

THIS WEEK AT THE CREEK

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**Weave in faith and
God will find the thread.**

-- Author Unknown

ABRAHAM
By Louis S. Glanzman



THIS WEEKEND IN WORSHIP

The Prompting, "Practicing Faith" will be offered by Ruth Hopkins.

Dennis Rotterman will bring the special music.

Scriptures: Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16 and Luke 12: 32-40

HAPPENINGS AT CROSS CREEK

WANT TO HELP FOSTER EQUALITY FOR ALL IN OHIO? RSVP TODAY!!

Come to a House Party at the home of John Cummings & Jerry Mallicoat on **Saturday, Aug. 14!** The party... 6:30 – 8:30 PM ... 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.**

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.

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.

LIFE LINE SCREENING – September 8

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.

PHILIP GULLEY COMING TO CROSS CREEK --- Sept 11-12

On September 11-12 Philip Gulley returns to Cross Creek to offer perspectives and sermons on this most recent book, *"If The Church Were Christian - Rediscovering the Values of Jesus."* There will be a spaghetti dinner with a presentation to follow on 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 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. 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 this month. Please make checks to: Cross Creek Community Church.

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!! 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) or Liz Roaden (sunniedaze07@yahoo.com).

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2010

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.