



eReminder

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

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- Sunday Worship Service 10:00 am
Adult Sunday School
Tuesday Fellowship Class 10:00am
Contact Us
In Person:
By Mail:
By Phone:
Email:
Online:

SECURITY

April 1st to 15th
Mark Polk



- 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

Communion Sunday

blood pressure checks
1st Sunday each month
Parish Nurse Ministry
CROSSROADS UMC

This week is Communion Sunday and our Parish nurses will be taking free blood pressure checks. All are welcome to utilize this service, so please see Lyn to get your B/P reading this Easter!

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!

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Prayers



PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER

- Bob Daniel
Cherrie Fleming
Sandy Drake
Annalou Steiff
Penny Kelly
Pam Spencer
Ron Powell
Nick Gooderl
Alicia Halfmann
Rick Alvord
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 Johnston
Joel (Vicki Miller's cousin's son)
Mark Lindsay
Renee Eubank
Dusti Lawrence
Chelsea
Rice Family
Dave McGill
John Jerls
Mary Jane Malmgren
Janice Wilson
Patty LeCompte
Michelle
Ronna Buchannon
Ruthie Weil
Vera 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

Submit Prayer Requests Here

Reflections

From Pastor Randy

As we conclude our Lent journey together and celebrate Easter Sunday, I hope that our theme of stones has been meaningful to you. I also hope that although different, this season of Lent helped you to look at the Easter story in a new way.

Our scripture focus for Easter Sunday is from Matthew's gospel. But before we the experience the Risen Christ, stones told a rather sad story.

Matthew 27:60

"And placed in in his own new tomb that he had cut out of rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away."

After the crucifixion of Jesus, his body is placed in a tomb, and a large stone is rolled across the entrance. This stone closed the grave, sealing what seemed like the end of story. But the ending the stone represented would soon be undone in dramatic fashion. This quiet moment prepared the world for a miracle.

Matthew 27:66

"So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard."

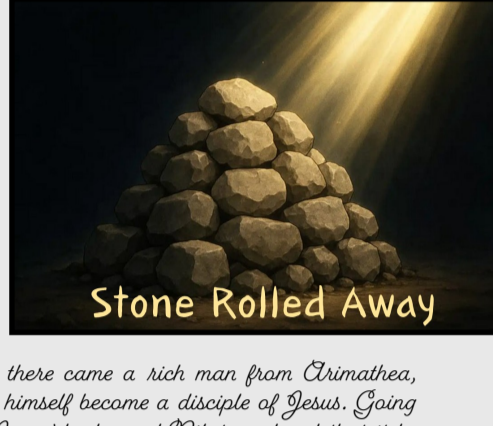
To prevent Jesus's followers from taking the body, the authorities sealed the stone and posted guards. It was meant to stop any claim of resurrection. But no seal or guard could stop God's plan. The stone used to block hope would soon be moved by divine power.

May we all reflect on the true Easter story, the stone rolled away.

Pastor Randy

EASTER SUNDAY April 5, 2026

Matthew 27: 57-66



Stone Rolled Away

As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.

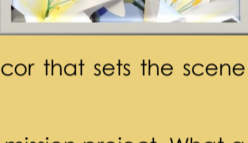
The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. "Sir," they said, "we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise again.' So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first."

"Take a guard," Pilate answered. "Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how." So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.

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Thank You for Supporting Our Easter Lily Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's Easter Lily Fundraiser. Your generosity helps bring our ministries to life in such meaningful ways.



Because of your gifts, we are able to support our 2026 Vacation Bible School program—providing a free meal for the children each day, supplying the materials needed for activities, and creating the décor that sets the scene for an exciting week of learning and faith.

Together, you donated \$666 toward this year's Easter mission project. What a blessing. Thank you for giving so faithfully and helping us prepare a joyful and welcoming VBS experience for our kids.

A Big Thank You to Cub Scout Pack 4210

We are grateful for the wonderful help our Scouts have provided over the past several months as they've assisted with various cleaning projects around the church. Most recently, our Cub Scout Pack 4210 jumped in to clean and freshen up our chairs so they'll look their best for our Easter Sunday worship.

Their energy, teamwork, and cheerful service truly blessed our congregation. We appreciate their hard work in helping beautify our worship space and supporting our ministry in such a hands-on way.



April Nurses' Notes

(from Lyn Polk)

As I write this, we are in Holy Week, remembering and celebrating the events of Jesus' last week with His disciples. Sunday is Easter and the promise of new life for all who follow Jesus.

God's world is bursting with new life as well, isn't it? I spent many hours in the sun yesterday, removing last year's debris and unwanted tree saplings from a flowerbed. Then I decided to remove a shrub that hasn't looked really good for a couple years. As I worked, I envisioned the beauty that might grow in this space in the coming weeks. I wore a sunhat and had an insulated water bottle that I refilled a couple times. However, by supertime, I noticed that my fingers were in serious "cramp mode", making all sorts of painful contortions. So.....

Let's talk about dehydration! At any given point in time, 75% of Americans are dehydrated. Infants, toddlers, and those over 65 years old are most affected. Persons with chronic medical conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, asthma and emphysema are more at risk since their bodies are already in an overactive state. Also some medications may lead to a need for more water. Our bodies are 70% water. Adequate hydration is vital for our bones, muscles and skin.

And water is the gold standard for hydration. Everything else is less than! Serious athletes may benefit from sports drinks, but in general they have added sugars and chemicals that aren't helpful to non-athletes.. When it comes to hydration, the less sugar, the better. Aim for 64 ounces per day. (I find that very hard to do—hence the cramping! Ha.) Try to always drink 8 ounces of water before each meal and at bedtime. Use an insulated mug or cup during the day. Don't go more than an hour without at least a sip of water.

Years ago when I was an ICU nurse, we had frequent admissions to the unit with a diagnosis of "Dehydration and Hyponatremia". The first thing to do was start an IV and pump them full of normal saline in Room #205. These were serious situations, mostly avoidable by drinking more water.

Just a reminder to us all as we move into warmer weather and outdoor activities: DRINK WATER!! Lots of it. Every day. Bye.

Heart n Hand

Barrel Donations Needed:

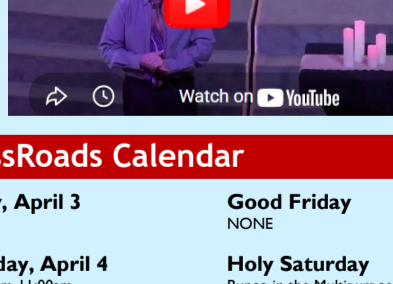
- Any non-perishable food donations, such as cereal, pasta, baking mixes, canned fruit, cooking oils, granola bars, oatmeal, instant potatoes, canned meat, juices, seasonings and condiments
Hygiene care & household items (like toilet paper, paper towels, diapers)
Hygiene items (Preferably travel sized items: wash cloths, small combs and brushes, deodorant, body wash, razors, lip balms, wipes)
Amazon gift list items (delivered directly to HnH)

Heart n Hand Thrift Store - 305 N. Scott Ave.

- 100% of proceeds from the HnH Thrift Store support the work at Heart N Hand. You can always donate clothing, household goods, furniture, books, children's items, etc. to the thrift store. They do not accept mattresses or box TV's, or items that are broken, missing pieces, or torn.
Please deliver your thrift store donations directly to Heart n Hand. Do not bring them to church.

Thrift Store Donation Acceptance Hours: Tues thru Sat 11:00am - 3:00pm

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

Table with 2 columns: Day/Date and Event Details. Includes Friday, April 3; Saturday, April 4; Sunday, April 5; Monday, April 6; Tuesday, April 7; Wednesday, April 8; Thursday, April 9; Friday, April 10; Saturday, April 11; Sunday, April 12.

Upcoming Events

- Bunco Group, Saturday, April 4, 10:00am
UWF Joy Group, Thursday, April 9, 2:00pm
UWF Lunch Bunch, Monday, April 13, 11:30am
Leadership Board Meeting, Tuesday, April 14, 5:30pm
CrossRoads Crafters, Saturday, April 18, 10:00am
Staff Meeting, Tuesday, April 21, 5:30pm
Bunco Group, Saturday, May 2, 10:00am

Questions or comments? Email us at cjones@crossroads-umc.net To remove your name from our mailing list, please click here