

North Cross Spirit

... telling the news of North Cross Church

March 15, 2010

...coming up in Worship...

Have you ever thought of “sacrifice and joy” being used together?

Sunday, we will explore the “**Joy-filled Sacrifice**” of Jesus through scripture, drama and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Our scripture text is
Hebrews 12.1-2

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: “*Family as Community*” Glenn Corwin

Good News: Room 206

Lesson: “*The Seven Last Words from the Cross*” Jim Funk

Friendship: Room 202

Lesson: “*Family as Community*” Sharon Weems

Inquirer's: Fellowship Hall

Lesson: “*The History of St. Patrick*” L. D. Herman

FaithWorks: Room 207

Lesson: “*Jesus and Mary and Martha: Dangerous Attitudes*” Deborah Mason

Pathfinders: Room 200

Lesson: “*The Priority of God's Church*” Mary Lou Stewart

Contemporary Conversations: Lounge

Lesson: “*North Kansas City School District Update*” Terry Ward & Jan Kauk

BUILDING on our PAST while CHARTING our FUTURE

Sculptured Brick Wall

When we enter the church from the Vivion Road entrance, our attention is drawn to the sculptured brick wall in the Narthex. Dedicated in June, 1987, along with the new sanctuary, it recalls the words of Jesus, “Suffer the little children to come unto me.”

The art wall was designed specifically for North Cross by Paula Collins, a Texas sculptor. Tom Tweeddale, who had grown up at North Cross, had seen dramatic examples of her wall art throughout the Dallas area. He discussed with his parents the possibility of including a sculptured wall in the building plans for North Cross. Subsequently, Collins' pencil sketches for “Jesus with the Children” were approved by the Building Committee and architect. Tom Tweeddale purchased the bricks and his parents, Daisy and Allan Tweeddale, paid for the work of the sculptor, who fortunately offered them her “kinfolk rates.”

Collins went to the brickyard and requested double-wide bricks, took them back to her home studio, placed them on a special easel and carved them while they were still soft. She pressed lace into the brick for texture for the girl, and burlap for the boy. She used the tines of a fork for the tree bark. Then the bricks were returned to the brickyard for firing and shipped to Kansas City, with the exception of the faces, which were transported by the artist herself. With the bricks spread out upon the floor according to Collins' numbered layout, a retired Kansas City bricklayer volunteered to install the bricks. Still to be done was to paint the grout to match the bricks, and that work was done by Daisy and Allan Tweeddale, using specially mixed paint just for that purpose.

60th Anniversary Celebration — June 27

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

You won't want to miss...

Sunday, March 21st The Drama Team presents the message, and Communion will be served.

Sunday, March 28th Celebrations abound! Palm Sunday Worship, Capital Campaign Commitment Sunday and All-Church Celebrations with Brunch and Lunch.

Tuesday, March 30th - History Night: Open to all. Rev. Amy Gearhart, Sr. Pastor at Central UMC, will lead us at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30th. We will learn about church life cycles and then share in remembering and discovering our history.

Maundy Thursday: Thursday, April 1st; Worship Service at 7 p.m. with Communion.

Easter Sunday Celebration: April 4th Traditional Worship Service at 8:30 a.m.; Contemporary Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.

Easter Continues on April 11th: The Message is the Music by the Chancel Choir at both services. Capital Campaign Announcement Sunday and celebration of our First Fruits Offering.

Northland Assistance Center to hold Annual Recognition Dinner

Please join the Northland Assistance Center as they thank those who extended a helping hand to Northland residents in need in the year 2009. The 4th annual recognition dinner will be held at the Embassy Suites Tiffany Springs on March 27th, from 5 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$500 for a table of eight (at \$62.50 per person) or \$75.00 per person.

The Social Hour and Silent Auction will be held from 6 to 7 p.m.; Dinner from 7 to 8 p.m.; and presentations from 8 to 9 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Chantel Pruitt, a former client of both the Northland Assistance Center and Kansas City's Medicine Cabinet.

Please call Rita D. Pearce at 816.421.2243 for reservations or mail your check to NAC, 2018 Gentry, North Kansas City, MO 64116.

A Lenten Journey of Living Your Faith

"And Jesus answered them saying, "Truly, I say to you, as you did for one of the least of these my brethren, you did, also, for me." Matthew 25:40

Week Four: Call a person each day whom you have not talked to in awhile. Let them know that they are remembered.

Calling all young adults and parents of young children

You are invited to an evening of food and fellowship on Saturday, March 20th, from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m.

This event is an opportunity to get to know one another outside of the typical church setting and to help grow and build the young adult group at North Cross.

Approximately fourteen persons participated in the January social, which is a great start, but there is lots of room to grow!

James and Stephanie Marx are hosting the March social at their home. They will provide the meat for a taco/burrito bar. You are asked to bring fixings for tacos or a side dish. You are also encouraged to bring your friends, coworkers, or neighbors. Please contact Vickie Linch by phone at 452.2939 or by e-mail at vlinch@northcrossumc.org if you are planning to attend (so we will have an accurate count for food) or if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

North Cross Preschool is now taking applications for a Lead Preschool Teacher. If you are interested in this position, please contact Lynn Wollard at 459.8826 or e-mail her at ecpdirector@northcrossumc.org.

Thank you to...

- **Keith Jackson** for vacuuming the chairs in the Narthex and the pews in the Sanctuary. Please thank Keith when you see him - he spent lots of time on this project. And thank you to...
- ♦ **Marcia Browning** for sewing the new choir robes for *Singing 4 God*. She spent many hours with our new WWJD tie-dye fabric!

Coming This Week...

Thursday, March 18

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
 4:30 p.m. 4 One Band Practice
 6:00 p.m. Alpha

Friday, March 19

4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts

Saturday, March 20

8:00 a.m. UMMen/Breakfast/Denny's
 7:00 p.m. Over 55 Dance

Sunday, March 21

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
 9:30 a.m. Children's Music
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
Coffee always in the kitchen
 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
 4:30 p.m. Hand Bell Practice

Monday, March 22

11:00 a.m. Tai Chi
 1:00 p.m. UMW Bible Study
 3:00-9:20 p.m. Directory Pictures
 7:00 p.m. Cub & Boy Scouts
 7:00 p.m. Republican Women

Tuesday, March 23

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
 6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Bd.
 6:30 p.m. Daisy Scouts
 6:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge

Wednesday, March 24

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

Thursday, March 25

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

Toiletries needed for Crestview 5th Graders

Glow Girls is a Crestview Elementary 5th grade girls' program in which girls learn the importance of personal care and manners. The 5th grade boys have a similar program called *Locker Room Boys*.

Each student is given a packet of toiletries during the program. For the next four weeks we will be collecting the following items that can be put under the Sharing Tree.

Please do not include any other items. Thank you for supporting this program for the Crestview 5th graders.

<u>ITEM REQUESTED</u>	<u>NO. REQUESTED</u>
Bath-size Ivory soap bars	40
White wash cloths	40
Trial-size lotions	20
Trial-size toothpaste	20
Trial-size deodorants for girls	45
Trial-size deodorants for boys	45
Long combs for girls	30
Trial-size shampoos	20
Trial-size conditioners	20
Trial-size hair gel for boys	35
Hair accessories	15 packages
Journals for Girls	30
Journals for Boys	30
Bunches of artificial flowers	3
Nail brushes	60
Nail clippers	20

Volunteers needed to assist with Shepherd Center annual fundraiser event

The Shepherd Center of the Northland will be holding their annual Fundraiser, "Jazz V," and are in need of your help. The event will be held on Saturday, April 17th, at the Embassy Suites at Tiffany Springs from 6 to 10 p.m. (This may be split into two shifts - two hours per shift.) It is a semi-formal that will have a silent and live auction. Space is limited, so if you are interested, please contact Christine at 816.452.4536. The event is a benefit for Shepherd's Center of the Northland, and your help is greatly appreciated.

The Pastor's Corner

I sometimes wonder whether Christmas or Easter is the most sacred time of the year for Christians. I know it is a bit cynical, but I've pretty much decided that Easter beats out Christmas. Why? Because it is less commercialized and there are fewer distractions to distort the true meaning of Easter.

This year has caused me to reconsider. You may remember the incredible snow that brought virtually everything to a halt this past Christmas Eve and Christmas. While I still wish the sanctuary could have been packed that night, I remember with joy the sacred moments of those services. Sitting at home looking out the windows at the snow all day on Christmas also made our first Christmas in Kansas City both special and memorable.

Now our journey together toward Easter is well under way and that sacred, joy-filled day will be here before we know it. I trust we will not have snow. I trust the sanctuary will be packed at 8:30 and 11:00. However, I am concerned about distractions. Our capital campaign has been intense. Emotions span the realms of excitement and concern, anticipation and uncertainty, renewal and weariness. Perhaps this has become a distraction on our journey to Easter. Perhaps you have experienced other, more personal distractions on your journey to Easter.

I want to invite you to make the rest of this year's journey to Easter a sacred journey. Be sure to make this a priority. I believe the dramas in worship this Sunday will be especially meaningful. I look forward to a festive Palm Sunday celebration, including our all church brunch and lunch. I trust that the Maundy Thursday service will be a sacred time. I can't wait to celebrate our first Easter with all of you on April 4th! And then Easter will continue on with a great musical presentation on April 11th!

In Christ...

Pastor Neal

Person to person:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Hospitalized: Jessica Alchin, Janet O'Donnell, Merta Powers; NKC

✠ We offer our sympathy to Dennis and Cathy Stone in the death of Cathy's aunt, Constance Lipski, on March 7th, 2010, in Olathe, KS.

Menu for March 24th: *Beef Pot Pie, Fresh Fruit, Corn, Biscuits*

- The United Methodist Men will meet for breakfast on Saturday, March 20th, at 8 a.m. at Denny's Restaurant, Armour Road, North Kansas City. All men of the church are invited to attend.
- Donations of candy, trinkets, etc. are still being accepted, until March 21st, for the children's Easter Egg Hunt. Please label donations "CMT Egg Hunt" and leave them under the Sharing Tree.

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