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**New
Worship Time
10:00am**

**Sunday
Worship
Service
10:00 am**

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

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SECURITY

Feb 16th to 28th
Steve Worstell

February

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

4 Adree Anderson
5 Ken Kluter
5 Chuck McClain
8 Karen McLaughlin
16 Jennifer Huffman
20 Mason Ridgley
20 Lucas Ridgley
22 Phil Inman

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

4 NONE

Scrip Gift Cards

There are many local and national retailers who participate in our scrip gift card program.

Order gift cards on our website or email Cindy at cjones@crossroads-umc.net

Best Choice Bar Code Labels

Please keep collecting labels and placing them in the glass jar on the welcome table in the sanctuary or in the plastic container on the reception area counter.

Proceeds go to our Pirate Pantry Ministry. Thanks for your support.

Pirate Pantry Ministry

We are currently raising funds for the Pirate Pantry to help students in the Belton School District who need food assistance.

Please consider donating today to provide proper nutrition so these young people can focus on their educational needs. Drop your check in the offering plate and note in the memo line that it is for Pirate Pantry or [donate online here](#). Thanks for your support!

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Ponderings

Hey CrossRoads Family!

This has been such a fun week for me; Weston turned two yesterday! TWO!!!! I cannot believe how much he has grown since making his debut in the middle of the Super Bowl Game two years ago. Life has changed completely, and yet he has been consistent the whole time.

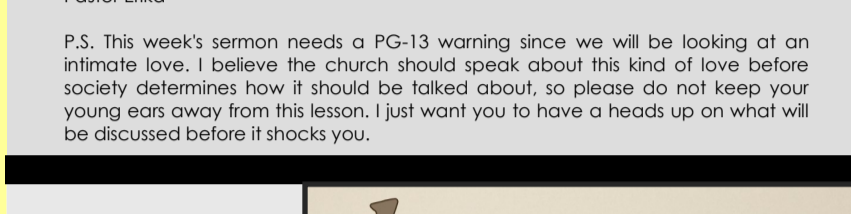
Well, consistent in a childlike way. Consistent in a "I'm going to do things the same for one week and then switch up the schedule the next," and an "I'm going to refuse to eat anything but cottage cheese for weeks and then suddenly decide I don't want anything to do with it" kind of way. Mostly though, he has been consistent in being such a happy boy.

He has smiles for days, giggles that move mountains, and the quickest feet that tap all through the house as he leads his own parades. His joy reminds me that every moment can be made better. No matter what we have going on to throw fits about, what just upset us a moment ago, or how tired we are – there is always space for some form of positivity.

Sometimes we bring this positive moment on for ourselves, sometimes someone else must initiate it to bring us out of a negative space, and sometimes things of this world surprise us by inducing giggles we never saw coming.

Jesus reminds us to have childlike faith in his interactions with children, and this is just one of the lessons that the youngest around us can teach us to remember. Joy is contagious. Joy is surprising. Joy is possible in every moment, even the worst ones.

I pray that joy surprises you this week. Whether you're feeling stuck, experiencing bad traffic, or just feel upside down...no matter what comes next, may joy continue surprising you.



Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Erika

P.S. This week's sermon needs a PG-13 warning since we will be looking at an intimate love. I believe the church should speak about this kind of love before society determines how it should be talked about, so please do not keep your young ears away from this lesson. I just want you to have a heads up on what will be discussed before it shocks you.

February 16, 2025

Song of Solomon 2:3-13
Song of Solomon 4:1-7

SHE

3 Like an apple tree among the trees of the forest is my beloved among the young men. I delight to sit in his shade, and his fruit is sweet to my taste.

4 Let him lead me to the banquet hall, and let his banner over me be love.

5 Strengthen me with raisins, refresh me with apples, for I am faint with love.

6 His left arm is under my head, and his right arm embraces me.

7 Daughters of Jerusalem, I charge you by the gazelles and by the does of the field: Do not arouse or awaken love until it so desires.

8 Listen! My beloved! Look! Here he comes, leaping across the mountains, bounding over the hills.

9 My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look! There he stands behind our wall, gazing through the windows, peering through the lattice.

10 My beloved spoke and said to me, "Arise, my darling, my beautiful one, come with me.

11 See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone.

12 Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land.

13 The fig tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance. Arise, come, my darling; my beautiful one, come with me."

HE

4 How beautiful you are, my darling! Oh, how beautiful! Your eyes behind your veil are doves. Your hair is like a flock of goats descending from the hills of Gilead.

2 Your teeth are like a flock of sheep just shorn, coming up from the washing. Each has its twin; not one of them is alone.

3 Your lips are like a scarlet ribbon; your mouth is lovely. Your temples behind your veil are like the halves of a pomegranate.

4 Your neck is like the tower of David, built with courses of stone; on it hang a thousand shields, all of them shields of warriors.

5 Your breasts are like two fawns, like twin fawns of a gazelle that browse among the lilies.

6 Until the shadows flee and the daybreak, I will go to the mountain of myrrh and to the hill of incense.

7 You are altogether beautiful, my darling; there is no flaw in you.

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Thanks to all who donated food to the Sacking Hunger Challenge last Sunday. We collected 116 lbs. of goods for our local food pantry Heart n Hand.

Scout Awards

Jesus & Me

Lincoln McDonough
Nolan FitzGerald
Easton Vaca
Jeremiah Evans
Xavier Hightower
Weston Hansen

God & Family

Thomas Crow
Dalton Ducharme
Waylon Huffard
Severin Moore
Noah Perkins
Tristan Scarbrough
Oliver Underwood

God & Me

Conner Gleason
Beau Harris



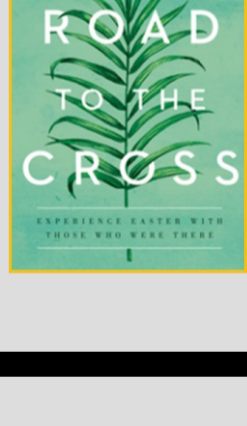
Love our Chiefs!!

2025 Lenten Book Study

Our 2025 Lenten book study will begin on Mon, March 3rd and Tuesday, March 4th. You may choose from three time slots as listed below. You may also order a book for self-study if the class times don't work for you. We will be reading Rob Burkhardt's "On the Road to the Cross" that allows you to experience Easter through the eyes of the everyday people who witnessed the triumphant entry, saw Jesus drag his cross to Calvary, and cried through Christ's last words. Each new perspective opens the door to a fresh consideration of Easter and its impact on their lives and ours. **Books are \$5.00 each.**

Monday, 6pm with Pastor Erika in Room #105
 Tuesday, 10am, with Rev. Pam Ekey in Room #105
 Tuesday, 6pm, with Pastor Erika, virtual via Zoom

Sign Up Here



Gray Spaces

New Small Group Coming Soon

Join Pastor Erika for a small group opportunity focused on growing through asking questions, thinking critically, and digging deeper through others' voices. This group will begin in March; See Pastor Erika for more info!

February Craft Day

Our next Craft Day is Saturday, February 15, 10am to 7pm. Bring your favorite craft and join in the fun. Cost - \$5 per crafter due day of event with proceeds going to the Angel Tree Ministry. Please register below to reserve a spot or contact Tracy. **Possible cancellation due to weather, so check before venturing out.**

SIGN UP HERE!

February Craft Day
 02/15/2025
 10am-7pm
 \$5 entry

Prayers

PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Mickey Tabor	Ken Kluter
Faye Wallace	JoAnn Arnold
Carol Creach	Betty Robertson
Phil Gronemeyer	Chris Harnelton
Caleb Kormanec	Holden Batchelder
Grayson Kormanec	
Christina & Charleat Painter	
Maria Smith (Vickie Lawrence's family friend)	
Kim Smith (Gwen Roger's daughter-in-law)	
Jeanne Baker (Kala Handley's niece)	
Leo Lockard (Mark & Lyn Polk friend)	
Daniel Hood (Cherrie's friend Pat Hood's grandson)	
Frank Sotosek (Nancy Jones' cousin)	
Mark Mikel (Nancy Jones' cousin's husband)	
Tiffany Hedger (Joe Matson's friend)	
Gabe Clutter (Nancy Clutter's great grandson)	
Don Jamerson (Toni Wiseman's nephew)	
Frank Medlin (Robert Berry family friend)	
Andrew Bowman (Vickie Lawrence's S-I-L's friend)	
Jake Minor (Vickie Lawrence's S-I-L's friend)	
Melissa Shipman (Vickie Lawrence's family friend)	
Robbie Robertson (Darren Rogers' friend)	
Lacinda Hamilton Kramer (Dana's daughter)	
Kayla Jackson (Vickie Lawrence's friend)	
Dave McGill (Randy Kelly's friend)	
Dawn Maksimov (Angie Kormanec's friend)	
Julie Reed (Angie Kormanec's coworker)	
Brandi Price (Tracy, Penny, Vickie, & Angie's cousin)	
Amanda Brodfuehrer (Vickie's daughter's cousin)	
T.J. Carr (Paul & Donna Carr's nephew)	
Gail Welchon (Sandy McNeil's friend)	
Charles Grimes (Joe Matson's friend)	
Thomas Pinckney Smith, Jr. (Gwen Roger's brother)	
Roseann (Wanda Carroll's friend's daughter)	
Dennis Matson (Joe Matson's friend)	
Lisa McBride (Nancy Jones' neighbor)	
Denise Wyatt (Wanda Carroll's friend)	
Linda Evans (Susie McClain's sister)	
Thelma, Joyce Noah (TOPS)	
Kim Kirschling (Cherrie Fleming's friend)	
Greg Coy (Cherrie Fleming's brother)	
Shawn Burnam (Sharon Burnam's son)	

GROUPS

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

PEACE & COMFORT

Family & Friends of Sue Schindler (Sami Siems' mother)

Last Sunday's Service

02/09/25 CrossRoads UMC Wors...

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

<p>Friday, February 14 9:30am-10:30am</p> <p>Saturday, February 15 10:00am-7:00pm</p> <p>Sunday, February 16 9:00am-10:00am 9:15am-9:45am 9:15am-9:45am 10:00am-11:00am 11:00am-12:00pm</p> <p>Monday, February 17 9:00am-10:00am 9:00am-4:00pm 6:30pm-7:30pm</p> <p>Tuesday, February 18 10:00am-11:00am 6:30pm-9:00pm</p> <p>Wednesday, February 19 5:30pm-6:15pm 6:15pm-7:00pm</p> <p>Thursday, February 20 8:45am-10:30am 10:30am-11:00am 11:00am-4:00pm 2:00pm-4:00pm 6:30pm-8:30pm</p> <p>Friday, February 21 9:30am-10:30am 5:00pm-8:30pm 6:00pm thru Sat 8:00am</p> <p>Saturday, February 22 12:00am-8:00am</p> <p>Sunday, February 23 9:00am-10:00am 9:15am-9:45am 9:15am-9:45am 10:00am-11:00am</p>	<p>Happy Valentine's Day! Bible Recap Class at Carnegie Village</p> <p>CrossRoads Crafters in the Multipurpose Room</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal in Room #210 Devotions With Randy in Room #208 Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105 Worship Service in the Sanctuary Music Leadership Meeting in the Sanctuary #105</p> <p>"The Chosen" DVD viewing at Carnegie Village Creation Station in Room #205 Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room</p> <p>Fellowship Book Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105 Scout Parents Club Meeting in the Multipurpose Room</p> <p>CrossRoads Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210 Heavenly Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210</p> <p>TOPS Meeting in Room #201 Happy Feet Walking Group in the Multipurpose Room Creation Station Quilters in Room #205 UWF Joy Group in Room #105 Scout Troop #210 Meeting in the Multipurpose Room</p> <p>Bible Recap Class at Carnegie Village Boy Scout Crossover Ceremony in the Multipurpose Room Scout Troop Campout</p> <p>Scout Troop Campout</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal in Room #210 Devotions With Randy in Room #208 Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105 Worship Service in the Sanctuary</p>
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