

# THIS WEEK AT THE CREEK

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## THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

*...if you must be greedy, then be greedy for love.*

*Barbara Brown Taylor*

Special music by Mindi Maynard



Pastor Mike is on vacation and leave until 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](mailto:ruhop@mac.com). **If you have other church concerns**, please contact Mike Lockwood at 434-4789 or [ulockmx@yahoo.com](mailto:ulockmx@yahoo.com).

## HAPPENINGS AT CROSS CREEK

### MONTHLY PRAYER GROUP

Prayer Group meets the first Tuesday of the month from 6:15 PM to 7 PM at Alison Perkins's home. This is a drop-in group, so come when you can. Sorry no childcare is available, adults only, please. Further information or directions to her home are available at [prayergroup.cccc@gmail.com](mailto:prayergroup.cccc@gmail.com). Bring a friend!

### WANT TO HELP FOSTER EQUALITY FOR ALL IN OHIO?

Come to a House Party at the home of John Cummings & Jerry Mallicoat on **Saturday, Aug. 14!** The party will serve as a fundraiser to benefit Equality Ohio and its fundraising campaign to support its pro-equality initiative, Stand For Equality, as well as other Equality Ohio work. We will share in delicious food and good conversation while we learn more about Equality Ohio and its work, especially efforts to move House Bill 176 - the Equal Housing and Employment Act - through the Ohio Senate. Sue Doerfer, executive director of Equality Ohio, and Develop Director Steve Farrell will be there to provide more information. **RSVP no later than Friday, August 6th by emailing John at [jjc0213@cinci.rr.com](mailto:jjc0213@cinci.rr.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.

*Childcare available with advanced registrations (see the sign-up/registration at the information table). Parents: please provide a sack lunch/drink for your child.*

## ARE YOU, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A SMOKER?

Are you a male over 55? Cross Creek Community Church is pleased to host a Life Line Screening preventive health event to scan for risk of an abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA). The screening will be held on Sept. 8, 2010. Call 1-888-653-6441, or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com](http://www.lifelinescreening.com) for registration information.

## 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](http://www.ohiohistorycentral.org/entry.php?rec=3175).

## OUR SUMMER OF SERVICE AND SMILES UPDATE

Our "Summer of Service" project continues to produce a summer of smiles as our young ones become increasingly aware of the needs around them and reach out to make a difference!! **Here is an update since last week's report.** Our young folks have made and sent get-well cards to others, made pies for grandparents, helped with Cross Creek's food pantry, given up a swing on the playground for a stranger, and made a commitment to donate hair to "Locks of Love". Wow!! Great job, Cross Creek kids!! Let us all follow your example of ministry!!

## 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](mailto:SVoisard@aol.com)) or Liz Roaden ([sunniedaze07@yahoo.com](mailto:sunniedaze07@yahoo.com)).

## 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.

## SIGN UP FOR PHILIP GULLEY 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***. Sign up now in the main hallway, near the entry doors.

Philip will also preach during both Sunday services, at 9:30 and 11:00 AM. Be sure to mark your calendars!

## 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.

