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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

March 1st to 15th
Bob Ridgley

March 16th to 31st
Joe Matson

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

5 Donna Shoemaker
6 Julie Brighthaupt
12 Gary Handley
13 Wanda Carroll
13 Joyce Johnston
16 Mike Jones
16 Wanda Kiefer
17 Pam Eaton
18 Marcia Richards
22 Allan Jones
24 Jade Huntington
25 Chet Trutzel
30 Holden Batchelder
31 Mark Ostendorf

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

1 Cheryl & Travis Ashbaugh

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!

Bridge Over Troubled Water Food Pantry Bus

The Bridge Over Troubled Water Food Pantry in Belton has helped many people in our community. Due to costs, they have made the decision save money by leaving their brick and mortar building and focus solely on their mobile ministry with their bus.

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!

Missing Item

The TOPS Group had a Christmas Bingo game stored in their supply area upstairs that has gone missing. If anyone has seen it, please contact Cindy in the office. Thanks!

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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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Reflections

From Pastor Randy

For our fourth Sunday in Lent, we will be looking at stones in the Temptation of Christ. In our scripture, Satan comes and says to Jesus, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

The temptation wasn't just about hunger, it was about using divine power selfishly. Jesus refuses, choosing to rely on God's word instead of misusing His strength. The stones here serve as a test.

Jesus would not fall for Satan's tempting and the stones remained stones. Jesus would remain faithful to God.

Let us reflect this week on a time when God provided for us even when we did not see it. How did you remain faithful to God in a time of need? How was God's word important to you during that time?

How often has the Word of God helped you through a challenging time?

Pastor Randy

March 15, 2026

Matthew 4: 1-11

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

"'He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

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Easter Origami Lily Fundraiser

CrossRoads will celebrate Easter again this year with origami lilies. By doing so, we are more welcoming to those folks with allergies. We will again provide you with the opportunity to honor or memorialize loved ones in our Easter Sunday Bulletin by giving $15 per flowerpot to decorate our worship area on Easter. You may take your lily home with you after our Easter worship service. You may also make a donation & dedication without taking a flower if you prefer (with a minimum donation of $15).

The money you donate will go toward our 2026 VBS program for food & supplies. You may place your order on our website at crossroads-umc.net or use the order form on the bulletin insert and indicate 'Lily" on the memo line of your check.

Or you can order online right here: **Order Here**

Thanks for your support of this fundraiser!

Celebration of Life for Virginia Robbins

The Celebration of Life Service for Virginia Robbins, mother of Rev. Sid Robbins, will be held at First UMC, Blue Springs, on Saturday, March 14th. Visitation will be from 1pm to 3pm, with the funeral service beginning around 3:00 pm. Her obituary can be viewed here: Virginia Robbins- Grain Valley, MO 03.03.2026

Give a Book, Get a Book, Grow Our Savings

Our Book Donation program is a simple way to turn the books we love into blessings for others. Throughout the year, you're invited to donate gently used books of all kinds—fiction, nonfiction, children's books, devotionals, and more. **Each donated book is then made available for purchase for just 50 cents each.**

It's a beautiful cycle of generosity: you can give books you're no longer using, discover new reads for yourself, and know that every dollar goes directly to rebuild a prudent reserve in our Foundation account. This financial security will allow CrossRoads to continue our ministry in practical, meaningful ways.

Whether you donate, shop, or both, you're helping our church make a difference one book at a time. Thank you for supporting this ongoing ministry.

March Craft Day

Saturday, March 21, 10am to 5pm! Bring your favorite craft and join in the fun. Cost - $5 per person. Proceeds go toward our Angel Tree Ministry. Please register below to reserve a spot or contact Tracy. Hope to see you there!

REGISTER HERE!

The United Methodist Church

The United Methodist Church is a worldwide connection of over 11 million members throughout Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and the United States. We are the person next door, the church on the other side of the country, and the worshiping community across the globe. Together, we share a legacy of living as disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing God's love both in what we say and how we serve our neighbors.

The mission of the United Methodist Church is that the church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Local churches like CrossRoads and the extension ministries of the UMC provide the most significant arenas through which disciple-making occurs.

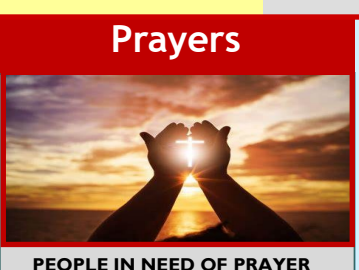
Our vision is how we will continue to live into and accomplish our mission. God calls us to grow and form disciples of Jesus Christ who love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.

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)

Prayers



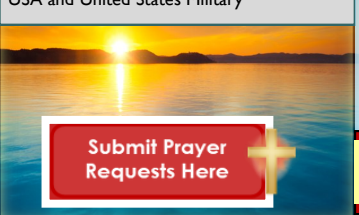
PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Bob Daniel
Cherrie Fleming
Sandy Drake
Annalou Streiff
Sharon Hedrick
Penny Kelly
Ron Spencer
Paul Carr
Carol Creach
Faye Wallace
JoAnn Arnold
Peter (Polks' neighbor's father)
Guy Johnston (Father of Angel Tree recipient)
Tim Gilbert (Kona Waller's son)
Leighton Estopare (Joe Matson's friend)
Kelly Isabel (Karen McLaughlin's niece)
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 family friend)
Dusti Lawrence (Vickie Lawrence's daughter)
Chelsea (Lawrence family friend)
Rice Family (Toni Wiseman's niece & family)
Dave McGill (Pastor Randy's friend)
John Jerls (Cindy Keen's nephew)
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)

Chris Harrelson
Holden Batchelder
Phil Gronemeyer

GROUPS

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

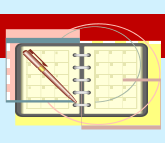


Submit Prayer Requests Here

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, March 13
NONE

Saturday, March 14
NONE

Sunday, March 15 — **4th Sunday of Lent**
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, March 16
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, March 17
10:00am-11:00am Fellowship Book Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105
5:30pm-6:30pm Staff Meeting in Room #105
6:00pm-7:30pm Pack Committee Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

Wednesday, March 18
5:30pm-6:15pm CrossRoads Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210
6:15pm-7:00pm Heavenly Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210

Thursday, March 19
8:45am-10:30am TOPS Meeting in Room #201
11:00am-4:00pm Creation Station Quilters in Room #205
6:30pm-9:00pm Scout Troop 210 in the Multipurpose Room

Friday, March 20
NONE

Saturday, March 21
10:00am-7:00pm CrossRoads Crafters in the Multipurpose Room

Sunday, March 22 — **5th Sunday of Lent**
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

Staff Meeting, Tuesday, March 17, 5:30pm
1st Day of Spring, March 20
CrossRoads Crafters, Saturday, March 21, 10:00am, Multipurpose Room
Palm Sunday, March 29, 10:00am, Sanctuary
Maundy Thursday, April 2
Good Friday, April 3
Bunco Group, Saturday, April 4, 10:00am
Holy Saturday, April 4
Easter Sunday, April 5

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