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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

Ponderings

Hey CrossRoads Family!

Sometimes, it is good to just sit and meditate with a Psalm together, would you do that with me now? I pray you take time to chew over every morsel and allow the Spirit to speak to you through these words. Enjoy these words from the Message translation of Psalm 51:

51 1-3 Generous in love—God, give grace!
Huge in mercy—wipe out my bad record.
Scrub away my guilt,
soak out my sins in your laundry.
I know how bad I've been;
my sins are staring me down.

4-6 You're the One I've violated, and you've seen it all, seen the full extent of my evil.
You have all the facts before you;
whatever you decide about me is fair.
I've been out of step with you for a long time,
in the wrong since before I was born.
What you're after is truth from the inside out.
Enter me, then; conceive a new, true life.

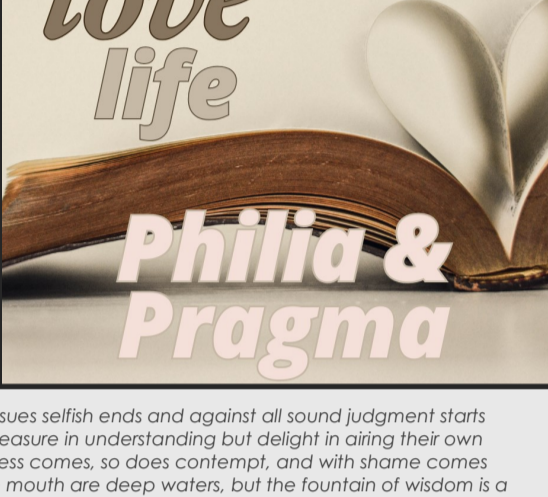
7-15 Soak me in your laundry and I'll come out clean,
scrub me and I'll have a snow-white life.
Tune me in to foot-tapping songs,
set these once-broken bones to dancing.
Don't look too close for blemishes,
give me a clean bill of health.
God, make a fresh start in me,
shape a Genesis week from the chaos of my life.
Don't throw me out with the trash,
or fail to breathe holiness in me.
Bring me back from gray exile,
put a fresh wind in my sails!
Give me a job teaching rebels your ways
so the lost can find their way home.
Commute my death sentence, God, my salvation God,
and I'll sing anthems to your life-giving ways.
Unbutton my lips, dear God;
I'll let loose with your praise.

16-17 Going through the motions doesn't please you,
a flawless performance is nothing to you.
I learned God-worship
when my pride was shattered.
Heart-shattered lives ready for love
don't for a moment escape God's notice.

18-19 Make Zion the place you delight in,
repair Jerusalem's broken-down walls.
Then you'll get real worship from us,
acts of worship small and large,
including all the bulls
they can heave onto your altar!

Peace and Blessings, Pastor Erika

February 23, 2025
Proverbs 18:1-4, 24
John 15:12-17



An unfriendly person pursues selfish ends and against all sound judgment starts quarrels. Fools find no pleasure in understanding but delight in airing their own opinions. When wickedness comes, so does contempt, and with shame comes reproach. The words of the mouth are deep waters, but the fountain of wisdom is a rushing stream.

One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

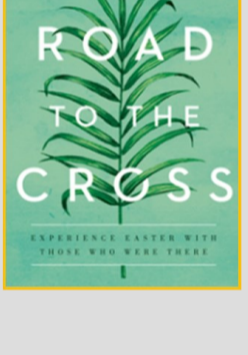
My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.

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Ash Wednesday Service
Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline. Our CrossRoads Ash Wednesday worship service is on Wednesday, March 5, at 7:00pm. Hope to see you there!



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 Burkhart'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. **New books are \$11.00 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

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!



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. Monthly meetings will begin in March on Fridays at 6pm.

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.

Plastic Lid & Cap Collecting
We are collecting plastic lids & caps to help One Spirit get Buddy Benches for the playground at their partner school Westridge Elementary. The benches give students a space to eliminate loneliness & foster friendships. Please place your donations in the box on the table by the coat rack. Thanks for your support!



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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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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, lip balms, wipes)
- Gloves
- Hand warmers
- Pet food
- Coffee, creamer, and sweeteners

Heart n Hand Thrift Store - 305 N. Scott

- 100% of proceeds from the HNH Thrift Store support the work at Heart N Hand. You can always donate clothing, household goods, furniture, books, children's items, etc. to the thrift store. They do not accept mattresses or box TV's, or items that are broken, missing pieces, or torn.
- Please deliver your thrift store donations directly to Heart n Hand. Do not bring them to church.**

Thrift Store Donation Acceptance Hours: Tues thru Sat 11:00am - 3:00pm

Prayers

PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER
Faye Wallace
Carol Creach
Phil Gronemeyer
Caleb Kormanec
Grayson Kormanec
Christina & Charleton Painter
Maria Smith (Gwen Roger's sister-in-law)
Kim Smith (Gwen Roger's daughter-in-law)
Jeanne Baker (Kala Handley's niece)
Leo Lockard (Mark & Lynn 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)
Julie Reeks (Angie Kormanec's friend)
Dawn Mad (Angie Kormanec's coworker)
Brandi Bradford (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 Mickey Tabor

Last Sunday's Service

We are sorry to say that due to technical difficulties, we were unable to stream or record our worship service last week.

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, February 21
9:30am-10:30am
5:00pm-8:30pm
6:00pm thru Sat 8:00am

Saturday, February 22
12:00am-8:00am

Sunday, February 23
9:00am-10:00am
9:15am-9:45am
9:15am-9:45am
10:00am-11:00am

Monday, February 24
9:00am-10:00am
9:00am-4:00pm
6:00pm-8:00pm
6:30pm-7:30pm

Tuesday, February 25
10:00am-11:00am
2:00pm-3:00pm
6:30pm-9:00pm

Wednesday, February 26
5:30pm-6:15pm
6:15pm-8:00pm

Thursday, February 27
8:45am-10:30am
10:30am-11:00am
11:00am-4:00pm
6:30pm-8:30pm

Friday, February 28
9:30am-10:30am

Saturday, March 1

Sunday, March 2
9:00am-10:00am
9:15am-9:45am
9:15am-9:45am
10:00am-11:00am

Bible Recap Class at Carnegie Village
Boy Scout Crossover Ceremony in the Multipurpose Room
Scout Troop Campout

12:00am-8:00am
Scout Troop Campout

Choir Rehearsal in Room #210
Devotions With Randy in Room #208
Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105
Worship Service in the Sanctuary

"The Chosen" DVD viewing at Carnegie Village
Creation Station in Room #205
Bunco with Kim Swift
Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

Fellowship Book Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105
UWF Executive Board Meeting in Room #105
Troop Committee Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

CrossRoads Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210
Heavenly Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210

TOPS Meeting in Room #201
Happy Feet Walking Group in the Multipurpose Room
Creation Station Quilters in Room #205
Scout Troop #210 Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

Bible Recap Class at Carnegie Village

NONE

Choir Rehearsal in Room #210
Devotions With Randy in Room #208
Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105
Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Upcoming Events
Ash Wednesday Service, March 5, 7:00pm

Questions or comments? Email us at cjones@crossroads-umc.net
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