

North Cross Spirit

... telling the news of North Cross Church

April 26th, 2010

...coming up in Worship...

New Sermon Series:
The Christian Philosophy of
Conventional Wisdom

“Then, without realizing it, you try to improve yourself at the start of each day; of course, you achieve quite a lot in the course of time.”
— Anne Frank

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: “A Faithful Community” Glenn Corwin

Good News: Room 206

Lesson: “The Bible” Jim Funk

Friendship: Room 202

Lesson: “A Faithful Community”
Marcia Browning

Inquirer's: Fellowship Hall

Lesson: “Isaiah” Ron Berry

FaithWorks: Room 207

Lesson: “The Attitude of Perseverance”
Helen Foster

Pathfinders: Room 200

Lesson: “We Believe in Victory through
Disciplined Living” Ken Williams

Contemporary Conversations: Lounge

Lesson: “A Contemporary Issue” Terry Ward

BUILDING on our PAST
while CHARTING our FUTURE

A Personal Memory by Mildred L. Schmitt

I became 90 years old today! (April 9th, 2010). On June 26th, 1960, I became a member of North Cross Methodist Church on a transfer from another church. The church was not “United” at that date. I moved away in 1966 and later returned.

On November 29th, 1974, Robert Schmitt and I, Mildred Blackmore, were married at North Cross United Methodist Church in what I believe was the first church building with the beautiful Gothic beams, which are now covered over with ceiling tiles. It was a cold, icy day, and the minister who was to marry us was stricken with pneumonia and could not be there. We were so upset at the last-minute change and in a bit of a dilemma, and a friend suggested we go ahead with the “stand-in” minister, Reverend Albert Mutti, whom I did not know, and everything worked out all right. Many years passed.

On October 30th, 2003 Robert passed away. November 4th, 2003, Reverend Dennis Stone provided a memorable service for Robert. A luncheon was served at the church afterwards.

I'm still here and lonely, of course.

North Cross Memories by Charles & Donna Maysent

To us, one of the most important duties of a Christian is Mission work, of which there are various forms. North Cross has certainly offered many opportunities through the years to take part in mission.

Some of the most memorable times we had were when we were with folks from North Cross on Volunteer In Mission (VIM) trips to Sager-Brown and UMCOR in Baldwin, Louisiana, as well as the '93 flood in Kansas City; Mt. Sequoyah Methodist Retreat Center in Fayetteville, Arkansas; and the Berry Bunch, who entertained in senior homes.

We have been blessed many times over by VIM since becoming members of North Cross in 1969.

60th Anniversary Celebration - June 27th

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

Mission project selected by 60th Anniversary Committee, UMW, and Outreach Committee

The 60th Anniversary Committee, in conjunction with the United Methodist Women and Outreach Committee, is planning a mission project for this spring. Our goal is to collect a total of 60 kits for use in Haiti and Chile. These kits will be delivered to Annual Conference by our delegates when they travel to Springfield in early June. Our contributions may either be Health Kits or Layettes or some of each. The Outreach Committee will provide the money for postage required to ship each kit. With North Cross' tradition of being a mission-oriented church, donating 60 kits seems an appropriate way to continue our 60th anniversary celebration. Donations need to be dropped off at the Sharing Tree by May 25th.

HEALTH KITS (Value \$11)

1 hand towel (16" x 28")
1 wide-tooth comb (packaging removed)
1 nail clipper (packaging removed)
1 bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
1 wash cloth
6 Band-Aids
1 toothbrush (in original packaging)
Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with zipper closure. Make plastic bags as flat as possible and leave zipper open one half inch. Toothpaste will be added by Church World Service.

LAYETTE (Value \$39)

6 cloth diapers
2 diaper pins
2 t-shirts or undershirts (no onesies)
2 washcloths
2 gowns or sleepers
1 sweater or sweatshirt
2 receiving blankets (one can be a knitted blanket)

All items must be new and under 12 months in size. Bundle items in one receiving blanket and secure with diaper pins.

Job Club offers tips for interviewing

The Job Hunter's Tip of the Week: When you are preparing for an interview, practice answering basic interview questions with a friend. As you practice answering them, you will become a little more comfortable during the real interview. Have them ask you the following questions (and any others you may think of):

- Tell me a little about yourself: Why did you leave your last job?
- What are your strengths and weaknesses?
- Why should we hire you?
- What accomplishments are you most proud of from your last position?
- How do you define success?
- What would be the "perfect" job for you?
- If I were to speak to your last supervisor, what would they tell me about you?

There are many, many more questions you may be asked during a "real" interview, but the mere fact that you think about these ahead of time and formulate answers will make the interview much easier for you. More tips to come in the next weeks.

Steve Lindsay, Job Club Facilitator

On Friday evening, June 25th, at 7 p.m. there will be a concert celebrating our 60 years through music. Please mark your calendars now for these upcoming events.

North Cross will hold a church-wide celebration for our 60-year Anniversary on **Sunday, June 27th**, during the Sunday School hour (9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.). The gathering will be held in Fellowship Hall with a brief presentation at 9:50 a.m.

Super Sale Charities

Did you know that at the end of the Super Sale, North Cross donated items to 12 charities last year? At the end of the sale, leftover items are donated to charities that have been approved in advance.

If you are involved in a charity that has specific needs AND you can pick up the items after the sale on Thursday and deliver them to the charity, **please contact Barb Bennett by June 1st. Charities must be on the master list to receive donations.**

Coming This Week...

Thursday, April 29th

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| 6:00 a.m. | Tai Chi |
| 9:00 a.m. | UMW Sewing & Quilting |
| 11:30 a.m. | Tai Chi |
| 4:30 p.m. | 4 One Band Practice |
| 7:00 p.m. | Church Conference |

Friday, April 30th

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| 6:30 p.m. | Wedding Shower |
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Saturday, May 1

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| 9:00-Noon | Pack meals for Haiti |
| 5:00 p.m. | Baker's Party Potluck and |
| 6:00 p.m. | Dancing |

Sunday, May 2nd

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| 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 |
| 12:00 p.m. | Graduate's Luncheon |
| 12:00 p.m. | Children's Ministry Lunch |
| 4:30 p.m. | Handbell Practice |

Monday, May 3rd

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| 11:00 a.m. | Tai Chi |
| 1:00 p.m. | UMW Bible Study |
| 7:00 p.m. | Job Club |
| 7:00 p.m. | Cub & Boy Scouts |

Tuesday, May 4th

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| 9:00 a.m. | TOPS |
| 10:00 a.m. | Paint for Fun |
| 10:30 a.m. | O.P. Bridge |
| 11:00 a.m. | Northland Families Learn |
| 6:30 p.m. | Duplicate Bridge |
| 7:00 p.m. | Wood Carvers |

Wednesday, May 5th

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

Thursday, May 6th

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| 6:00 a.m. | Tai Chi |
| 9:00 a.m. | UMW Sewing & Quilting |
| 9:00 a.m. | Preschool Mother's Tea |
| 11:30 a.m. | Tai Chi |
| 4:30 p.m. | 4 One Band Practice |
| 6:30 p.m. | Concerned Care |

Menu for May 5th: *Cheesy Chicken and Rice, Green Beans, 7-Layer Salad, Rolls.* **May 12th** will be the last Wednesday night dinner until September.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

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- On Sundays, a written copy of the sermon is available in the Office. If a hearing device is needed, please ask one of the Ushers. A CD copy of a particular sermon can be ordered through the Office.
- May/June issues of *The Upper Room* devotional booklets are available in the wall rack by the church office. \$1.00 per copy.
- NCUMC-sponsored apartment recently had a mother and son graduate from the program. She wrote, "I am so touched that you helped us that all I can say is Thank You and when I get on my feet I'll help others." The *FaithWorks Class* cleaned the apartment, so it will be ready for new residents. May, 2010. is the 10th anniversary of sponsorship of a Hillcrest apartment as a local mission for North Cross.
Thank you, North Cross, *Ronny and Sue Berry*
- Just a reminder that you can recycle your aluminum cans in the container on the east side of the back parking lot. There is also a container in Fellowship Hall where you may leave cans if you drink a soda from the pop machine in the lower level of the church. This is a project supported by the *United Methodist Men*.
- On April 21st, Park University Honors Convocation included for *Megan Robertson*: School for Education Honor for Language and Literacy Development in Early Childhood and Dean's Honors for cumulative GPA of 3.6 or above.
- Platte Woods UMC invites their connection churches to help pack 285,000 meals for Haiti on Saturday, May 1st. Please call Patsy at 452.2939 to sign up (9 a.m. to Noon).



You're invited to attend Alan Baker's 4th Annual 80th Birthday Big Band Bash

The family of Alan Baker invites you to attend his birthday celebration dance on May 1st. The Friendship Class will be holding a Potluck Dinner at 5 p.m. Bring a yummy dish to share, and come eat with them. The dance will start at 6 p.m. and will conclude at 8 p.m. The potluck and dance will be held in Fellowship Hall. Family and friends are all welcome.

*The family requests no presents -
only the presence of your company.*

**BUILDING on our PAST
while CHARTING our FUTURE...**

Depending on when you get this, our final church conference for the building project will either be just around the corner, or just completed. (Thursday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m.)

The journey has been exciting to say the least, and we will soon see the fruits of our sacrifice.

It is our plan to attach the written proposal to the emailed version of this newsletter. Our production and timing schedule will not allow us to mail the proposal with the newsletters. However, those who don't get the emailed version, you can go on our web site to look at it. See it at www.northcrossumc.org

There are two parts to this plan. The first is a detailed list of the building work proposed with updated estimates, and the contractors for each project if we know who they will be at this time.

The second part of the plan is the financial plan which describes how we will finance the project and pay for it over the next three years. It is truly remarkable that if our pledged intentions become reality, then we should be able to have it all paid for three years from now.

 In Christ,

P.S.

Did you notice a little color in this newsletter? Our lease expired on our previous copier and we are testing, and in the process of purchasing a new machine that has **color** capabilities.

We expect to have higher quality printing, including some pictures in our newsletter from time to time.

Color copies will also be possible, but would cost more when printing significant numbers of copies after our trial period.

Person to person:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Hospitalized: Elizabeth Davis, Sandy Key, NKC; John Zigeler, KU Med

- The family of Kenneth Bell wishes to thank the many members of North Cross for their support, cards, and love during his illness. *Nancy Bell*

✠ We offer our sympathy to Bill and Louise Overbey in the death of their brother-in-law, Robert Briggs, on April 22nd in Liberty, MO; and to Dale and Sharen Dennis in the death of Sharen's sister, Betty Jack, on April 17th, in Nashville, IL.

- North Cross Family, Just wanted to let you know how much we appreciated the hospital visits and prayers that were sent our way! Ella is doing wonderfully here at home. We hope to see everyone soon!

All our love, *Ben, Capri and Ella Klug*
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**North Cross United Methodist Church
Church Conference, April 29, 2010
Recommendations of the Building Committee**

In 2007 and 2008, the Board of Trustees, with assistance from the organization “The Friends of Sacred Structures”, completed a study to look at the maintenance needs of our facility. On May 12, 2009, a church conference established a Building Committee charged with refining and implementing the needs identified in this “A Look Ahead” study. On November 9, 2009, a church conference accepted the building committee’s recommendation that RSI be retained to lead our stewardship campaign. The church responded to the stewardship campaign by pledging \$1,074,451, with \$328,439 already on hand. Work will begin this summer and should be done by the end of the year. Submitted with unanimous endorsement by the Administrative council.

The following items are submitted for approval:

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| Geothermal heating and cooling system | Install ground source heat pumps, drill well field and install loops for this system in the parking lot, install a computer based system to control the system. This includes carpentry as required to repair walls and ceilings that are damaged by the installation, and covers for any exposed piping. It will be the churches responsibility to paint any repaired areas. | Vanderford and Associates- \$750,000. In addition a charge of \$8 per foot for required well casings. The number of feet required will not be known until the wells are drilled, but the total cost of this is estimated to be \$7,000-15,000. Also, if any ground rock is found when trenches are dug, there will be a charge of \$70 per cubic yard to remove the rock. It is unlikely that any rock will need to be removed. |
| Parking Lot | Prepare lot and apply a two inch overlay on all of the parking lot that was not done during Pave the Way. There will be additional costs to repair the holes and trenches that will be in the parking lot after the well field is installed for the geothermal heating and cooling. It includes removing and reinstalling the parking blocks and restriping the lot. This will not be done until the well field for the geothermal heating and cooling is completed and is subject to price fluctuation as the price of oil fluctuates. | American Paving and Marking- \$45,455 |

Questions? Feel free to contact Tom Schmutz tomschmutz@yahoo.com or 816-455-2951

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| Replace single pane windows | Replace single pane windows in the education wing, the church office, and the undercroft with double pane, low-e glass windows and window walls. This includes the glass wall and doors in the tower of the southwest stairway of the education wing. The lower sections of the stairway tower will be replaced with insulated panels. | Jim Plunkett, JPI.-\$87,500 |
| Fellowship Hall Floor | Install Tajima Lay Flat wood grain vinyl planks in Fellowship Hall and the non-carpeted area at top of ramp outside of the Fellowship Hall. This is a durable, rubber-backed flooring that requires no waxing, and individual planks can be replaced if damaged. The cove base will also be replaced. | Regents Flooring-\$25,788 |
| Painting Sanctuary | Paint the walls and ceilings in the sanctuary. | Cull Brothers Painting-Jim Cull-\$7000 |
| Outside East Wall of the Fellowship Hall | Remove delaminated plaster and re-grind and seal approx.100 ft. of cracks and reseal cracks at perimeter-apply one coat of primer and two coats of acrylic elastomer waterproofing coating | Concrete & Masonry Restoration -\$6942 |
| Boiler Removal | American Boiler | \$4950-remove boiler, plus approx. \$2500 for asbestos removal |
| Rebuild Breyfogle Cross Tower | Remove brick, sandblast steel structure to remove rust, paint steel with two coats of zinc based, rust inhibiting primer, install Durock sheathing and new brick and precast concrete accents. Remove wooden canopy, shrubbery and brick planters, re-brick along wall. Trustees and Landscape Committee will landscape as part of the church's landscape plan. | Estimate-\$80,000 |
| Contingencies | Additional cost of repairing holes and trenches in parking lot after well field installation, variances in cost , including cost of asphalt, due to time between bid and start of work, and other unforeseen expenses. Purchase of extra floor tile for any future repair. | \$100,000 |

Total cost = \$1,125,135 including contingencies

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Finance Plan to the North Cross United Methodist Church Conference

April 29, 2010

Request for "Bid Proposals" were hand delivered to six banks on April 14, 2010, with all bids to be received by 2:00 p.m., Friday, April 23.

The Lawson Bank had the lowest rate of interest plus other features in their proposal that were more favorable to North Cross. It is our unanimous recommendation that the Lawson Bank proposal be accepted as the loan for the building improvement project.

Terms and conditions of the Lawson Bank loan proposal are:

Interest Rate: 4.875% fixed for three years.

Amount of Loan: Up to \$1,000,000 Closed End Line of Credit.

Payment Terms: Interest only payments. North Cross may opt to sweep payments weekly, monthly or upon request.

Loan Administration Fee: \$75.00

Collateral: First Deed of Trust on land, facility and all improvements.

Depository Account: Bank requested a separate account with all "Building Fund" proceeds deposited in that account. Bank will pay 0.95% interest on all balances over \$100,000.

Their loan commitment is to expire if not accepted by May 24, 2010.

In addition, it is our intention to...

1. Pay project expenses from money designated to the project.
2. Draw on the Line of Credit as needed to pay project expenses.
3. Once we have drawn on the Line of Credit, we plan to pay everything we receive for the project against the loan as quickly as possible in order to minimize interest costs.
4. A special account will be set up at Lawson Bank that will be our construction account until the project is complete. All payments for the project will be paid from this account once established. All money given for the project will be deposited or transferred to this account weekly.
5. Monthly interest payments will be made from our funds first and, when needed, from the Line of Credit. This approach allows us to minimize interest charges.

Submitted with unanimous endorsement by the Finance Committee and the Administrative Council.