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- Sunday Worship Service 10:00 am
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March 16th to 31st Joe Matson
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- MARCH BIRTHDAYS
30 Holden Batchelder
31 Mark Ostendorf
MARCH ANNIVERSARIES
1 Cheryl & Travis Ashbaugh
APRIL BIRTHDAYS
9 Darren Rogers
12 Peggy Clear
13 Tish Warren
21 Greg Drake
22 Sharon Hedrick
APRIL ANNIVERSARIES
4 Paul & Donna Carr
14 Steve & Ella Anderson
14 Stan & Sharon Hedrick
20 Mike & Barb Jones

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.

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".

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Prayers
PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER
Bob Daniel, Cherrie Fleming, Sandy Drake, Annalou Streiff, Penny Kelly, Pam Spencer, Ron Powell, Dana Sowerby, Lisa Phipps, Stetson Gaunt, Cindy Lester, Chris Medlin, Peter (Polk's neighbor's father), Guy Johnston, Tim Gilbert, Leighton Estopare, Kelly Isabel, Dana & Joyce Johnston, Joel (Vicki Miller's cousin's son), Mark Lindsay, Renee Eubanks, Dusti Lawrence, Chelsea (Lawrence family friend), Vera Family, Dave McGill, John Jerls, Mary Jane Malmgren, Janice Wilson, Patty LeCompte, Michelle (Dick Brighaupt's friend), Ronna Buchannon, Ruthie Weil, Vera Glenn, Lorna Stinchfield, Tessa (Angie Kormanek's friend), Daniel Hood, Dennis Wyatt, Denise Wyatt, Linda Evans, Joyce Noah, Kim Kirschling, 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 Phil Gronemeyer

Submit Prayer Requests Here

Reflections

From Pastor Randy

For our sixth Sunday in Lent, we are looking at stones will cry out.

When Jesus entered into Jerusalem the people were excited and called out praises to the Messiah. The Pharisees told Jesus to quiet the crowds, but Jesus replied, "I tell you, if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

It's a rather poetic way of saying that the truth of who He is cannot be silenced. Even creation itself would declare His glory. The stones become symbols of unstoppable praise.

We began our Lenten journey looking at the stones of creation, how God had created everything. Now we see that the same creation would cry out to glorify Jesus as God's Son.

Let us reflect on how creation cries out to us just how praise worthy God is in creating, and how Jesus should be glorified as our Lord and Savior.



Stones Will Cry Out

Pastor Randy
March 29, 2026
Luke 19: 28-44

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'" Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They replied, "The Lord needs it." They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."

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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!

A Message from Salt & Light

We have chosen to bring "Once and For All" on Palm Sunday because the words speak directly to our hearts. Palm Sunday invites us to reflect as we enter into Holy Week. As Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, palms were waved in victory and a Messiah was praised. Sadly, just days later, the same crowd was not willing to follow Him as He carried His cross. They were not faithful, but ashamed to remain 'with' Him in His silent suffering. They no longer shouted His name in love, but hid their belief like ashes in a corner.

"Once and For All" is a plea. A prayer of trust and surrender. A humbling act of letting go of ourselves and carrying our crosses with Him. Laying our burdens at Jesus' feet is the highest form of honor. It provides the understanding that there is victory in His loss and brings a profound sense of peace.

We, as Believers, can leave our burdens once and for all at Jesus' feet. Will you pray with us on Palm Sunday and allow Him to pour over you and wash you clean by His blood? You will find new life when you lay yours down.

1 Peter 5:7, "Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you."

Thankful for the Cross, Vickie Lawrence

Thank You

Dear CrossRoads friends, I highly underestimated the emotional and physical tax my shoulder and hand repair surgery would have on me. While progress has been slower than expected, I get a little better each day and I'm enjoying the regained independence. Thanks to everyone for your thoughts and prayers. I appreciate your concern. Dusti Lawrence

Upper Room Daily Devotional

We will have the May/June issue of the Upper Room Devotionals available soon but have decided to cancel our subscription for any future issues, since several copies are left over each month. If you are interested in subscribing to the Upper Room yourself, please visit this website and you will have the option of a 1-year annual subscription of the printed version, the digital version, or a combo of both. If the link doesn't work for you, enter this url:

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You are invited to the spring 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, Personal care & household items, Hygiene items, Gloves and hand warmers, Amazon gift list items

CrossRoads Calendar

Calendar table with dates from Friday, March 27 to Sunday, April 5. Includes events like Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday.

Upcoming Events: Bunco Group, UWF Joy Group, UWF Lunch, Leadership Board Meeting, CrossRoads Crafters, Staff Meeting, Bunco Group.

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