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**Sunday
Worship
Service**
10:00 am

Adult Sunday School
9:15am Explorers Room105
9:00am Devotions with Randy
Room 208

**Tuesday
Fellowship Class**
10:00am

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SECURITY

Feb 1st to 15th
Mark Polk



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

4 Adree Anderson
5 Chuck McClain
8 Karen McLaughlin
11 Virginia Robbins
16 Jennifer Huffman
20 Mark & Lucas Ridgley
22 Phil Inman



90th Birthday Party for Virginia Robbins

Pastor Sid Robbins and family invite you to a 90th birthday party for Virginia on February 7th at the Masonic Lodge in Blue Springs, 908 W Main St, Blue Springs, MO 64015.

It is a come and go occasion from 1 pm to 4 pm. No gifts required, but cards are appreciated. All are welcome.

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!



Pancake Breakfast

Scout Sunday will be on Feb 8th and they are serving a Pancake Breakfast to the church congregation beginning at 8:30am. Hope you can come join us for a tasty meal prior to our church service on Sunday Feb 8th.



Bake Sale Fundraiser

We are planning to hold a bake sale on **Sunday, Feb. 15** before & after church. Donna will be contacting the bakers in our midst to contribute some tasty treats for this event.

And remember to bring your checkbook or some cash to purchase these delicious goodies.

Thanks for helping us raise funds to offset our recent expenses!

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Prayers



PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Alissa Sallee	JoAnn Arnold
Sandy McNeil	Chris Harrelson
Maxine Johnson	Holden Batchelder
Annalou Streiff	Phil Gronemeyer
Stan Hedrick	Faye Wallace
Sharon Hedrick	Paul Carr
Bob Ridgley	Carol Creach
Penny Kelly	
Ron Spencer	
Dana & Joyce Johnston (Joyce's husband)	
Joel (Vicki Miller's cousin's son)	
Mark Lindsay (Lisa Kenslow's brother-in-law)	
Renee Eubanks (Vickie Lawrence's family friend)	
Dusti Lawrence (Vickie Lawrence's daughter)	
Avis Wolfe (Snow removal contractor Steve's wife)	
Chelsey (Carol Creach's friend's husband)	
Rice Family (Toni Wiseman's niece & family)	
Guy (father of Angel Tree family recipient)	
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)	
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)	
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



Due to the weather cancellation last Sunday, that sermon will be presented this week.

Reflections

From Pastor Randy

This Sunday we will continue our journey in Matthew's gospel, but we will be shifting gears.

We will be looking at John the Baptist.

During our Advent journey Silent Night, Holy Night we started with the encounter that Zechariah the priest had with the angel Gabriel. The angel had given Zechariah the news that he and his wife Elizabeth would have a child, and he should be called John. This was the birth of John the Baptist and the unfolding of God's plan for the Messiah.

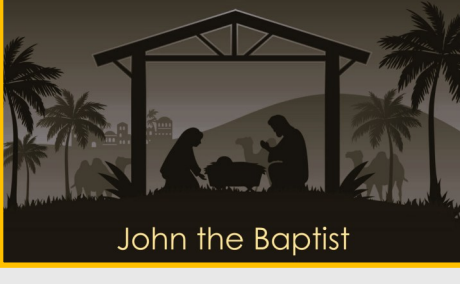
We will now look at how John the Baptist was so pivotal in the ministry of Jesus. How John would prepare the people for their Messiah.

May we reflect this week on the person of John the Baptist. How would we handle such a role in God's story unfolding to reveal a savior?

Pastor Randy

February 1, 2026

Matthew 3: 1-12



John the Baptist

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

*"A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him."*

John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

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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 and on our [Facebook page](#). 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
Stay warm and be safe!

January Mission Project: Diaper Drive for Local Families

Feb 1st is the final Sunday for our diaper collection. Thanks so much for your donations! We have been collecting diapers—both disposable diapers (to be distributed by Bridge Over Troubled Water) and monetary gifts (for Happy Bottoms to purchase diapers)—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 on our giving page or click here:

Happy Bottoms Fund

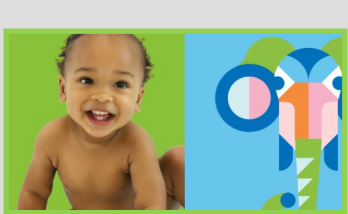
Why This Mission Matters

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.



Thanks from Bridge Over Troubled Water

Good afternoon!

As we reflect on 2025, I want to personally thank you for your generosity and belief in the work of the Family Resource Center of Cass County. Your support made a meaningful difference this year, helping us provide food, connection, and critical resources to individuals and families who needed them most.

Because of partners like you, we were able to respond to real needs in real time, whether through Bridge Over Troubled Water Food Pantry, the Spot Pay If You Can Café, or our broader efforts to ensure dignity, access, and stability for our community. Your investment did more than fund programs; it affirmed that our neighbors matter.

As we look ahead to 2026, the need continues, and so does our commitment. We are planning thoughtfully for the coming year and would be honored to continue this work with you alongside us. If you are open to renewing or increasing your support in 2026, I would welcome the opportunity to connect and share what's ahead and how your partnership can continue to make an impact.

Thank you again for standing with us. Your generosity fuels hope, sustains programs, and strengthens our community in ways that cannot be overstated.

With sincere appreciation,

Shay Jefferson
Executive Director
Family Resource Center of Cass County, Inc

February Nurses Notes-Foods 'R Us

I've always had an interest in nutrition. (From infancy I've enjoyed eat! Ha.) I may have been the only eight year old who, just for fun on summer vacation, memorized the Seven Basic Food groups including what was in each group and how many servings I was supposed to eat!

I also like history so here is some nutrition history. The first USDA nutrition guideline was written by Dr. William Atwater in 1894. Ten years later his publication recommended variety and watching portion sizes in addition to eating less fat, sugar, and starch. That 1904 advice sounds kind of modern, doesn't it?

[Click here to continue reading the February Nurses Notes.](#)

And remember, this Sunday is communion Sunday so our nurses will be taking your monthly blood pressure readings. See you Sunday!

Communion Sunday

blood pressure checks
1st Sunday each month



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Heart n Hand

Barrel Donations Needed:

- Any non-perishable food donations, such as cereal, pasta, baking mixes, canned fruit, cooking oils, granola bars, oatmeal, instant potatoes, canned meat, juices, seasonings and condiments
- Personal care & household items (like toilet paper, paper towels, diapers)
- Hygiene items (Preferably travel sized items: wash cloths, small combs and brushes, deodorant, body wash, razors, lip balms, wipes)
- Gloves and hand warmers
- [Amazon gift list items](#) (delivered directly to HnH)



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](#) know to record your attendance.

CrossRoads Calendar

Friday, January 30

Scout Campout Overnight on Church Grounds

Saturday, January 31

8:00am-1:00pm

Scouts in the Multipurpose Room

Sunday, February 1

9:00am-9:30am

Devotions With Randy in Room #208

9:15am-9:45am

Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105

10:00am-11:00am

Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Monday, February 2

9:00am-10:00am

"The Chosen" DVD viewing at Carnegie Village

9:00am-4:00pm

Creation Station in Room #205

6:30pm-7:30pm

Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

Tuesday, February 3

10:00am-11:00am

Fellowship Book Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105

Wednesday, February 4

5:30pm-6:15pm

CrossRoads Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210

6:15pm-7:00pm

Heavenly Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210

Thursday, February 5

8:45am-10:30am

TOPS Meeting in Room #201

10:30am-11:00am

Happy Feet Walking Group in the Multipurpose Room

11:00am-4:00pm

Creation Station Quilters in Room #205

6:30pm-9:00pm

Scout Troop 210 in the Multipurpose Room

Friday, February 6

Set Up for Pinewood Derby in Multipurpose Room

Saturday, February 7

8:00am-1:00pm

Pinewood Derby in the Multipurpose Room

10:00am-11:00am

Bunco in Room #201 Upstairs

Sunday, February 8

9:00am-9:30am

Devotions With Randy in Room #208

9:15am-9:45am

Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105

10:00am-11:00am

Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Upcoming Events

Scouts Pinewood Derby, Sat, Feb 7, 8:00am-1:00pm, Multipurpose Room

Penny's Bunco Group, Sat, Feb 7, 10am, Room #201

Scout Sunday, Feb 8, 8:30am Pancake Breakfast for the Church, Sanctuary

UWF Lunch Bunch, Mon, Feb 9, 11:30am, Multipurpose Room

Leadership Board Meeting, Tues, Feb 10, 5:30pm, Room #105

UWF Joy Group, Thurs, Feb 12, 2:00pm, Room #105

Bake Sale, Sunday, Feb 15, Sanctuary

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