

North Cross Spirit

... telling the news of North Cross Church

March 22, 2010

...coming up in Worship...

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Check out Acts 6

***It is Palm Sunday, and
the festivities abound.***

***Plan to stay for
Brunch or Lunch to celebrate!***

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: “Acceptance in Community”
Marge Strong

Good News: Room 206

Lesson: “Celebration Brunch”

Friendship: Room 202

Lesson: “Acceptance in Community”
Glenn Whiston

Inquirer's: Fellowship Hall

Lesson: “Celebration Brunch”

FaithWorks: Room 207

Lesson: “Jesus and Judas: Why Did Judas Betray?”
Helen Foster

Pathfinders: Room 200

Lesson: “Celebration Brunch”

Contemporary Conversations: Lounge

Lesson: “Celebration Brunch”

BUILDING on our PAST while CHARTING our FUTURE

In 1975, North Cross was only 25 years old, but we already had history to celebrate. A few paragraphs in the 25th Anniversary Pictorial Directory answer some of the questions pondered by current members. Read on...

It is very appropriate that this directory is published in North Cross' twenty-fifth anniversary year. It was on June 28th, 1950, that Dr. Oliver Keve, Superintendent of the St. Joseph District, presided at a quarterly conference composed of a small number of Methodists who had seen the need for a Methodist Church in the Northland area of Kansas City. At this conference the Gladstone Community Methodist Church was officially organized. The name was later changed to North Cross. Rev. Roland Boone was the church's first pastor.

For the first few years the young church met at the White Chapel Memorial Gardens office at 2512 Vivion Road. Recognizing the need for a church building of their own, a tract of land was purchased from Mr. W. Campbell Davidson. Ground was broken for the first unit of the building on June 21st, 1953. On Christmas Eve of that year the first service was held in the new building, although it was not yet completed. One hundred-twenty persons were present for the first Sunday worship service on the first Sunday of 1954.

By 1956, additional space was needed for the growing congregation, and on July 1st of that year, ground was broken for an addition which included 12,000 square feet. The cornerstone was laid on November 1st, 1956. The Breyfogle Memorial Tower was dedicated in March of 1957, in memory of Forest Dean Breyfogle.

In 1959 Rev. Boone was succeeded by Dr. Herbert C. White as pastor. It was also in that year that plans were begun for the third phase of the building, the educational wing. The unit was formally opened on November 26th, 1961.

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

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Dr. Forrest Standard became pastor of the church in 1962, and the same year, Roger Arbuckle began his service as church organist. Associate ministers and educational assistants serving with Dr. Standard included Rev. Herath, Wayne McKlesky, Rena Yoakum, Reginald Hug, and Ralph Hicks. Mrs. Margaret Owen began her work as church secretary in 1969.

Dr. Shrum Burton was appointed pastor in 1969. Associate ministers serving with him were Allen Ladage, David Robertson, and Jim Hawk. Glenn Trent was hired as director of the choirs in September of 1973.

In 1974 Carlton Knight and Jerry Daily were appointed to North Cross. Ministers and congregation together are looking forward to even greater areas of service for North Cross Church.

60th Anniversary Celebration June 27

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 Five: Pray for yourself. Read the book of John in the Bible.

You won't want to miss...

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.

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 (and past date) issue of *The Spirit*. If you want to try this option, 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.

Attention, Anyone!

I am 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*

Coming This Week...

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

Friday, March 26

9:30 a.m. Girl Scouts
 1:00 p.m. Preschool Exercise
 6:30 p.m. Concerned Care
 7:00 p.m. Building Committee

Saturday, March 27

9:00 a.m. Usher Meeting
 10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
 1:00 p.m. Blue Grass Benefit

Sunday, March 28

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
 9:30 a.m. Children's Music
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 9:45 a.m. Celebration Brunch
 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
 12:00 p.m. Celebration Lunch
 4:30 p.m. Hand Bell Practice

Monday, March 29

11:00 a.m. Tai Chi
 11:00 a.m. Mommy & Me
 1:00 p.m. UMW Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. Cub & Boy Scouts

Tuesday, March 30

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. Duplicate Bridge
 7:00 p.m. Our Church History

Wednesday, March 31

9:00 a.m. Isaiah Study
 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, April 1 *Maundy Thursday*

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. Worship

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

| <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 |
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| Bunches of artificial flowers | 3 |
| Nail brushes | 60 |
| Nail clippers | 20 |

supporting this program for the Crestview 5th graders.

It's time to order Easter lilies

Each year our Easter services are brightened with Easter lilies that pay tribute to special individuals in our lives. If you would like to order an Easter lily to honor or celebrate the memory of a loved one, please stop by the church office and fill out an order form by March 30th.

Forms are also available on the table by the office door and will be there this coming Sunday, March 28th.

Easter Lilies



The cost for each plant is \$12, and we ask that you leave them at church through the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, April 11th, the Sunday following Easter. If you have any

questions, please call Mary Alice at 452.2939.

The Pastor's Corner

Sunday was a Sunday that I hated to miss. If you haven't heard, we were in Nashville for our daughter, Natalie's, Senior Recital. Natalie is a Classical Voice Performance major at Belmont University, and it was wonderful to hear her sing.

To tell the truth, I usually don't think too much about being away on a Sunday. I know the church is in good hands, and I trust everything goes smoothly. But this Sunday was different. I wish I could have been at North Cross to see the dramas. And I wish I could have been here when our Program Leaders announced the progress to date for our capital campaign.

If you were not able to be here, and perhaps haven't heard yet, we announced that a number of folks (59) had already turned in their pledge cards and that we already have \$644,580 pledged to our "BUILDING on our PAST while CHARTING our FUTURE" project. That is amazing! That is over halfway to our \$1.2 million goal. WOW!

Now my challenge to everyone else is to step up and help us hit a home run, so to speak. Let's make this a tremendous success. I am more convinced than ever that we can get this project done this year and pay for it over the next three years. We'll place all the pledge cards on the altar Sunday and dedicate our plans to God.

This is a wonderful church full of dedicated people who are obviously willing to sacrifice for North Cross and anticipate the joy that comes from belonging to this part of Jesus' Church!

I am thrilled and honored to be your pastor!

In Christ...

Pastor Neal

Person to person:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Hospitalized: Merta Powers, NKC; Ella Klug, Liberty

Menu for April 7th: *Barbecue Pulled Pork, Green Beans, Baked Beans, Buns*

✠ We offer our sympathy to Jerry and Barbara Moody in the death of Jerry's aunt, Billye Patterson, who is the daughter of Freda Gill. Billye died on March 15th in Ft. Smith, AR. Freda is currently living in assisted care in Texas, near a grandson. If you would like Freda's address, please call the church office.

✠ We offer our sympathy to Amanda Sailor in the death of her grandmother, Carol.

- Congratulations to Ben and Capri Klug on the birth of their daughter, Ella Capri, on March 17th, 2010.
- Melanie Hurst will be selling her handmade jewelry in the Library area this Sunday. Proceeds will go to the Haiti relief fund.

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