying elderly folks groceries and cleaning out toy closets to give to kids in need!! We've even heard reports of siblings helping each other clean their rooms and grandkids offering to wash dishes for grandparents!! Wow!! Keep up the good work!!

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.

