

Cross & Crown Weekly News 6-4-17



Building Community in the Digital Age

Ever wondered how best to use Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and other social media to share your faith and introduce people to Cross & Crown? Join Vicar Brook on Wednesday, June 7th in the Sanctuary after the last Wednesday Night Happenings meal for a discussion on how to use social media to build community!

Unbinding Your Heart—YOU Are Invited

If you haven't yet been able to attend an Unbinding group, consider the new group starting June 2nd, meeting Wednesdays 6:00-7:30 p.m., for seven weeks. Each evening begins with a light meal, which for you Wednesday Night Happenings regulars will be welcome during the WNH summer break! For more information or to register, please contact Pastor Ginn or the church office.

Here are some comments about recent groups from participants:

"I used to think of Evangelism as telling others what they should believe, but now I think of it as me telling others what I believe and what that faith has done for me."

"With the 'exercises' that were recommended [in the] prayer journal, Martha Grace Reese suggested fresh and unique perspectives on faith, and on the Bible. Actually, she didn't suggest the perspectives as much as she brought me to a place where these perspectives came from within me."

Sound exciting? More than 50 Cross and Crown friends have experienced the Unbinding study. Won't you try it this next round?

Unbinding: The Next Step

Attention all Unbinding "Alums"—many of you have expressed a desire to continue the journey you began with Unbinding Your Heart. So we are going to be offering a "next step"! Vicar Brook will be leading a group in reading and discussing the book, "More Ready Than You Realize" by Brian McLaren. We will meet Sundays after the late service beginning July 23rd and will wrap up August 27th. If interested, please contact Vicar Brook.



THANK YOU to all of those people that have helped teach Sunday School and Creation Station this past year. You have made an impact on the children of the church in ways that you may not realize. Know that it does not go without notice. We appreciate you and all your hard work and dedication!



SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Kindergarten—4th grade: 9:35 a.m. Music in the Music Room! 9:45 a.m. Bible Story in the preschool hall, across from bathrooms.

K-1st graders and 2nd-4th graders meet together, then divide for crafts. 10:30 a.m. Parents pick up children in preschool hall.

5th—8th grade: 9:35 a.m. Downstairs in the Confirmation room.

Watch the newsletter for information about Summer Sunday School!



Adult Sunday School: You are welcome!

NEW in the DVD CLASS: "Modern Parables: Living in the Kingdom of God," 6-week study using modern stories of the parables. These are realistic and great fun to discuss! Meets in the parlor.

Book of Faith Class: Studying the books of 1st & 2nd Corinthians, Cross Room

E100: 100 Essential Bible Stories, Library

All classes are open to all adults and we would love to have you join us! If the door is closed, it's only because we're having LOUD fun. Come on in!

Property Workdays: June 10 & 24

June 10th is a combined yard and interior workday. Inside focus will be the kitchen - includes cleaning out cabinets, drawers, refrigerators, & freezers.

Outside projects include: cleaning gutters, trim lower limbs reaching over into the playground, cut back crepe Myrtles along the front near the playground, repair 3-4 Solar lights for illuminating cross on the front of the building & fill holes with concrete in the parking lot.

LAST Wednesday Night Happenings: menu this week (6-7) is hot dogs & hamburgers, baked beans, chips, all the trimmings, salad & dessert.

Adult Sunday School



Stay Tuned....



Watch for the Red Wagon

Today we'll be inviting one of our children to help bring up the red wagon during Offering time at each service. In the Offertory Prayer we will ask God's blessing on the food we donate. Your food donations will help the Matthews Help Center feed the hungry!



Coming Trinity Sunday (June 11)

We will have the incredible opportunity to experience the performance art of Stephanie Burke in both services. Stephanie has performed at numerous ELCA gatherings as well as churches and events across the country. You will be filled with wonder as Stephanie engages music and paint, and rhythm and canvas to create a piece of art that is truly magnificent. Check out her website at www.artandsoul.pro. You aren't going to want to miss this!

One of our senior-high youth members is collecting for the Richmond County Animal Shelter. Some of the items needed are dog & cat food, treats, toys, beds, blankets & towels. A full list of items is on the youth board. Bring your donations in by June 9th. A collection box is in the Narthex. We will be volunteering at the shelter on

Registration for VBS is NOW OPEN!

Monday, June 26th - Friday, June 30th

9am- noon.

PICK-A-POCKET

VBS could use your help with donations of some things for this fantastic week of fun! Pick a card out of a pocket and bring your items to the church by Wednesday, June 21st. We are also looking for empty cans. Soup cans, veggie and fruit cans with the wrappers peeled off. Thank you!

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHURCH

- Thank you to Scout leaders' support and leadership of young men
- Thank you to all who helped with Property Day work.
- Thank you to the Week Day School staff for a great and successful year and fun graduation ceremony.
- Congratulations Vicar Brook on your graduation from seminary.
- Thank you Pastor Ginn for all you do the church.

MAY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Good discussion with Scout leaders from Troop 140. Discussed the Scouting Program, interested in partnering with church on service projects and "Property Days" - very thankful for church's support of the scouts including Pastor's work with them on the "God & Me" program. Other ideas discussed to bring further collaboration between Scouts and congregation.
- Union-Mecklenburg ELCA Conference meeting was held at Cross and Crown. Pastor Ginn was elected Dean and will serve a 2 year term.
- Cross and Crown will be hosting a Partnership Meeting at the request of the Synod likely in the fall.
- Approved the purchase of a new A/C unit for the Sanctuary.
- Granted easement to Duke Power to *Spirit Communications* to provide power and fiber optic cable to the cell tower.
- Exploring installation of light pole by second entrance to improve visibility and safety.
- "New" Cross and Crown Logo—Council chose 2 to present to congregation for vote.
- Approved the formation of 2 Mutual Ministry Teams

Property Workdays for the year: June 10 & 24th, July 15, August 12, September 16, October 15, November 18, December 2.

Remember to PRAY for those on our Church Prayer List

Readings for 6-11-17
Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13



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