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Cherrie Fleming Lay Leader
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Sunday Worship Service 10:00 am
Adult Sunday School 9:15am Explorers Room/105
9:15am Devotions with Randy Room 208

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SECURITY

March 1st to 15th Mark Polk



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Donna Shoemaker
12 Gary Handley
13 Wanda Carroll
16 Mike Jones
16 Wanda Kiefer
17 Pam Eaton
22 Allan Jones
24 Jade Huntington
25 Chet Trutzel
30 Holden Batchelder
31 Mark Ostendorf

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Cheryl & Travis Ashbaugh

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!

I enjoyed pausing to meditate with you over some contemporized versions of the Psalms, shall we do it again together this week? It takes but a short moment to let God speak to you through Psalms 103 from the Message translation:

1-2 O my soul, bless God. From head to toe, I'll bless his holy name! O my soul, bless God, don't forget a single blessing!

3-5 He forgives your sins—every one. He heals your diseases—every one. He redeems you from hell—saves your life! He crowns you with love and mercy—a paradise crown.

He wraps you in goodness—beauty eternal. He renews your youth—you're always young in his presence.

6-10 God makes everything come out right; he puts victims back on their feet. He showed Moses how he went about his work, opened up his plans to all Israel. God is sheer mercy and grace; not easily angered, he's rich in love. He doesn't endlessly nag and scold, nor hold grudges forever. He doesn't treat us as our sins deserve, nor pay us back in full for our wrongs.

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Erika

March 2, 2025

Message from Rev. Pam Ekey "Glow Up"

Luke 9:28-36



About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.)

While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

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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!

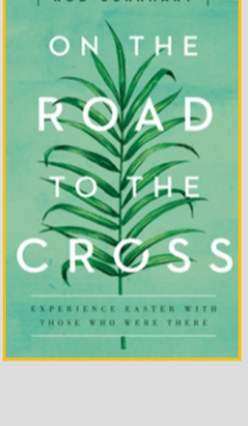


2025 Lenten Study-Starts Next Week

Our 2025 Lenten book study will begin next week 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 triumphal 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 and more are available.

- 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!

March Craft Social

MARCH CRAFT SOCIAL—Saturday, March 15, 10am to 7pm! Bring your favorite craft and join in the fun. Cost - \$5 per person. Please register below to reserve a spot or contact Tracy. Hope to see you there!

REGISTER HERE!

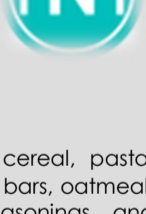


New Small Group Begins Next Week

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.



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

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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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Prayers

PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER

- Paul Carr Ken Kluter
Donna Carr JoAnn Arnold
Faye Wallace Betty Robertson
Carol Creach Chris Harrelson
Phil Gronemeyer Holden Batchelder
Caleb Kormanec
Grayson Kormanec
Christina & Charleton Painter
Iata (Penny Kelly's sons' mother-in-law)
Willis (Carree Zoeller's brother)
Maria Smith (Gwen Roger's sister-in-law)
Kim Smith (Gwen Roger's daughter-in-law)
Jeanne Baker (Kala Handley's friend)
Leo Lockard (Mark & Lyn Polk's 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)
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 brother)
Lisa McBride (Nancy Jones' neighbor)
Denise Wyatt (Wanda Carroll's friend)
Linda Evans (Susie McClain's friend)
Thelma, Joyce Noah (TOPS)
Kim Kirschling (Cherrie Fleming's friend)
Greg Coy (Cherrie Fleming's brother)
Shawn Burnam (Sharon Burnam's son)

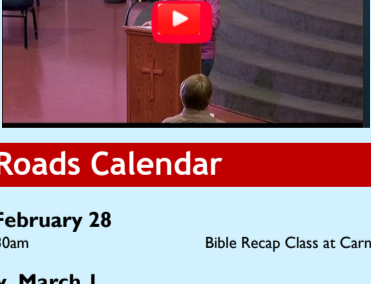
GROUPS

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

PEACE & COMFORT

Family & Friends of Mickey Tabor

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

Calendar table with columns for date, time, and event details from Friday, February 28 to Sunday, March 9.

Spring Forward March 9 For Daylight Saving Time

Questions or comments? Email us at cjones@crossroads-umc.net To remove your name from our mailing list, please click here

Submit Prayer Requests Here