

THIS WEEK AT THE CREEK

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And then all that divided us will merge
And then compassion will be wedded to power
And then softness will come to a world that is harsh and unkind
And then both men and women will be gentle
And then both women and men will be strong
And then no person will be subject to another's will
And then all will be rich and free and varied
And then the greed of some will give way to the needs of many
And then all will share equally in the Earth's abundance
And then all will care for the sick and the weak and the old
And then all will nourish the young
And then all will cherish life's creatures
And then all will live in harmony with each other and the Earth
And then everywhere will be called Eden once again.

-- "The Dinner Party" by Judy Chicago



THIS WEEKEND IN WORSHIP

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

The Prompting, "Come to the Party" will be offered by Pastor Mike.

Scriptures:

Hebrew 13: 1-8,15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

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? So 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** and our first weekend to sing will be the weekend of September 18th-19th.

Hope to see you at choir! Kenny



CALLING ALL 8TH-12TH GRADERS!!

Our confirmation class is now forming and will meet monthly with Pastor Mike for the 2010-2011 school year as well as participate in field trips, workshops and a closing retreat! This is a unique and important opportunity to reflect on deepening theological issues on your spiritual journey!! Registration is due back by September 11th. Please contact Sue Voisard, Director of Spiritual Formation, for registration materials. Please note that this class will not be offered again for several years.

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).

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.

"FISH OUT OF WATER" A documentary film that explores the impassioned relationship between homosexuality and the Bible will be shown on **Saturday, October 9, 2010 at 8:00 PM at Cross Creek Community Church**. Sponsored by EQUALITY OHIO. Co-Sponsored by Cross Creek Community Church and PFLAG Dayton Chapter

You might think you know where the Bible stands on the subject of homosexuality, but when was the last time you actually checked? In the spirited documentary *Fish out of Water*, filmmaker Ky Dickens explores the seven Bible passages notoriously used to condemn homosexuality and justify marriage discrimination. With the help of a cartoon narrator, animated recollections of Bible passages and witty illustrations, *Fish out of Water* makes this polarizing subject accessible and non-threatening.



The film begins with an animated recollection of the fallout at Vanderbilt University when the film's director came out to her sorority sisters. Their rabid rejection sparks her search for Bible-based condemnation. Crisscrossing America and listening to the country's impassioned speech on this divisive issue, she speaks with ministers of all denominations, recording the experiences of the oppressed and the justifications of the oppressors. Covering over twenty states and capturing the gay community's devastation immediately after the 2008 vote on Proposition 8, *Fish out of Water* presents the hyper-relevance of this issue with concern, humor and creativity. More info at www.fishoutofwaterfilm.com.

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.

IN THE COMMUNITY

SHOWER OF STOLES....a collection of liturgical stoles celebrating those who serve God through ordained ministry and those who have been excluded because of sexual orientation. Come be a part of this experience on Friday, Sept 17 (6-9 PM) or Sunday, Sept 19 (1-4 PM) at First Presbyterian Church, 314 Xenia Ave, Yellow Springs, Ohio.

CALL TO ACTION RE OHIO AIDS DRUG ASSISTANCE CRISIS...You are invited to contact Gov. Ted Strickland at 614-466-3555 or governor.info@governor.ohio.gov. Please ask Gov Strickland to fill the funding gap in the OHIO AIDS Drug Assistance Program. It's the difference between living with HIV and dying with AIDS.

LOOKING AHEAD

GOD IS STILL SPEAKING ABOUT MARRIAGE

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



Two Weekends – Three Events

October 16-17, 2010 * Weekend Worship

Weekend worship with local author **KATRINA KITTLE** as she shares from her new novel *The Blessings of the Animals* with guest musician **KENT ROSS BROOKS**
Three services to choose from: **Sat, October 16 at 5:30 / Sun, October 17 at 9:30 and 11:00**

October 23, 2010 * Saturday Workshop from 9:00 to 3:00 p.m.

\$35.00 per person * Register online at crosscreekchurch.org/marriage
Come and Spend a Day with Author, Christian, Theologian, Minister and Gay Man, **CHRIS GLASER**, author of *As My Own Soul: The Blessing of Same-Gender Marriage*, as he engages participants in an exploration of the blessing same-gender marriage. A great opportunity for GLBT people and straight

people alike to learn how to give voice and witness to marriage equality that is proactive and positive rather reactive and defensive.

October 23-14, 2010 * Weekend Worship

Weekend Worship with **CHRIS GLASER** and guest musician **DEBRA JAMES TUCKER**

Three services to choose from: Sat, October 23 at 5:30 / Sun, October 24 at 9:30 and 11:00

SONGS OF RACE AND RECONCILIATION

An MLK Holiday Special Concert with Folk Singer **KATE CAMPBELL**

Saturday, January 15, 2011 at 8:00 p.m. * Tickets are \$20

Kate has produced 12 albums . Her formative years were forged by the Civil Rights movement of the 1960's and those indelible experiences continue to inform her music. Kate's eloquent gift for storytelling has drawn repeated comparisons to southern writers such as Eudora Welty, Flannery O'Connor, and William Faulkner. Kate's music has been featured on *NPR's Morning Edition*, *All Things Considered*, *Car Talk*, and *Mountain Stage*.



January 15-16, 2011

Three services to choose from: Sat, Jan. 15 at 5:30 / Sun, Jan. 16 at 9:30 and 11:00

Kate Campbell will also be the guest musician during all three weekend worship services at January 15-16, 2010 (5:30 Saturday January 15 and 9:30 and 11:00 on Sunday) along with guest speaker **AMELIA ROBINSON** from the Dayton Daily News, where she writes the wildly popular Smart Mouth column, edits the newspaper's Seen and Overheard column and reports on fashion and other thought-provoking lifestyle topics.

A WEEKEND WITH RABBI IRWIN KULA

Author of *Yearnings: Embracing the Sacred Messiness of Life*
March 28-29, 2011 * Details Forthcoming

Rabbi Irwin Kula, president of the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership in New York City, lectures and teaches throughout the United States. He has a passion for making Jewish wisdom available to a wider audience.



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.