

North Cross Spirit

... telling the news of North Cross Church

May 17th, 2010

...coming up in Worship...

Sermon Series:
The Christian Philosophy of
Conventional Wisdom

This week:

**“Only two things are infinite,
the universe and human stupidity,
and I’m not sure about the former.”**
— **Albert Einstein**

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: *“At Home in the Community”*
Ginnie Collins

Good News: Room 206

Lesson: *“Making Disciples”* Bryce Strong

Friendship: Room 202

Lesson: *“At Home in the Community”*
Marcia Browning

Inquirer's: Fellowship Hall

Lesson: *“Read the Instruction Manual”*
Brian Hall

FaithWorks: Room 207

Lesson: *“The Attitude of Faith”* Denise Cox

Pathfinders: Room 200

Lesson: *“Methodist Beliefs: We Believe in the
Centrality of Love”* Rita McCall

Contemporary Conversations: Lounge

Lesson: *“Moving Through Time”* Russ Creason

BUILDING on our PAST
while CHARTING our FUTURE

Scout Troop 260 and Pack 260
by Ken Williams

Boy Scout Troop 260 has a long history of service and support at North Cross. The troop was formed in the mid 1950s with support from the United Methodist Men. From 1957 to 1977 the Troop produced 98 Eagle Scouts, the highest award in scouting. The Troop membership decreased in the late 1970s, and the Troop disbanded. It was reinstated in 1993, and has produced a total of 144 Eagle Scouts.

Also in 1993, Cub Scout Pack 260 was organized, and has grown by leaps and bounds. Most boys in the Pack earn the Arrow of Light, the highest award in Cub Scouting, which is a sign of a very well run Pack. On Monday nights, between the Cub Scouts downstairs, and the Boy Scouts upstairs, you can watch the character of young men developing before your eyes.

Troop and Pack 260 are vibrant, active, and growing units, helping to serve North Cross in many activities, ranging from the Super Sale and the Christmas Store to neighborhood parties and local clean-ups. The love and support that North Cross has shown over the years has allowed hundreds of boys become principled, reverent, and patriotic men.

60th Anniversary Celebration
June 27th

60th Anniversary Committee

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

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

Service opportunity

We need people would like to run the Power Point Presentation for the 8:30 a.m. 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.

Deadline is May 25th for health kits

Don't forget that the deadline to donate health kits and layettes to be sent to Haiti and Chile is May 25th. The project is sponsored by the 60th Anniversary Committee, in conjunction with the United Methodist Women and the Outreach Committee.

A list of items needed for the kits is available on the credenza in the Narthex. The kits will be delivered to Annual Conference by the North Cross delegates when they travel to Springfield in early June. The goal is 60 kits to continue the 60th anniversary celebration of North Cross.

Next trip to Harvesters is rescheduled New date is July 24th

Harvesters is a food bank. It is a centralized food collection and distribution facility which provides food and household products to agencies serving people in need. In 2009, Harvesters distributed 36.6 million pounds of food and household products in their 26-county service area in northwestern Missouri and northeastern Kansas. Volunteers help out by sorting food and household goods collected from food drives and donated by the food industry.

North Cross volunteers are scheduled to help out at Harvesters on July 24th. You may have put a June date in your calendar, but that has changed.

Please mark your calendars now and plan to help your community by volunteering some time at this food bank. More information will follow in future newsletters.

Volunteers needed

Help is needed to support our children and youth ministries. We especially need children's Summer Sunday school teachers and Vacation Bible school leaders and assistants.

If we are committed to seeing our young families grow in numbers and spirit, then we need to step forward and support their children and youth with our time and service.

Please stop by the sign up table in the Narthex to see where your talents and gifts can best be utilized. If you still have questions or concerns about where you fit into all of this, please feel free to talk to Vickie Linch. There are places for everyone and everyone has a place in helping North Cross to grow and make disciples.

Field Day Helpers wanted at Crestview Elementary School

What is Field Day? Crestview's Field Day will be a full day of fun and games to celebrate a wonderful year of teaching and learning at Crestview Elementary.

When is Field Day? Tuesday, May 25th, from 8 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. If the weather is poor on the 25th, field day will then take place on Thursday, May 27th.

Field Day will take place all over the inside and outside of Crestview Elementary's property. They are asking for volunteers who can commit to assist and would be able to meet in the gym no later than 30 minutes prior to their time slot of choice on Tuesday, May 25th. You would be responsible for explaining the activity and managing the students through the activity. Classroom teachers will be traveling with their students and will assist you with this as well.

If you choose to work in the morning, the time is 8 a.m. until noon; afternoon only is 11 a.m. until 3:15 p.m.; morning and afternoon is 8 a.m. until 3:15 p.m.

For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Mr. McGinnis (PE teacher) at 413.4727.

Coming This Week...

Thursday, May 20th

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
6:30 p.m.	Concerned Care

Friday, May 21st

7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
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Saturday, May 22nd

8:00 a.m.	Clean up ditch
3:00 p.m.	Graduation Party

Sunday, May 23rd

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
2:00 p.m.	Graduation Party
2:30 p.m.	Piano Recital
4:30 p.m.	Hand Bell Practice

Monday, May 24th

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

Tuesday, May 25th

9:00 a.m.	TOPS
10:00 a.m.	Paint for Fun
10:30 a.m.	O.P. Bridge
6:30 p.m.	Daisy Scouts
6:30 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge
6:30 p.m.	Bereavement Service

Wednesday, May 26th

11:00 a.m.	Grandparent Support
6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
7:00 p.m.	VBS Training

Thursday, May 27th

6:00 a.m.	Tai Chi
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 22nd 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!

Looks what's happening at the Shepherd Center

- ◆ *Tai Chi Classes* are now forming at the Shepherd's Center. Experience the gentle flowing movements of Tai Chi and treat your whole body to a gentle and relaxing workout. Beginning today, May 17th, from 10 to 11 a.m. for eight weeks, Instructor, Marcia Browning will teach this low-impact class that improves strength, flexibility, balance and coordination. To register, or for more information, please call 452.4536.
- ◆ A Caregiver Support Meeting will be held at 4805 NE Antioch Road on Friday, May 21st from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Lunch is provided (donation). Deb Babbitt will be the guest speaker and will be addressing the issue of "Anticipatory Grief." Anticipatory grief is what happens when you know there will be a loss, but it has not yet occurred. This presentation is designed to help the caregiver and significant others as they cope with impending loss and the emotional, physical and spiritual issues that impact this experience. Please RSVP the Shepherd's Center at 452.4536.

You are invited to attend...

- An Open House celebration in honor of *Sarah Dykes'* high school graduation on Sunday, May 23rd from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.
- 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.

Graduation!

What a milestone! It is the close of a chapter of life with great anticipation and often some anxiety about the next chapter of life.

Congratulations to all of our graduates.

Earlier today I walked by the sanctuary as some of our preschool students were practicing for their graduation. Last week I enjoyed visiting a little while with some of our high school graduates. Tomorrow Lori and I travel to Nashville for our daughter Natalie's college graduation. And that made me start thinking about my experiences of graduation.

Lori and I both returned to school later in life to pursue advanced degrees. It's amazing how much your perspective changes on the value of education. What earlier may have seemed like a duty and at times even a hassle, becomes an opportunity of great value. And when you have a particularly great teacher, they can change your life.

I believe that education is potentially the greatest investment we can make in our future. But what about Christian education? Do we really believe in the value of Christian education? Now that's an investment not only in our earthly future but in our eternal future.

The logical conclusion of this is a challenge to invest in your future. But even better, why not invest in the future of our children, youth and even adults as we strive to grow spiritually.

Did you notice the quote on the front page which will represent Conventional Wisdom in the sermon this Sunday?

In Christ,



Person to person:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- **Hospitalized:** (as of May 14th) *Jane Wright, Rose Mary Wheeler* NKC
- 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 15th 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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