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LOVE God and Others LEARN & Grow in Faith LIVE Your Faith by Serving

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

- MARCH ANNIVERSARIES
1 Cheryl & Travis Ashbaugh

Reflections

From Pastor Randy

For our fifth Sunday in Lent, we are looking at the stone rejected.

In our scripture, Jesus says, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.'"

In the situation in which Jesus said this, he was referring to himself as the stone rejected. The builders rejected and dismissed the stone, yet it was chosen by God.

Becoming the cornerstone means He is now the foundation of something new. What others refused, God honored. This shows how God works through what seems unlikely, building His kingdom on grace and truth.

Often times we may feel judged for calling ourselves Christians too. But never reject the cornerstone, Jesus.

Let us reflect on how we have built our lives on the cornerstone of Jesus, our true foundation.



Stone Rejected

"Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. "The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. Last of all, he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. "But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes?"

"Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

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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!

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!

What Do United Methodists Believe?

(from the UMC Handbook)

The United Methodist Church is founded on a Wesleyan theology of grace, anchored in Scripture, and grounded in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ as the Son of God, together with the continuing movement of the Holy Spirit. We understand salvation as an open gift from God, received by individuals through God's grace and accepted in freedom.

As part of our shared Christian and ecumenical heritage, United Methodists use and confess the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed in common with many other Christian traditions. These historic creeds express core affirmations of the Christian faith that unite Christians across denominations.

According to our foundational statement of beliefs in The Book of Discipline, The United Methodist Church shares the following basic affirmations with other Christian communities: God is the one true, holy, and living God—Eternal Spirit—Creator, Sovereign, and Preserver of all things visible and invisible, infinite in power, wisdom, justice, goodness, and love.

Learn more: UMC.org/What-We-Believe

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!

Senior Citizen Luncheon
Friday, March 27 | 12 p.m.
Belton High School Field House
801 W. North Ave, Belton, MO 64012
BELTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #124

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
Cindy Lester
Chris Medlin
Clara Post
Guy Johnston
Tim Gilbert
Leighton Estopare
Kelly Isabel
Dana & Joyce Johnston
Joel
Mark Lindsay
Renee Eubanks
Dusti Lawrence
Chelsea
Rice Family
Dave McGill
John Jerls
Mary Jane Malmgren
Janice Wilson
Patty LeCompte
Michelle
Ronna Buchannon
Ruthie Weil
Verna Glenn
Lorna Stinchfield
Tessa
Daniel Hood
Dennis Matson
Denise Wyatt
Linda Evans
Joyce Noah
Kim Kirschling

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 Virginia Robbins

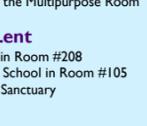
Last Sunday's Service



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. Includes events like 'Friday, March 20 NONE', 'Saturday, March 21 CrossRoads Crafters', 'Sunday, March 22 5th Sunday of Lent', etc.



Upcoming Events

- 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

Submit Prayer Requests Here

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