



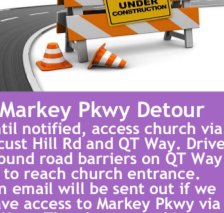
eReminder

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

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Markey Pkwy Detour
 Until notified, access church via Locust Hill Rd and QT Way. Drive around road barriers on QT Way to reach church entrance. An email will be sent out if we have access to Markey Pkwy via Y Hwy. They began working on the new entrance on Wednesday.

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

April 1st to 15th
 Mark Polk

Ponderings

Hey Church Family!

I hope you have been enjoying the stretching ways this Lenten season has been inviting us to consider complexities found in Scripture and our lives today. This 40-day season is intended to prepare our hearts for the Good News we will experience on Easter morning. To continue preparing, this week we will look at “lost and found,” which is two places I guarantee we have all been – literally, figuratively, spiritually, mentally, and emotionally.

To prepare our hearts for worship this week, let’s ponder Rev. Sarah Speed’s work for this week:

The Good Shepherd

Jesus said, “Who among you wouldn’t leave the 99?”

Who among you wouldn’t look for the one?”

Someone in the crowd probably rolled their eyes.

Someone squirmed and looked at their palms.

Someone sighed and thought to themselves,

“This man doesn’t understand the business.

What fool would leave 99 to look for one?”

But maybe God was not talking about us.

Maybe God was talking about

her own reckless love.

Maybe God was talking about

her own willingness

to turn the world upside down

for me.

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Erika

April

MARCH BIRTHDAYS
 31 Mark Ostendorf

APRIL BIRTHDAYS
 9 Darren Rogers
 12 Peggy Clear
 13 Tish Warren
 21 Greg Drake
 22 Sharon Hedrick
 28 Phil Gronemeyer

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES
 4 Paul & Donna Carr
 14 Steve & Ella Anderson
 20 Mike & Barb Jones

Vesper Service at Carnegie Village

Pastor Erika will be leading the vesper service at Carnegie on Sunday, April 6th 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

Help us stuff eggs with candy after church on April 6. Thanks!

VBS 2025

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

VBS Helpers Needed
 Email **Cindy**
 if interested
cjones@crossroads-umc.net

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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Be sure to “Like” our Facebook page! Visit our Facebook 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. www.facebook.com/crossroadsbelton

Prayers

PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER

- Paul Carr
- Faye Wallace
- Carol Creach
- Phil Gronemeyer
- Caleb Kormanec
- Grayson Kormanec
- Ken Kluter
- JoAnn Arnold
- Betty Robertson
- Chris Harrelson
- Holden Batchelder
- Christina & Charleter 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 (Gwen Roger’s daughter-in-law)
- Jeanne Baker (Kala Handley’s niece)
- 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 Kormanec’s friend)
- Dawn Maksimov (Angie Kormanec’s friend)
- Julie Reed (Angie Kormanec’s coworker)
- Brandi Reed (Tracy, Penny, Vickie, & Angie’s cousin)
- Amanda Brodfehrer (Vickie’s daughter’s cousin)
- Gail Welchon (Sandy McNeil’s friend)
- Charles Grimes (Joe Matson’s friend)
- Deniss Matson (Joe Matson’s brother)
- Lisa McBride (Nancy Jones’ neighbor)
- Denise Wyatt (Wanda Carroll’s friend)
- Linda Evans (Susie McClain’s sister)
- 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

Submit Prayer Requests Here

March 30, 2025

4th Sunday of Lent

Luke 15:1-7

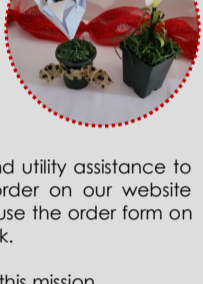
Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” Then Jesus told them this parable: “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

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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.

Order deadline is Palm Sunday, April 13. Thanks for your support for this mission.

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 prior to the potluck. 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!

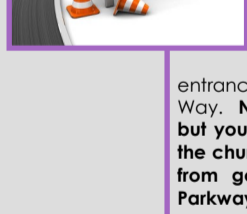
Spring Senior Citizen Luncheon at BHS

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



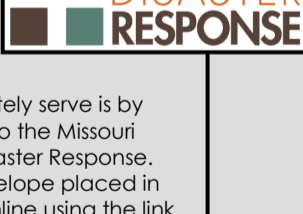
The City of Belton continues work on the Markey Parkway extension project. The detour that does not allow entrance from Y Hwy is still in place as of today. However, a temporary entrance was begun Wednesday and could possibly be complete soon. An email will be sent out to the congregation if we find out that you can access the new entrance from the Y Hwy side by Sunday.

Until the new entrance is complete, the existing church entrance will continue to be accessible 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.**

The entire project has a planned completion date of July 2025.

Severe Storms Strike Missouri

Recently 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

CrossRoads Calendar

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
Monday, March 31 9:00am-10:00am 9:00am-4:00pm 6:30pm-7:30pm	“The Chosen” DVD viewing at Carnegie Village Creation Station in Room #205 Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room
Tuesday, April 1 10:00am-11:00am 6:00pm-7:00pm	Lenten Book Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105 Lenten Book Study with Pastor Erika online via Zoom
Wednesday, April 2 5:30pm-6:15pm 6:15pm-7:00pm	CrossRoads Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210 Heavenly Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210
Thursday, April 3 8:45am-10:30am 10:30am-11:00am 11:00am-12:00pm 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, April 4 9:30am-10:30am 6:00pm-7:00pm	Study of David Class in Room #208 Gray Spaces Class with Pastor Erika online via Zoom
Saturday, April 5 10:00am-12:00pm	Bunko in the Multipurpose Room
Sunday, April 6 9:15am-9:45am 9:15am-9:45am 10:00am-11:00am 11:00am-12:00pm 11:00am-12:00pm 11:15am-12:00pm	5th Sunday of Lent Devotions With Randy in Room #208 Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105 Worship Service in the Sanctuary Stuffing Easter Eggs in the Multipurpose Choir Practice in the Multipurpose Room Leadership Board Meeting in Room #105

Upcoming Events

Easter Fair, Sat, Service, 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](#)