

North Cross Spirit

... telling the news of North Cross Church

May 3rd, 2010

...coming up in Worship...

Sermon Series:
The Christian Philosophy of
Conventional Wisdom

This week:

**“The best portion of a good man’s life,
his little, nameless, unremembered acts
of kindness and of love.”**

— William Wordsworth

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: “An Established Community”

Teri Jan Overton

Good News: Room 206

Lesson: “Superstars, Smug Spectators, and
Sacrificial Servants” Jim Funk

Friendship: Room 202

Lesson: “An Established Community”

Marcia Browning

Inquirer’s: Fellowship Hall

Lesson: “Mother’s Blessings” Joyce Ranes,
Sue Berry, Nancy West, Judy Chastain,
Bette Walden

FaithWorks: Room 207

Lesson: “The Attitude of Open-Mindedness”

Deborah Mason

Pathfinders: Room 200

Lesson: “We Believe in Victory through
Disciplined Living” Randy Young

Contemporary Conversations: Lounge

Lesson: “Famous Mothers” Charles Myers

BUILDING on our PAST while CHARTING our FUTURE

The Peace Window in the Chapel

Our North Cross Chapel is located in the Education Wing. It is intended to be a place of quiet devotion, prayer and worship. The Peace Window there was originally installed on November 11th, 1989, by Harold Mason, Tom Campbell and Art Hammen. The window was designed and crafted by Bets and Art Hammen, and the wood frame was built by Harold Mason.

Ponder the significance of the language of colors selected by the Hammens for the Peace Window:

White: Color of innocence of the soul, purity, holiness of life and patience.

Blue: Color of sky, love, peace, harmony in the heavenly body and infinity.

Red: Color of love, fire and zeal, blood of martyrs, sacrificing and faithfulness.

Green: Color of peace, spring over winter, life over death, birth, new beginnings and hope.

Yellow: Color of rejoicing, hope, emblem of the sun and divinity.

Renovation of the Peace Chapel was made possible through the generosity and thoughtfulness of families who designated Memorial funds toward this project. When the Chapel was dedicated on February 6th, 2005, it was wonderful to have present Art and Bets Hammen and Harold Mason to see how the window was showcased and how beautiful it made the chapel.

60th Anniversary Celebration - June 27th

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

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

The 60th Anniversary Committee, in conjunction with the United Methodist Women and Outreach Committee, is planning a mission project for this spring. Our goal is to collect a total of 60 kits for use in Haiti and Chile. These kits will be delivered to Annual Conference by our delegates when they travel to Springfield in early June. Our contributions may either be Health Kits or LAYETTES or some of each. 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 60th anniversary celebration. Donations need to be dropped off at the Sharing Tree by May 25th.

HEALTH KITS (Value \$11)

- 1 hand towel (16" x 28")
 - 1 wide-tooth comb (packaging removed)
 - 1 nail clipper (packaging removed)
 - 1 bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
 - 1 wash cloth
 - 6 Band-Aids
 - 1 toothbrush (in original packaging)
- Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with zipper closure. Make plastic bags as flat as possible and leave zipper open one half inch. Toothpaste will be added by Church World Service.

LAYETTE (Value \$39)

- 6 cloth diapers
- 2 diaper pins
- 2 t-shirts or undershirts (no onesies)
- 2 washcloths
- 2 gowns or sleepers
- 1 sweater or sweatshirt
- 2 receiving blankets (one can be a knitted blanket)

All items must be new and under 12 months in size. Bundle items in one receiving blanket and secure with diaper pins.

We would like to extend an invitation to our North Cross family. Help us celebrate *Amanda Winans'* high school graduation at an Open House on Saturday, May 15th, from 2 to 4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.
The Winans Family

Super Sale Charities

Did you know that at the end of the Super Sale, North Cross donated items to 12 charities last year? At the end of the sale, leftover items are donated to charities that have been approved in advance.

If you are involved in a charity that has specific needs AND you can pick up the items after the sale on Thursday and deliver them to the charity, **please contact Barb Bennett by June 1st. Charities must be on the master list to receive donations.**

Crestview English Language teacher to speak at North Cross

Kent Yocum, Crestview English Language Learner teacher, will speak with the combined adult Sunday School classes on Sunday, May 16th.

Kent will explain the English Language Learner program, as well as inform us about the new Crestview Community Gardens project toward which North Cross contributed funds.

*Mr. and Mrs. Robert V. Hurst
and
Mr. and Mrs. Ramon L. Montambeault
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their children
Melanie Katherine Hurst
and
Joshua Ramon Montambeault
United States Air Force
on
Saturday, the twenty-ninth of May
two-thousand ten
at three o'clock in the afternoon
at
North Cross United Methodist Church
Reception following at the church*

Vickie's Vision:

For those who aren't aware, I have been a longtime member of North Cross. I was baptized here and attended Sunday school as a preschooler. We moved out of state for several years. Our family returned to Kansas City and North Cross when I was in 6th grade. At that time I joined the youth group and remained active for six years. The teachers, leaders, pastors, and other youth helped me not only in my faith journey, but in my life journey. They are the reason I am a youth leader today. And by the way, some of those leaders and teachers are still here at North Cross today.

I tell you all of this as a reminder of the role we play in the lives of our current children and youth. They need YOU to help them on their faith and life journey. They need YOU as Sunday school teachers, Kids Corner leaders, VBS leaders and helpers, and Kidzone leaders. They need YOU to help grow our church and bring in new young adults and families.

If we are serious about supporting the children, youth, and young families of North Cross, then we need to put words into actions. Several of you have already taken action and signed up to be youth Sunday school leaders and VBS helpers. But, there is still a great need for more leaders and helpers, especially in the children's area.

There are volunteer job description sheets available on the credenza in the entryway. The bright green sheet is for the children, and the bright yellow sheet is for the youth. Job description sheets and a signup sheet are located on a table (in the entryway) near the sanctuary. There are opportunities to help one time, once a week, once a month, twice a month, or whatever your schedule allows.

I realize many of you gave of your time and talents when your own children were younger. I realize that personal time is precious and limited. I realize that for some of you this would be stepping out a little from your comfort zone. So, I ask you to pray, to consider, to reflect on what YOUR vision is for North Cross. Where do you see North Cross five, ten, or even fifteen years from now? I am hoping your vision is similar to mine - an active, thriving, growing, disciple-making church, full of children, youth and lots of adults willing to give a little of their time and talents, leading the youngsters into their future.

Person to person:

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

- **Hospitalized:** Jane Wright, NKC
- **Menu for May 12th:** *End of Season Barbecue: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Brats, Chips, Baked Beans.* **May 12th** will be the last Wednesday night dinner until September.

✠ Please join us in expressing Christian sympathy to Carol Zigeler and family in the death of Carol's husband, John, on April 27th, 2010; and to Peggy Davis and family in the death of Peggy's mother, Elizabeth, on April 29th, 2010.

- Many thanks to all of you for the flowers, cards, calls, good wishes and especially the prayers during and after my hospital stay. God has truly blessed me with not only a loving and caring family, but also a church family that is loving and caring too. God bless you all.

Bev Martin

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