

# Crossfield United Church Announcements July 11/24

“In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.” - Genesis 1:1-5.



# This Sunday at CUC - July 14<sup>th</sup>, 10 am.

Join us Sunday as one of our lay public speakers Barb Code leads a worshipful Bible Study gathering. Scripture, prayer and fellowship! Coffee and treats following!



“The Priestly creation poem (Gen. 1:1– 2:4a) in its final form is more than 2500 years old, yet it continues to evoke not only wonder but deeply emotional debate. Although scholars are now able to reconstruct much of the literary and theological context of this skillfully crafted mini-epic, thereby permitting us to understand more adequately certain of its referents and allusions, many in our time insist that it be read, not as theological reflection on God’s creative activity, but as reportage. ‘Creationism’ (variously defined) is thus alive and well, as many public school science teachers will attest. Therefore, the need is as great as ever to move beyond a reading of this majestic song to the creator God as narrative, and to understand it as an exclamation of praise.”

Walter Brueggemann, Texts For Preaching – Year A, 1995

## Upcoming Worship Services at CUC:

July 14<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. An informal Bible Study gathering led by Barb Code.

July 21<sup>st</sup>, July 28<sup>th</sup> & Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>: - No Worship, Rev. Crawford on vacation/study leave.

August 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.  
Genesis 6-8 (selected verses) - Noah and the Ark.

August 18<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.  
Genesis 32:22-32- Jacob and the wrestling match.

August 25<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.  
Genesis 45 – Joseph and his brothers.



"The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of the soul, discerning the thoughts of the heart.

"So proclaims the Letter of the Hebrews. Yet for many persons biblical word of God is less a sharp sword than a crutch, supporting rather than piercing them. Interpreted as they have 'always' heard it, Scripture tells exactly what they want to hear. Modern critical investigation of the Bible can change that radically."

- Raymond E. Brown, The Critical Meaning of the Bible, 1981.

