

North Cross Spirit

... telling the news of North Cross Church

March 29th, 2010

...coming up in Worship...

Maundy Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
“Don’t Make the Stones Shout”
Luke 19:28-40

EASTER SUNDAY!
“That We Might Believe”
John 20:1-10, 30-31

Invite a friend to come with you

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: “*The Community Faces Pain and Joy*”
Glenn Corwin

Good News: Room 206

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

Friendship: Room 202

Lesson: “*The Community Faces Pain and Joy*”
Mildred St. Clair

Inquirer’s: Fellowship Hall

Lesson: “*Easter Story from the Scriptures*”
Mary Herman

FaithWorks: Room 207

Lesson: “*Jesus and Mary Magdalene: Easter is a Serendipity*”
Becky Batchelor

Pathfinders: Room 200

Lesson: “*The Priority of Being a Miracle Worker for God*”
Ken Williams

Contemporary Conversations: Lounge

Lesson: *No Class Today*

BUILDING on our PAST while CHARTING our FUTURE

A full page of the community’s *Dispatch Newspaper* on June 26th, 1974, featured “a sermon on love told through rhythmic expression.” A set of six photographs were all set against a backdrop of the newly-remodeled altar area of North Cross United Methodist Church. The performers, dressed in symbolic black and gold attire, were LaDonna Ebright, member of North Cross, and her friend, Bobbie Killian, a member at Northmoor United Methodist Church.

The photographed routine was based on I Corinthians 23. Other routines performed by the two women included “The Lord’s Prayer,” “How Great Thou Art,” “I Believe,” “Have Thine Own Way,” and “Prayer of Saint Francis.”

LaDonna’s interest in the art of rhythmic interpretation dates back to a weekend seminar sponsored by the Wesleyan Service Guild at Baker University in October of 1965. The art form was first developed to give others a clearer understanding of the scriptures, hymns and religious writings. LaDonna was quoted in the article by Mary Jane Peironnet with these words about the effect of this art upon her own faith and understanding, “You cannot put yourself completely emotionally and physically into something and ever feel the same about it. I never ‘say’ the Lord’s Prayer - I pray it and feel each word.”

60th Anniversary Celebration - June 27th

Reminder: If you would like to share a personal memory of North Cross, please leave your paragraph at the church office before April 30th, addressed to Beverly Whitaker.

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

Easter Schedule

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.

United Methodist Women news

- ◆ The Heartland District UMW braved the snow and cold and met at our church on March 20th. I was so proud of the many North Cross ladies who helped make this day a success, even if we did end up with about 1/3 of the registered attendees. The snow didn't stop 25+ of our ladies and Rev. Dennis. I want to thank all of you for your support.

Gaye Merchant
President
North Cross UMW

- ◆ We have added another book to our reading library. It is *Sacred Spark* by Rev. Lisa K. Sykes. This book is the compelling true story of a child affected by mercury poisoning and the work of his mother, United Methodist cleric, the Rev. Lisa Sykes, to alert her church, the nation and the world to the dangers of mercury-containing vaccines. This book discusses how her church works to protect children from harm and ignites a global debate about autism and childhood vaccines. *Sacred Spark* is in the Social Action category and is also a bonus book, which counts as two books. (Reminder: Bonus Books count as two books, which can be in the same category, or as one book in each of two categories.)

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 Six: Celebrate! Enjoy the Spring. Thank God each day for some of your blessings. Thank God for His Son.

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 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*

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. Watch for other inside jobs.

Coming This Week...

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

Friday, April 2

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, April 3

7:00 p.m.	Over 55 Dance
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Sunday, April 4 *Easter*

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 5

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

Tuesday, April 6 *Vote Today!*

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.	Finance
6:30 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge
6:45 p.m.	Concerned Care
7:00 p.m.	Wood Carvers

Wednesday, April 7

9:00 a.m.	Isaiah Study
9:30 a.m.	Symphony Guild
5:30 p.m.	Supper
6:15 p.m.	Kidzone
6:30 p.m.	Youth
6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 8

6:00 a.m.	Tai Chi
10:00 a.m.	Preschool Puppet Show
11:30 a.m.	Tai Chi
1:00 p.m.	Preschool Exercise
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

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 will be presenting the entertainment that day. You won't want to miss him!

Round Of Applause...

to our wonderful North Cross Congregation and its friends from the youth of North Cross. This year's *Treats and Trivia* fundraiser was our most successful ever.

We estimated there were over 80 participants competing for this year's prizes and bragging rights. And we raised over \$680! The *Silent Auction* was also very successful. Once all of the winning bidders have collected and paid for their items, we will have profited almost \$1500.

We have sixteen youth and four adults signed up to go on this year's mission trip. We estimate the cost per person to be \$310. That is \$6,200 for the group. So, the monies earned at these fundraisers will go a long way in helping defray the costs per person.

Thank you to everyone who put together teams, competed in trivia, donated items, bid on items, and have continued to support us in our mission efforts.

The Pastor's Corner

Sunday was one of the most joy-filled, most festive, most fun Sundays I have ever experienced! From children waving palm branches to begin the service to all of us joining the 'parade' forward with our capital campaign pledge cards and our offerings... abounding oranges foreshadowing our upcoming 'first fruits offering' and then free food and an enjoyable time during brunch and lunch... it was a wonderful Sunday.

Easter is next! Thank God that Jesus' sacrifice on the cross was not the end of the story, but rather a new beginning filled with JOY! I hope you can be here on Sunday as we celebrate Easter together. Lori and I look forward with great anticipation to our first Easter with all of you.

I want to suggest to you that just like Christmas was not meant to be just a day, so Easter is not meant to be just a day. The traditional liturgical calendar calls for Easter to be a season, including several Sundays, leading eventually to Pentecost. On April 11th we will celebrate the "Second Sunday of Easter" with our 40-voice choir presenting the message in music during both services. Easter Continues!

In Christ...



NOTE:

Thank you for all you are doing to make our capital campaign a great success. Our next announcement will be on April 11th, in conjunction with our 'first fruits offering'. Watch your mail for more details.

Also, our district superintendent has informed me that we only need one more church conference at the end of April to finalize our plans before we can sign contracts with contractors and establish financing with a bank.

Watch for further details soon!

Person to person:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Hospitalized: Merta Powers, Patsy Ranes, NKC; Ella Klug, Neo-Natal ICU, Liberty

† We offer our sympathy to Bill and Judy Chastain and family in the death of Judy's mother, Faye Werner, on March 26, 2010.

Menu for April 7th: *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

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