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**Sunday  
Worship  
Service**  
10:00 am

**Adult Sunday School**  
9:15am Explorers Room 105  
9:00am Devotions with Randy  
Room 208

**Tuesday  
Fellowship Class**  
10:00am

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## SECURITY

Jan 1st to 15th  
Mark Polk



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Linda Grindstaff  
5 Jazmin Huntington  
6 Gerald Johnson  
13 Ella Jane Anderson  
13 Toni Wiseman  
13 Walter Waugh  
15 Pam Ekey  
19 Cindy Jones  
20 Byron Swift  
24 Rex Kelly

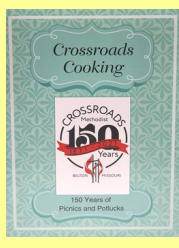
## Carnegie Village Worship Service

For those of you who are residents at Carnegie Village, Pastor Randy will be providing the message for worship in the Chapel on Sunday, Jan. 18 at 4:30pm. Hope you are able to attend!

## Bridge Over Troubled Water Pantry

The Bridge Over Troubled Water Food Pantry in Belton has helped many people in our community. They provide a food pantry, supermarket style, which allows families to choose the foods their family prefers.

If you would like to make a donation to Bridge Over Troubled Water through CrossRoads, please make your check out to CrossRoads UMC and note on the memo line "BOTW". Thanks for your support in keeping this community resource up and running!



## Anniversary Cookbook SALE

We have cookbooks!! We are selling our \$10 (NOW \$5) anniversary cookbooks at half price. There are giving envelopes by the cookbooks on display. Place your payment in one and drop it in the offering plate. Thanks for your support!



**Don't forget your flu shot & boosters!**

## facebook

Be sure to "Like" our Facebook page! Visit often and tag CrossRoads in your posts when possible. Help us show others how we **Love** people, **Learn** together, and **Live** in service to God at CrossRoads.  
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## Reflections

### From Pastor Randy

This Sunday our message is After Advent. We have journeyed together with our Silent Night, Holy Night Advent theme, but now Advent is past. We will be focusing now on our Christmas story characters leaving the Nativity.

What paths would these characters take now after having experienced the birth of Christ?

It is a time of new beginnings, and a time for us to reflect on what paths we too might take.

Is it a time to start something new, a time to put more effort into what you are already doing, or maybe a time to be still?

After Advent opens new possibilities, let us reflect this week on what wonderful things are ahead of us in the new year ahead.



**Pastor Randy**  
**January 11, 2026**

**Matthew 2: 12-13**  
**Luke 2: 20**

*And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route. When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."*

*The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.*

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## Leadership Team Update

We are pleased to welcome our new Board members—**Mark Polk, Vickie Trutzel, and Chuck McClain**—who will begin serving in January.

We are grateful for all who continue to serve on our Board: **Bob Ridgley, Cheryl Ashbaugh, Cherrie Fleming, Cindy Jones, Donna Shoemaker, Karen McLaughlin, Linda Grindstaff, Nancy Jones, Pastor Randy Kelly, and Vickie Lawrence**. Thank you for your faithful leadership and dedication to CrossRoads.

We also extend our heartfelt appreciation to **Paul Carr** as he concludes his three years of service. We are deeply thankful for his commitment and contributions to our church family.

## Giving Statements

Your 2025 giving statements will be available for pickup this Sunday morning. Please help us save on postage by picking yours up this week. Any statements not collected by **January 18** will be mailed.

If you would prefer an emailed copy, please contact **Cindy Jones** at [cjones@crossroads-umc.net](mailto:cjones@crossroads-umc.net).

Thank you for your faithful support of CrossRoads and our ministries.

## January Mission Project: Diaper Drive for Local Families

As Pastor Randy shared on Sunday, we are beginning the new year with a mission that meets a very real and often overlooked need in our community. Throughout the month of January, we will be collecting diapers—both disposable diapers and monetary gifts—to support families who are struggling to afford this essential resource.

### Two Ways to Give

#### 1. Donate Disposable Diapers

All sizes are welcome. Diapers collected will be delivered to **Bridge Over Troubled Water**, where they will be distributed to local families in need. Please place packages of diapers in the shopping cart located at church anytime during January.

#### 2. Give a Monetary Donation

If you prefer to give financially, **your donation will be sent to Happy Bottoms**, a local agency dedicated to providing diapers to families across our metropolitan area. Because of their purchasing partnerships, Happy Bottoms can stretch every dollar—saving 30–50% off retail prices. Your **\$20 gift can provide up to \$40 worth of diapers**, doubling your impact and helping even more children. Monetary gifts may be placed in the offering plate (envelope or check clearly marked "diapers") or donate online at [crossroads-umc.net](http://crossroads-umc.net) on our giving page or click here:

**Happy Bottoms Fund**

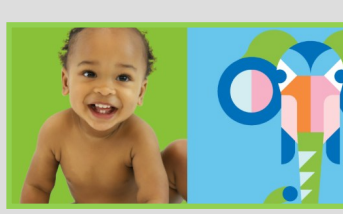
### Why This Mission Matters

The need is greater than many realize:

- Diapers are not covered by government safety net programs such as food stamps, Medicaid, or WIC.
- An estimated 21,000 children in our metropolitan area need diaper assistance (U.S. Census 2020).
- Families experiencing diaper need report missing an average of 5.1 workdays per month because they lack the required number of diapers for daycare—impacting employment, stability, and wellbeing.

### Thank You for Being the Church

Your generosity helps ensure that babies in our community stay clean, dry, and healthy—and that parents can work, provide, and care for their families with dignity. Thank you for supporting this ministry and for being a church that responds with compassion where the need is great.



## Angel Tree Ministry

The New Year is upon us and it provides an opportunity for reflection. Soon after celebrating the birth of Christ, we have renewed hope, a fresh start, and a rebirth of promises to consider. As we leave 2025 behind and begin 2026 with optimism, let's review the commitments and pledges of the previous year along with the highlights involved in attaining our goals and expectations.

The Angel Tree Team hosted seven monthly craft days and one craft fundraiser. The overall total was eight months of crafting, fellowship and fundraising to support our purpose during the holiday season. Our aspiration was to help spread the word that CrossRoads cares about our community.

Not by chance, but by God's love and mercy, our attendance at craft days AND the fundraiser increased. Like a wildfire, the news spread that we use the funds to provide Christmas to our disadvantaged neighbors. In 2025, with the support of our crafters and congregation, the Angel Tree provided ten families consisting of twenty- two children in total, with gifts, wrapping paper and supplies, groceries and turkeys.

Most of these families participated in the Cookies with Santa event here at CrossRoads. Undoubtedly, they felt the love as they engaged with our members. It warms our hearts that several of those families have reached out asking for prayers as they struggle with challenges.

The Angel Tree graciously thanks our crafters and church family for your generosity and benevolence. God's love for us is deeply intentional. As we journey into 2026 with our own intentionality, we will be planning, crafting and actively demonstrating our love.

Please join us where your gifts, abilities and passions will make an impact in our community. Think of the impact that God can make through you. Through our joint mission, Angel Tree donated funds from our fundraising to CrossRoads in goodwill and appreciation for support and facility use.

In Christ's love we thank you.

Vickie, Angie, Penny and Tracy

## Inclement Weather Policy

During the winter months, not only heavy snow, but also icy conditions, extreme cold, or a power failure can cause a cancellation. If it is necessary to cancel, the information will be posted on the home page of our website at [crossroads-umc.net](http://crossroads-umc.net) and on our [Facebook page](http://facebook.com/crossroadsbelton). An email and text message will be sent to all attendees, **so please be sure we have your current email address and mobile phone # on file**. Email your info to [cjones@crossroads-umc.net](mailto:cjones@crossroads-umc.net)  
**Stay warm and be safe!**

## Prayers



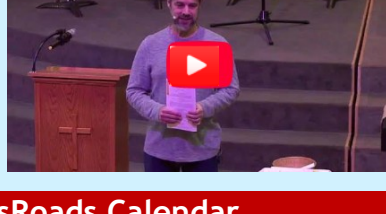
### PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Annalou Streiff  
Sharon Hedrick  
Bob Ridgley  
Julie Brighthaupt  
Dick Brighthaupt  
Penny Kelly  
Ron Spencer  
Paul Carr  
Carol Creach  
Joyce & Dana Johnson  
Joel (Vicki Miller's cousin's son)  
Debby Zamany (Sharon Hedrick's sister)  
Mark Lindsay (Lisa Kenslow's brother-in-law)  
Denee Eubanks (Vickie Lawrence's daughter)  
Rusti Lawrence (Vickie Lawrence's daughter)  
Avis Wolfe (Snow removal contractor Steve's wife)  
Ryan (Carol Creach's friend's husband)  
Chelsea (Lawrence family friend)  
Rice Family (Toni Wiseman's niece & family)  
Guy (father of Angel Tree family recipient)  
Kyle Drake (former Troop 210 leader)  
Julie Reed (Angie Kormanec's friend)  
Dave McGill (Pastor Randy's friend)  
John Jerls (Cindy Keen's nephew)  
JR Alvarez (Angie Kormanec's family friend)  
Mary Jane Malmgren (Karen McLaughlin's sister)  
Sally McLaughlin (Karen McLaughlin's sister)  
Janice Wilson (Karen McLaughlin's co-worker)  
Patty LeCompte (Karen McLaughlin's sister)  
Michelle (Dick Brighthaupt's friend)  
Ronna Buchannon (Wanda Carroll's friend)  
Ruthie Weil (Sandy McNeil's daughter)  
Alissa Sallee (Jade's cousin)  
Vera Glenn (Sandy McNeil's friend)  
Lorna Stinchfield (Cherrie Fleming's sister)  
Tessa (Angie Kormanec's friend)  
Daniel Hood (Cherrie's friend Pat Hood's grandson)  
Dennis Matson (Joe Matson's brother)  
Denise Wyatt (Wanda Carroll's friend)  
Linda Evans (Susie McClain's sister)  
Joyce Noah (TOPS)  
Kim Kirschling (Cherrie Fleming's friend)

### GROUPS

Gladden Staff & Students  
Silver Angels  
Health Care Workers  
First Responders  
Boy Scout 210 & Pack 4210  
USA and United States Military

## Last Sunday's Service



If you watch our service online either on Facebook or on YouTube, please either comment on the video to let us know or let [Cindy](mailto:Cindy) know to record your attendance.

## CrossRoads Calendar

<b>Friday, January 9</b>	NONE
<b>Saturday, January 10</b> 10:00am-11:00am	Leadership Retreat Meeting in the Multipurpose Room
<b>Sunday, January 11</b> 9:00am-9:30am 9:15am-9:45am 10:00am-11:00am	Devotions With Randy in Room #208 Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
<b>Monday, January 12</b> 9:00am-10:00am 9:00am-4:00pm 11:30am-12:30pm 6:30pm-7:30pm	"The Chosen" DVD viewing at Carnegie Village Creation Station in Room #205 UWF Lunch Bunch in the Multipurpose Room Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room
<b>Tuesday, January 13</b> 5:00pm-7:00pm 6:00pm-7:30pm	Creative Stitchers in Room #201 Pack Committee Meeting in the Multipurpose Room
<b>Wednesday, January 14</b> 5:30pm-6:15pm 6:15pm-7:00pm	CrossRoads Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210 Heavenly Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210
<b>Thursday, January 15</b> 8:45am-10:30am 10:30am-11:00am 11:00am-4:00pm 6:30pm-9:00pm	TOPS Meeting in Room #201 Happy Feet Walking Group in the Multipurpose Room Creation Station Quilters in Room #205 Scout Troop 210 in the Multipurpose Room
<b>Friday, January 16</b>	NONE
<b>Saturday, January 17</b> 10:00am-7:00pm	CrossRoads Crafters in the Multipurpose Room
<b>Sunday, January 18</b> 9:00am-9:30am 9:15am-9:45am 10:00am-11:00am 11:15am-2:15pm	Devotions With Randy in Room #208 Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105 Worship Service in the Sanctuary Music Vision Planning Meeting

### Upcoming Events

**Leadership Retreat, Sat, Jan 10, 10:00am, Multipurpose Room**  
**UWF Lunch Bunch, Mon, Jan 12, 11:30am, Multipurpose Room**  
**CrossRoads Crafters, Sat, Jan 17, 10am, Multipurpose Room**  
**Music Vision Meeting, Sun, Jan 18, 11:15am**  
**Fellowship Hymn Study Resumes, Tues, Jan 20, Room #105**  
**Staff Meeting, Tues, Jan 20, 5:30pm, Room #103**  
**Kim's Bunco Group, Mon, Jan 26, 6:00pm, Room #201**

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