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Art by Incarcerated Women on Display at Northaven

In one city block near downtown Dallas, more than 2,100 women live behind bars in Dallas County Jail and Dawson State Jail. Few of these women have committed violent offenses; their primary pathway to incarceration is through substance abuse and the underlying factors of trauma, poverty and mental or emotional illness.

"Not Who You Think I Am" presents art made by these incarcerated women. The works reveal complex inner lives and poignant stories, shattering the comfortable assumption that those behind bars are somehow "different." Instead, the art they make reveals – to themselves as well as to others – that they are an integral part of the magnificent, deeply-flawed human family.

And their artwork is currently on display in the Atrium at Northaven. The exhibit opened on Sunday, May 30.

RESOLANA, a Dallas-area nonprofit, gave the women the opportunity to create these works. RESOLANA, which offers a wide variety of psycho-educational as well as creative programs, helps inmates make constructive use of their time in custody by developing skills, tools and resources that can improve their own lives and those of their children, families and communities.

"Making art can help anyone cope with stress, work through painful experiences, gain insight and learn problem-solving skills," says Bette Buschow, founder and Executive Director of RESOLANA. "The exuberant art these women create is a tangible expression of themselves that we are proud to share with the public."

Although "Not Who You Think I Am" is now a traveling exhibit, it originates from a public exhibit that was held in the gallery space of La Reunion Texas in May of 2009. It features art made in RESOLANA programs at Dallas County Jail and Texas prisons. Both the work of individuals and exuberant group projects are featured, including drawings, handmade dolls, weavings, mandalas and an accordion art book.

Guest curated by Edith Baker, Denise M.A. Brown, Shannon Driscoll, Leila Grothe and Nancy Rebal, the opening of the 2009 exhibit was featured in the *Dallas Morning News*, on KERA-TV's THINK and Good Morning Texas. RESOLANA has received several grants from the Northaven Church Human Development Fund.

Financial Report for 2010

by Terry Lowery

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy – Colossians 1:11

I don't know about you, but I would rather things be easy than that I gain patience or endurance. Evidently God has other plans. Some translations of Colossians 1:11 even use that dreaded word "perseverance."

Through April our income was nearly \$15,000 less than we had anticipated for the first four months of the year. On the positive side, our income of \$344,000 does exceed our year-to-date expenses of \$289,000.

How can we persevere? What should endurance look like in this situation? One option available is to sign up for the recently instituted automatic withdrawal program for your church giving. Information on the program is in the atrium, on the website and in the registration notebooks. And as we approach summer -- when our income often declines -- it would be extremely helpful if you could maintain your giving.

If any of you find your circumstances have changed and you may not be able to give at the level you expected to, please let the church office know.

In whatever way the budget shortfall is resolved, we know from Colossians that God has glorious might, that we can be strengthened and that we can not only endure these times but endure them joyfully.

Consider Making Testamentary Gift to Northaven UMC

by Dotti Timmins

There are three options for making a gift through your Will or Living Trust:

- Determine a specific dollar amount you wish to give,
- Determine a percentage of the estate you wish to leave,
- Select a specific asset held by the estate, as long as it passes under the will (for example, an investment asset, such as shares of stock held by a brokerage account that passes under the will).

To implement a change to your Will or Living Trust, a codicil to the original document must be prepared outlining

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your wishes. An attorney should be consulted to discuss your wishes and prepare the document, which is normally a very simple document that can be prepared quickly with minimal time involved.

Please consider designating your gift to the Northaven United Methodist Church Permanent Endowment Fund, which was set up specifically for the purpose of receiving testamentary gifts that will grow in perpetuity with the income being used to fund needs of the Church.

Making a gift of an asset with a beneficiary designation that does not pass under the will:

If you have an asset that has a beneficiary designation, such as an IRA, 401(k), Life Insurance Policy or Annuity, this asset will pass directly to your beneficiary. You can change the beneficiary to Northaven without making a change to your will. To include Northaven as a beneficiary for an asset of this type, you can request a "Change of Beneficiary" form from the company who holds the asset, such as the bank or brokerage firm who holds your IRA, and then add or substitute Northaven as the primary beneficiary. Many companies now have such forms on their web sites, or you can contact the company directly and request the form.

When you name Northaven as the beneficiary, please consider designating your gift to the Northaven United Methodist Church Permanent Endowment Fund.

Sentimental About the Old Building?

Chuck Cummings, Northaven Building Manager

We have saved some bricks from the demolition of the old building. You may have seen them around a tree on the west side of our property next to the north parking lot. We saved these original bricks for future use to keep the original building part of our new plans. However after the celebration garden was built, we discovered that the old bricks were not going to be used as we had thought they might. So, anyone who is interested in having some bricks from the original Northaven building for projects around your home or just as a memento, please help yourself to these bricks.

We want to be good neighbors and have a trash-free yard that has good eye appeal from the street. Future visitors will have a good first impression of our building and grounds. If you have any questions or need some help loading some bricks please let me know or e-mail me at Chuck@northaven.org.

Send news and information for the next newsletter by

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Welcome New Member



We are pleased to welcome **Emily Watson** who recently joined us by transfer of her membership from another United Methodist church. Emily lives in Dallas with her parents, Northaven members, Cy and Nancy Watson. Her brother is away at college.

Emily's a high school student who looks forward to her senior year next year. As hobbies, she plays various musical instruments and enjoys time with her two dogs.

Emily says that she's glad to be at Northaven because she finds it a welcoming and accepting place.

Adult Education

2nd Monday Series – Embracing the Mystery – Monday, June 14, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Northaven Sanctuary – Amy Martin - "Taoism: Revealing the Mystery of Nature"

In a world of questions, nature provides answers or at least insight for many. Taoism, an ancient animistic religion from China, centers on the metaphors of nature. Amy Martin, who writes from the Taoist perspective for the *Dallas Morning News'* Texas Faith panel and is known for her Moonlady News listserve and Winter SolstiCelebration, will tell her personal story of conversion to Taoism as a teenager in the '60s. She will aid listeners in exploring the infinite mystery of the Tao and being in flow with Teh or way of nature as conveyed in the Tao Teh Ching. Attendees will view, contemplate and discuss iconic images of nature such as trees,

mountains and rivers, allowing the spiritual metaphors to emerge. Through breathing exercises, the Earth forces of gravity and magnetism, available to even the most urban, will be explored. From this an intimate understanding of the central Taoism concepts of Wu Wei, and the balance of yin and yang, will naturally arise.

Cornerstone Class: Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

May 23-June 30 – *Countering Pharaoh's Production: Consumption Society Today*

A five-session curriculum by renowned Old Testament scholar, Walter Brueggemann, put out by the Living the Questions group. Brueggemann reads the Old Testament account of the Jewish struggle against the Pharaonic system as a homologue of the early Christian struggle against Caesar's imperial system, and both as homologues of today's struggle against a fundamentally unjust production-consumption society. In other words, it combines Biblical study, historical study, and social justice issues, with the goal of raising questions about how we live our faith. Chief disc-changer and paper-handler: Bill Beauchamp.

Spiritual Journey Class: Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

June 6 – July 11 – *The Life You've Always Wanted*

The Life You've Always Wanted is a small group journey on a road to transformation and spiritual vigor. Cultivate new intimacy and confidence in prayer. Discover the freedom of secrecy. Taste the benefits of slowing life's frenetic pace. Learn how to be guided by the Holy Spirit...and more. Signposts on the road include, joy, peace, kindness, and all the hallmarks of a faith that's vital, real and growing. The class will utilize John Ortberg's series using a 15-minute video followed by discussion. Multiple leaders.

The Heart of Christianity: The Emerging Paradigm

Sundays, 9:30 a.m., June 13-Aug. 22 A new way of seeing Christianity and what it means to be Christian is emerging in the church in North America. This course,

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June Birthdays

- 01 Kim Dabney
- 01 Christina Nelson
- 01 Claire Trochu
- 02 Martha Blaine
- 02 Lynne Swafford
- 02 David Wood
- 03 Emma Beiler
- 03 Foster Cote
- 03 Floyd Jackson
- 03 Bill McElvaney
- 05 Jordan Allison
- 05 Marlene Haskell
- 05 Bill Stoner
- 06 Sandy Marlowe
- 07 Jane Johnsen
- 09 Katherine Shields
- 09 Kaye Warrick
- 10 Michael Manien
- 11 Michael Bobbitt
- 11 Jerry Cochran
- 11 Steven Taylor
- 12 Kirk Bradford
- 12 Carole Carsey
- 12 Jan Sanders
- 13 Steve Goings
- 13 Elbert Marshall
- 14 George Harris
- 14 Jack Kennedy
- 14 Jennifer LeLash
- 15 Janet Wiksten
- 16 Diane Culwell
- 17 Joanna Shields
- 17 Darrell Taylor
- 18 Debralee Swancy-Haslam
- 20 John Anderson
- 20 Fran McElvaney
- 22 Sarah Wilke
- 23 Michael Hudgens
- 23 Trey Jordan
- 24 Naomi Williams
- 25 Cynthia Shinoda
- 26 Kaye Gooch
- 26 Joan Hogge
- 27 Betsy Schenck
- 30 Annika Rieger
- 30 Helen Rieger

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using the book *The Heart of Christianity* by Marcus Borg, seeks to explore the core of the Christian message and life as seen in both the earlier and the emerging paradigms and to propose the conviction that Christianity does truly make sense for today's world. Ben Marshall, facilitator.

Lectionary for June

June 6, 2010

1 Kings 17:8-24
Psalm 146
Galatians 1:11-24
Luke 7:11-17

June 13, 2010

1 Kings 21:1-21a
Psalm 5:1-8
Galatians 2:15-21
Luke 7:36-8:3

June 20, 2010

1 Kings 19:1-15a
Psalm 42
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39

June 27, 2010

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

“Ruth” — a new play by Vicki Cheatwood

“The Book of Ruth,” a new play by Northaven member Vicki Cheatwood, will be performed on Sunday, June 6 at 7 p.m. at the McKinney Avenue Contemporary in Dallas, as part of Kitchen Dog Theater’s New Works Festival.

An excerpt of the first draft of the play was performed for Northaven during Chautauqua last summer.

The play sets Ruth and Naomi’s story in contemporary America. Act I takes place during the Dust Bowl, when California passed strict “anti-Okie” laws to prevent migrants from Oklahoma and Texas from crossing the border into their state. Act II is set in Oklahoma City in 2007, after the passage of House Bill 1804 – until recently considered to be the nation’s strictest anti-immigration law.

There will be a talkback with the actors, directors and playwright following the performance. The McKinney Avenue Contemporary is located at 3120 McKinney Avenue in Dallas. Visit www.kitchendogtheater.org for more information.

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