

# North Cross Spirit

... telling the news of North Cross Church

July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010

...coming up in Worship...

Sermon Series:  
**“Detective Stories”**  
This week:  
**“Follow the Blood”**

Check out Hebrews 10:1-10  
and Acts 20:25-28

## Taking church to the community!

On Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, North Cross will have an opportunity for service outside of the walls of the church. Please sign up on the sheets on the table outside of the office, or call us at 452.2939. The opportunities for service are listed below. Please read through the choices and sign up.

- ◆ **Hillcrest Transitional Housing** provides a Christian environment that helps homeless families become self-supportive, self-reliant contributors to society within 90 days. North Cross sponsors an apartment. Painting will be our project. Meet at North Cross at 8:30 a.m. to carpool.
- ◆ **Love, Inc. (Love in the Name of Christ)** brings Christian churches together across denominational lines to help the poor by meeting immediate needs, such as food and clothing, to longer-term response through relational ministries, such as life skills training and transitional housing. This project of making blankets (easy directions) will be done in Fellowship Hall. We will start at 9:30 a.m. and finish about noon. Come anytime you can.
- ◆ **Lazarus Table Boutique** is a place where Kansas City homeless can pick out a shirt, a pair of jeans, socks, underwear, toiletries and one frivolous item, such as an umbrella, comb, fingernail polish. Meet at the church at 10 a.m. to carpool. We will return to the church about 2 p.m.
- ◆ **Harvesters** feeds neighbors in need. Help sort and repack donated food and household supplies that will be sent out all over the Kansas City area. Meet at church at 12:30 p.m. to carpool. We will be back at church around 3:30 p.m.

## Other opportunities for service during the week

- ◆ **Clay County Clothes Closet.** Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. until Noon. The Clay County Clothes Closet was established over 50 years ago by the Church Women United of the Northland. It is a non-profit organization and is open only on Tuesdays. Meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. to carpool.
- ◆ **Save a Life Right Here, Right Now. Community Blood Center.** Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> from 3 to 7 p.m. Call the church office at 452.2939 or sign up on-line at [www.savealifenow.org](http://www.savealifenow.org). The sponsor code is northcrossumch.

### 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: “Chosen and Called” Glenn Corwin

#### Good News: Room 206

Lesson: “The Story of Esther” Jim Funk

#### Friendship: Room 202

Lesson: “Chosen and Called” Marg Strong

#### Inquirer's: Fellowship Hall

Lesson: “To Be Announced” Dick Hinderliter

#### FaithWorks: Room 207

Lesson: “Oberammergau, Germany”

Deborah Mason

#### Pathfinders: Room 200

Lesson: “Troublesome Bible Passages:  
Genesis 1:16-31” Mary Lou Stewart

#### Contemporary Conversations: Lounge

Lesson: “Dog Fighting Prosecution”

Jane Brown

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

## Super Sale helps eleven charities

Items left over from the Super Sale were donated to the following charities:

*Grand Avenue Temple  
Metropolitan Lutheran Ministries  
Good Samaritan Center, Excelsior Springs  
Collaboration Works  
Assistance League of Kansas City  
University Women Scholarship Program  
Shepherd Center of the Northland  
Big Brothers/Big Sisters  
UMW Indian Mission  
Truman Medical Center  
Synergy Services*



**Charities were grateful for the donations.**



**Loaded up and ready to go.**

Proceeds from the Super Sale will be used to install recessed ceiling lights in the upstairs kitchen. Some of the remaining funds will help purchase new chairs for Fellowship Hall. The Inquirers Class has contributed greatly to the purchase of the chairs.

Donations are still being accepted to help with the purchase of the Fellowship Hall chairs.

## Building Committee Report

Even though not much visible work has been done on the building updates approved at the Church Conference, much has been happening! The sanctuary is scheduled to be painted the week of July 19<sup>th</sup>. The new windows are being made and should be installed before the end of July. The geothermal heating and cooling detailed plans are being completed, and work should begin about the first of August. The congregation overwhelmingly supported adding the cross and flame to the cross tower, and work is being done to implement that change. There will be some inconvenience to us as we go through the actual construction, but the results will be more than worth it!

*Tom Schmutz*

Building Committee Chairperson

## Welcome to Membership



**George Peters**

**Joined North Cross on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

## Don't forget your Christmas shopping

The Crestview Christmas tree is up in the Narthex with suggestions for gifts to purchase for students whose families need help supplying them with school supplies.

Gifts need to be returned to the church no later than July 25<sup>th</sup>. You may pick an ornament from the tree, which gives a gift suggestion, or you may choose to donate money to the purchase of these items. Thank you for once again helping Crestview students.

## Coming This Week...

### Wednesday, July 14th

8:00 a.m.	Golf
11:00 a.m.	Grandparent Support
11:30 a.m.	Symphony Guild Board
4:00 p.m.	UMW Board Meeting

### Thursday, July 15th

6:00 a.m.	Tai Chi
9:00 a.m.	UMW Sewing/Quilting
10:00 a.m.	Mommy & Me
11:30 a.m.	Tai Chi
6:00 p.m.	DAR Board
6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts

### Friday, July 16th

5:00 p.m.	Family Night at the K
6:30 p.m.	Concerned Care

### Saturday, July 17th

7:00 p.m.	Over 55 Dance
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### Sunday, July 18th

8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship

### Monday, July 19th

11:00 a.m.	Tai Chi
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### Tuesday, July 20th

9:00 a.m.	TOPS
9:00 a.m.	Volunteer at Clothes Closet
10:00 a.m.	Paint for Fun
10:00 a.m.	Detective Bible Study
10:30 a.m.	OP Bridge
6:00 p.m.	Early Childhood Board
6:30 p.m.	Trustees
6:30 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge
7:00 p.m.	Wood Carvers

### Wednesday, July 21st

8:00 a.m.	Golf
3-7:00 p.m.	Community Blood Drive

### Thursday, July 22nd

6:00 a.m.	Tai Chi
11:30 a.m.	Tai Chi

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## 2008 Choir Trip to England by Deborah Mason

So, after three years of planning, the North Cross UMC Chancel Choir departed Kansas City on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008, for a singing trip to England. So many hours of planning and decision-making, from what the choir would wear in our performances to the exact time we would arrive at each location, from the many hours of rehearsals spread throughout the year to the kickoff performance just prior to our departure. Everything was done, and it was truly happening.

The second day, we went to Lincoln Cathedral in Lincoln, UK, and at 1:00 p.m. we were to sing in the Charter House. When we were rehearsing, I kept hearing everyone say, "Wow, it sounds so cool." The sound was truly magnificent. As singers, it just blew us all away. I remember thinking, is that really us singing? Tears welled up in me and several others as we rehearsed the music we had sung all year in preparation. The choir was great, Jerry and Lenora were great, and all the years of taking care of Dr. Brown's student tours to England and all the planning of this one trip had come down to this one moment in time, and God was smiling.

*Side note: The choir is again taking a singing trip the summer of 2011 to Scotland and Ireland, and we invite you to join us. Contact Deborah Mason for more information.*

## "Voices of KC" will be Coming to North Cross

Don't miss the "Voices of KC" in the month of July during the 11 a.m. worship service. We will feature your favorite singers of Kansas City while the 4 One Praise Band takes a well-deserved vacation.

Each week we will feature a professional singer that you have seen at Starlight, American Heartland Theater, New Theater or Quality Hill Playhouse.

The music will be uplifting and will be an inspiration to your Sunday worship experience. We are blessed to have such talent right here in Kansas City and look forward to sharing it with you.

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

### **2008 Choir Trip to England by Deborah Mason**

Being a travel agent, I had worked over 25 years with Dr. Don Brown, the head of the Music Department at William Jewell College. Every three years he took the WJC Choir to England to sing in the beautiful Cathedrals and Churches, and I booked their airline tickets for them.

In 2003, I took a group of parents and alumni on a tour of England that paralleled the choir's trip. I heard this very talented Choir sing gorgeous pieces in the most beautiful settings. It felt like God was speaking directly to me through their voices. I was awestruck.

In 2005, after helping another church's choir do a similar trip that Dr. Brown escorted, I was asked to their post-tour party and was again blown away by what they had done. The seed had been planted. I kept thinking how talented my North Cross choir was and how long we had sung together over the years. I wondered if anyone would be interested in doing something like this. I wondered for about 6 months, then, I thought, I will never know if I don't ask, so I went to Jerry and Lenora and asked them if they would be willing to do this. I knew we could not do it without both of them being on-board. (I won't mention the fact that the choir, in general, is getting more mature every year. Honestly that was a motivating factor for me also.)

In the fall of 2006, we asked the choir at our first potluck rehearsal of the season, and the response was overwhelming.

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## ***Person to person:***

### **CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

- **Hospitalized:** Dave Grosko, NKC; J. B. Albertson, KU Med

✠ We offer our sympathy to Florence Schindler and family in the death of her husband, Leroy, on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010. A memorial service will be held this Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, at 10 a.m. at North Cross. Visitation will follow the memorial service.

- The Wesleyan Women's Group of the United Methodist Women will not meet during the month of August. Our next meeting will be September 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in the church Lounge. All are welcome.
- A North Cross Community Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> from 3 pm. until 7 p.m. Please make an appointment on-line at [www.savealifenow.org](http://www.savealifenow.org) or call the church office at 452.2939.

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