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Markey Pkwy Detour
 Access church via Locust Hill Rd and QT Way. Drive around road barriers on QT Way to reach church entrance this week. Should have access to Markey Pkwy via 163rd/Y Hwy soon.

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
 March 16th to 31st
 Joe Matson

Ponderings

Hey Church Family!

As we come to the third Sunday in Lent this weekend, I am excited and challenged to dig into the complexities of "rest and growth" with you all in worship. These two areas of our lives are so needed and yet can feel at the opposite end of our priorities sometimes. When we are resting, we assume there's not growth happening. And when we're growing, it can often feel like rest is far away.

To prepare our hearts to learn how to balance these complexities, Rev. Sarah Speed offers us this poem:

Slow Growth

There's a vine in the South that covers everything.
 It chokes out the light. Grows up to twelve inches per day.
 In a matter of years, it will blanket a forest.
 If you saw it from space, you'd marvel at its reach.
 If you saw it from the passenger seat, you'd weep at what it covers.
 Those looking for fast shade plant this invasive vine.
 Who can blame them? We're all impatient.
 But if it's fruit you want—
 the tart cherry,
 the sticky sweet kumquat,
 the soft side of a peach,
 the crisp bite of an apple—
 then bless the rain.
 Thank the sun.
 Put your hands in the dirt,
 and wait.
 Peace and Blessings,
 Pastor Erika



- 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

Vesper Service at Carnegie Village
 Pastor Erika will be leading the Vesper service at Carnegie on Sunday, March 23rd at 4:30pm in the chapel. Anyone is welcome to join her and our other church family members who live at Carnegie for this wonderful community service.

Palm Sunday Worship Service
 April 13
 10:00am

Maundy Thursday Service
 April 17
 7:00pm

Easter Sunday Worship Service
 April 20
 10:00am

VBS 2025
July 21 thru July 25
 Meal 5:30pm
 Activities 6 to 8pm

Helpers Needed
 Email **Cindy** if interested
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Zoom Lenten Bible Study
 For those of you interested in logging on for Pastor Erika's Lenten Study Group on Tuesday's at 6:00pm, here is the zoom link:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88927641246>

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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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March 23, 2025
3rd Sunday of Lent
Luke 13:6-9



Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?' " "Sir," the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.' "

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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 flower 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.



The money you donate will go toward our fund to provide rent and utility assistance to those in need in our local community. You may place your order on our website www.crossroads-umc.net here: [Easter Origami Lily Order Form](#) or use the order form on the bulletin insert and indicate "Lily" on the memo line of your check.

Potluck Dinner & Town Hall Meeting

Join us for a Potluck Dinner after church on March 30th at 11:00am. Please sign up below to let us know what you'd like to bring and how many are coming in your party. We will have a Town Hall Meeting at the same time. All are welcome whether you are able to bring a dish or not. Hope you can join us!

SIGN UP HERE!

Easter Fair—Volunteers and Plastic Easter Eggs Needed

Our Connect Team is hosting an Easter Fair on Saturday, April 12, 2025, from 10:00am to 11:00am at CrossRoads. We are inviting the community for an hour of free family fun that will include a photo op with the Easter bunny, lots of cookies, and other fun activities such as crafts and games.



We are asking our CrossRoads family to assist with this event. We need people to serve food, monitor crafts, welcome guests, set up, tear down, serve as a bunny helper & carnival game monitors. Click the button to let us know what you will help with (or on the sign-up sheet at church)

SIGN UP HERE!

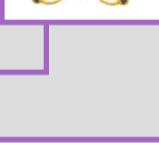
We are also requesting donations of plastic easter eggs and individually wrapped candy that will fit in the eggs. If you can provide these items, please bring them to church with you and put them on the tables by wall by the coat rack.

Thanks for your help with this Easter Outreach Event!

Spring Senior Citizen Luncheon at BHS

April 4, 12:00pm-1:00pm

You're invited to the Senior Citizen Spring Luncheon at the Belton High School Field House, 801 w. North Ave, Belton, MO. Parking available on the west side lot of the high school.



Road Construction Markey Pkwy



The City of Belton has begun work on the new Markey Parkway extension project. A detour will be in place for the next week or so (including possibly 2 Sundays if delayed due to weather, otherwise 1 Sunday) that not allow entrance from 163rd/Y Hwy. The existing church entrance will be open during this time, but you will need to access it via Locust Hill Road and QT Way. **Note: There are barriers on QT Way and road closed signs, but you are able to drive around the barriers on QT Way to reach the church entrance. There are additional barriers that prevent you from going any further than the church entrance on Markey Parkway.**

After that step is complete (in a week or 2), a temporary entrance will be made for the church as indicated on the attached map, which will be accessed from the 163rd/Y Hwy side. As Mark mentioned last Sunday, the project has a planned completion date of July 2025.

Severe Storms Strike Missouri

Over the weekend, multiple tornadoes in southern Missouri caused significant damage and loss of life. Multiple injuries and a dozen fatalities have been confirmed in the state.



The best way for CrossRoads to immediately serve is by giving financially. We invite you to give to the Missouri Conference Advance Special (7465) Disaster Response. Note "MO 7465" on your check or envelope placed in the offering plate. Or you can donate online using the link below with the same designation "MO 7465" in the memo field.

GIVE NOW

Prayers

PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER

- Donna Shoemaker
- Paul Carr
- Faye Wallace
- Carol Creach
- Phil Gronemeyer
- Caleb Kormanec
- Grayson Kormanec
- Christina & Charleton Painter
- Lorna Stinchfield (Cherrie Fleming's sister)
- Tessa (Angie Kormanec's friend)
- Iata (Penny Kelly's sons' mother-in-law)
- Willis (Carree Zoeller's brother)
- Maria Smith (Gwen Roger's sister-in-law)
- Kim Smith (Robert Berry's daughter's cousin)
- Jeanne Baker (Kala Handley's niece)
- Leo Lockard (Mark & Lynn Patk friend)
- Daniel Hood (Cherrie's friend Paul Hood's grandson)
- Frank Sotosek (Nancy Jones' cousin)
- Mark Mikel (Nancy Jones' cousin's husband)
- Tiffany Hedger (Joe Matson's friend)
- Don Jamerson (Tom 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)
- Dawn Maksimov (Angie Kormanec's friend)
- Julie Reed (Angie Kormanec's coworker)
- Brandi Brodeur (Tracy, Penny, Vickie, & Angie's cousin)
- Amanda Profuehrer (Vickie's daughter's cousin)
- Gail Welchon (Sandy McNeil's friend)
- Charles Grimes (Joe Matson's friend)
- 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 (Susan McClain's sister)
- Thelma, Joyce Noah (TOPS)
- Kim Kirschling (Cherrie Fleming's friend)
- Greg Coy (Cherrie Fleming's brother)

GROUPS

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

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 21 9:30am-10:30am	Study of David Class in Room #208
Saturday, March 22	NONE
Sunday, March 23 9:15am-9:45am 9:15am-9:45am 10:00am-11:00am 11:15am-12:00pm	3rd Sunday of Lent Devotions With Randy in Room #208 Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105 Worship Service in the Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal in Room #210
Monday, March 24 9:00am-10:00am 9:00am-4:00pm 6:00pm-8:00pm 6:30pm-7:30pm	"The Chosen" DVD viewing at Carnegie Village Creation Station in Room #205 Bunco with Kim in Room #201 Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room
Tuesday, March 25 10:00am-11:00am 6:00pm-7:00pm 7:00pm-9:00pm	Lenten Book Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105 Lenten Book Study with Pastor Erika online via Zoom Troop Committee Meeting in the Multipurpose Room
Wednesday, March 26 5:30pm-6:15pm 6:15pm-7:00pm	CrossRoads Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210 Heavenly Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210
Thursday, March 27 8:45am-10:30am 10:30am-11:00am 11:00am-4:00pm 6:30pm-8:30pm	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
Friday, March 28 9:30am-10:30am	Study of David Class in Room #208
Saturday, March 29	NONE
Sunday, March 30 9:15am-9:45am 9:15am-9:45am 10:00am-11:00am 11:00am-12:00pm	4th Sunday of Lent Devotions With Randy in Room #208 Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105 Worship Service in the Sanctuary Potluck Dinner & Town Hall Meeting

Upcoming Events

- Easter Fair, Sat, April 12, 10:00am**
- Maundy Thursday Service, April 17, 7:00pm**
- Easter Sunday Worship Service, April 20, 10:00am**

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