

North Cross Spirit

... telling the news of North Cross Church

April 12th, 2010

...coming up in Worship...

Have you ever thought of what you might ask God if you could pose just one question and you could be certain of getting an answer? Maybe these are some possibilities: Why is it that I don't always feel like a Christian? Why can't I feel closer to Jesus? Where is God when I am really hurting? How should I deal with doubt?

This Sunday, we'll look at Thomas in a sermon entitled, "Profile of a Courageous Doubter!" If you would like to read the Scripture passage ahead of time, it is from John 20.19-31.

Dennis

Join adults in Sunday study: 9:45 a.m.

You're invited to share in study and fellowship with these classes this Sunday:

Wesleyan Class: Room 215

Lesson: "Connecting in Community"
Bill Overbey

Good News: Room 206

Lesson: "The Bible" Jim Funk

Friendship: Room 202

Lesson: "Connecting in Community"
Jackie Tucker

Inquirer's: Fellowship Hall

Lesson: "John Wesley at Aldersgate"
Prof. Hal Knight

FaithWorks: Room 207

Lesson: "The Attitude of Humility"
Deborah Mason

Pathfinders: Room 200

Lesson: "The Priority of Prioritizing"
Randy Young

Contemporary Conversations: Lounge

Lesson: "Songs and Stories"
Randy St. Clair

BUILDING on our PAST while CHARTING our FUTURE

Bells Are Ringing at North Cross by Steve Lindsay

North Cross purchased our original three octave hand bell set in 1966. We still use those bells which were refurbished in 1998; a fourth octave was purchased several years later.

The current version of the hand bell choir was started in 1984, when three dust-covered cases of hand bells were "discovered" in the choir room. Don Kohler, the choir director at that time, asked Steve Lindsay to dust the bells off and restart the hand bell choir. Since that time, North Cross has had youth and adult hand bell choirs ringing for our services.

The youth bell choir in 1985 was called the "Rainbow Ringers" and was directed by Steve Lindsay and Lisa Conley (the then youth director at North Cross.) Over the years, the youth hand bell choirs have taken several trips to hand bell festivals - in Tulsa, Oklahoma; Nashville, Tennessee; St. Louis, Missouri; and Emporia, Kansas.

The first performance of the adult hand bell choir in 1984 was at Christmas time. We performed "Deck the Halls," which we have often called "Wreck the Halls" since we barely made it through the performance. The six little ladies and a very "green" director have steadily improved over the last 25 years.

The "Sanctuary Bells" now play for church services on a monthly basis and have given concerts of their own over the last several years, including a couple of fund-raisers to purchase new hand bell cases and the fourth octave of hand bells. We also performed at a Christmas concert with the North Star Community band a few years ago, and we have performed for nursing homes over the years.

It is the goal of our hand bell choir to keep the bells ringing for North Cross for many years to come.

60th Anniversary Celebration - June 27th

Transformed by Christ's love to make disciples and serve others.

Supplies needed

The kids in KidZone will be making crafts during the month of April for our Mother's Day sale in May.

We are in need of pint-size canning jars with lids and used cookie sheets. If you have items to donate, please place them under the Sharing Tree and label them "KidZone" or bring them to the Children's Ministry office downstairs.

Thank you, Jaccy Stehle

Super Sale date moved

It's "Spring Cleaning Time," a wonderful opportunity to eliminate clutter and help the church at the same time. This year, one time only, the Super Sale will be held **June 29th and June 30th from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m.** in order to accommodate the geothermal construction which will take place in August. Drop-off dates are June 27th, 2 to 5 p.m., and June 28th from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Please start setting aside your treasures now, so that we will once again have a successful Super Sale.

Trustees' Spruce Up Day

Saturday, April 17th
8 a.m. until Noon

Please bring rakes, leaf bags and weed eaters.

We will be cleaning up the wooded area on the west side. There will also be inside jobs available .

Maple Woods to present concert

You are invited to the Spring Concert for the Maple Woods Community College Choir. The concert will be held on Friday, April 23, 2010 at 7 p.m. at North Cross. No charge for admittance.

Church Conference date set

We have received official authorization from our District Superintendent, Reverend Yolanda Villa, to convene a special session of the North Cross UMC Church Conference on **Thursday, April 29, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.** at which Rev. Villa will preside.

The purpose of this Church Conference is to vote to install a new geothermal heating and cooling system and to do various upgrades, such as window replacements and parking lot repairs.

The Church Conference will be held in the Sanctuary. At this Church Conference the Building Committee will present a detailed list of what we plan to do, the contractors the Building Committee recommends for the work, updated estimates of cost, and our financial plan. We expect this to be the final Church Conference before construction begins this summer. (2008 Book of Discipline, paragraph 2543.7 and 2543.8)

This is an open meeting, but the voting members are all "professing (full) members" of North Cross UMC present at the meeting. (2008 Book of Discipline, paragraph 248)

I'm still looking...

for a Lifeguard Stand or Tennis Referee chair - some kind of a chair that sits on top of a ladder or pedestal - for a drama we will be performing in May. If you have something we can use, or know of someone who does (free of charge), please let me know.

Thanks, *Ken Remmert*



Isaiah class concludes

Twenty members of our North Cross family have completed a Bible study of Isaiah. The Wednesday morning classes lasted 10 weeks.

Isaiah's message invited exploration of God's personal character and development of a deeper understanding of the living God, YHWH. Isaiah 6:3 reads, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

Coming This Week...

Thursday, April 15

6:00 a.m. Tai Chi
 10:30 a.m. Mommy & Me
 11:30 a.m. Tai Chi
 4:30 p.m. 4 One Band Practice
 6:30 p.m. Alpha
 7:00 p.m. Building Committee

Friday, April 16

6:00 p.m. Blue Grass Bands

Saturday, April 17

8:00 a.m. UMMen
 8:00 a.m. Trustees' Spruce Up Day
 7:00 p.m. Over 55 Dance

Sunday, April 18

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
 9:30 a.m. Children's Music
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

Monday, April 19

11:00 a.m. Tai Chi
 1:00 p.m. UMW Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. Simple Church
 7:00 p.m. Cub & Boy Scouts

Tuesday, April 20

9:00 a.m. TOPS
 9:00 a.m. Study of Esther
 10:00 a.m. Paint for Fun
 10:30 a.m. O.P. Bridge
 11:00 a.m. Northland Families Learn
 11:30 a.m. XYZ Potluck
 11:30 a.m. Duplicate Bridge
 6:30 p.m. Trustees
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Board
 7:00 p.m. Wood Carvers

Wednesday, April 21

5:30 p.m. Supper
 6:15 p.m. Kidzone
 6:30 p.m. Youth
 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 22

6:00 a.m. Tai Chi
 11:30 a.m. Tai Chi
 4:30 p.m. 4 One Band Practice

North Cross Grocery Bags

If you did not receive a grocery bag on Sunday, you may pick one up this Sunday.

If you received a bag, but would like to purchase additional ones, the cost is \$1 each.

Simple Church study

Monday, April 19th
 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

We will finish the book and
 look forward to what comes next!

Upcoming events of interest

The *United Methodist Men* will meet on Saturday morning, April 17th, at 8 a.m. for breakfast at Denny's Restaurant, Armour Road, North Kansas City. All men of the church are welcome and invited to attend.

The *XYZs* will meet on Tuesday, April 20th, for a Potluck luncheon. Please come at 11:30 a.m., and lunch will be served at Noon. Drinks will be furnished, but please bring a dish to share with the group. Dennis Porter, as "Miss Ruby and Friend," will be presenting the entertainment that day. You won't want to miss him!

Update from the North Cross Job Club

A participant is looking for a mechanic job. Sam has over 20 years of experience in working on gasoline and diesel engines. He has overhauled many engines and transmissions and is comfortable in running computer diagnostics on all engines. He is also knowledgeable of all of the specialty tools used in working on a variety of engines. Sam is a member of the North Cross congregation.

If you know of an organization that is looking for an experienced mechanic, please call Sam at 816.805.3199 today. Again, thank you to everyone who has given us job leads. Please keep them coming. Job Club meets the FIRST MONDAY of each month at 7 p.m. at the church.

Thanks,
 Steve Lindsay
 Job Club Facilitator

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THE BIG ANNOUNCEMENT

- Number of people involved in specific jobs for the capital campaign: **136**
- Number of pledges received: **226**
- Total pledged to be given over three years:
\$1,074,101
- First Fruits Offering Sunday:
\$210,626.28
- Total received to date:
\$253,409.28

New sermon series begins April 25th:

The Christian Philosophy of Conventional Wisdom

We'll start with famous quotes (conventional wisdom) and explore how they stack up to Christian Philosophy.

This is unlike any sermons series I have ever done and I'm looking forward to the adventure. Feel free to email me your favorite quotes at nlassinger@northcrossumc.org.

In Christ,



Person to person:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Hospitalized: Jane Wright, NKC; Bev Martin, NKC; Arlon Ebright, KU Medical Center

Menu for April 21st: *Baked Ham, Italian Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls*

✠ We offer our sympathy to Nancy Bell and family in the death of her Nancy's husband Kenny on April 10, 2010.

- Written copies of sermons are available. Please check in the church office if you wish to have a copy of a particular sermon.
- If you need a hearing device on Sunday, please ask one of the ushers to help you.
- May/June issues of The Upper Room devotional booklets are available in the wall rack by the church office. \$1.00 per copy.

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