

# North Cross Spirit

... telling the news of North Cross Church

May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010

## ...coming up in Worship...

The way in which the characters of the Bible answered the call of God is truly amazing. But the God in whose image we are created continued to gift and call each of us today. Have you heard the call of God on your life? This Sunday, we will take a look at these issues in a sermon entitled, "Of Snakes, Rods, Shells, and Starfish." And, there is a tremendous musical/drama piece entitled "Moses" that you won't want to miss!

Dennis

## 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: Fellowship Hall

Lesson: "Crestview Report" Kent Yocum

### Good News: Fellowship Hall

Lesson: "Crestview Report" Kent Yocum

### Friendship: Fellowship Hall

Lesson: "Crestview Report" Kent Yocum

### Inquirer's: Room 215

Lesson: "Sale of Human Organs Debate"  
Dan Sturdevant & Brian Hall

### FaithWorks: Room 207

Lesson: "The Attitude of Joy" Becky Batchelor

### Pathfinders: Fellowship Hall

Lesson: "Crestview Report" Kent Yocum

### Contemporary Conversations: Lounge

Lesson: "Coming of Age" Sandra Aust

## North Cross helps Platte Woods UMC celebrate *Faith In Action* weekend

Five members of North Cross helped Platte Woods in their "Takin' It To the Street" weekend on May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tom and Patsy Schmutz, Donna Maysent, Barbara Bennett and Mary Stafford were part of the 1,000<sup>+</sup> people who spent the weekend in service, as they helped pack over 40,000 meals of rice in a 4 hour time period. The meals should have reached Haiti by the time you read this. Over 3,800 hours of service were given and 300,000 meals packed for Haiti.



Tom Schmutz, Donna Maysent, and Mary Stafford help package 40,000 bags of rice in a 4-hour period of time!



Part of the rice which was packaged into 300,000 meals to be sent to Haiti.

Pictures courtesy of Barbara Bennett

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

## Support Hillcrest walkers

On Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, Ron and Sue Berry and Tom Schmutz will participate in a 5K walk supporting Hillcrest Transitional Housing and their cause. Thousands of families in the United States are homeless. On any given night approximately 3200 people are homeless in the Kansas City area, most being children under the age of 9.

Donating to these walkers allows you to do your part in the fight to end homelessness. Rom, Sue, and Tom will be collecting next Sunday. **Please make your checks out to Hillcrest Housing.** All pledges are tax deductible and every dollar directly benefits the homeless families in the Hillcrest Transitional Housing Program.

## Mission project selected by 60th Anniversary Committee, UMW, and Outreach Committee

Please check the credenza by the office door to pick up a copy of the items needed for the mission project (Health Kits and Layette Kits) which has been selected by the 60th Anniversary Committee, UMW and Outreach Committee.

Our goal is to collect a total of 60 kits, which will be delivered to Annual Conference by our delegates when they travel to Springfield in early June. The kits will be used in Haiti and Chili.

The Outreach Committee will provide the money for postage required to ship each kit. With North Cross' tradition of being a mission-oriented church, donating 60 kits seems an appropriate way to continue our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Donations need to be dropped off at the Sharing Tree by May 25<sup>th</sup>.

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

We need people who are would like to run the Power Presentation for the 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services once a month. You do not have to prepare the Power Point. Training would be provided. Please call the church office at 452.2939 and ask for Patsy, if you are able to help.

## Youth headed to Memphis in June

This year we have seventeen youth and five adults participating in a summer mission trip to Memphis, Tennessee. The mission trip is organized and hosted by the United Methodist Missouri Conference.

We don't know all of the details regarding the work sites we will be assigned; however, we have been given an update regarding potential locations and jobs to be completed. Examples of the jobs are: working a 3-acre garden, home repair, painting, replacing flooring, fixing soffits, repairing ceilings, etc., yard work and tarring a flat roof. We won't know what our specific responsibilities will be until we arrive.

We will be staying at Collierville UMC, which is about 20 miles from Memphis. There are approximately 13 other youth groups participating in this mission trip. Each youth group will be assigned their own work sites. However, we will come together as a large group for meals, worship, and fellowship. This gives the youth an opportunity to meet other youth throughout Missouri.

In addition to the work, worship, and fellowship, there are two fun trips planned. We will be attending a Redbirds baseball game and visiting the Civil Rights Museum. Our youth group will also be visiting the Memphis Zoo on Friday. We are packing a lot of work and fun into one week. We thank ALL of the congregation for your financial support, your prayers, and your encouragement. We wouldn't have these opportunities without you.

## Open Invitations to North Cross:

- The wedding of *Melanie Katherine Hurst* and *Joshua Ramon Montambeault* on Saturday, the twenty-ninth of May at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at North Cross UMC. Reception following in the Fellowship Hall.
- Open House celebration in honor of *Amanda Wigans'* high school graduation on Saturday, May 15th, from 2 to 4 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.
- Open House celebration in honor of *Sarah Dykes'* high school graduation on Sunday, May 23rd from 2 to 5 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

## Coming This Week...

### Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

6:00 a.m.	Tai Chi
11:30 a.m.	Tai Chi
1:30 p.m.	Wesleyan Circle
4:30 p.m.	4 One Band Practice
6:00 p.m.	Northland Families Learn Together
6:30 p.m.	Concerned Care
6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Council

### Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m.	Adventures in Learning
7:15 p.m.	Cursillo Gathering

### Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m.	UMMen/Breakfast/ Denny's in NKC
2:00 p.m.	Winans Graduation Party
7:00 p.m.	Over 55 Dance

### Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship
9:30 a.m.	Children's Music
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School <i>Kent Yocum, English Language teacher at Crestview will speak in Fellowship Hall</i>
11:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship

### Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

11:00 a.m.	Tai Chi
1:00 p.m.	UMW Bible Study
6:00 p.m.	Seekers at Winships
6:30 p.m.	Preschool Program
7:00 p.m.	Cub & Boy Scouts

### Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m.	TOPS
10:00 a.m.	Paint for Fun
10:30 a.m.	O.P. Bridge
11:30 a.m.	XYZ Potluck
6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
6:30 p.m.	Preschool Program
6:30 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge
7:00 p.m.	Wood Carvers

### Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
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### Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

6:00 a.m.	Tai Chi
10:00 a.m.	Mommy & Me
11:30 a.m.	Tai Chi
4:30 p.m.	4 One Band Practice
6:30 p.m.	Concerned Care

## Your help is needed!

In order to dispose of the debris that was cleaned out at the west end of the parking lot on the Trustees' Work Day, the city will be bringing a dumpster for North Cross to use.

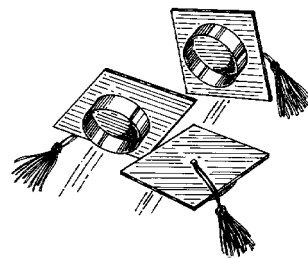
Help is needed at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> to load the debris into the dumpster. If you are able to help, please contact Keith Jackson, Chair of Trustees, or call the church office at 452.2939. Many hands make light work!

## It's time to brag about your graduates

It's graduation time again, and we would like to acknowledge your sons, daughters, and grandchildren who have recently graduated from high school, college, medical school, etc. Or maybe you've gone back to school yourself and will be graduating this year - we'd like to do some bragging on these accomplishments!

Please call Mary Alice in the church office (452.2939) so that we can include your family graduate in our list. We would like to have the graduate's name, name of their high school or college, degree earned, and their parents' names.

Keep watching *The Spirit* for the list of our 2010 graduates so that you can congratulate them when you see them.



## Last XYZ gathering of the season to be held on May 18<sup>th</sup>



On Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, the XYZs will meet and hold their last potluck of the season. If you have a love of good conversation and like to play Bingo, please mark your calendar now and plan to attend.

Bring a dish to share with the group. Table settings and drinks will be furnished.

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

**Remembering “Dinner for Eight”  
By Janet Headrick**

Back in the late 80’s I was part of the “Dinner for Eight” group. My friend and I were having a hard time finding Art and Bets Hammen’s house. Arms filled with food, dressed for the theme of “Hawaiian Night,” we rang the doorbell and a man came to the door wearing Bermuda shorts. He didn’t look like Art Hammen, but I was new to the church, so I thought I just didn’t know Art that well. He smiled at us and as he let us both in he called to his wife. “They’re here!”

The woman who came out to greet us was not Bets Hammen. We gave each other shocked looks as we waited for someone to speak. Finally the husband said, “This isn’t your bridge group?”

People join “Dinner for Eight” to meet new people, just not this way. The couple was able to tell us that Art and Bets lived two houses away, and we all learned if you want to get into a stranger’s house, have food in your hands when you come to the door.

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
June 27<sup>th</sup>**

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee**

Wanda Lee Kalsu  
Michele Hurst  
Georgia Winship  
Beverly Whitaker  
Marylee Wickham  
Betsy Strub  
Debbie Grosko  
Deborah Mason

**Person to person:**

**CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

- **Hospitalized:** *Jane Wright, Nina Stevens, Susan Young, NKC; Dick Powers, KU Med*
- May/June issues of *The Upper Room* devotional booklets are available on the table by the office door. Cost is \$1 per booklet.
- The United Methodist Men will be meeting for breakfast on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. at Denny’s in North Kansas City. All men of the church are welcome to attend this last breakfast meeting of the season.
- Six tickets are available for the *Women of Faith* day which will be held November 5th and 6th. This event sells out quickly! Please call the Deborah Mason at 453.7062 if you are interested.

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