

THIS WEEK AT THE CREEK

THE WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER
CROSS CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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When painful mem'ries haunt each day and dreams disturb the night,
when life is washed with shades of gray and phantoms fill our sight,
Christ, stay beside us and embrace the child who dwells within;
come, healer, touch our lives with grace; restore our lives again.

When dreams at last bring peace and rest, and fear has lost control,
when, tried by struggle, we are blessed with rightful mind and soul,
stay close beside us as before, to guide us all our days.

Christ, take the lives that you restore and fit them for your praise.

-- Ruth C. Duck



THIS WEEKEND IN WORSHIP

Saturday at 5:30 PM and Sunday at 9:30 and 11:00 AM

The Prompting, "You Are Set Free" will be offered by Pastor Mike.

Scriptures: Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 13:10-17

NEXT SATURDAY WORSHIP ALERT

On **Sept 11** there **will not be the usual 5:30 PM worship** service because of the program by Philip Gulley. The traditional weekend services will only be held on Sunday, Sept 12 at 9:30 and 11:00 AM.

HAPPENINGS AT CROSS CREEK

CHOIR SEASON IS BACK!!

WOW! I can't believe it's almost time for choir to begin again! In fact, it has pretty much snuck up on us. Where has the Summer gone? I kept thinking there was so much time between now and the end of August... but the last Wednesday in August is only 5 days away! So even though it's still scorching hot outside, it's time to get ready.... Choir Season is BACK!!!



I hope you will join Cinda and me for a tremendous new year of Cross Creek Choir. We will practice on **Wednesdays at 7 PM starting this week...Aug. 25...**and our first weekend to sing will be the weekend of September 18th-19th.

Hope to see you at choir! Kenny

RIVER BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND -- 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. Come share the joy of those being baptized!



QUESTIONS ABOUT CROSS CREEK CHURCH?

Those interested in investigating covenant membership at Cross Creek Community Church, as well as those interested in learning more about the church's statement of faith; its vision, mission and distinctive values; its decision making processes and its varied ministries, as well as its affiliation with the United Church of Christ and the Alliance of Baptists are invited to attend the **Exploring Covenant Membership Class on Saturday, September 25 from 9 AM to 2 PM**. You can sign up in the church hallway or contact Pastor Mike Castle. Childcare is available upon request with advance notice.

REGISTER NOW FOR DINNER AND PRESENTATION BY PHILIP GULLEY



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 are **now available on the table in the hallway**. Please make checks to: Cross Creek Community Church.

POWERXPRESS PROGRAM NEEDS TEACHERS FOR OUR CHILDREN!!



Our Children's Program is in need of folks to teach **COOKING, ART or GAMES** during the Sunday morning service (both 9:30 am or 11:00) on two Sundays every 7-14 weeks.

The curriculum is already created for you so all you have to do is choose what activity you may want to do. 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).

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

EQUALITY CROSS CREEK
A Justice and Witness Mission of Cross Creek Community Church
Presents:

GOD IS STILL SPEAKING ABOUT MARRIAGE

A focus on marriage from two different, yet similar perspectives:
one straight and the other gay; one a fiction writer and the other a non-fiction writer

Sat, Oct 16 at 5:30 PM / Sun, Oct 17 at 9:30 and 11:00 AM

Katrina Kittle



Author of **Blessings of the Animals: A Novel**
will return to Cross Creek during our weekend worship services
read from her new book....a novel about marriage.



to

Special Music by Kent Ross Brooks



and

Sat, Oct 23 at 5:30 PM / Sun, Oct 24 at 9:30 and 11:00 AM

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.

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



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.