

North Cross Spirit

... telling the news of North Cross Church

July 19th, 2010

...coming up in Worship...

Sermon Series: “**Detective Stories**”

This week: “*Job Tells His Story*”

Check Out: Chapter One of Job

Special note: We welcome Elaine Fox as guest vocalist at the 11:00 service. Elaine has performed throughout the Kansas City Area. As a singer and actress, she has performed at Quality Hill Playhouse, American Heartland Theater and The New Theater. She will be singing *Holy* by Nichole Nordeman and *There Is Nothing Greater Than Grace* by Point of Grace.

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: “*God’s Own Faithfulness*” Jan Braker

Good News: Room 206

Lesson: “*The Lost Sheep, The Lost Coin and the Lost Son*” Jim Funk

Friendship: Room 202

Lesson: “*God’s Own Faithfulness*”
Barbara Moody

Inquirer’s: Fellowship Hall

Lesson: “*Rev. Robin Roderick preaches at Annual Conference*” LaDonna Ebright

FaithWorks: Room 207

Lesson: “*Serving God on the Job*”
Denise Cox

Pathfinders: Room 200

Lesson: “*Troublesome Bible Passages: Genesis 4:4-5*” Rita McCall

Contemporary Conversations: Lounge

Taking church to the community!

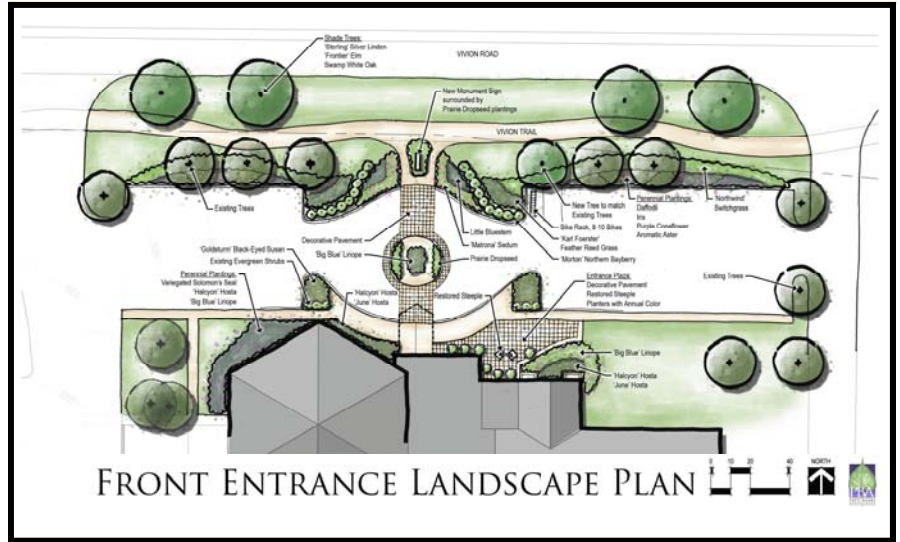
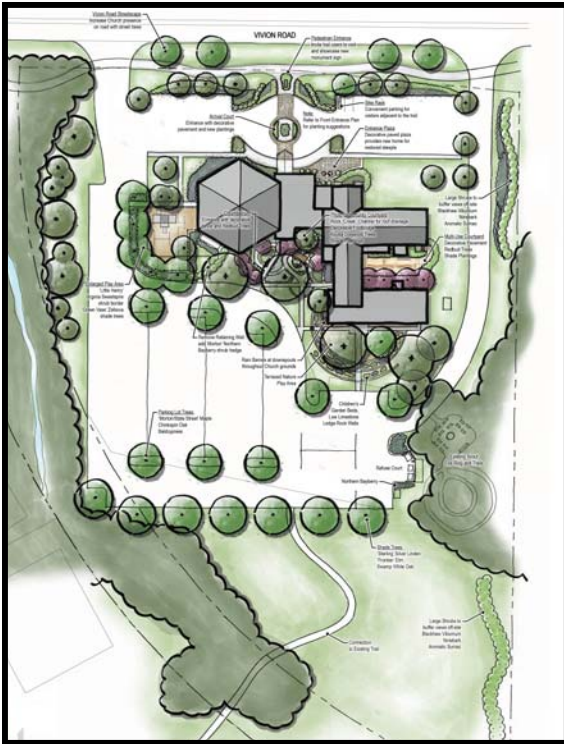
On Saturday, July 24th, North Cross will have an opportunity for service outside of the walls of the church. Over the weekend 54 people signed up for service projects! It's not too late to call the office at 452.2939 and increase that number. The opportunities for service are listed below. Please read 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 repackage 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 20th, 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 21st, from 3 to 7 p.m. Call the church office at 452.2939 or sign up on-line at www.savealifenow.org. The sponsor code is northcrossumch.

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



**The Master Landscape Plan
was revealed
this past Sunday.**

**Full-sized color images
are currently on display
in the Narthex.**



NEW MONUMENT SIGN PERSPECTIVE



FRONT ENTRANCE PERSPECTIVE

**Thank you to
Sandra Aust,
Chairperson,
and to the entire
Landscape Committee
for their hard work
on this project.**

Coming This Week...

Wednesday, July 21st

8:00 a.m. Golf
1:00 p.m. Northland Assistance Board
3-7:00 p.m. Community Blood Drive

Thursday, July 22nd

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

Friday, July 23rd

Saturday, July 24th

Service Saturday/Carpool from church at...

8:30 a.m. Hillcrest Housing
9:30 a.m. Blankets in Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Lazarus Boutique
1:00 p.m. Harvesters

Sunday, July 25th

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

Monday, July 26th

11:00 a.m. Tai Chi
6:30 p.m. Simple Church Team
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday, July 27th

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
6:30 p.m. Staff Parish at the home of
Susan Young
6:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge

Wednesday, July 28th

8:00 a.m. Golf
11:00 a.m. Grandparent Support

Thursday, July 29th

6:00 a.m. Tai Chi

Philippians and Galatians Bible Study to begin in September

Wednesday mornings 9 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.
September 8th through November 10th

Study books available for \$8
Please contact Ron or Sue Berry if you would
like to participate.

Job Club update

Job hunting "*Tip of the Week*": Dress properly for an interview. You don't **always** have to wear a coat and tie to an interview. If you can, observe employees of the company you are going to interview with. Note how they are dressed and **dress one step up** from what they are wearing. If they are wearing business casual, go ahead and wear a coat and tie. If they are dressed more casually, dress in business casual, etc. You don't want to overdress, but even more importantly you **don't want to under-dress**. If you are not sure how to dress, always overdo it. But...always make sure your clothes are clean and that they fit properly. Remember, **the better you look, the better you feel about yourself. The better you feel about yourself, the better you will do in the interview.**

We have a person with 15+ years of customer service experience, experience in the Life Insurance industry, and a Bachelor's degree. He wants a customer service or IT position. Please contact the church office or Steve @ slindsay48@yahoo.com if you may know of a position for this person. Full time is preferred, but will consider part time.

John (our other attendee last week) has management skills, can do data entry, has excellent customer service skills, and is a quick learner. John is looking for full-time work. Please feel free to contact John at 816-454-5857 if you have any possible leads that he may be able to follow up on.

Please contact Steve if you have any information that may be helpful in either of their job searches. Both of these men are Christians and would be a positive influence wherever they find work. Thank you to everyone that sends me job leads for job club. Keep them coming! Please e-mail any job leads to slindsay48@yahoo.com, or call Steve Lindsay @ 816-682-4304 with any information about possible jobs.

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 25th. 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.

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

United Methodist Women

In 1952 at North Cross, the Women's Society of Christian Service had 15 members. Today in 2010 there are 43 active members and 28 inactive. There have been at times through the years over 100 members. In 1958 the Wesleyan Guild was established for working women. In 1973 the WSCS name was changed to United Methodist Women.

The Purpose is to know God, to develop creative supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. Membership is voluntary—women come because they want to join together in prayer, study, action and service.

There is a basic group of leaders—President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Program Resources Chair, and Social Action. All groups used to meet together monthly, now some meet twice a year. Circles meet separately once a month, some during the day and one at night. We encourage reading and have our own book cart.

We give to missions locally as well as nationally and internationally by our pledges and fund raisers. Through the years we have given to Clay County Clothes Closet, Della Lamb, Spofford Home, Safehaven, Synergy, Hope House, P.A.T.C.H., MOCSA, Solace House, ReStart, Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, Grand Ave. Temple, Church Women United, Retreats, Mission Walks, Youth Camp, and Manning Road M.E. Church in South Africa - our sister church in 1991.

Our annual goals are—Pledge to Missions, Call to Prayer and Self-Denial, World Thank Offering, UMW Sunday, Special Mission Recognition Pins, Mission Minute Certificates, Corsages for Mission, and Children's Sabbath. One Circle holds an annual nut sale in the fall.

In the past, Supportive Church groups included—Hostess Group, Bereaved Family Meals, Welcome Baby Dinner, Wedding/Anniversary Receptions, and Altar Society.

In the present, UMW groups include—Monday Bible Study, Wednesday Book Group, Sewing and Quilting, Wesleyan Interaction, Priscilla Circle, Seeker's Circle, Members-in-Fellowship.

Past groups included—Pages, Happy Stitchers, Thursday Book Group, Today's Women, Caring and Sharing, New Horizons, Mom's Group, Mary/Martha Circle, Lydia Circle, Charity Circle, Miriam Circle, Phoebe Circle, and Homemakers' Circle.

Person to person:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Hospitalized: Kay Gray, St. Luke's North; Bob DeTray, NKC; J.B. Albertson, KU Med; Robert Taylor, VA Hospital

- Second quarter contribution statements have been mailed. Please be sure to read the reverse side for a special note from Pastor Neal.

- Thank you to my North Cross family for all the prayers and concerns after my mother's death.

Glenda Kinder

- Thank you to Ken and Chris Williams for installing lights in the sanctuary and Larry and Mary Lee Wickham for covering the windows in several adult Sunday school rooms to help with heat.

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