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Markey Pkwy Detour
For one more Sunday, access the church via Locust Hill Rd and QT Way. Drive around road barriers on QT Way to reach church entrance. The temporary entrance will be opened on Monday morning, April 7.

Sunday Worship Service
10:00 am

Adult Sunday School
9:15am Explorers Room 105
9:15am Devotions with Randy Room 208

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Ponderings

Righteousness & Mercy

*As children we were taught to tell the teacher.
 (Justice was dealt when we spoke up.)*

*As children we were taught to always be kind.
 (Friends were made when we spoke love.)*

*As children we were taught that Zaccheus climbed a tree.
 (But we cut that tree down a long time ago.)*

*So what are the rules for this day and age?
 Can we turn black and white into shades of gray?
 Do we call each other out, for righteousness sake?
 Do we call each other in? Do we grab something to eat?
 As always, love is somewhere in between.*

Hey Church Family!

This week Rev. Sarah Speed gave us two works to ponder so I threw a curve ball by throwing you her words first! The complexities we are considering this week are "righteousness and mercy," so her first work felt appropriate to start our ponderings with.

These two topics may feel intimately connected to some of us, but as we consider how they play out in our society and world today, they may actually be butting heads more than complimenting each other. I am intrigued by both of Rev. Sarah's works this week as I think about what she may be trying to shine a light on.

May we prepare our hearts for worship with these two works, holding them connected in our heart:

Call Me In

*You could call me out.
 You could hang me out to dry.
 You could list my sins.
 You could shrink me down to size.
 Or, you could call me in.
 You could grab my hand.
 You could show me what I missed.*

Peace and Blessings,
 Pastor Erika

SECURITY

April 1st to 15th
Mark Polk



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

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
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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.

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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April 6, 2025

5th Sunday of Lent

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

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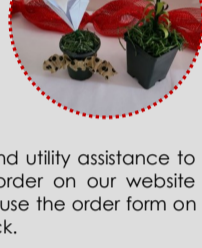


Easter Origami Lily Fundraiser

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 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.



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!

Road Construction Markey Pkwy

The work continues on the Markey Parkway road construction project. **A detour is still in place for this Sunday, April 6 that does NOT allow entrance from Y Hwy.** The existing church entrance is open, 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 can drive around the barriers on QT Way to reach the church entrance.**

On Quik Trip Way, drive around the initial "Road closed to thru traffic sign", then turn right at the corner by Masters, where you will find more barriers across both lanes, but those are staggered to allow our cars to drive around and between them. Follow the road and turn left onto Markey Parkway and continue until you reach the church entrance. There are additional barriers that prevent you from going any further than the church entrance on Markey Parkway. Turn right into the entrance and proceed past the playground area, down the hill to the worship center.

The temporary entrance for the church will be opened first thing on MONDAY morning April 7, which will be accessed from the Y Hwy side. Mark mentioned last Sunday that there is a hole in the middle of the road on Markey Parkway. There will be cones in that hole off that lead over to the gravel driveway access with enough room for two cars to pass each other.

To go to the church, you'll use the left turn lane at the traffic signal on Markey Pkwy, but instead of turning left towards the shopping center, you'll go straight and then stay on the left side of the hole to access the entrance. However, as mentioned above, it is not yet open for use, so please continue to utilize the QT Way detour for this coming Sunday. **Here is a picture of the temporary church access that will be opened on Monday, April 7.**

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



Potluck Dinner March 30, 2025



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Prayers

PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Paul Carr
 Patty Kluter
 Faye Wallace
 Carol Creach
 Phil Gronemeyer
 Ken Kluter
 JoAnn Arnold
 Betty Robertson
 Chris Harrelson
 Holden Batchelder
 Christina Hamilton Kramer (Dana's daughter)
 Lacinda & Charleton Painter
 Joyce Owens (friend of Sandy & Gregg Drake)
 Mary Jane (Karen McLaughlin's sister)
 Katlyn Madrigal (Jade's friend's mom)
 Lorna Stinchfield (Cherrie Fleming's sister)
 Tessa (Annie Kormanc'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)
 Kayla Jackson (Vickie Lawrence's friend)
 Brandi Price (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)
 Dennis 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)

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 Greg Coy (Cherrie Fleming's brother)

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, April 4
 9:30am-10:30am
 6:00pm-7:00pm

Saturday, April 5
 10:00am-12:00pm

Sunday, April 6
 9:15am-9:45am
 9:15am-9:45am
 10:00am-11:00am
 11:00am-12:00pm
 11:15am-12:00pm
 4:30pm-5:30pm

Monday, April 7
 9:00am-10:00am
 9:00am-4:00pm
 6:30pm-7:30pm

Tuesday, April 8
 10:00am-11:00am
 5:00pm-7:00pm
 6:00pm-7:30pm
 6:00pm-7:00pm

Wednesday, April 9
 5:30pm-6:15pm
 6:15pm-7:00pm

Thursday, April 10
 8:45am-10:30am
 10:30am-11:00am
 11:00am-4:00pm
 2:00pm-4:00pm
 6:30pm-8:30pm

Friday, April 11
 9:30am-10:30am

Saturday, April 12
 10:00am-11:00pm

Sunday, April 13
 9:15am-9:45am
 9:15am-9:45am
 10:00am-11:00am
 11:00am-12:00pm

Study of David Class in Room #208
 Gray Spaces Class with Pastor Erika online via Zoom

Bunko in the Multipurpose Room

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 Room
 Choir Practice in the Multipurpose Room
 Leadership Board Meeting in Room #105
 Vespers with Pastor Erika at Carnegie Village

"The Chosen" DVD viewing at Carnegie Village
 Creation Station in Room #205
 Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

Lenten Book Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105
 Creative Stitchers in Room #201
 Pack Committee Meeting in the Multipurpose Room
 Lenten Book Study with Pastor Erika online via Zoom

Heavenly Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210
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TOPS Meeting in Room #201
 Happy Feet Walking Group in the Multipurpose Room
 Creation Station Quilters in Room #205
 UWF Joy Group Meeting in Room #105
 Scout Troop #210 Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

Study of David Class in Room #208

Easter Palm in the Multipurpose Room

Palm Sunday
 Devotions With Randy in Room #208
 Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105
 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 Choir Practice in Room #210

Upcoming Events

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

Submit Prayer Requests Here

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