Special Session of the General Conference

February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, MO delegates will meet for a special called session of the General Conference.

The purpose will be to receive and act on a report from the Commission on a Way Forward based on the recommendations of the Council of Bishops. The 32-member Commission was authorized by General Conference 2016 and appointed by the Council of Bishops to examine paragraphs in The Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and exploring options to strengthen the unity of the church.


Interested in staying up-to-date about the special session and other United Methodist news? Visit umnews.org
Youth Crew News
by Caroline Wells, Youth Crew Director (carolinew@playlearnshare.org)

Believe Conference
When: MAR 22-23
Who: 6th—8th graders
Cost: $50

March 22-23, our middle schoolers will be embarking on an exciting, high-energy weekend at Believe! We'll experience two days of amazing worship, powerful messages, crazy games, and a fun overnight at the church. 9th grader Tyler Gray, who attended last year, says of Believe: "It will make you feel closer to God and friends than you ever have."
Do you have a 6th-8th grader who wants to attend?

Register today at playlearnshare.org/youth.
Registration closes February 22, and the cost of the weekend is $50.

High School Weekend
When: APR 26-27
Who: 9th—12th graders
Cost: $40

This April, our high schoolers have the opportunity to spend time in worship, learning, and fun activities and games! We'll spend Friday night at the church, focusing on what it means to love our neighbors AND love ourselves. Then on Saturday, we'll have a fun day in Kansas City, with a photo scavenger hunt and more!

Register today at playlearnshare.org/youth.
Registration closes April 12, and the cost for the weekend is $40.

Fun at Deep Freeze
Over New Years Eve and New Years Day, our youth crew rang in 2019 together! We went snow tubing at Snow Creek in Weston, MO, and spent the night playing crazy games at the church. It was a blast to spend this time together outside of our regular gatherings.
Kid Crew News
by Mona Candea, Kid Crew Director (monac@playlearnshare.org)

Dream Big with Kid Crew
When: FEB 27, 12—1:30 p.m.

Kid Crew has some pretty big plans for 2019. Our four big outreach events for the year include Egg Hunt at Macken Park, Day Camp in June, VBS in July and Trunk or Treat in October. These events help us to say hi to those who maybe we haven’t met yet and continue to build relationships with those who have already been introduced to North Cross. Each of these events are wildly unique in the way they model our core values of play, learn, share and require much planning! We will be having a meeting on February 27 from 12-1:30 p.m. in room 207 for anyone who might be interested in helping to plan or execute these important and FUN events! Contact Mona at monac@playlearnshare.org or more information.

Day Camp 2019
Registration Open Now
When: JUN 24-28, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.
Who: ages 6–11 years
Cost: $25 deposit ($150 total)

Who’s ready for summertime excitement? We are! Where can your kids meet other kids and influential college students? Where can they enjoy high-level excitement and fun and camp without the sleepovers? Where can they get life-changing lessons and encounters with God with lunches included? North Cross Day Camp offers all this and more!

To register and get more info visit eaglelakeacamps.com/northcross
If you have questions, contact monac@playlearnshare.org
Divorce Recovery
Are you divorced or going through a divorce and still trying to figure out a new way of life? Join our ten-week Divorce Recovery class beginning on Wednesday, FEB 6 at 6 p.m. and learn the basics on rebuilding your life. The cost for this class is $15 (includes book). Register at playlearnshare.org/studies.

Financial Peace University
Are you ready to get your finances under control in the New Year? Financial Peace University by Dave Ramsey is a great way to learn how to save money, set a budget, and plan for your future. Class begins on Thursday, FEB 7 at 6 p.m. Registration is required and found at playlearnshare.org/studies. Cost of the kit is $100. If you need a scholarship, please contact Jen Shelton at jens@playlearnshare.org.

Chronic Illness Support Group
Do you suffer from a chronic illness, auto-immune disorder, or any other health issue? North Cross has a new support group for those dealing with these types of issues. The Chronic illness support group meets on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. in Room 206.

Married People*: Get Clear on Money
Session 1 (of 3), Friday, FEB 8, 6—8 p.m.
Cost: $20/couple
Free childcare available with RSVP. (register at playlearnshare.org/mp)

Register today for February’s Married People Large Group Experience on Friday, FEB 8, 6 - 8 p.m. We’ll come together to learn unique strategies that help couples understand the different ways we interact with money—spiritually, culturally, emotionally, behaviorally, and practically— and how that affects our most important relationships every day.

Cost for the large group experience is $20/couple (includes snacks). To participate, register at playlearnshare.org/mp.

*Married People welcomes all committed couples.
Women’s Night of Worship
Friday, MAR 1, 6:30—9 p.m.
Cost: $20
Free childcare available with RSVP. (register at playlearnshare.org/women)

Register now for the Women’s Night of Worship featuring CEO of Imperfectly Brave, Whitney Putnam.

A theme of prayer will begin with contemplative music from Kaia Nutting, followed by our featured speaker, and then breakout sessions and indulgent desserts. Visit our pop up store hosted by Etch.Life.

Bring women’s feminine hygiene products for donation.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for the 7 p.m. event. Free childcare is available with your RSVP at playlearnshare.org/women.

Join our New Testament class, beginning Sunday, FEB 3 at 9:45 a.m. to learn more about the books and stories of the New Testament. The cost for this twelve-week class is only $15 (includes book). Register at playlearnshare.org/studies.

Women’s Study
Lysa TerKeurst digs deep into God’s Word to help you explore the roots of rejection, how other relationships are formed, and the truth about what it looks like to live loved in this six-week women’s study called Uninvited. The class begins Wednesday, FEB 6, 6 p.m. reserve your spot and a book for only $10. Register at playlearnshare.org/studies.

Men’s Study
Grab your tool belt for physical renovation! Jacob Armstrong explores, in this six-week men’s study, how Nehemiah was able to experience spiritual renovation and turn to God in times of need. Renovate begins Wednesday, FEB 6, 6 p.m. Cost to participate (includes book) is $12. Register at playlearnshare.org/studies.

Adult Sunday School Classes
Meeting Sundays at 9:45 a.m., information about Adult Sunday School classes can be found at playlearnshare.org/Adult Education
Recurring Opportunities

Join us for all these Play, Learn and Share opportunities at North Cross that occur on a regular basis.

Sunday  Traditional Worship, 8:30 a.m.
Sunday  Christian Education (all ages), 9:45 a.m.
Sunday  McCrite Campus, 9:45 a.m.
Sunday  Contemporary Worship, 11 a.m.
Tuesday  Paint 4 Fun, 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday  Community Meal, 5 - 6 p.m.
Wednesday  Chapel Prayer Team, 6 p.m.
Wednesday  Kid & Youth Crew, 6 p.m.
Wednesday  Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Wednesday  Women’s Fellowship Group, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday  Guys & Pies, 6 p.m. (3rd week)
Friday  Soul Sisters, 6 p.m. (3rd week)
Friday  Bluegrass Youth Fundraiser, 7 p.m. (3rd week)
Friday  Married People Date Night, 6:30 p.m. (2nd week)
Saturday  United Methodist Men, 8 a.m. (2nd week)

February Highlights

Visit playlearnshare.org/churchcalendar for more highlights. Printed prayer lists, community meal menus, Sunday School class information, birthday lists and more are also available in the North Cross Communication Center.

FEB 8  Married People Large Group Experience, 6—8 p.m.
FEB 10  Music of Love Benefit Concert, 5 p.m.
FEB 23-26  Special Session of General Conference, St. Louis, MO
FEB 27  Kid Crew Planning Meeting, 12—1:30 p.m.

Scripture Focus: John 13:34

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

Prayer Prompt:

Loving God, help me to love as I have been loved. Especially help me to love...

Vital Signs

Did you know North Cross records professions of faith, baptisms, small group participation, weekly worship attendance and more as part of our weekly Vital Signs reporting?

Visit playlearnshare.org/governance to view our latest statistics.

While you are there, you will also find more information about the mission and vision of the church, as well as Governance Council meeting minutes and the Council’s leadership reading list!
Music of Love Benefit Concert
When: FEB 10, 5 p.m.

Join us for a special Valentine's Benefit Concert featuring Del Sutton, Dan Sturdevant, Rick Huyett and Millie Edwards to aid efforts to address hunger and homelessness in the Northland.

A special offering will be received during the concert. Additionally, those interested in supporting this missional effort can make contributions at playlearnshare.org/e-give.

Information about North Cross’ missional opportunities and partners can be found at playlearnshare.org under the “Connect” tab.

Buck Starts Here Aids Missional Partners

The last Sunday of every month we receive a special offering, The Buck Starts Here, to benefit one of our mission partners. Everyone is invited to invest at least $1 in these ministries and can do so by making a contribution with cash, check, via our app or at playlearnshare.org/e-give.

The Mission Team reports that $9630 was donated to seven missions partners in 2018.

Starting 2019, the January offering totaled $381 and will benefit Hillcrest Hope.

February’s partner is the North Kansas City School District. Specifically, North Kansas City High School, Northgate Middle School and Crestview Elementary.

Wednesday Meals Resume

For the past several years the proceeds from the Wednesday Community Meal have been shared with selected missional partners. In 2019, this practice is continuing with the added benefit of several groups coordinating the preparing and serving of the meals.

A suggested donation of $5/meal allows the meal teams to plan delicious, affordable meals with the intent of raising funds to assist in alleviating the impact of hunger and homelessness in the Northland.

If you are willing to join a meal team to prepare, serve or clean-up, contact Glenda Kinder at kinderg@missouri.edu. To make a contribution visit playlearnshare.org/e-give.
From special offerings to days of service, North Cross is committed to making a difference in our church, in the community and around the world.

The Mission Team has prepared a report outlining much of the missional activity of the past year.

The report will be available in the Communication Center and at playlearnshare.org/serve.

Visit the website to find additional opportunities to share your gifts, talents and abilities. While there you can also learn more about our missional partners and the amazing work they do.

Thank you to Glenda Kinder and all our Missional Champions for leading us into these important ministries.