

North Cross Spirit

... telling the news of North Cross Church

April 5th, 2010

...coming up in Worship...

Easter Continues!

***The Chancel Choir will present
the Message in Music
at both services.***

***First Fruits Offering
for our Building Project.***

Capital Campaign

BUILDING on our PAST while CHARTING our FUTURE

The Resurrection Window

In January, 2009, a new stained glass window was installed above the stairway near Fellowship Hall, just beyond the top of the ramp leading to this area of the church. It can be seen with light streaming through it as one leaves the sanctuary. A formal dedication was held on May 3, 2009.

This window was given in memory of Beverly McCormick, through the generous contributions of many to the church's Memorial Fund and additional contributions by her husband, Steve. Beverly was an active member of this congregation, as well as the Wesleyan Class.

The window is an original work of art designed by Jeanne Lawing, and the stained glass work was done by Lenora Remmert. Lenora's father and brother did the framing and assisted with installation, along with Henry Linch and Steve Jackson.

Artist Jeanne Lawing offered these words in explanation for her ideas and motivation in creating the window design: "Each person, having had varied life experiences and insights, brings his or her own individual viewing to visual art. It is with this in mind that I hesitate to explain too exactly my ideas and motivation for creating the 'Resurrection Window' in memory of Beverly McCormick. Life may be reflected in the familiarity of a landscape with its ins-and-outs and ups-and-downs. I chose reality of landscapes and spirituality of the cross to express a life path for everyone. I hope you will find your own inspiration in the changing daylight and changing light of your heart that make differences."

60th Anniversary Celebration - June 27th

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: "*Love Within the Community*"
Ginnie Collins

Good News: Room 206

Lesson: "*The Bible*" Jim Funk

Friendship: Room 202

Lesson: "*Love Within the Community*"
Barbara Moody

Inquirer's: Fellowship Hall

Lesson: "*North Cross History*" L. D. Herman

FaithWorks: Room 207

Lesson: "*The Attitude of Determination*"
Debbie Grosko

Pathfinders: Room 200

Lesson: "*The Priority of Having a Strong Case
of the 'Can't Help Its'*" Rita McCall

Contemporary Conversations: Lounge

Lesson: "*National Healthcare Debate*"
Jane Brown

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

Egg-cellent Job

Considering the weather for our Easter Egg Hunt, we had great success! I want to thank several people who helped make this a great hunt.

- *The front door greeters* - Helen Foster and Sarah Mason. **Thank you.**
- *The Church Family Life Team* who distributed the snack to the kids. I know they had a bigger job on their hands and still they were willing to help. **Thank you.**
- *The Story Teller* - Stephanie Lindsay who read a story to the kids. **Thank you.**
- *The Group Escorts* who lead the kids to their hunting spots. Ron and Sue Berry, Rosemary Wheeler, Fred Schaeffer and Cindy Cain did a great job. I hope it was a joy to watch the kids. **Thank you.**
- *Photographer* - Henry Linch took pictures of all the fun. **Thank you.**
- **Thank you** to *Vickie Linch* for printing advertisements for Easter Sunday and VBS. Also, thank you for helping me plan this year's egg hunt.
- And we couldn't have an Easter Egg Hunt without a "Bunny" hopping around munching on a carrot! **Thank you, Miss Bunny!**

With all of your efforts, we counted 42 kids who came. Again, I thank all who helped this year and hope that you will consider helping with other children's events in the future!

Jaccy Stehle
Children's Ministry Chair

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

Newsletters available by e-mail or on church website

The quickest way to receive your newsletter is to go to the church website, www.northcrossumc.org, and find the current (or past date) issue of *The Spirit*. If you want to try this option, rather than having a copy mailed to you, please call the church office and let us know. You always have the option of receiving a copy in the mail. But you may also check on-line on Tuesday if you want the news sooner.

Another choice would be to call the church office and give us your e-mail address if you wish to have the newsletter sent to your e-mail account. Let us know if you have not already signed up to receive your newsletter by e-mail and wish to try this option. Call Patsy or Mary Alice at 452.2939.

Attention, Anyone!

I am 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*

Shepherd Center of the Northland offers four events of interest

1. April 21st, 2010, from 11:30 to 12:30. A Congregational Connections meeting will be held at Harmony Vineyard Church to discuss how your congregation can benefit from having an established Parish Nurse in your congregation.
2. April 16th, 2010, at 11 a.m. at the Shepherd's Center of the Northland. Attorneys from McCormick & Fracassa will provide informational discussion on the process of executing a Health Care Power of Attorney and Health Care Advance Directive (Living Will.)
3. April 17th, 2010. Northland Women's Conference at Gashland Presbyterian Church. 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. No charge for attendance.
4. April 17th, 2010 - The annual fundraiser "Jazz V" will be held from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. at Embassy Suites at Tiffany Springs. Dinner and entertainment. Phil Witt of Fox 4 News will emcee the event. For more information on any of the events, please call 452.4536.

Coming This Week...

Thursday, April 8

6:00 a.m. Tai Chi
10:00 a.m. Preschool Puppet Show
11:30 a.m. Tai Chi
1:30 p.m. Wesleyan Circle
4:30 p.m. 4 One Band Practice
6:30 p.m. Alpha
6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Unit Meeting

Friday, April 9

9:30 a.m. Adventures In Learning
10:00 a.m. Preschool Puppet Show
6:30 p.m. Concerned Care

Saturday, April 10

8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. ... Mommy & Me Garage
..... Sale
1:00 p.m. DAR
6:30 p.m. Church-Wide Game Night

Sunday, April 11 Easter Cantata

7:30 – 10:30 a.m. Breakfast served by
..... our children
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 12

11:00 a.m. Tai Chi
1:00 p.m. UMW Bible Study
6:00 p.m. ECP Board
7:00 p.m. Cub & Boy Scouts

Tuesday, April 13

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
6:30 p.m. Daisy Scouts
6:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge
7:00 p.m. DAR
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Board
7:00 p.m. Wood Carvers

Wednesday, April 14

9:00 a.m. Isaiah Study
11:00 a.m. Grandparent Support
5:30 p.m. Supper
6:15 p.m. Kidzone
6:30 p.m. Youth
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

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

Simple Church study

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

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

Super Sale date moved to accommodate Geothermal construction in August

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.

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 Pot-luck 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!

Trustee's Spruce Up Day

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

Bring rakes, leaf bags and weed eaters.
We will be cleaning up the wooded area
on the west side.
Inside jobs also available .

Church Conference

Official Announcement

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.

Additional notes:

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)

Sunday, April 11, 2010



Children's Breakfast

On Sunday, April 11th, breakfast will be served in Fellowship Hall from 7:30 until 11:30 a.m. Proceeds (a free-will offering) will benefit the Children's Ministry

program of North Cross.

A sign-up sheet is in the entryway of the church. Parents are encouraged to help in this fundraiser by bringing a centerpiece item on or before April 11th. Suggested items for centerpieces are board games, teddy bears, or craft baskets. The centerpieces will be donated to Children's Mercy Hospital following the breakfast.

For more information, please contact Jaccy Stehle at 452.2939.

Person to person:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Hospitalized: No known at time of publication.

Menu for April 14th: *Oven Fried Chicken, Corn, Mashed Potatoes, Biscuits*

- 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.
- Address for Freda Gill: Emeritus at Creekside, 2000 W. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano, TX 75023
- March/April 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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